

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024**

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Butts County Finance Department**

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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I. INTRODUCTORY SECTION



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March 31, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the Butts County Board of Commissioners, and the Citizens of Butts County, Georgia:

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with general accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and audited in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants within six months of the close of each fiscal year. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of Butts County, Georgia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of Butts County, Georgia. 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 Butts County has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficiently reliable information for the preparation of Butts County's financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Because the cost of internal controls should not exceed the anticipated benefits, Butts County's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements will be free of any 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 aspects.

Butts County's financial statements have been audited by Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, a firm of certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the County are free of material misstatement. Our auditors have issued an unmodified opinion on Butts County's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements.

Profile of the Government

Butts County was created in 1825 from portions of Henry and Monroe Counties. Georgia's sixty-fourth county was named by the Georgia General Assembly in honor of Samuel Butts, an officer who was killed in the Creek War in 1814. There are three cities located within the 188 -square-mile County: Jackson, Flowilla and Jenkinsburg with Jackson holding the County Seat. Butts County, Georgia is located approximately 40 miles south of Atlanta with a base population of 27,029, which grew by 1.4% over the past year.

The governing authority of Butts County is a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members with one member serving as the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman is appointed each year by the board itself. The commissioners serve on a part-time basis and are elected to staggered terms of four years. The Commissioners are responsible for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, establishing tax rates, appointing committees, and appointing the County attorney. The County Manager, appointed by the board, oversees the day-to-day

operations of the County, including offering positions of classified employment, as well as appointing heads of various departments.

Butts County provides a full range of services, including law enforcement and a detention facility, fire protection, ambulance services and emergency management; maintenance of buildings, parks, streets, highways, bridges and other associated infrastructure; voter registration and elections; court system; tax assessment and tax collection; planning, zoning and development; building inspections; senior services; recreation; solid waste management and recycling; animal control; E911 emergency communications; and general administrative and support services.

This report includes all funds of the County, as well as those component units that have been determined to meet the criteria for inclusion in the County's reporting entity. Butts County Department of Public Health, Butts County Industrial Development Authority and the Development Authority of Butts County are all included as an integral part of Butts County's financial statements. Additional information on all the legally separate entities can be found in Notes to the Financial Statements.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for Butts County's financial planning and control. All departments and agencies of Butts County are required to submit requests for appropriation to the Chief Financial Officer and County Manager during the budget process each year. These requests are then used as the starting point for developing a proposed budget. The County Manager and Chief Financial Officer then present the proposed budget to the Board of Commissioners for review before June. The Board of Commissioners is required to hold public hearings on the proposed budget and to adopt a final budget no later than June 30th, the close of Butts County's fiscal year. The appropriated budget is prepared by fund and department. The County Manager may make transfers of appropriations within a department; however, transfers of appropriations between departments and the appropriation of additional funds require the special approval of the Board of Commissioners. Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for each individual governmental fund for which an appropriated annual budget has been adopted. For the general fund, this comparison is presented as part of the basic financial statements for the governmental funds. For governmental funds, other than the general fund, with appropriated annual budgets, this comparison is presented in the governmental fund subsection of this report.

Local Economy

Over the past ten years, the unemployment rate has dropped consistently with the unemployment rate ranging from 6.9 percent in June 2015 to 3.6 percent in June 2024. The State of Georgia's unemployment rate is currently 3.3 percent.

River Park E-Commerce Center located at the northeast quadrant of Interstate 75 and GA State Route 16 (Exit 205) continues to be the largest industrial development in Butts County. It has approximately 202.95 acres in Spalding County and 1,461.68 acres in Butts County for a total of 1,664.63 acres. Phases 3 and 4 have been rezoned and will add approximately 544 acres to River Park. The first commercial/retail project including a travel plaza will be built in the Southwest Corner of River Park. It will be a store front with approximately 26,000 square feet, 20 fuel pumps, 9 diesel pumps with truck scale and approximately 65 trailer/camper parking spaces.

Prologis located at the intersection of GA State Route 16 and Wallace Road of approximately 339.88 acres is nearing completion with the land disturbance activities for its northern assemblage. The land disturbance plan for the southern assemblage of parcels was recently issued and will house a 567,000 square foot and a 1,429,680 square foot warehouse building.

Interstate Health Systems, LLC has rezoned approximately 46 acres of land south of GA State Route 16 at the intersection with Colwell Rd. The intended development will bring approximately 115,000 square feet of

medical office buildings split between 5 structures. Interstate Health Systems, LLC has applied for a land disturbance permit and building permit for the first 48,964 square foot building.

The Butts County, Georgia, tax abatement program, facilitated through the Development Authority of Butts County in partnership with the State of Georgia, is designed to attract and support industrial growth by offering a robust package of incentives. This program includes tax abatements such as a 100% Freeport Exemption for work-in-process, raw materials, finished goods destined for out-of-state shipment, and e-commerce goods stored in the county, reducing the tax burden on businesses. Additionally, as a Tier 2 economic designation county, Butts County provides a \$3,000 per job tax credit for companies creating at least 10 net new jobs, applicable against 100% of their tax liability for five years, with the option to carry forward credits for up to 10 years. Coupled with Georgia's low corporate tax rate of 5.75% and a single-factor apportionment formula that taxes only in-Georgia sales, this program makes Butts County an appealing location for industries seeking cost-effective expansion while contributing to the county's economic diversification and long-term fiscal health.

Also, Butts County is becoming known for the tourism, film and television industry as well. Camera ready filming locations, including downtown Jackson, which is now the TV hometown in "Stranger Things", a hit series by Netflix. Other venues which have been featured in film and television include the Carmichael House (featured in "The Originals") and Jackson Lake (featured in the movie "Endless Love.")

Long Term Planning and Major Initiatives

Butts County will realize many other accomplishments with the SPLOST 7 revenue for various departments with the monthly collections received from the Georgia Department of Revenue over the next 6 months. Collections from the first 66 months of the 72 months SPLOST revenue are trending above anticipated revenue.

SPLOST 8 collections will commence on January 1, 2025, and end December 30, 2030, for a total of 72 collection months. The SPLOST 8 Referendum was voted on November 7, 2023, and passed by the voters of Butts County. Of the projected \$40 million-dollar collections, \$12 million-dollars will be County-wide bonded capital improvement projects including an E-911 facility, recreation multipurpose facility and fire stations. On August 6, 2024, Moody's Ratings upgraded Butts County's rating to Aa2 from Aa3, which reflects the county's sound financial position that has been supported by prudent fiscal management since 2020.

Butts County's Impact Fee Study is still in progress due to legislative changes affecting all GA counties. The study will update our plan, which was implemented in 2007, and will incorporate the needs of the County with an updated allocation base. As the County continues to grow, so does the demand for levels of services provided by the County. The updated plan will adjust to modern day demand, and channel fees in new directions. Ross+ & Associates and Hatley Plans, Inc are the team working with the County.

WSP has also been retained by the County to bring a much-needed ordinance update. With the rapid growth and evolving possibilities for land use, the County is in need of incorporating modern standards to our Unified Development Ordinance. The four-phase update will include creating and updating the residential and subdivision architectural and development guidelines, revision to our I-75 Overlay District, updates to our Commercial & Industrial development standards, and a general update to align our dated code with modern State & Federal minimum requirements.

Butts County was the recipient of the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant in the amount of \$2.2 million dollars to improve the Recreation Department lighting. The project updated the 25-year-old lighting system by replacing the field lighting with LED lights on the soccer, football, baseball, softball and tee ball fields.

The County remains committed to staying current with technological advancements. During FY24, the Recreation Department replaced the DSL internet service with high-speed fiber, which provides the ability to accept credit card payments for concessions throughout the park. Also, the Finance Department migrated the accounting software to a cloud-based hosting service to enhance cybersecurity and reduce costs of files server upgrades.

Relevant Financial Policies

The Board continues to support the previously adopted financial policy requiring a fund reserve of at least 4 months of the total budgeted appropriation to prevent the use of a tax anticipation loan in the future.

Sound financial management and legal compliance require good budgetary controls. State statutes require the County to operate under an annual balanced budget adopted by local resolution. Within each fund, expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the department level. Department officials have limited access to the accounting software which provides operational control of departmental budgets.

Awards & Acknowledgements

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada ("GFOA") awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Butts County Board of Commissioners for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This was the fourth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report. This report must satisfy 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 annual comprehensive financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated services of the various departments throughout the County and the expertise of the staff of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all members of the various departments that assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Finally, we would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for their leadership and support in conducting the financial affairs of Butts County in a responsible manner.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Johnson
County Manager



Rhonda Blissit
Chief Financial Officer



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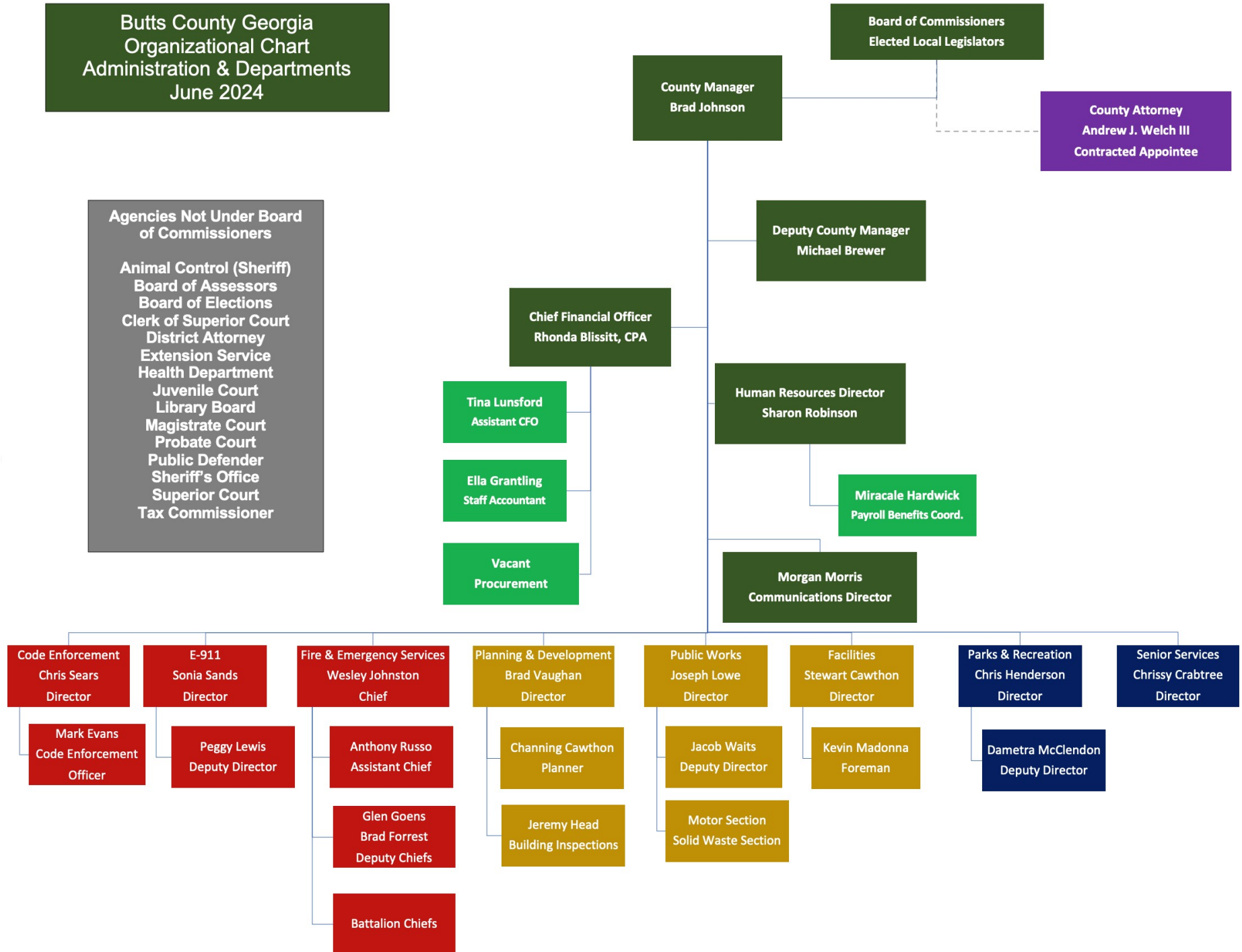
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For the Fiscal Year Ended

June 30, 2023

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

**Butts County Georgia
Organizational Chart
Administration & Departments
June 2024**



BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA
LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Russ Crumbley	Chairman/Commissioner, District 5
Robert L. Henderson, Sr.	Vice-Commissioner, District 2
Ken Rivers	Commissioner, District 1
Joe Brown, Jr.	Commissioner, District 3
J. Keith Douglas	Commissioner, District 4

COUNTY MANAGER

Brad Johnson

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Rhonda Blissit

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Andrew J. Welch III (Andy)

SHERIFF

Gary Long

TAX COMMISSIONER

Nancy Washington

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Morgan Ward

PROBATE COURT JUDGE

Elizabeth Biles

II. FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Board of Commissioners
of Butts County, Georgia
Jackson, Georgia**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Butts County, Georgia (the "County") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and the Grants Fund for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Butts County Board of Health which represents 24.9%, 22.4%, and 84.9% percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Butts County Board of Health are based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") §48-8-121 and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the Schedule of Expenditures of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2025 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Butts County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Macon, Georgia
March 31, 2025

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2024

Within this section of Butts County, Georgia's (the "County") Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR"), the County's management is pleased to provide this narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, which can be found in the Introductory Section of this report.

Financial Highlights

- The County's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$107,613,892 (net position) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The County's unrestricted net position had a positive balance of \$2,712,103 for the 2024 fiscal year-end. The unrestricted balance decreased by \$1,764,999 during the current fiscal year.
- At June 30, 2024, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$41,102,848, an increase of \$7,928,751, or 23.90%, in comparison with the prior year. Of the total fund balance of \$41,102,848, \$11,203,565 remains in the General Fund as unassigned. This is an increase of \$489,314 from the last fiscal year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$11,203,565, or 38.21%, of total General Fund expenditures. Overall, the County's financial position improved during the current fiscal year.
- The 2018 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") Debt Service Fund and 2018 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund closed fiscal year 2024 with fund balances of \$1,667,983 and \$6,692,933, respectively. The County's 2018 SPLOST generated a total of \$7,529,286 in sales tax revenues during fiscal year 2024. The 2018 SPLOST is being used for various County projects.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") document 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 basic financial statements. The County also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements. Comparative data is presented to facilitate analysis.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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 financial status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of activities between funds.

The first of these government-wide statements is the *Statement of Net Position*. This is the government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the County's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position 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 nonfinancial 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 position changed during the current fiscal 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 property and sales taxes 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, public safety, and streets. The County does not have any business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 13 – 15 of this report.

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 nonmajor funds is provided in the form of combining statements in a later section of this report.

The County currently only utilizes governmental fund types.

Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass 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 fiscal 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.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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 operating statement provide a reconciliation to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 16 – 20 of this report.

Individual fund information for nonmajor governmental funds is found in combining statements in a later section of this report.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the County's own programs.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 27 of this report.

Other Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information concerning the County's budget presentations. These statements and schedules demonstrate compliance with the County's adopted and final revised budget. As discussed, the County reports major funds in the basic financial statements. Combining and individual statements and schedules for nonmajor funds are presented in a subsequent section of this report beginning on page 61.

Government-wide Overall Financial Analysis

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Butts County's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$107,613,892 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. The largest portion of the County's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in 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.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following table provides a comparative summary of the County's net position:

	Comparative Summary of Net Position					
	Year Ended June 30, 2024		Year Ended June 30, 2023		Year Ended June 30, 2022	
	Governmental Activities	% of Total	Governmental Activities	% of Total	Governmental Activities	% of Total
Assets:						
Current assets	\$ 43,977,793	36%	\$ 38,301,303	34%	\$ 29,507,102	19%
Capital assets	79,531,221	64%	73,117,936	66%	74,675,880	81%
Total assets	123,509,014	100%	111,419,239	100%	104,182,982	100%
Deferred outflows of resources	1,779,025	100%	2,038,662	100%	496,114	100%
Liabilities:						
Current liabilities	4,030,147	23%	3,500,956	19%	5,367,193	26%
Long-term liabilities	13,622,394	77%	15,392,160	81%	15,408,114	74%
Total liabilities	17,652,541	100%	18,893,116	100%	20,775,307	100%
Deferred inflows of resources	21,606	100%	53,571	100%	1,912,362	100%
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	76,649,818	71%	68,933,441	73%	68,888,130	73%
Restricted for capital projects	21,451,047	20%	16,281,190	17%	8,360,423	9%
Restricted for debt service	1,667,983	2%	1,618,618	2%	1,586,783	2%
Restricted for program purposes	5,132,941	5%	3,200,683	3%	2,565,119	3%
Unrestricted	2,712,103	3%	4,477,102	5%	590,972	1%
Total net position	\$ 107,613,892	100%	\$ 94,511,034	100%	\$ 81,991,427	100%

Net position increased \$13,102,858 for governmental activities for the current fiscal year. The County's overall financial position improved during the current fiscal year 2024.

The following table provides a summary of the County's changes in net position:

	Comparative Summary of Changes in Net Position					
	Year Ended June 30, 2024		Year Ended June 30, 2023		Year Ended June 30, 2022	
	Governmental Activities	% of Total	Governmental Activities	% of Total	Governmental Activities	% of Total
Revenues:						
Programs:						
Charges for services	\$ 14,674,806	30%	\$ 15,581,149	30%	\$ 12,822,974	31%
Operating grants and contributions	15,955	0%	608,088	1%	539,767	1%
Capital grants and contributions	7,584,338	15%	3,747,142	7%	1,311,156	3%
General:						0%
Taxes	27,339,180	62%	31,930,148	62%	26,129,258	64%
Investment earnings	117,985	0%	48,060	0%	6,930	0%
Other	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
Total revenues	49,732,264	100%	51,914,587	100%	40,810,085	100%
Program Expenses:						
General government	6,554,890	18%	10,558,704	27%	8,381,134	21%
Judicial	2,146,085	6%	2,006,473	5%	1,822,723	5%
Public safety	18,727,702	51%	15,863,231	40%	13,329,307	34%
Public works	6,092,422	17%	8,042,764	20%	6,152,944	16%
Health and welfare	139,882	0%	149,045	0%	147,283	0%
Culture and recreation	1,538,711	4%	1,380,966	4%	1,215,595	3%
Economic opportunity	88,425	0%	7,500	0%	133,715	0%
Housing and development	1,198,805	3%	1,196,049	3%	935,273	2%
Interest on long-term debt	142,484	0%	190,248	0%	268,114	1%
Total expenses	36,629,406	100%	39,394,980	100%	32,386,088	100%
Changes in net position	13,102,858		12,519,607		8,423,997	
Beginning net position, as restated	94,511,034		81,991,427		73,567,430	
Ending net position	\$ 107,613,892		\$ 94,511,034		\$ 81,991,427	

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

The County is heavily reliant on property taxes to support governmental operations and capital. Property taxes provided 45% of the County's total general revenues. The County noted that Property taxes were down compared to last year due to timing. Sales taxes are the second largest revenue source with \$12.6 million of revenues, or 25% of the total. Because of the County's cash in reserves, we have been able to earn \$117,985 in interest earnings to support governmental activities. Also, note that program revenues cover only 61% of governmental operating expenses. This means that the government's taxpayers and the County's other general governmental revenues fund 39% of the governmental activities. Further the County recognized an increase in capital grants and contributions due to the receipt of FEMA money in the current year. As a result, the general economy and the County businesses have a major impact on the County's revenue streams.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The public safety, public works and general government functions make up 86% of total governmental activities expenses. Public safety costs total over \$18.7 million, public works totals over \$6.0 million and general government totals over \$6.5 million. Expenditures for general government and public works decreased, and public safety increased when compared to last year. General government decreased as a result of a lack of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") while public works decreased due to the decrease of Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") expenditures. Public safety increased due to capital asset additions.

This table presents the cost of each of the County's programs, including the net costs (i.e., total cost less revenues generated by the activities). The net costs illustrate the financial burden that was placed on the County's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	Governmental Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2024				Governmental Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2023			
	Total Cost of		Net Cost of Services		Total Cost of		Net Cost of Services	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
General government	\$ 6,554,890	18%	\$ (2,107,293)	15%	\$ 10,558,704	26%	\$ 5,161,497	30%
Judicial	2,146,085	6%	(1,403,426)	10%	2,006,473	6%	1,183,924	6%
Public safety	18,727,702	51%	(13,699,258)	95%	15,863,231	41%	10,643,342	46%
Public works	6,092,422	17%	5,633,134	-39%	8,042,764	19%	(123,936)	8%
Health and welfare	139,882	0%	(139,882)	1%	149,045	0%	149,045	-2%
Culture and recreation	1,538,711	4%	(1,207,868)	8%	1,380,966	4%	1,050,932	5%
Economic opportunity	88,425	0%	(88,425)	1%	7,500	0%	7,500	1%
Housing and development	1,198,805	3%	(1,198,805)	8%	1,196,049	3%	1,196,049	5%
Interest on long-term debt	142,484	0%	(142,484)	1%	190,248	1%	190,248	1%
Total	\$ 36,629,406	100%	\$ (14,354,307)	100%	\$ 39,394,980	100%	\$ 17,712,191	100%

After reducing gross expenses by program revenues, public safety totals 51%.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Major Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund and the largest source of day-to-day service delivery. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$791,755. In fiscal year 2023 the fund balance increased by \$1,353,369. This increase resulted from an increase in property taxes over the prior year of \$438,397, an increase in sales over the prior year of \$255,161, and an increase in charges for services over the prior year of \$32,188. General Fund expenditures also increased by \$3,525,736. The 2018 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund revenues and transfers in from the Debt Service Fund exceeded expenditures by \$2,101,345. Major projects underway and funded by 2018 SPLOST monies included the purchase of vehicles for public safety and leisure services, public safety equipment as well as County-wide road improvements. The 2018 Debt Service Fund collected \$7,529,286 in SPLOST revenues during the current fiscal year. Of this total, \$3.2 million was transferred to the County SPLOST Capital Projects Fund and \$3.1 million was transferred to municipalities and the Butts County, et al. Water and Sewer Authority in accordance with a previously signed agreement. The Capital Improvement Fund collected \$2.6 million from the General Fund for capital projects and has cash of approximately \$9,200,000 as of year-end.

The General Fund's ending fund balance represents the equivalent of 43.4% of annual expenditures, which is slightly over five month's operations.

Budgetary Highlights

The General Fund

The County operated within its budget. Overall expenditures were \$962,302 under budget. Revenues were over budget by \$1,259,047.

Original budget compared to final budget. During the year, there was a need for significant amendments to increase either the original estimated revenues or original budgeted appropriations. The need was to make an amendment to reallocate appropriations among departments when it became clearer which departments would actually be charged for certain employee benefits such as pensions and other post-employment benefits. Generally, the movement of the appropriations between departments was not significant. The exception was the appropriation for the departments in the public safety function, which was increased by \$688,970 and in the departments in the public works function, which was decreased by \$159,574.

Final budget compared to actual results. The most significant difference between estimated revenues and actual revenues were in the property taxes. The shortfall in this revenue source was due to a timing difference in collections.

A review of actual expenditures compared to the appropriations in the final budget yields no significant variances with one exception. No actual expenditures exceeded the related appropriation in the current year.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The County's net investment in capital assets for governmental activities as of June 30, 2024 was \$79,531,221 as compared to \$73,117,936 June 30, 2023. See Note 6 for additional information about changes in capital assets during the fiscal year and outstanding at the end of the year. The following table provides a summary of capital asset activity.

Capital Assets			
	2024	2023	% Change
Non-depreciable assets:			
Land	\$ 4,170,805	\$ 4,170,805	0.00%
Depreciable Assets:			
Buildings	48,836,486	46,188,168	5.73%
Intangible assets	18,529	18,529	0.00%
Machinery and equipment	11,659,167	8,354,163	39.56%
Leased machinery and equipment	1,279,648	1,092,851	100.00%
Vehicles and road equipment	12,706,745	11,282,100	12.63%
Infrastructure	123,321,982	119,420,617	3.27%
Total depreciable assets	197,822,557	186,356,428	6.15%
Less accumulated depreciation	121,792,378	117,008,590	4.09%
Less accumulated amortization	669,763	400,707	100.00%
Book value-depreciable assets	75,360,416	68,947,131	9.30%
Percentage depreciated	38%	37%	
Book value - all assets	\$ 79,531,221	\$ 73,117,936	8.77%

At June 30, 2024, the depreciable capital assets for governmental activities were 37% depreciated.

Long-term Debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, the County had total outstanding debt of \$3,436,410, which decreased by \$1,332,314 during the year.

Outstanding Borrowings			
	2024	2023	% Change
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,242,303	\$ 2,476,562	-50%
Financed purchase	711,559	832,299	100%
Lease liability	927,541	875,634	100%
Landfill post-closure care	555,007	584,229	-5%
Total	\$ 3,436,410	\$ 4,768,724	

See Note 7 for additional information about the County's long-term debt and landfill closure and post-closure care liability.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Economic Conditions Affecting the County

The United States Census Bureau has estimated current population in 2024 for Butts County at 27,029 with a growth rate of 1.4% in the past year.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the current economic recession has resulted in a 3.3% unemployment rate for Butts County for June 2024.

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 the County's Administrator at:

County Administration Building
25 West Third Street
Suite 04
Jackson, Georgia 30233.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2024

	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Board of Health	Component Units Development Authority of Butts County	Industrial Development Authority
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 38,466,554	\$ 1,696,435	\$ 505,759	\$ 157,524
Property taxes receivable	1,920,088	-	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	1,654,517	639	-	-
Due from other governments	1,464,544	-	-	-
Prepays	447,898	-	-	-
Inventories	24,192	-	-	-
Net OPEB asset	-	28,348	-	-
Capital assets, non-depreciable	4,170,805	-	4,012,487	-
Capital assets, depreciable (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization)	75,360,416	3,662	535,175	-
Total assets	<u>123,509,014</u>	<u>1,729,084</u>	<u>5,053,421</u>	<u>157,524</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension	1,779,025	203,561	-	-
Other post-employment benefit	-	77,845	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,779,025</u>	<u>281,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	1,244,420	647	2,680	-
Accrued payroll and deductions	312,977	-	-	-
Accrued interest payable	30,681	-	-	-
Due to other governments	305,280	-	-	-
Lease liability due within one year	143,734	-	-	-
Lease liability due in more than one year	783,807	-	-	-
Financed purchase due within one year	107,523	-	-	-
Financed purchase due in more than one year	604,036	-	-	-
Bonds payable due within one year	1,242,303	-	-	-
Compensated absences due within one year	607,514	50,617	-	-
Compensated absences due in more than one year	-	67,268	-	-
Notes payable due in more than one year	-	-	1,062,500	-
Landfill postclosure costs due within one year	35,715	-	-	-
Landfill postclosure costs due in more than one year	519,292	-	-	-
Net other post-employment benefit liability due in more than one year	-	27,939	-	-
Net pension liability due in more than one year	11,715,259	634,023	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>17,652,541</u>	<u>780,494</u>	<u>1,065,180</u>	<u>-</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension	21,606	1,890	-	-
Other post-employment benefit	-	32,145	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>21,606</u>	<u>34,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	76,649,818	3,662	3,485,162	-
Restricted for:				
General government	2,710,592	-	-	-
Judicial	866,132	-	-	-
Public safety	1,356,769	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	184,129	-	-	-
Health and welfare	15,319	-	-	-
Capital projects	21,451,047	-	-	-
Debt service	1,667,983	-	-	-
Program purposes	-	-	-	-
Other purposes	-	405,442	-	-
Unrestricted	2,712,103	786,857	503,079	157,524
Total net position	<u>\$ 107,613,892</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,961</u>	<u>\$ 3,988,241</u>	<u>\$ 157,524</u>

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

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government:				
General government	\$ 6,554,890	\$ 4,447,597	\$ -	\$ -
Judicial	2,146,085	742,659	-	-
Public safety	18,727,702	5,028,444	-	-
Public works	6,092,422	4,141,218	-	7,584,338
Health and welfare	139,882	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	1,538,711	314,888	15,955	-
Economic opportunity	88,425	-	-	-
Housing and development	1,198,805	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	142,484	-	-	-
Total primary government	<u>\$ 36,629,406</u>	<u>\$ 14,674,806</u>	<u>\$ 15,955</u>	<u>\$ 7,584,338</u>
Component units:				
Board of Health	\$ 813,910	\$ 240,460	\$ 739,030	\$ -
Development Authority of Butts County	273,810	-	115,298	-
Industrial Development Authority	2,020	2,000	-	-
Total component units	<u>\$ 1,089,740</u>	<u>\$ 242,460</u>	<u>\$ 854,328</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
General revenues:				
Property taxes				
Sales taxes				
Insurance premium taxes				
Other taxes				
Unrestricted investment earnings				
Miscellaneous				
Total general revenues				
Change in net position				
Net position, beginning of year,				
Net position, end of year				

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

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position				
Primary Government Governmental Activities	Component Units			
	Board of Health	Development Authority of Butts County	Industrial Development Authority	
\$ (2,107,293)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
(1,403,426)	-	-	-	
(13,699,258)	-	-	-	
5,633,134	-	-	-	
(139,882)	-	-	-	
(1,207,868)	-	-	-	
(88,425)	-	-	-	
(1,198,805)	-	-	-	
(142,484)	-	-	-	
(14,354,307)	-	-	-	
-	165,580	-	-	
-	-	(158,512)	-	
-	-	-	(20)	
-	165,580	(158,512)	(20)	
12,412,001	-	-	-	
12,620,138	-	-	-	
1,550,026	-	-	-	
757,015	-	-	-	
117,985	792	26,850	4,310	
-	-	25,743	-	
27,457,165	792	52,593	4,310	
13,102,858	166,372	(105,919)	4,290	
94,511,034	1,029,589	4,094,160	153,234	
\$ 107,613,892	\$ 1,195,961	\$ 3,988,241	\$ 157,524	

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

		General	2018 SPLOST Capital Projects
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 12,806,048	\$ 6,692,933
Taxes receivable, net		1,920,088	-
Accounts receivable, net		1,508,649	-
Intergovernmental receivable		382,155	-
Prepays		447,898	-
Inventories		24,192	-
Due from other funds		74,633	-
Total assets		<u>\$ 17,163,663</u>	<u>\$ 6,692,933</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		\$ 469,575	\$ -
Salaries and wages payable		312,977	-
Due to other funds		2,630,688	-
Due to other governments		-	-
Total liabilities		<u>3,413,240</u>	<u>-</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - taxes		1,012,268	-
Total deferred inflows of resources		<u>1,012,268</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable for:			
Prepays		447,898	-
Inventories		24,192	-
Long term receivable		1,062,500	-
Restricted for:			
General government programs		-	-
Judicial programs		-	-
Public safety programs		-	-
Culture and recreation programs		-	-
Promotion and tourism		-	-
Capital projects		-	6,692,933
Debt service		-	-
Committed for:			
Culture and recreation programs		-	-
Unassigned		11,203,565	-
Total fund balances		<u>12,738,155</u>	<u>6,692,933</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances		<u>\$ 17,163,663</u>	<u>\$ 6,692,933</u>

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

Capital assets, including lease assets, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not available in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Net position of governmental activities

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

2018 SPLOST Debt Service	Capital Improvement	Grants	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 1,398,546	\$ 9,162,456	\$ 1,834,098	\$ 6,572,473	\$ 38,466,554
-	-	-	-	1,920,088
-	32,715	-	113,153	1,654,517
574,717	-	507,672	-	1,464,544
-	-	-	-	447,898
-	-	-	-	24,192
-	2,630,688	-	111,377	2,816,698
<u>\$ 1,973,263</u>	<u>\$ 11,825,859</u>	<u>\$ 2,341,770</u>	<u>\$ 6,797,003</u>	<u>\$ 46,794,491</u>

\$ -	\$ 646,756	\$ 54,761	\$ 73,328	\$ 1,244,420
-	-	-	-	312,977
-	-	-	186,010	2,816,698
305,280	-	-	-	305,280
<u>305,280</u>	<u>646,756</u>	<u>54,761</u>	<u>259,338</u>	<u>4,679,375</u>
-	-	-	-	1,012,268
-	-	-	-	1,012,268

-	-	-	-	447,898
-	-	-	-	24,192
-	-	-	-	1,062,500
-	-	2,287,009	423,583	2,710,592
-	-	-	866,132	866,132
-	-	-	1,356,769	1,356,769
-	-	-	184,129	184,129
-	-	-	15,319	15,319
-	11,179,103	-	3,579,011	21,451,047
1,667,983	-	-	-	1,667,983
-	-	-	112,722	112,722
-	-	-	-	11,203,565
<u>1,667,983</u>	<u>11,179,103</u>	<u>2,287,009</u>	<u>6,537,665</u>	<u>41,102,848</u>
<u>\$ 1,973,263</u>	<u>\$ 11,825,859</u>	<u>\$ 2,341,770</u>	<u>\$ 6,797,003</u>	

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BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

		(Previously Major)	
	General	American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA")	2018 SPLOST Capital Projects
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 15,080,510	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance premium tax	1,550,026	-	-
Sales taxes	5,090,852	-	-
Other taxes	460,011	-	-
Licenses and permits	555,105	-	-
Intergovernmental	50,000	-	-
Charges for services	8,923,769	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	591,740	-	-
Investment earnings	103,510	-	2,889
Contributions and donations	152	-	-
Miscellaneous	854,483	-	-
Total revenues	<u>33,260,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,889</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	6,326,207	-	-
Judicial	2,067,824	-	-
Public safety	15,845,298	-	-
Public works	2,254,032	-	-
Health and welfare	139,882	-	-
Culture and recreation	1,487,653	-	-
Economic opportunity	7,500	-	-
Housing and development	901,559	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	1,046,217
Debt service:			
Principal	235,989	-	19,641
Interest and fiscal charges	57,502	-	201
Issuance costs	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>29,323,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,066,059</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>3,936,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,063,170)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Leases issued	186,797	-	-
Transfers in	6,862	-	3,164,515
Transfers out	(3,338,616)	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(3,144,957)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,164,515</u>
Net change in fund balances	791,755	-	2,101,345
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year, as previously reported	11,946,400	38	4,591,588
Adjustment - change from major to nonmajor fund	<u>-</u>	<u>(38)</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year, as adjusted	11,946,400	-	4,591,588
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u><u>\$ 12,738,155</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,692,933</u></u>

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

2018 SPLOST Debt Service	Capital Improvement	Grants	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,080,510
-	-	-	-	1,550,026
7,529,286	-	-	-	12,620,138
-	-	-	297,004	757,015
-	-	-	-	555,105
-	-	7,362,659	108,838	7,521,497
-	-	-	2,668,457	11,592,226
-	-	-	1,048,536	1,640,276
54,409	5,543	-	14,475	180,826
-	-	-	15,803	15,955
-	32,716	-	-	887,199
<u>7,583,695</u>	<u>38,259</u>	<u>7,362,659</u>	<u>4,153,113</u>	<u>52,400,773</u>
-	-	-	114,941	6,441,148
-	-	-	33,628	2,101,452
-	-	-	3,298,972	19,144,270
-	-	-	-	2,254,032
-	-	-	-	139,882
-	-	-	23,392	1,511,045
-	-	-	-	7,500
-	-	-	185,628	1,087,187
3,070,415	-	3,450,523	-	6,520,938
-	2,014,844	-	777,571	3,838,632
1,200,000	-	-	-	1,455,630
97,000	-	-	-	154,703
2,400	-	-	-	2,400
<u>4,369,815</u>	<u>2,014,844</u>	<u>3,450,523</u>	<u>4,434,132</u>	<u>44,658,819</u>
<u>3,213,880</u>	<u>(1,976,585)</u>	<u>3,912,136</u>	<u>(281,019)</u>	<u>7,741,954</u>
-	-	-	-	186,797
-	5,239,924	-	1,169,305	9,580,606
<u>(3,164,515)</u>	<u>(350,000)</u>	<u>(2,609,198)</u>	<u>(118,277)</u>	<u>(9,580,606)</u>
<u>(3,164,515)</u>	<u>4,889,924</u>	<u>(2,609,198)</u>	<u>1,051,028</u>	<u>186,797</u>
49,365	2,913,339	1,302,938	770,009	7,928,751
1,618,618	8,265,764	984,071	5,767,618	33,174,097
-	-	-	38	-
<u>1,618,618</u>	<u>8,265,764</u>	<u>984,071</u>	<u>5,767,656</u>	<u>33,174,097</u>
<u>\$ 1,667,983</u>	<u>\$ 11,179,103</u>	<u>\$ 2,287,009</u>	<u>\$ 6,537,665</u>	<u>\$ 41,102,848</u>

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	7,928,751
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation and amortization expense exceeded capital outlay in the current period.

Capital outlay	\$	11,530,999	
Depreciation/amortization expense		<u>(5,110,938)</u>	6,420,061

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.	(6,776)
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Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(2,668,509)
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The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	1,332,314
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Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated absences	\$	(73,790)	
Accrued interest		14,619	
Net pension liability and related accounts		<u>156,188</u>	<u>97,017</u>

Change in net position - governmental activities	\$	<u><u>13,102,858</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 14,073,826	\$ 16,039,926	\$ 15,080,510	\$ (959,416)
Insurance premium tax	1,445,000	1,550,026	1,550,026	-
Sales taxes	4,174,296	5,090,852	5,090,852	-
Other taxes	388,280	444,054	460,011	15,957
Licenses and permits	640,300	640,300	555,105	(85,195)
Intergovernmental	-	-	50,000	50,000
Charges for services	8,403,800	9,129,701	8,923,769	(205,932)
Fines and forfeitures	624,750	682,092	591,740	(90,352)
Investment earnings	15,000	103,510	103,510	-
Contributions and donations	-	-	152	152
Miscellaneous	511,505	838,744	854,483	15,739
Total revenues	30,276,757	34,519,205	33,260,158	(1,259,047)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government:				
Board of commissioners	170,556	170,556	170,065	491
Board of equalization	16,273	16,273	8,894	7,379
Board of elections	282,086	282,086	268,086	14,000
General administration	2,111,007	2,111,007	2,080,730	30,277
Human resources	2,363,570	2,363,570	2,354,155	9,415
Tax commissioner	415,859	415,859	365,680	50,179
Tax assessor	617,817	617,817	556,105	61,712
Building maintenance	741,214	741,214	522,492	218,722
Total general government	6,718,382	6,718,382	6,326,207	392,175
Judicial:				
Towaliga judicial circuit	918,936	918,936	918,904	32
Clerk of court	430,719	430,719	340,846	89,873
Magistrate court	315,244	325,340	325,340	-
Probate court	384,738	384,738	361,286	23,452
Juvenile court	122,330	122,330	121,448	882
Total judicial	2,171,967	2,182,063	2,067,824	114,239

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BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Current (Continued)				
Public safety:				
Sheriff	\$ 8,799,088	\$ 9,069,062	\$ 9,069,062	\$ -
Jail	1,388,910	1,456,563	1,456,563	-
Emergency services	4,809,851	5,154,878	5,154,878	-
Coroner	88,142	88,142	84,925	3,217
Animal control	74,492	74,492	64,519	9,973
Homeland security	9,035	15,351	15,351	-
Total public safety	15,169,518	15,858,488	15,845,298	13,190
Public works:				
Public works	2,413,606	2,254,032	2,254,032	-
Total public works	2,413,606	2,254,032	2,254,032	-
Health and welfare:				
Health department	105,775	105,775	105,775	-
Department of family and children services	20,332	20,332	20,332	-
McIntosh trail	4,250	4,250	4,250	-
M.R. service center	5,525	5,525	5,525	-
Council on aging	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Total health and welfare	139,882	139,882	139,882	-
Culture and recreation:				
Leisure services	1,058,009	1,058,009	910,388	147,621
Historical society	10,200	10,200	10,200	-
Senior citizens' center	403,891	403,891	362,967	40,924
Library	223,072	223,072	204,098	18,974
Total culture and recreation	1,695,172	1,695,172	1,487,653	207,519
Economic opportunity:				
McIntosh Trail ECDC	7,500	7,500	7,500	-
Total economic opportunity	7,500	7,500	7,500	-
Housing and development:				
USDA	16,000	16,000	-	16,000
Forest resources	6,270	6,270	6,270	-
Community development	732,833	732,833	572,170	160,663
Development authority	115,000	115,000	115,000	-
Cooperative extension service	85,096	85,096	57,016	28,080
Code enforcement	181,539	181,539	151,103	30,436
Total housing and development	1,136,738	1,136,738	901,559	235,179

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BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)				
Current (Continued)				
Debt service:				
Principal	\$ 101,099	\$ 235,989	\$ 235,989	\$ -
Interest and fiscal charges	21,965	57,502	57,502	-
Total debt service	123,064	293,491	293,491	-
Total expenditures	29,575,829	30,285,748	29,323,446	962,302
Excess of revenues over expenditures	700,928	4,233,457	3,936,712	(296,745)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Leases issued	-	-	186,797	186,797
Transfers in	7,000	7,000	6,862	(138)
Transfers out	(707,928)	(4,240,457)	(3,338,616)	901,841
Total other financing uses, net	(700,928)	(4,233,457)	(3,144,957)	1,088,500
Net change in fund balances	-	-	791,755	791,755
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	11,946,400	11,946,400	11,946,400	-
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 11,946,400</u>	<u>\$ 11,946,400</u>	<u>\$ 12,738,155</u>	<u>\$ 791,755</u>

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

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

GRANTS FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance With
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 6,059,723	\$ 7,362,659	\$ 1,302,936
Total revenues	-	6,059,723	7,362,659	1,302,936
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Intergovernmental	-	6,059,723	3,450,523	2,609,200
Total expenditures	-	6,059,723	3,450,523	2,609,200
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-	3,912,136	3,912,136
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Transfers out	-	-	(2,609,198)	(2,609,198)
Total other financing uses	-	-	(2,609,198)	(2,609,198)
Net change in fund balances	-	-	1,302,938	(3,915,462)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	984,071	984,071	984,071	-
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 984,071</u>	<u>\$ 984,071</u>	<u>\$ 2,287,009</u>	<u>\$ (3,915,462)</u>

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

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

		Custodial Funds
	ASSETS	
Cash and equivalents		\$ 2,067,849
Taxes receivable		2,493,373
Total assets		4,561,222
	LIABILITIES	
Due to others		409,318
Uncollected taxes		2,493,373
Total liabilities		2,902,691
	NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments		\$ 1,658,531

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BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

		Custodial Funds
	ADDITIONS	
Taxes collected		\$ 20,423,864
Fines and fees collected		7,751,833
Total additons		<u>28,175,697</u>
	DEDUCTIONS	
Taxes disbursed		20,125,782
Fines and fees disbursed		7,824,822
Total deductions		<u>27,950,604</u>
Change in net position		225,093
Net position, beginning of year		<u>1,433,438</u>
Net position, end of year		<u><u>\$ 1,658,531</u></u>

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BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Butts County, Georgia (the “County”) was chartered by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia. The County operates under a Commission/Manager form of government and provides the following services: Public safety, roads, courts, health and sanitation, recreation, fire protection and general and administrative services.

The financial statements of the County and its discretely presented component units, the Butts County Department of Health (the “Health Department”), the Butts County Industrial Development Authority (the “Authority”) and the Development Authority of Butts County (the “Development Authority”), have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies of the County are described below.

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the County consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the County. For the County, this entity includes the elected constitutional officers.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the County is financially accountable. The County is financially accountable for an organization if the County appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and: 1) the County is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organizations; or 2) the County is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the County is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the County is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units also may include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the County in that the County approves the budget, levies their taxes or issues their debt.

The component unit columns included on the government-wide financial statements identify the financial data of the County's discretely presented component units. They are reported separately to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Brief descriptions of the discretely presented component units follow:

The Butts County Board of Health (the “Board of Health”) was created by a legislative act. The Board was established to provide various health related programs such as immunization, family planning, dental treatment, and nutrition services. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Health Department operated under a seven-member board comprised of a Butts County Commission representative, the Butts County School Superintendent, a licensed physician practicing in Butts County, a City of Jackson council representative, two members appointed by the Butts County Board of Commissioners and one member appointed by the City of Jackson Council. The Board is a component unit of Butts County, Georgia because it is fiscally dependent on the County. The Health Department is presented as a governmental fund type component unit. The Health Department financial statements have been presented separately and can be obtained by writing to:

Butts County Department of Public Health
463 Kennedy Drive
Jackson, Georgia 30233

The Butts County Industrial Development Authority (the “Authority”) was created by referendum in 1968. The entity is governed by five board members appointed by the Butts County Board of Commissioners. The Authority can participate in land acquisition, lease agreements on land owned by the Authority, and tax abatements on land owned by the Authority. The Authority is responsible for making its own operating decisions. The Authority cannot issue tax abatements without the consent by the Butts County Board of Commissioners. The Authority is fiscally dependent on the County. The Authority is presented as a governmental fund type component unit. The Authority’s financial statements have been presented separately and can be obtained by writing to:

Butts County Industrial Development Authority
625 West Third Street
Jackson, Georgia 30233

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

The Development Authority of Butts County (the “Development Authority”) was created in 1977 by local ordinance in accordance with the Development Authorities Act. It is governed by a seven-member board appointed by the Butts County Board of Commissioners. The Development Authority is responsible for making its own operating decisions. The County provides substantially all funding for the Development Authority’s annual budget. The Development Authority cannot issue bonded debt without approval by the County; therefore, the Development Authority is fiscally dependent on the County. The Development Authority is presented as a governmental fund type component unit. The Development Authority’s financial statements have been presented separately and can be obtained by writing to:

Development Authority of Butts County
625 West Third Street
Jackson, Georgia 30233

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. However, interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. *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.

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

General capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the County the lease assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and financing through leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund's fund balance is available to the County for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Georgia.

The **2018 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") Capital Projects Fund** accounts for all transactions relating to 2018 SPLOST capital projects.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

The **2018 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (“SPLOST”) Debt Service Fund** accounts for the accumulation of enough proceeds from the collection of SPLOST to make the semi-annual bond payment. The additional monies collected beyond the bond payment are then remitted to the County Capital Projects Fund and to municipalities in the County in accordance with the 2017 SPLOST referendum.

The **Capital Improvement Fund** is a Capital Projects Fund that accounts for all transactions relating to several specific capital projects at the County.

The **Grants Fund** is a Special Revenue Fund that accounts for grant revenues and expenditures related to various short-term projects.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

The **Special Revenue Funds** account for revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes.

The **Capital Projects Funds** are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

The **Custodial Funds** are used to account for the collection and disbursement of monies by the County on behalf of other governments and individuals. Custodial Funds account for Tax Commissioner, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, Clerk of Superior Court, and Sheriff.

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

Investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices as of the Balance Sheet date. Increases or decreases in the fair value during the year are recognized as a component of interest income.

E. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year as well as all other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Net Position.

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

F. Prepaid Items

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

G. Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out ("FIFO") method and consist of fuel which is recorded as an asset at the time of purchase. The cost of such inventories is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased. Inventories of other expendable supplies are not considered material and the cost of such items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when purchased.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. Capital Assets

General capital assets including lease assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in governmental funds. The County reports these assets in the governmental activities column of the government-wide Statement of Net Position but does not report these assets in the government fund financial statements. All capital assets are capitalized and reported at historical cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year (except for right to use lease assets, the measurement of which is discussed in Note 1.P). Donated capital assets or donated works of art and similar items are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. Acquisition value is the price that would be paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service potential on the date of the donation. Capital assets received in a service concession arrangement are also reported at acquisition value. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. Improvements to capital assets are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are expensed. Infrastructure was added to capital assets to comply with requirements of GASB 34 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The County estimated the value of all paved County roads based on indexes provided by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Since that time, all major construction projects related to roads have been capitalized.

All reported capital assets, including lease assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. It is the County's policy not to charge infrastructure depreciation in the year of construction. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Capital assets, including lease assets of the County are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Years</u>
Land improvements	39
Buildings	39
Machinery and equipment	5 – 10
Lease asset - equipment	5 – 10
Vehicles and road equipment	5
Infrastructure	39
Intangibles	39

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. These items relate to the County's Retirement Plan and are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Certain changes in the net pension liability are recognized as pension expense over time instead of all being recognized in the year of occurrence. The difference between projected investment return on pension investments and actual return on those investments is deferred and amortized against pension expense over a five-year period. Changes in actuarial assumptions, which adjust the net pension liability, are also recorded as deferred outflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. Experience losses result from periodic studies by the County's actuary, which adjust the net pension liability for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed. These experience losses are recorded as deferred outflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of the plan members.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position and the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. One of these items relate to the County's Retirement Plan and the recording of changes in its net pension liability. Experience gains result from periodic studies by the County's actuary, which adjust the net pension liability for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed. These experience gains are recorded as deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of the plan members. Additionally, the County has unavailable revenues that arise only under a modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, they are reported only in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes due to the period of availability and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available.

J. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are recognized during the current period.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

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 the 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.

K. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

All compensated absence liabilities include salary-related payments, where applicable. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide 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.

Under the current policy, employees receive personal leave that includes annual leave. Employees accumulate personal leave in the following amounts:

- Completed 0-1 Years of Service: 4 hours per pay period
- Completed 1-5 Years of Service: 5 hours per pay period
- Completed 6-10 Years of Service: 6 hours per pay period
- Completed 11+ Years of Service: 7 hours per pay period

Up to 160 hours of personal leave can be carried over at the end of the calendar year.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Fund Balance

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

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

- **Non-spendable** – Fund balances are reported as non-spendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either: a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash), or b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- **Restricted** – Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- **Committed** – Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the County Commission through the adoption of a resolution. Only the Board of Commissioners may modify or rescind the commitment.
- **Assigned** – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the County’s intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Through resolution, the County Commission has authorized the County’s management to assign fund balances.
- **Unassigned** – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the General Fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Net Position

For government-wide reporting as well as in fiduciary funds, the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is called net position. Net position is comprised of three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, outstanding balances of bonds, notes, and other debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are included in this component of net position.

Net position is reported as restricted using the same definition as used for restricted fund balance as described in the section above.

Unrestricted net position is reported as the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that does not meet the definition of the two preceding categories.

N. Use of 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, the 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. Pensions

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

P. Leases

Lessee

The County is a lessee for noncancellable leases of equipment. The County recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more.

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

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

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.

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

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

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the Statement of Net Position.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

The Governmental Fund Balance Sheet includes reconciliation between *fund balance – total governmental funds* and *net position – governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. One element of that reconciliation explains that “long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.” The details of this difference are as follows:

General obligation bonds payable	\$ (1,225,000)
Plus: Issuance premium (to be amortized against interest expense)	(17,303)
Lease liability	(927,541)
Financed purchase	(711,559)
Landfill post-closure costs	(555,007)
Net pension liability	(11,715,259)
Compensated absences	(607,514)
Accrued interest	(30,681)
Net adjustment to reduce <i>fund balance – total governmental funds</i>	
to arrive at <i>net position – governmental activities</i>	<u>\$ (15,789,864)</u>

B. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities

The Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances includes a reconciliation between the net change in fund balances – total governmental funds and changes in net position of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide Statement of Activities. One element of the reconciliation states that “the issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.” The details of this difference are as follows:

Leases issued	\$ (186,797)
Amortization of Premium on bond issuance	34,259
Principal repayments:	
Lease liability	134,890
General bonds payable	1,200,000
Financed purchase	120,740
Landfill post-closure costs	29,222
Net adjustment to increase <i>net changes in fund balances – total governmental funds</i>	
to arrive at <i>changes in net position of governmental activities</i>	<u>\$ 1,332,314</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The County adopts an annual balanced budget for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds. The budget resolution reflects the total of each department's appropriation in each fund.

The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) for each adopted annual operating budget generally is the department level within each individual fund. Any change in total to a fund or departmental appropriation within a fund requires approval of the County Commissioners.

The County Manager and Chief Financial Officer may approve budget transfers within departments.

All unexpended annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Total deposits as of June 30, 2024 are summarized as follows:

Balances per Statement of Net Position:

Cash and cash equivalents - Primary Government	\$ 38,466,554
Cash - Custodial funds	2,067,849
	<u>\$ 40,534,403</u>

Balances by type:

Cash deposited with financial institutions	\$ 40,534,403
	<u>\$ 40,534,403</u>

Credit Risk. State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. government; prime bankers' acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. The County has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Interest rate risk. The County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. As of June 30, 2024, all of the deposits of the County and the component units were properly insured and collateralized as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (“O.C.G.A.”) §45-8-12(c) and as defined by GASB pronouncements.

The County did not have any investments as of June 30, 2024. All funds were held in cash and cash equivalent accounts as June 30, 2024.

NOTE 5. RECEIVABLES

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

	General	2018 SPLOST Debt Service	Capital Improvement	Grants	Nonmajor Governmental
Receivables:					
Taxes	\$ 1,920,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts	1,508,649	-	32,715	-	113,153
Intergovernmental	382,155	574,717	-	507,672	-
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	-
Net total receivables	<u>\$ 3,810,892</u>	<u>\$ 574,717</u>	<u>\$ 32,715</u>	<u>\$ 507,672</u>	<u>\$ 113,153</u>

Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis. Payments are due in two equal installments, the last being in December.

The tax billing cycle for fiscal year 2024 is as follows:

Levy date	July 20, 2023
1st Payment due date	October 27, 2023
2nd Payment due date	December 7, 2023
Lien date	90 days after second half due date

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 4,170,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,170,805
Total	4,170,805	-	-	-	4,170,805
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings	46,188,168	2,648,318	-	-	48,836,486
Intangible assets	18,529	-	-	-	18,529
Machinery and equipment	8,354,163	3,305,004	-	-	11,659,167
Lease asset - equipment	1,092,851	186,797	-	-	1,279,648
Vehicles and road equipment	11,282,100	1,489,515	(64,870)	-	12,706,745
Infrastructure	119,420,617	3,901,365	-	-	123,321,982
Total	186,356,428	11,530,999	(64,870)	-	197,822,557
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	(18,223,810)	(1,231,470)	-	-	(19,455,280)
Intangible assets	(18,529)	-	-	-	(18,529)
Machinery and equipment	(5,972,375)	(557,604)	-	-	(6,529,979)
Lease asset - equipment	(400,707)	(269,056)	-	-	(669,763)
Vehicles and road equipment	(8,126,873)	(1,208,089)	58,094	-	(9,276,868)
Infrastructure	(84,667,003)	(1,844,719)	-	-	(86,511,722)
Total	(117,409,297)	(5,110,938)	58,094	-	(122,462,141)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	68,947,131	6,420,061	(6,776)	-	75,360,416
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 73,117,936	\$ 6,420,061	\$ (6,776)	\$ -	\$ 79,531,221

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the County as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 662,839
Judicial	33,528
Public safety	1,725,435
Public works	2,445,377
Culture and recreation	148,350
Housing and development	95,409
Total depreciation/amortization expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 5,110,938</u>

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 2,425,000	\$ -	\$ (1,200,000)	\$ 1,225,000	\$ 1,225,000
Bond premium	51,562	-	(34,259)	17,303	-
Net bonds payable	2,476,562	-	(1,234,259)	1,242,303	1,225,000
Financed purchase	832,299	-	(120,740)	711,559	107,523
Lease liability	875,634	186,797	(134,890)	927,541	143,734
Landfill post-closure costs	584,229	-	(29,222)	555,007	35,715
Compensated absences	533,724	451,051	(377,261)	607,514	607,514
Net pension liability	12,098,939	4,381,312	(4,764,992)	11,715,259	-
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 17,401,387</u>	<u>\$ 5,019,160</u>	<u>\$ (6,661,364)</u>	<u>\$ 15,759,183</u>	<u>\$ 2,119,486</u>

For governmental activities, compensated absences, landfill post-closure costs and the net pension liability are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

Leases. In August 2021, the County entered into a five-year lease agreement as lessee for the acquisition and use of equipment. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$1,092,851. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the lease liability was \$757,271. The County is required to make monthly principal and interest payments in the amount of \$11,911. The lease has an interest rate of 2.90%. The equipment has a five-year estimated useful life and the value of the right-to-use asset as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$1,092,851 and had accumulated amortization of \$619,277.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Leases (Continued). In September 2023, the County entered into a three-year lease agreement as lessee for the acquisition and use of equipment. A lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$186,797. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the lease liability was \$170,270. The County is required to make monthly principal and interest payments in the amount of \$2,750. The lease has an interest rate of 6.988%. The equipment has a three-year estimated useful life and the value of the right-to-use asset as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$186,797 and had accumulated amortization of \$50,486.

The County's total lease debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 143,734	\$ 32,192
2026	149,003	26,923
2027	634,804	3,421
Total	<u>\$ 927,541</u>	<u>\$ 62,536</u>

General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds. In 2018, the County issued \$7,000,000 Series 2018 general obligation sales tax bonds with \$2,245,000 of the total bonds carrying an interest rate of 3.00% and \$4,755,000 carrying an interest rate of 4% payable over seven years. The bonds will be retired from SPLOST. Bond proceeds were used to fund various capital outlay projects, including courthouse and judicial office improvements, acquiring public safety equipment and public safety vehicles, road, sidewalk and bridge improvements, acquiring and upgrading equipment and acquiring, repairing and improving facilities and paying any debt previously incurred for these projects and to fund various construction projects in the municipalities within the County.

The bonds payable debt service requirements to maturity, including interest, are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,225,000	\$ 49,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,225,000</u>	<u>\$ 49,000</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Financed purchase. In October 2014, the County entered into an agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. to finance the purchase of a Building Management System/Energy Retrofit Project from Honeywell International, Inc. for a total cost of \$1,403,710. Amortization expense for this asset is included with depreciation expense. Work was delayed on installation of the system and the work was not completed until fiscal year 2016. The total principal of \$1,403,710 is due and payable in 15 annual payments with interest of 2.67%. The first installment was due July 15, 2015 with the final payment due July 15, 2029. The balance due at June 30, 2024 was \$711,559.

The County's total financed purchase debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 107,523	\$ 19,233
2026	114,232	16,327
2027	121,237	13,239
2028	128,548	9,962
2029	136,117	6,487
2030	103,902	2,806
Total	<u>\$ 711,559</u>	<u>\$ 68,054</u>

Landfill Post-closure Costs. During the year ended June 30, 1997, the County closed its landfill and no additional waste has been accepted. According to state and federal laws and regulations, the County must perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for a minimum of 30 years. As of June 30, 2024, the County has a remaining 15 years of monitoring. Engineering studies estimate post-closure costs of approximately \$555,007 over the 15-year period. These costs are based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to monitor and maintain the landfill were acquired as of June 30, 2024. Actual costs may be higher due to changes in inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. Should any problems occur during this post-closure period, the costs and time period required for the maintenance and monitoring functions may substantially increase.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

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

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 74,633
Capital improvement fund	General Fund	2,630,688
Nonmajor governmental funds	Nonmajor governmental funds	111,377
		<u>\$ 2,816,698</u>

These remaining balances resulted from the time lag between the date that: 1) interfund goods or services are provided or reimbursable expenses 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.

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

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
Capital improvement fund	General Fund	\$ 2,630,688
Capital improvement fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	38
Capital improvement fund	Grant fund	2,609,198
Nonmajor governmental funds	Capital improvement fund	350,000
Nonmajor governmental funds	Nonmajor governmental funds	111,377
Nonmajor governmental funds	General Fund	707,928
2018 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund	2018 SPLOST Debt Service Fund	3,164,515
General Fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	6,862
		<u>\$ 9,580,606</u>

Transfers are used to: 1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that the statute or budget requires to expend them, 2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, 3) segregate money for anticipated capital projects, 4) provide additional resources for current operations or debt service, and 5) return money to the fund from which it was originally provided once a project is completed.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The County, as authorized by the County Commission, has established a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Butts County Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan"), covering the majority of all of the County's employees. The County's pension plan is administered through the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Third Restated Defined Benefit Plan (the "ACCG Plan"), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by GEBCorp and affiliated with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG"). The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The ACCG, in its role as the Plan sponsor, has the sole authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions and the contribution rates of the County related to the Plan, as provided in §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 §19.02 of the ACCG Plan document. The County Commission retains this authority. The ACCG Plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the pension trust. That report may be obtained at www.gebcorp.com or by writing to:

Association County Commissioners of Georgia Retirement Services
191 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(800) 736-7166

Plan Membership

As of January 1, 2023, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Retirees, Beneficiaries, and Disables receiving benefits	113
Terminated Plan participants entitled to but not receiving benefits	90
Active employees participating in the Plan	<u>155</u>
Total number of Plan participants	<u><u>358</u></u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions

The Plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law. The Board of Trustees of ACCG has adopted a recommended actuarial funding policy for the Plan which meets state minimum requirements and will accumulate sufficient funds to provide the benefits under the Plan. The funding policy for the Plan, as adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, is to contribute an amount equal to or greater than the actuarially recommended contribution rate. This rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The County is required to contribute to the actuarially determined rate. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the County's contribution rate was 26.7% of annual payroll. County contributions to the Plan were \$2,197,899 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Net Pension Liability of the County

The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as January 1, 2023, with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of December 31, 2023.

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	4.50% – 7.00%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Pub – 2010 Amount Weighted Mortality Table with a blend of 50% of the General Employees Table and 50% of the Public Safety Employees with Scale AA to 2023.

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued). The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined through a blend of using a building-block method based on 20-year benchmarks (33.33%) and 30-year benchmarks (33.33%), as well as forward-looking capital market assumptions for a moderate asset allocation (33.34%), as determined by UBS. Expected future rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Range
Fixed Income	30.00 %	25% - 35%
Equities:		
Large Cap	30.00	25% - 35%
Mid Cap	5.00	2.5% - 10%
Small Cap	5.00	2.5% - 10%
REIT	5.00	2.5% - 10%
International	15.00	10% - 20%
Multi Cap	5.00	2.5% - 10%
Global Allocation	5.00	2.5% - 10%
Total	100.00 %	

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that County contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)

Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the County. The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Beginning balance	\$ 28,910,564	\$ 16,811,625	\$ 12,098,939
<i>Changes for the year:</i>			
Service cost	831,466	-	831,466
Interest	1,983,410	-	1,983,410
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,159,200	-	1,159,200
Plan change	-	-	-
Contributions - employer	-	2,197,899	(2,197,899)
Net investment income	-	2,567,093	(2,567,093)
Assumption change	241,121	-	241,121
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,152,268)	(1,152,268)	-
Administrative expense	-	(60,113)	60,113
Other changes	-	(106,002)	106,002
<i>Net changes</i>	3,062,929	3,446,609	(383,680)
Ending balance	\$ 31,973,493	\$ 20,258,234	\$ 11,715,259

The required Schedule of Changes in the County's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multi-year trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

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

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
County's net pension liability	\$ 16,060,498	\$ 11,715,259	\$ 8,110,217

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate (Continued). Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective.

Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of December 31, 2023, and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee. As of June 30, 2024, the County had no contributions subsequent to the measurement date due to all employer contributions being made prior to the measurement date.

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the County recognized pension expense of \$2,041,711. At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	\$ 652,237	\$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	919,761	21,606
Other changes in assumptions	207,027	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,779,025</u>	<u>\$ 21,606</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year ending June 30,	
2025	\$ 513,180
2026	714,584
2027	799,668
2028	(270,013)
Total	<u>\$ 1,757,419</u>

NOTE 10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; injuries to employees; and losses resulting from providing accident and health benefits to employees, retirees, and their dependents.

The County is a member of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG") Interlocal Risk Management Agency. This membership allows the County to share liability, crime, motor vehicle and property damage risks.

Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. authorizes Georgia counties to form interlocal risk management agencies. The ACCG Interlocal Risk Management Agency ("IRMA") is a county interlocal risk management agency to function as an unincorporated nonprofit instrumentality of its member municipalities - ACCG IRMA establishes and administers one or more group self-insurance funds and a risk management service to prevent or lessen the incidence and severity of casualty and property losses occurring in the operation of municipal government. ACCG IRMA is to defend and protect in accordance with the member government contract and related coverage descriptions of the County are as follows:

- amounts as shall be established by ACCG IRMA.
- To select a person to serve as a Member representative.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 10. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The County must participate at all times in at least one fund which is established by ACCG IRMA. Other responsibilities of the County are as follows:

- To pay all contributions, assessments or other sums due to ACCG IRMA at such times and in such.
- To allow ACCG IRMA and its agents reasonable access to all facilities of the County and all records, including but not limited to financial records, which relate to the purposes of ACCG IRMA.
- To allow attorneys appointed by ACCG IRMA 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 fund or funds established by ACCG IRMA.
- To assist and cooperate in the defense and settlement of claims against the County.
- To furnish full cooperation to ACCG IRMA's attorneys, claims adjusters, Service Company, and any agent, employee, officer or independent contractor of ACCG IRMA relating to the purposes of ACCG IRMA.
- To follow all loss reduction and prevention procedures established by ACCG IRMA.
- To furnish to ACCG IRMA such budget, operating and underwriting information as may be requested.
- To report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in ACCG IRMA or any fund established by ACCG IRMA being required to pay claim for loss or injuries to municipal property or injuries to persons or property when such loss or injury is within the scope of the protection of a fund or funds in which the County participates.

The County retains the first \$5,000 of each risk of loss in the form of a deductible. The County files all claims with ACCG IRMA. ACCG IRMA bills the County for any risk of loss up to the \$5,000 deductible.

The County has contracted with Key Risk to fully insure on workers' compensation. This plan has various deductibles the County is responsible for meeting.

Settled claims in the past three years have not exceeded the coverages.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Litigation

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

Grant Contingencies

The County has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to the disallowance of certain expenditures previously reimbursed by those agencies. Based upon prior experience, management of the County believes such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

NOTE 12. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in a ten-county central Georgia area, is a member of the Three Rivers Regional Commission ("RC") and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the County paid \$19,222 in such dues. Membership in an RC is required by the O.C.G.A. §50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RC. The RC Board membership is made up of representatives appointed by each County seat and respective County government member and also includes private citizen and minority representatives. O.C.G.A. §50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of a Regional Commission. Information concerning the financial statements may be obtained from:

Three Rivers Regional Commission
P.O. Box 818
Griffin, Georgia 30224.

NOTE 13. HOTEL/MOTEL LODGING TAX

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the County levied an 8.00% hotel/motel tax on lodging facilities within the County. The County allocates 3.50% of this tax for the promotion of tourism, conventions, or trade shows as required by O.C.G.A. §48-13-51. Additionally, 1.50% of this tax is allocated towards tourism product development purposes including the designation of a Destination Marketing Organization, the provision and support of a County/City Visitor and Tourism Center, development of signage to promote tourism efforts, promotion of arts, and branding and promotion of museums. The remaining 3.00% of this tax is allocated to the General Fund of Butts County and specifically dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Historic Butts County Courthouse facility as a Visitor and Tourism Center, Exhibit Hall and Meeting Space. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the County collected \$297,004 in hotel/motel taxes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 14. TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAMS

The County enters into property tax abatement programs with local businesses for the purpose of attracting and retaining business within their jurisdictions. The tax abatements can be granted to any business located within the County. These tax abatement programs are issued on a case-by-case basis for individual businesses for both real and personal property from the Development Authority of Butts County and the Joint Development Authority of Butts County and Spalding County.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the County abated property taxes totaling \$1,229,448 and \$167,086 for real property tax abatements and personal property tax abatements, respectively. Tax abatements during the current year range from 0% to 100% of assessed property values over a time period up to twenty years.

NOTE 15. NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Net investment in capital assets of the government-wide Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	\$ 79,531,221
Lease liabilities	(927,541)
Bonds payable	(1,242,303)
Financed purchase	(711,559)
Total net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 76,649,818</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 16. ACCOUNTING CHANGES AND ERROR CORRECTIONS

Changes to or within the Financial Reporting Entity

Change in Major Funds

In the current year, the County's ARPA Fund no longer meets the definition of a major fund. The effect of this change to or within the financial reporting entity is shown in the table below.

	Reporting Units Affected by Adjustments to and Restatements of Beginning Balances	
	Funds	
	ARPA Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
07/01/2023, as previously reported	\$ 38	\$ 5,767,618
Change from major fund to nonmajor fund	(38)	38
07/01/2023, as adjusted	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,767,656</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total pension liability				
Service cost	\$ 831,466	\$ 784,609	\$ 706,762	\$ 684,520
Interest on total pension liability	1,983,410	1,868,533	1,771,047	1,710,787
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,159,200	147,716	(86,421)	(42,166)
Plan changes	-	(104,423)	-	-
Changes of assumptions	241,121	42,495	39,311	36,954
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,152,268)	(1,043,394)	(1,032,679)	(1,012,900)
Net change in total pension liability	3,062,929	1,695,536	1,398,020	1,377,195
Total pension liability - beginning	28,910,564	27,215,028	25,817,008	24,439,813
Total pension liability - ending (a)	31,973,493	28,910,564	27,215,028	25,817,008
Plan fiduciary net position				
Contributions - employer	2,197,899	2,016,269	1,932,741	1,865,907
Net investment income	2,567,093	(2,681,239)	2,354,606	1,875,404
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,152,268)	(1,043,394)	(1,032,679)	(978,647)
Administrative expenses	(60,113)	(56,462)	(50,472)	(48,607)
Other	(106,002)	(107,496)	(121,939)	(115,149)
Net change in fiduciary net position	3,446,609	(1,872,322)	3,082,257	2,598,908
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	16,811,625	18,683,947	15,601,690	13,002,782
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	20,258,234	16,811,625	18,683,947	15,601,690
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 11,715,259	\$ 12,098,939	\$ 8,531,081	\$ 10,215,318
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	63.36%	58.15%	68.65%	60.43%
Covered payroll	\$ 8,260,523	\$ 7,917,883	\$ 7,050,984	\$ 6,728,644
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	141.82%	152.81%	120.99%	151.82%

Notes to the Schedule:

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

2020	2019	2018
\$ 466,173	\$ 407,763	\$ 377,847
1,323,907	1,125,569	1,041,922
3,466,685	-	-
507,376	928,619	264,980
-	-	-
708,882	1,630,062	17,678
(946,172)	(704,143)	(548,672)
5,526,851	3,387,870	1,153,755
18,912,962	15,525,092	14,371,337
24,439,813	18,912,962	15,525,092
1,361,167	1,018,320	595,490
2,079,384	(466,828)	1,474,558
(914,176)	(679,511)	(529,478)
(49,100)	(37,335)	(33,691)
(85,460)	(74,790)	(99,508)
2,391,815	(240,144)	1,407,371
10,610,967	10,851,111	9,443,740
13,002,782	10,610,967	10,851,111
<u>\$ 11,437,031</u>	<u>\$ 8,301,995</u>	<u>\$ 4,673,981</u>
53.20%	56.10%	69.89%
\$ 6,534,675	\$ 6,826,757	\$ 6,484,065
175.02%	121.61%	72.08%

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 2,016,901	\$ 1,851,079	\$ 1,779,088	\$ 1,732,374
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>2,197,899</u>	<u>2,016,269</u>	<u>1,932,741</u>	<u>1,865,907</u>
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	<u>\$ (180,998)</u>	<u>\$ (165,190)</u>	<u>\$ (153,653)</u>	<u>\$ (133,533)</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 8,365,593	\$ 8,260,523	\$ 7,917,883	\$ 6,898,814
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	26.27%	24.41%	24.41%	27.05%

Notes to the Schedule:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2023
Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Asset	
Valuation Method	Smoothed market value with a five-year smoothing period
Assumed Rate of Return on Investments	7.00%
Projected Salary Increases	5.50% Per year with an age based scale
Amortization Method	Closed level dollar for unfunded liability
Remaining Amortization Period	None remaining

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$ 1,248,694	\$ 1,115,035	\$ 974,741	\$ 870,793	\$ 833,403	\$ 754,785	\$ 766,159
1,361,167	1,018,320	595,490	908,115	868,297	799,561	809,174
<u>\$ (112,473)</u>	<u>\$ 96,715</u>	<u>\$ 379,251</u>	<u>\$ (37,322)</u>	<u>\$ (34,894)</u>	<u>\$ (44,776)</u>	<u>\$ (43,015)</u>
\$ 6,631,660	\$ 6,680,716	\$ 6,484,065	\$ 6,330,510	\$ 6,066,322	\$ 5,721,346	\$ 5,640,339
20.53%	15.24%	9.18%	14.35%	14.31%	13.98%	14.35%

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Law Library Fund – To account for revenues generated through special filing charges in the County court system which are used to acquire and maintain library materials.

Courthouse Maintenance Fund – To account for the revenues and expenditures restricted for the maintenance and operation of the Historic Butts County Courthouse facility as a Visitors and Tourism Center.

Jail Fund – To account for revenues collected by the imposition of a 10% add-on fine as provided for by the Georgia Jail Construction and Staffing Act.

Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund – To account for collection of additional penalties for certain drug related crimes and for expenditures of those funds solely and exclusively for drug abuse treatment and education programs.

E-911 Fund – To account for emergency services which are provided to all County taxpayers. Financing is provided through user fees and charges and contributions from the General Fund.

Clerk of Superior Court Fund – This fund is used to account for intergovernmental funds collected by the Superior Court Clerk's office which are restricted for handling habeas corpus cases in the Superior Court of Butts County and for storing and retaining court records related to specific inmates at the County.

Sheriff Fund – To account for monies related to the inmate commissary at the County and to account for monies collected from seizures and forfeitures.

Library Fund – To account for the revenues and expenditures from the operation of the Library.

Recreation Department Improvement Fund – To account for the revenues and expenditures applicable to the recreation department that have been committed.

Opioid Settlement Fund – To account for the opioid settlement payments collected from distributors and manufacturers of opioids.

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund – To account for the collection of hotel/motel tax collected by the County.

Technology Fund – To account for the collection of technology fees imposed by the Probate and Magistrate Courts.

American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Fund – To account for the financial resources provided and subsequently expended from the ARPA grant received from the federal government.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Impact Fees Fund – To account for the capital projects activity funded by developmental impact fees.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue					Clerk of Superior Court
	Law Library	Courthouse Maintenance	Jail	Drug Abuse Treatment & Education	E-911	
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,376	\$ 186,763	\$ 309,606	\$ 150,797	\$ 598,134	\$ 842,756
Accounts receivable	-	3,000	-	-	82,228	-
Due from other funds	-	111,377	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 23,376</u>	<u>\$ 301,140</u>	<u>\$ 309,606</u>	<u>\$ 150,797</u>	<u>\$ 680,362</u>	<u>\$ 842,756</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 2,867	\$ 23,571	\$ -	\$ 1,532	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	4,750	30,000	33,021	-
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>2,867</u>	<u>28,321</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>34,553</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted for:						
Program purposes:						
General government	-	298,273	-	-	-	-
Judicial	23,376	-	-	-	-	842,756
Public safety	-	-	281,285	120,797	645,809	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Promotion and tourism	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed:						
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	<u>23,376</u>	<u>298,273</u>	<u>281,285</u>	<u>120,797</u>	<u>645,809</u>	<u>842,756</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 23,376</u>	<u>\$ 301,140</u>	<u>\$ 309,606</u>	<u>\$ 150,797</u>	<u>\$ 680,362</u>	<u>\$ 842,756</u>

Special Revenue							Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds Total
Sheriff	Library	Recreation Department Improvement	Opioid Settlement	Hotel/Motel	Technology	American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA")	Impact Fees	
\$ 289,198	\$ 192,142	\$ 112,722	\$ 128,803	\$ 139,485	\$ 19,680	\$ -	\$ 3,579,011	\$ 6,572,473
-	-	-	-	27,925	-	-	-	113,153
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111,377
<u>\$ 289,198</u>	<u>\$ 192,142</u>	<u>\$ 112,722</u>	<u>\$ 128,803</u>	<u>\$ 167,410</u>	<u>\$ 19,680</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,579,011</u>	<u>\$ 6,797,003</u>
\$ -	\$ 1,151	\$ -	\$ 3,493	\$ 40,714	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,328
-	6,862	-	-	111,377	-	-	-	186,010
-	8,013	-	3,493	152,091	-	-	-	259,338
-	-	-	125,310	-	-	-	-	423,583
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	866,132
289,198	-	-	-	-	19,680	-	-	1,356,769
-	184,129	-	-	-	-	-	-	184,129
-	-	-	-	15,319	-	-	-	15,319
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,579,011	3,579,011
-	-	112,722	-	-	-	-	-	112,722
<u>289,198</u>	<u>184,129</u>	<u>112,722</u>	<u>125,310</u>	<u>15,319</u>	<u>19,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,579,011</u>	<u>6,537,665</u>
<u>\$ 289,198</u>	<u>\$ 192,142</u>	<u>\$ 112,722</u>	<u>\$ 128,803</u>	<u>\$ 167,410</u>	<u>\$ 19,680</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,579,011</u>	<u>\$ 6,797,003</u>

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	Special Revenue					
	Law Library	Courthouse Maintenance	Jail	Drug Abuse Treatment & Education	E-911	Clerk of Superior Court
REVENUES						
Other taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	3,000	-	-	489,863	23,136
Fines and forfeitures	16,716	47,565	63,680	39,185	-	-
Investment earnings	-	113	181	463	434	9,751
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	16,716	50,678	63,861	39,648	490,297	32,887
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	-	39,726	-	-	-	-
Judicial	13,738	-	-	-	-	19,890
Public safety	-	-	164,048	53,725	1,096,601	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	13,738	39,726	164,048	53,725	1,096,601	19,890
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,978	10,952	(100,187)	(14,077)	(606,304)	12,997
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	-	111,377	350,000	-	707,928	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	111,377	350,000	-	707,928	-
Net change in fund balances	2,978	122,329	249,813	(14,077)	101,624	12,997
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year, as previously presented	20,398	175,944	31,472	134,874	544,185	829,759
Change within financial reporting entity (major to nonmajor fund)	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year as adjusted	20,398	175,944	31,472	134,874	544,185	829,759
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$ 23,376	\$ 298,273	\$ 281,285	\$ 120,797	\$ 645,809	\$ 842,756

Special Revenue							Capital Projects	
Sheriff	Library	Recreation Department Improvement	Opioid Settlement	Hotel/Motel	Technology	American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA")	Impact Fees	Total
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,004
-	-	-	108,838	-	-	-	-	108,838
315,954	6,862	-	-	-	-	-	1,829,642	2,668,457
861,710	-	-	-	-	19,680	-	-	1,048,536
-	1,042	80	-	59	-	-	2,352	14,475
753	15,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,803
1,178,417	22,954	80	108,838	297,063	19,680	-	1,831,994	4,153,113
-	-	-	75,215	-	-	-	-	114,941
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,628
1,084,598	-	-	-	-	-	-	900,000	3,298,972
-	9,578	13,814	-	-	-	-	-	23,392
-	-	-	-	185,628	-	-	-	185,628
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	777,571	777,571
1,084,598	9,578	13,814	75,215	185,628	-	-	1,677,571	4,434,132
93,819	13,376	(13,734)	33,623	111,435	19,680	-	154,423	(281,019)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,169,305
-	(6,862)	-	-	(111,377)	-	(38)	-	(118,277)
-	(6,862)	-	-	(111,377)	-	(38)	-	1,051,028
93,819	6,514	(13,734)	33,623	58	19,680	(38)	154,423	770,009
195,379	177,615	126,456	91,687	15,261	-	-	3,424,588	5,767,618
-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	38
195,379	177,615	126,456	91,687	15,261	-	38	3,424,588	5,767,656
\$ 289,198	\$ 184,129	\$ 112,722	\$ 125,310	\$ 15,319	\$ 19,680	\$ -	\$ 3,579,011	\$ 6,537,665

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Law Library	
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fines and forfeitures	13,738	16,716	2,978
Investment earnings	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>13,738</u>	<u>16,716</u>	<u>2,978</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	-	-	-
Judicial	13,738	13,738	-
Public safety	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>13,738</u>	<u>13,738</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>2,978</u>	<u>2,978</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	2,978	2,978
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>20,398</u>	<u>20,398</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u><u>\$ 20,398</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,376</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,978</u></u>

Courthouse Maintenance			Jail		
Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	47,565	47,565	164,048	63,680	(100,368)
50,000	113	(49,887)	-	181	181
50,000	50,678	678	164,048	63,861	(100,187)
50,000	39,726	10,274	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	164,048	164,048	-
50,000	39,726	10,274	164,048	164,048	-
-	10,952	10,952	-	(100,187)	(100,187)
-	111,377	111,377	-	350,000	350,000
-	111,377	111,377	-	350,000	350,000
-	122,329	122,329	-	249,813	249,813
175,944	175,944	-	31,472	31,472	-
\$ 175,944	\$ 298,273	\$ 122,329	\$ 31,472	\$ 281,285	\$ 249,813

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Drug Abuse Treatment and Education		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fines and forfeitures	53,725	39,185	(14,540)
Investment earnings	-	463	463
Total revenues	53,725	39,648	(14,077)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Judicial	-	-	-
Public safety	53,725	53,725	-
Total expenditures	53,725	53,725	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	(14,077)	(14,077)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	(14,077)	(14,077)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	134,874	134,874	-
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$ 134,874	\$ 120,797	\$ (14,077)

E-911			Clerk of Superior Court		
Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
\$ 480,388	\$ 489,863	\$ 9,475	\$ 19,890	\$ 23,136	\$ 3,246
-	-	-	-	-	-
96	434	338	-	9,751	9,751
480,484	490,297	9,813	19,890	32,887	12,997
-	-	-	19,890	19,890	-
1,137,413	1,096,601	40,812	-	-	-
1,137,413	1,096,601	40,812	19,890	19,890	-
(656,929)	(606,304)	50,625	-	12,997	12,997
707,928	707,928	-	-	-	-
707,928	707,928	-	-	-	-
50,999	101,624	50,625	-	12,997	12,997
544,185	544,185	-	829,759	829,759	-
\$ 595,184	\$ 645,809	\$ 50,625	\$ 829,759	\$ 842,756	\$ 12,997

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BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Sheriff	
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 1,084,598	\$ 315,954	\$ (768,644)
Fines and forfeitures	-	861,710	861,710
Investment earnings	-	-	-
Contributions	-	753	753
Total revenues	<u>1,084,598</u>	<u>1,178,417</u>	<u>93,819</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	1,084,598	1,084,598	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,084,598</u>	<u>1,084,598</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>93,819</u>	<u>93,819</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES			
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing uses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	93,819	93,819
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>195,379</u>	<u>195,379</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 195,379</u>	<u>\$ 289,198</u>	<u>\$ 93,819</u>

Library			Recreation Department Improvement		
Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
\$ -	\$ 6,862	\$ 6,862	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1,042	1,042	30,000	80	(29,920)
16,440	15,050	(1,390)	-	-	-
16,440	22,954	6,514	30,000	80	(29,920)
-	-	-	-	-	-
16,440	9,578	6,862	30,000	13,814	16,186
16,440	9,578	6,862	30,000	13,814	16,186
-	13,376	13,376	-	(13,734)	(13,734)
-	(6,862)	(6,862)	-	-	-
-	(6,862)	(6,862)	-	-	-
-	6,514	6,514	-	(13,734)	(13,734)
177,615	177,615	-	126,456	126,456	-
\$ 177,615	\$ 184,129	\$ 6,514	\$ 126,456	\$ 112,722	\$ (13,734)

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BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Opioid Settlement		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
REVENUES			
Other taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	75,215	108,838	33,623
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-
Investment earnings	-	-	-
Contributions	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>75,215</u>	<u>108,838</u>	<u>33,623</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	75,215	75,215	-
Housing and development	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>150,430</u>	<u>75,215</u>	<u>75,215</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(75,215)</u>	<u>33,623</u>	<u>108,838</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES			
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing uses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(75,215)	33,623	108,838
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>91,687</u>	<u>91,687</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 16,472</u>	<u>\$ 125,310</u>	<u>\$ 108,838</u>

Hotel/Motel			Technology		
Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
\$ 297,004	\$ 297,004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	19,680	19,680
-	59	59	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
297,004	297,063	59	-	19,680	19,680
-	-	-	-	-	-
297,004	185,628	111,376	-	-	-
297,004	185,628	111,376	-	-	-
-	111,435	111,435	-	19,680	19,680
-	(111,377)	(111,377)	-	-	-
-	(111,377)	(111,377)	-	-	-
-	58	58	-	19,680	19,680
15,261	15,261	-	-	-	-
\$ 15,261	\$ 15,319	\$ 58	\$ -	\$ 19,680	\$ 19,680

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA")		
	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
OTHER FINANCING USES			
Transfers out	\$ -	\$ (38)	\$ (38)
Total other financing uses	-	(38)	(38)
Net change in fund balances	-	(38)	(38)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	38	38	-
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 38</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (38)</u>

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS - 2018 ISSUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Expenditures		
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total
Capital Outlay Projects					
A. City of Jackson	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 4,783,147	\$ 1,566,539	\$ 6,349,686
B. City of Flovilla	1,650,000	1,650,000	765,303	250,646	1,015,949
C. City of Jenkinsburg	825,000	825,000	765,304	250,646	1,015,950
D. Butts County et al. Water Sewer Authority	9,098,885	9,098,885	3,061,215	1,002,585	4,063,800
E. Judicial wing addition	4,000,000	4,000,000	5,930,786	-	5,930,786
F. Courthouse rehabilitation	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,725,051	-	2,725,051
G. Fire services ladder truck	1,000,000	1,000,000	834,750	-	834,750
H. Roads, streets and bridges	4,000,000	4,000,000	1,550,366	923,025	2,473,391
I. Public safety and equipment	1,250,000	1,250,000	891,726	26,162	917,888
J. Tourism and historic sites	100,000	100,000	-	80,925	80,925
K. Library	38,500	38,500	-	-	-
L. Animal control rehabilitation	150,000	150,000	2,625	-	2,625
M. Leisure services	350,000	350,000	158,895	-	158,895
N. E-911 repeaters	100,000	100,000	-	-	-
O. Administration technology upgrades	250,000	250,000	96,547	30,396	126,943
P. Facilities (HVAC, Infrastructure)	3,000,000	3,000,000	110,596	5,550	116,146
Debt service - interest/issuance costs on SPLOST bonds	-	-	338,900	99,400	438,300
	<u>\$ 33,312,385</u>	<u>\$ 33,312,385</u>	<u>\$ 22,015,211</u>	<u>\$ 4,235,874</u>	<u>\$ 26,251,085</u>
Expenditures per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance:					
SPLOST Debt Service Fund				\$ 4,369,815	
SPLOST Capital Projects Fund				1,066,059	
Principal payments				(1,200,000)	
				<u>\$ 4,235,874</u>	

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Tax Commissioner – To account for tax billings, collections and remittances made by property owners of record on behalf of other governmental agencies.

Magistrate Court – To account for the receipt and disbursement of court-ordered fines and fees made on behalf of third parties.

Probate Court – To account for the collection of fees for firearms licenses, certificates, marriage licenses, passports, etc., which are disbursed to other parties.

Clerk of Superior Court – To account for the receipt and disbursement of court-ordered fines and fees made on behalf of third parties.

Sheriff – To account for the collection and remittance of fines, bond forfeitures, and various fees, and to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds held on behalf of County inmates housed in the County detention facility.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	<u>Tax Commissioner</u>	<u>Magistrate Court</u>	<u>Probate Court</u>	<u>Clerk of Superior Court</u>	<u>Sheriff</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 612,325	\$ 39,161	\$ 67,155	\$ 360,265	\$ 988,943	\$ 2,067,849
Taxes receivable	<u>2,493,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,493,373</u>
Total assets	<u>3,105,698</u>	<u>39,161</u>	<u>67,155</u>	<u>360,265</u>	<u>988,943</u>	<u>4,561,222</u>
LIABILITIES						
Due to others	288,908	5,220	66,305	43,553	5,332	409,318
Uncollected taxes	<u>2,493,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,493,373</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,782,281</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>66,305</u>	<u>43,553</u>	<u>5,332</u>	<u>2,902,691</u>
NET POSITION						
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	<u>\$ 323,417</u>	<u>\$ 33,941</u>	<u>\$ 850</u>	<u>\$ 316,712</u>	<u>\$ 983,611</u>	<u>\$ 1,658,531</u>

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

	<u>Tax Commissioner</u>	<u>Magistrate Court</u>	<u>Probate Court</u>	<u>Clerk of Superior Court</u>	<u>Sheriff</u>	<u>Total</u>
ADDITIONS						
Taxes collected	\$ 20,423,864	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,423,864
Fines and fees collected	-	256,208	981,687	1,160,501	5,353,437	7,751,833
Total additions	<u>20,423,864</u>	<u>256,208</u>	<u>981,687</u>	<u>1,160,501</u>	<u>5,353,437</u>	<u>28,175,697</u>
DEDUCTIONS						
Taxes disbursed	20,125,782	-	-	-	-	20,125,782
Fines and fees disbursed	-	247,809	981,499	1,120,657	5,474,857	7,824,822
Total deductions	<u>20,125,782</u>	<u>247,809</u>	<u>981,499</u>	<u>1,120,657</u>	<u>5,474,857</u>	<u>27,950,604</u>
Change in net position	298,082	8,399	188	39,844	(121,420)	225,093
Net position, beginning of year	<u>25,335</u>	<u>25,542</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>276,868</u>	<u>1,105,031</u>	<u>1,433,438</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 323,417</u>	<u>\$ 33,941</u>	<u>\$ 850</u>	<u>\$ 316,712</u>	<u>\$ 983,611</u>	<u>\$ 1,658,531</u>

III. STATISTICAL SECTION

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of Butts County, Georgia's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR") presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the government's overall financial health.

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Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the ACFR for the relevant year. The County implemented GASB Statement 34 for the year ended June 30, 2003; schedules presenting financial information include information beginning in that year.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

NET POSITION BY COMPONENT LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 75,653,320	\$ 74,262,966	\$ 72,994,651	\$ 72,349,883	\$ 69,920,221
Restricted	3,356,858	2,712,526	3,342,906	2,828,711	3,708,772
Unrestricted	2,726,860	253,070	(2,582,677)	(2,124,998)	(4,720,997)
Total primary government net position	<u>\$ 81,737,038</u>	<u>\$ 77,228,562</u>	<u>\$ 73,754,880</u>	<u>\$ 73,053,596</u>	<u>\$ 68,907,996</u>

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
\$ 68,787,330	\$ 71,929,956	\$ 68,888,130	\$ 68,933,441	\$ 76,649,818
6,148,457	5,126,006	12,512,325	21,100,491	28,251,971
(5,087,667)	(1,299,376)	590,972	4,477,102	2,712,103
<u>\$ 69,848,120</u>	<u>\$ 75,756,586</u>	<u>\$ 81,991,427</u>	<u>\$ 94,511,034</u>	<u>\$ 107,613,892</u>

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Expenses					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 6,310,560	\$ 7,799,041	\$ 7,098,733	\$ 6,106,208	\$ 9,954,910
Public safety	8,514,357	9,115,213	9,465,230	10,300,932	10,448,663
Public works	4,660,531	5,025,145	4,612,015	4,184,571	4,405,744
Judicial	1,592,810	1,536,548	1,648,072	1,711,397	1,969,000
Health and welfare	794,838	242,690	240,572	230,542	139,882
Culture and recreation	1,155,162	1,208,280	1,214,819	1,183,908	1,105,158
Economic opportunity	11,775	11,775	9,813	11,775	7,500
Housing and development	1,527,823	1,701,874	2,020,054	1,798,044	1,052,266
Interest on long-term debt	154,800	123,994	45,940	141,706	266,583
Total primary government expenses	<u>\$ 24,722,656</u>	<u>\$ 26,764,560</u>	<u>\$ 26,355,248</u>	<u>\$ 25,669,083</u>	<u>\$ 29,349,706</u>
Program revenues					
Governmental activities:					
Charges for services	\$ 4,374,107	\$ 5,366,815	\$ 5,544,793	\$ 6,153,239	\$ 6,115,083
Operating grants and contributions	127,220	134,666	136,466	146,792	266,853
Capital grants and contributions	322,230	320,490	685,289	1,106,566	607,435
Total primary government program revenues	<u>\$ 4,823,557</u>	<u>\$ 5,821,971</u>	<u>\$ 6,366,548</u>	<u>\$ 7,406,597</u>	<u>\$ 6,989,371</u>
Net (expense)/revenue					
Total primary government net expense	<u>\$ (19,899,099)</u>	<u>\$ (20,942,589)</u>	<u>\$ (19,988,700)</u>	<u>\$ (18,262,486)</u>	<u>\$ (22,360,335)</u>
General Revenues and Other					
Changes in Net Position					
Governmental activities:					
Taxes					
Property taxes	\$ 9,472,853	\$ 8,984,945	\$ 8,413,521	\$ 9,378,048	\$ 9,151,492
Sales taxes	6,541,956	5,933,741	6,491,306	6,450,837	7,021,544
Insurance premium taxes	861,867	922,925	982,140	1,051,838	1,134,164
Other taxes	179,146	171,478	173,836	174,787	289,393
Investment revenue	49,580	22,446	24,799	25,895	36,501
Miscellaneous	882,985	390,237	404,135	413,101	581,641
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	8,341	25,281	66,696	-
Total primary government	<u>\$ \$17,988,387</u>	<u>\$ \$16,434,113</u>	<u>\$ \$16,515,018</u>	<u>\$ \$17,561,202</u>	<u>\$ \$18,214,735</u>
Change in Net Position					
Total primary government	<u>\$ (1,910,712)</u>	<u>\$ (4,508,476)</u>	<u>\$ (3,473,682)</u>	<u>\$ (701,284)</u>	<u>\$ (4,145,600)</u>

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
\$ 7,805,569	\$ 7,464,792	\$ 8,381,134	\$ 10,558,704	\$ 6,554,890
12,600,416	13,429,161	1,822,723	2,006,473	2,146,085
4,819,827	3,650,099	13,329,307	15,863,231	18,727,702
1,702,429	1,619,245	6,152,944	8,042,764	6,092,422
130,489	139,882	147,283	149,045	139,882
1,266,022	1,240,570	1,215,595	1,380,966	1,538,711
12,896	36,977	133,715	7,500	88,425
573,058	748,256	935,273	1,196,049	1,198,805
230,195	255,280	268,114	190,248	142,484
<u>\$ 29,140,901</u>	<u>\$ 28,584,262</u>	<u>\$ 32,386,088</u>	<u>\$ 39,394,980</u>	<u>\$ 36,629,406</u>
\$ 8,392,655	\$ 9,429,082	\$ 12,822,974	\$ 15,581,149	\$ 14,674,806
391,167	918,925	539,767	608,088	15,955
1,149,964	764,353	1,311,156	3,747,142	7,584,338
<u>\$ 9,933,786</u>	<u>\$ 11,112,360</u>	<u>\$ 14,673,897</u>	<u>\$ 19,936,379</u>	<u>\$ 22,275,099</u>
<u>\$ (19,207,115)</u>	<u>\$ (17,471,902)</u>	<u>\$ (17,712,191)</u>	<u>\$ (19,458,601)</u>	<u>\$ (14,354,307)</u>
\$ 10,320,741	\$ 12,332,204	\$ 13,439,168	\$ 17,383,087	\$ 12,412,001
7,665,054	8,484,594	10,675,834	12,413,917	12,620,138
1,217,235	1,294,927	1,344,698	1,445,694	1,550,026
321,704	367,267	669,558	687,450	757,015
30,185	69,474	6,930	48,060	117,985
592,320	831,902	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 20,147,239</u>	<u>\$ 23,380,368</u>	<u>\$ 26,136,188</u>	<u>\$ 31,978,208</u>	<u>\$ 27,457,165</u>
<u>\$ 940,124</u>	<u>\$ 5,908,466</u>	<u>\$ 8,423,997</u>	<u>\$ 12,519,607</u>	<u>\$ 13,102,858</u>

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

PROGRAM REVENUES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

Function/Program	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 192,303	\$ 276,825	\$ 278,028	\$ 496,369	\$ 275,226
Public safety	2,068,758	2,932,988	3,269,427	3,457,045	3,694,568
Public works	1,908,078	1,990,786	1,905,050	2,658,426	1,605,711
Judicial	273,290	244,968	250,904	266,932	196,037
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	360,466	340,034	355,050	335,101	323,668
Housing and development	20,752	36,370	308,089	192,654	19,873
Total primary government	<u>\$ 4,823,647</u>	<u>\$ 5,821,971</u>	<u>\$ 6,366,548</u>	<u>\$ 7,406,527</u>	<u>\$ 6,115,083</u>

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
\$ 376,399	\$ 521,403	\$ 2,803,571	\$ 5,397,207	\$ 4,447,597
4,913,549	5,427,752	714,538	822,549	742,659
2,625,770	2,894,646	4,889,608	5,219,889	5,028,444
224,940	298,742	5,411,525	8,166,700	11,725,556
-	-	498,132	-	-
245,031	284,368	356,523	330,034	330,843
6,966	2,171	-	-	-
<u>\$ 8,392,655</u>	<u>\$ 9,429,082</u>	<u>\$ 14,673,897</u>	<u>\$ 19,936,379</u>	<u>\$ 22,275,099</u>

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
General Fund:					
Nonspendable	\$ 1,062,500	\$ 1,062,500	\$ 1,062,500	\$ 1,062,500	\$ 1,062,500
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	7,944	33,636
Unassigned	5,560,850	4,349,835	2,178,419	2,064,979	1,887,066
Total General Fund	6,623,350	5,412,335	3,240,919	3,135,423	2,983,202
All Other Governmental Funds:					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	3,356,858	2,712,526	3,072,622	9,951,338	10,287,611
Total All Other Governmental Funds	\$ 9,980,208	\$ 2,712,526	\$ 3,072,622	\$ 9,951,338	\$ 10,287,611

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
\$ 1,062,500	\$ 1,085,942	\$ 1,119,630	\$ 1,232,149	\$ 1,534,590
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
18,038	-	-	-	-
3,919,845	8,137,881	9,473,401	10,714,251	11,203,565
5,000,383	9,223,823	10,593,031	11,946,400	12,738,155
-	-	750	750	-
-	-	153,510	126,456	112,722
6,148,457	5,126,006	12,512,325	21,100,491	28,251,971
\$ 6,148,457	\$ 5,126,006	\$ 12,666,585	\$ 21,227,697	\$ 28,364,693

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 17,069,362	\$ 16,023,684	\$ 16,046,932	\$ 17,030,765	\$ 17,555,620
Licenses and permits	106,994	159,310	144,411	444,301	234,841
Intergovernmental	404,850	403,087	767,432	1,180,292	531,232
Fines and forfeitures	811,335	982,862	1,030,233	1,077,542	1,061,199
Charges for services	3,416,867	4,178,837	4,326,032	4,596,808	4,782,095
Contributions and donations	84,211	97,875	97,876	98,436	228,801
Investment earnings	17,918	22,446	25,365	35,113	187,704
Miscellaneous	785,634	383,475	405,728	413,101	613,019
Total revenues	<u>22,697,171</u>	<u>0 22,251,576</u>	<u>22,844,009</u>	<u>24,876,358</u>	<u>25,194,511</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General government	4,742,394	5,030,339	5,122,856	4,805,515	5,237,925
Public safety	7,874,515	8,174,715	8,638,127	9,205,238	9,512,901
Public works	1,884,262	1,972,746	1,787,425	1,983,345	1,529,875
Judicial	1,545,122	1,464,593	1,590,924	1,653,060	1,673,545
Health and welfare	794,838	242,690	240,572	230,542	139,882
Culture and recreation	1,036,962	1,068,586	1,107,295	1,077,467	1,015,217
Economic opportunity	11,775	11,775	9,813	11,775	7,500
Housing and development	1,526,648	2,992,235	1,907,393	1,684,001	944,759
Intergovernmental	1,265,794	1,145,983	1,231,292	1,221,904	1,582,776
Debt service:					
Principal	1,289,390	1,439,163	1,398,090	1,439,559	836,414
Interest	160,925	99,695	143,409	110,318	306,038
Issuance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	1,420,147	1,943,273	1,503,414	2,030,638	2,405,717
Total expenditures	<u>23,552,772</u>	<u>25,585,793</u>	<u>24,680,610</u>	<u>25,453,362</u>	<u>25,192,549</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(855,601)</u>	<u>(3,334,217)</u>	<u>(1,836,601)</u>	<u>(577,004)</u>	<u>1,962</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	2,181,675	1,573,860	1,642,548	1,416,296	1,664,580
Transfers out	(2,181,675)	(1,573,860)	(1,642,548)	(1,416,296)	(1,664,580)
Bond proceeds	-	-	-	7,000,000	-
Bond premium	-	-	-	364,852	-
Bond issuance costs	-	-	-	(134,425)	-
Proceeds from sale of property	-	68,398	25,281	119,797	-
Insurance proceeds	1,135	6,762	-	-	-
Capital leases issued	-	1,403,710	-	-	182,090
Lease issued	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of debt	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,135</u>	<u>1,478,870</u>	<u>25,281</u>	<u>7,350,224</u>	<u>182,090</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (854,466)</u>	<u>\$ (1,855,347)</u>	<u>\$ (1,811,320)</u>	<u>\$ 6,773,220</u>	<u>\$ 184,052</u>
Debt Service as a percentage of non-capital expenditures	6.70%	7.00%	6.70%	6.80%	5.10%

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
\$ 19,545,942	\$ 22,403,544	\$ 25,983,785	\$ 29,189,174	\$ 30,007,689
278,703	368,624	514,256	833,445	555,105
1,394,406	1,324,380	1,808,679	4,307,254	7,521,497
1,867,207	1,838,156	10,123,615	12,377,112	11,592,226
6,200,352	7,222,302	1,473,319	1,318,669	1,640,276
69,502	357,434	41,635	15,146	15,955
153,801	10,129	7,539	80,890	180,826
687,336	831,902	711,784	1,051,923	887,199
30,197,249	34,356,471	40,664,612	49,173,613	52,400,773
4,560,699	5,002,433	6,368,451	7,252,695	6,441,148
12,068,679	12,774,500	13,512,294	15,668,840	19,144,270
2,442,279	2,422,518	2,950,981	1,850,936	2,254,032
1,653,809	1,678,837	1,780,352	1,970,890	2,101,452
139,882	139,882	147,283	149,045	139,882
1,153,068	1,134,353	1,278,796	1,382,797	1,511,045
12,896	36,977	7,500	7,500	7,500
474,428	648,615	837,156	1,134,134	1,087,187
1,588,886	1,777,837	3,159,186	6,847,677	6,520,938
1,314,441	1,293,915	1,453,571	1,552,397	1,455,630
238,558	263,755	254,354	201,558	154,203
-	-	1,800	2,900	2,900
6,819,519	3,981,860	1,626,918	1,237,763	3,838,632
32,467,144	31,155,482	33,378,642	39,259,132	44,658,819
(2,269,895)	3,200,989	7,285,970	9,914,481	7,741,954
1,665,745	2,695,435	8,159,665	13,128,149	9,580,606
(1,665,745)	(2,695,435)	(8,159,665)	(13,128,149)	(9,580,606)
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1,092,851	-	186,797
147,922	-	-	-	-
147,922	-	1,092,851	-	186,797
\$ (2,121,973)	\$ 3,200,989	\$ 8,378,821	\$ 9,914,481	\$ 7,928,751
6.50%	6.10%	5.65%	4.84%	4.11%

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Assessed Value					Total Taxable Assessed Value
	Real and Personal Property	Motor Vehicle and Mobile Home	Timber	Heavy Timber	Less: Tax Exempt Property	
2015	\$ 619,909,041	\$ 50,809,232	\$ 721,972	\$ 38,343	\$ 101,877,207	\$ 569,601,381
2016	#VALUE!	36,529,990	771,322	29, 200	107,914,303	554,376,241
2017	663,215,395	28,566,707	1,278,109	369,347	105,838,494	587,591,064
2018	674,021,198	24,093,770	1,114,620	157,300	107,392,528	591,994,360
2019	709,617,531	19,802,576	940,779	110,000	109,746,871	620,724,015
2020	791,113,970	15,828,431	1,467,120	271,875	106,145,357	702,536,039
2021	845,839,744	14,539,403	1,999,765	520,247	109,281,621	753,617,538
2022	910,370,492	13,354,752	843,145	425,207	108,490,146	816,503,450
2023	1,039,807,325	11,806,923	2,855,587	265,972	110,555,277	944,180,530
2024	1,266,742,823	12,564,653	324,891	851,411	121,105,672	1,159,378,106

SOURCE:

Butts County Board of Equalization and Assessment

Total Taxable Property		Assessed Value as a Percentage of Estimated Actual Value
Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Value	
14.28	\$ 1,424,003,453	40%
13.71	1,385,940,603	40%
13.21	1,468,977,660	40%
13.21	1,479,985,900	40%
13.21	1,551,810,038	40%
14.21	1,756,340,098	40%
13.96	1,884,043,845	40%
12.96	2,041,258,625	40%
11.96	2,360,451,325	40%
11.46	2,898,445,265	40%

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	General Property	Local Option Sales Tax ("LOST")	Intangible	Cable Franchise	Business Franchise
2015	\$ 8,840,292	\$ 2,568,298	\$ 78,494	\$ 27,060	\$ 23,604
2016	8,266,874	2,314,658	112,023	17,805	12,710
2017	7,759,699	2,522,032	107,806	18,676	26,794
2018	8,662,443	2,527,401	103,787	38,108	26,431
2019	8,602,136	2,736,573	105,577	37,390	26,600
2020	9,726,369	3,030,817	174,377	39,782	36,721
2021	11,601,233	3,309,096	212,270	46,303	33,606
2022	13,293,695	4,170,143	246,446	49,582	66,193
2023	14,642,113	4,835,691	187,124	50,682	79,802
2024	14,225,330	5,090,852	178,934	46,076	366,462

Insurance Premium	Real Estate Transfer	Alcoholic Beverage	Penalties and Interest	Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)	Total
\$ 861,867	\$ 25,574	\$ 109,858	\$ 560,657	\$ 3,973,658	\$ 17,069,362
922,925	39,681	109,270	598,059	3,629,678	16,023,683
982,140	41,461	118,132	514,788	3,955,404	16,046,932
1,051,838	44,333	116,936	560,797	3,898,691	17,030,765
1,134,164	49,926	107,051	512,204	4,243,998	17,555,619
1,217,235	57,857	122,739	484,600	4,655,445	19,545,942
1,294,927	74,757	132,828	598,474	5,100,050	22,403,544
1,344,698	140,353	120,672	620,825	6,505,691	26,558,298
1,445,694	90,984	121,661	769,423	7,578,226	29,801,400
1,550,026	128,951	137,398	754,374	7,529,286	30,007,689

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County direct rates:										
Basic rate	13.28	12.71	12.21	12.21	12.21	13.21	12.96	11.96	10.96	10.46
Hospital	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total direct rate	14.28	13.71	13.21	13.21	13.21	14.21	13.96	12.96	11.96	11.46
Overlapping rates:										
School System	18.90	18.06	17.76	17.22	15.96	15.96	15.09	14.18	13.18	12.68
State of Georgia	0.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total overlapping rate	18.95	18.06	17.76	17.22	15.96	15.96	15.09	14.18	13.18	12.68
Total	33.23	31.77	30.97	30.43	29.17	30.17	29.05	27.14	25.14	24.13

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING SALES TAX RATES LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County direct rates:										
LOST	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
SPLOST	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Overlapping rates:										
School system	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
State of Georgia	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

Taxpayer	Fiscal Year 2024			Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	County Tax Levy	
Georgia Power Company	\$ 44,603,684	1	\$ 1,121,069	3.85%
The Cubes at River Park, LLC	30,979,086	2	778,628	2.67%
Central Georgia EMC	21,335,324	3	536,242	1.84%
Salad Time, LLC	8,732,104	4	207,609	0.75%
Norfolk Southern Corporation	7,340,610	5	184,499	0.63%
William B. Jones	9,341,425	6	183,726	0.81%
Prologics LP	5,616,426	7	141,163	0.48%
River Park Industrial LLC	4,718,616	8	118,598	0.41%
MAS Georgia LFG, LLC	4,676,203	9	117,532	0.40%
American Woodmark Corporation	6,145,317	10	114,672	0.53%
Hyponex	-		-	-
Magnobutt Holdings, LLC	-		-	-
Bellsouth Telecom/AT&T	-		-	-
LKQ of Atlanta	-		-	-
Total	<u>\$ 143,488,795</u>		<u>\$ 3,503,738</u>	<u>12.38%</u>

SOURCE:

Butts County Tax Commissioner's Office

Fiscal Year 2015				
Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	County Tax Levy	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	
\$ 24,436,919	1	\$ 815,729	4.29%	
-		-	-	
10,315,422	2	341,858	1.81%	
5,669,371	5	173,511	1.00%	
9,447,462	3	315,777	1.66%	
4,764,598	6	83,489	0.84%	
-		-	-	
-		-	-	
-		-	-	
3,490,524	7	90,607	0.61%	
5,923,138	4	124,670	1.04%	
3,029,597	8	101,131	0.53%	
2,968,108	9	99,078	0.52%	
2,965,750	10	98,748	0.52%	
<u>\$ 73,010,889</u>		<u>\$ 2,244,598</u>	<u>12.82%</u>	

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Original Levy		Amount	Percentage of Adjusted Levy
2015	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2018	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020	\$ 8,253,392	\$ 7,841,653	95.01%	\$ 254,690	\$ 8,096,343	98.10%
2021	9,743,005	9,309,509	95.55%	300,814	9,610,323	98.64%
2022	10,384,255	9,881,314	95.16%	307,921	10,189,235	98.12%
2023	11,141,799	10,336,326	92.77%	515,744	10,852,070	97.40%
2024	11,641,591	11,275,242	96.85%	-	11,275,242	96.85%

SOURCE:

Butts County Tax Commissioner's Office

Note: Fiscal years 2015 through 2019 were not able to be obtained due to the Tax Commissioner not maintaining those records.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds (1)	Capital Lease Obligations	Financed Purchase Liability	Leases	Total Debt	Percentage of Personal Income (2)	Population (3)	Total Debt Per Capita (2)
2015	\$ 4,906,475	\$ 206,266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,112,741	0.77%	22,788	\$ 224
2016	3,624,174	1,483,663	-	-	5,107,837	0.72%	22,744	225
2017	2,259,455	1,360,573	-	-	3,620,028	0.49%	22,755	159
2018	8,221,093	1,231,014	-	-	9,452,107	1.21%	22,831	414
2019	7,364,852	1,336,690	-	-	8,701,542	1.06%	22,999	378
2020	6,189,043	1,345,980	-	-	7,535,023	0.85%	23,308	323
2021	4,998,234	1,182,065	-	-	6,180,299	0.64%	23,642	261
2022	3,702,420	-	1,009,597	1,075,733	5,787,750	0.54%	24,064	241
2023	2,476,562	-	832,299	875,634	4,184,495	0.38%	25,781	162
2024	1,242,303	-	711,559	927,541	2,881,403	0.24%	26,649	108

NOTES:

Details regarding Butts County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

(1) Presented net of original issuance discounts and premiums.

(2) See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

(3) Bureau of Economic Analysis: Regional Economic Accounts.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds (1)</u>	<u>Less: Amounts Available in Debt Service Fund (2)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value of Property (3)</u>	<u>Bonded Debt Per Capita (4)</u>
2015	\$ 4,906,475	\$ 667,129	\$ 4,239,346	0.30%	\$ 186
2016	3,624,174	581,247	3,042,927	0.22%	134
2017	2,259,455	649,497	1,609,958	0.11%	71
2018	8,221,093	792,482	7,428,611	0.50%	325
2019	7,364,852	786,235	6,578,617	0.42%	286
2020	6,189,043	839,062	5,349,981	0.30%	230
2021	4,998,234	954,666	4,043,568	0.21%	171
2022	3,702,420	1,213,383	2,489,037	0.12%	103
2023	2,476,562	1,278,387	1,198,175	0.05%	46
2024	1,242,303	1,398,546	(156,243)	-0.01%	(6)

NOTES:

Details regarding Butts County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

(1) Presented net of original issuance discounts and premiums.

(2) This is the amount restricted for debt service principal payments.

(3) See the Schedule of Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property for property value data.

(4) See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for population data.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Net Assessed Value	\$ 569,601,381	\$ 554,376,241	\$ 586,987,064	\$ 591,994,360	\$ 567,528,135
Debt limit - 10% of Assessed Value	56,960,138	55,437,624	58,698,706	59,199,436	56,752,814
Net debt applicable to limit	4,906,475	3,624,174	2,259,455	8,221,093	7,364,852
Legal debt margin	<u>\$ 52,053,663</u>	<u>\$ 51,813,450</u>	<u>\$ 56,439,251</u>	<u>\$ 50,978,343</u>	<u>\$ 49,387,962</u>
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	8.61%	6.54%	3.85%	13.89%	12.98%

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
\$ 702,536,039	\$ 736,558,123	\$ 816,503,450	\$ 944,213,257	\$ 1,159,342,993
70,253,604	73,655,812	81,650,345	94,421,326	115,934,299
6,189,043	4,998,234	3,702,420	2,476,562	1,242,303
\$ 64,064,561	\$ 68,657,578	\$ 77,947,925	\$ 91,944,764	\$ 114,691,996
8.81%	6.79%	4.53%	2.62%	1.07%

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2024

Total assessed value	\$ 1,280,483,778
Less exemptions	121,140,785
Total taxable assessed value	1,159,342,993
Debt limit (10% of assessed value)	115,934,299
Debt applicable to limit:	
General obligation bonds	1,242,303
Less: Amount set aside for repayment of general obligation debt	-
Total net debt applicable to limit	1,242,303
Legal debt margin	\$ 114,691,996

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS

CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

Employer	Fiscal Year 2024		Fiscal Year 2015	
	Employees	Rank	Employees	Rank
Dollar General Distribution Center	678	1	N/A	
Ready PAC Foods	587	2	360	5
MasterBrand Cabinets	561	3	N/A	
Butts County Board of Education	502	4	498	3
Central GA EMC	417	5	335	6
Butts County Government	408	6	390	4
American Woodmark	376	7	509	2
Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison	182	8	543	1
Westbury Nursing Home	126	9	93	8
Advance Tabco	120	10	N/A	
WellStar Sylvan Grove Hospital	117		88	9
LKQ Corporation	79		N/A	
Scotts Miracle Grow	78		N/A	
Trucks Inc	66		156	7
	4,297		2,972	

SOURCE:

Butts County Development Authority

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Population (1)	Per Capita Income (1)	Personal Income	Unemployment Rate (2)
2015	22,744	\$ 29	667,630	6.90%
2016	22,755	31	712,717	5.80%
2017	22,831	32	734,963	5.00%
2018	22,999	34	783,013	4.50%
2019	23,308	35	823,815	3.80%
2020	23,643	37	884,603	8.10%
2021	24,064	40	961,449	4.00%
2022	25,781	42	1,077,266	3.10%
2023	26,649	42	1,109,543	3.20%
2024	27,029	44	1,196,842	2.90%

Source:

(1) U.S. Census Bureau

(2) State Department of Labor unemployment rate of the County (not seasonally adjusted)

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Government										
Board of Commissioners	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Elections	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Administration	5	6	5	6	6	6	7	8	9	9
Tax Commissioners	4	4	5	6	5	5	5	6	6	6
Tax Assessor	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6
Building Maintenance	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	5
Judicial										
Superior Court	4	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5
Magistrate Court	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
Probate Court	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	5
Juvenile Court	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sheriff										
Law Enforcement	49	54	60	63	61	60	60	60	63	67
Jail	29	33	30	39	39	44	43	43	44	44
Aminal Control	2	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	5	5
Other Public Safety										
Fire Department/EMS	36	36	32	31	33	37	41	47	47	47
Coroner	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
E-911	13	13	11	14	14	14	14	14	16	14
Public works	24	24	23	21	20	20	20	20	20	20
Code enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
Other Departments										
Recreation	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	9	9
Senior Center	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Library	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
County Extension	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Planning & Development	10	8	9	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
IDA	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Funds	223	230	225	235	231	239	243	255	266	269

SOURCE:

Human Resources Department

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Government										
Building Permits - Commercial	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	10	7	123	86	201
Building Permits - Residential	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	105	173	101	306	326	70
Public Safety										
Sheriff:										
Physical arrests	621	733	1,045	999	1,097	650	973	1,715	1,531	3,038
Traffic violations	4,933	4,656	6,060	3,216	4,599	4,939	3,865	4,098	3,593	3,561
Fire District:										
Fires Extinguished										
Structures	24	25	22	27	24	20	18	30	27	50
Vehicles	31	28	39	25	21	12	16	31	28	51
Brush	76	81	71	74	54	35	14	133	55	127
Calls for Service	79	85	74	88	64	40	383	345	510	1,017
EMS:										
Medical Responses	2,951	2,832	3,331	2,950	3,045	3,710	3,511	4,645	4,201	4,980
E-911:										
Calls for Service	24,489	29,889	37,625	39,624	36,678	34,252	34,981	32,396	30,550	30,339
Public Works										
County Roads (miles)	319.10	319.10	320.70	320.70	320.70	320.70	323.06	323.06	323.06	323
SOURCE:										
Various County departments										

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Public Safety										
Sheriff:										
Patrol units	45	45	49	46	45	47	47	37	35	41
Fire District:										
Fire stations	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Fire trucks	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Fire aerial trucks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
EMS:										
Ambulances	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	7
Public Works										
County roads (paved miles)	226	228	229	229	229	232	229	229	231	232
County roads (gravel miles)	93	91	91	91	91	89	94	94	92	91

SOURCE:

Various County departments.

IV. COMPLIANCE SECTION

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

**To the Board of Commissioners
of Butts County, Georgia
Jackson, Georgia**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Butts County, Georgia (the "County") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2025. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Butts County Board of Health, as described in our report of the County's financial statements. The report does not include the results of the other auditors testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by that auditor.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2024-002 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as 2024-001.

Butts County, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of This Report

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Macon, Georgia
March 31, 2025



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Commissioners
of Butts County, Georgia
Jackson, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited the **Butts County, Georgia's** (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal programs. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

Macon, Georgia
March 31, 2025

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	AL Number	Contract or Project Number	Total Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY				
Direct Award:				
COVID-19-Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	N/A	\$ 15,175	\$ -
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032	N/A	50,000	-
Passed through Georgia Office of Planning and Budget:				
COVID-19 SLRF - Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities-ARPA Grant	21.027	N/A	2,446,418	-
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			2,511,593	-
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				
Passed through Georgia Emergency Management Agency:				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance				
(Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4685-GA	36,589	-
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	N/A	187,662	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			224,251	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 2,735,844	\$ -

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Butts County, Georgia (the "County") and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

NOTE 2. DE MINIMIS COST RATE

The County elected not to use the 10% de minimis cost rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 3. NON-CASH AWARDS

There were no federal awards expended in the form of noncash assistance during the fiscal year. There were also no loans or loan guarantees outstanding at year-end.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

SECTION I SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:
Material weaknesses identified?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?

☐ Yes ☒ None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:
Material weaknesses identified?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?

☐ Yes ☒ None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs.

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Identification of major program:

AL Number

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

21.027

U.S. Department of the Treasury:
COVID-19 – Coronavirus State and Local
Fiscal Recovery Fund

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

SECTION I SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between
Type A and Type B programs:

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2024-001 – Tax Commissioner (Repeat Finding)

Criteria: Tax Commissioners are required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (“O.C.G.A.”) §48-5-141 to remit all taxes collected by them every two weeks in counties with a population under 30,000.

Condition: During the current year, the Tax Commissioner did not properly distribute tax collections to the County as required by state law.

Context: We addressed the matter with the County to determine the appropriate amounts to record as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Effects: Tax collections were not remitted to the County in a timely manner.

Cause: There was a lack of appropriate controls at the Tax Commissioner’s office during the fiscal year to ensure proper distributions as required by state law.

Recommendation: We recommend the Tax Commissioner implement controls to ensure tax collections are distributed as required by state law.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur with the finding. We will continue to review and improve policies and procedures in an effort to eliminate errors and identify deficiencies from both operational and financial perspectives

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

2024-002 – Tax Commissioner General Accounting Matters/Close-Out Procedures

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure that all amounts reported within the financial statements are accurate, appropriately reported in the correct period and in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards in the United States of America and have been properly reconciled with subsidiary ledgers.

Condition: During our audit of the Tax Commissioner, we noted accounting, reporting and reconciling not being properly performed and reviewed consistently during the fiscal year which required a significant effort to close the Commissioner's 2024 fiscal year. Specifically, we noted a lack of timely and accurate financial and non-financial information needed:

- to properly review bank reconciliations;
- to properly maintain the accounts payable on a periodic basis throughout the year;
- to close-out and report activities, events and transactions on a periodic basis.

Further we noted that there is not appropriate segregation of duties among recording, distribution, and reconciliation of cash accounts.

Context: We addressed the matter with the Commissioner officials who were able to provide all respective details and reconciliations as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Effects: The ultimate effect of the above condition is the potential for errors and irregularities to occur and not be detected and corrected in a timely manner.

Cause: There was a lack of appropriate controls implemented at the Commissioner during the fiscal year to properly maintain financial and non-financial information and to properly close out the year-end.

Recommendation: We recommend the Tax Commissioner's Office to look at the respective staffing of the accounting function and determine if an adequate number of qualified people are currently available to address the conditions. The Tax Commissioner's Office also should consider and evaluate its strengths and weaknesses relative to the accounting function and take measures to address the concerns noted above with a goal of providing timely recording, reconciling and reporting of County operations and financial and nonfinancial activities. In addition, we recommend the Tax Commissioner's Office provide monthly trial balances and support schedules to the County's Finance Department for their review and approval. We further recommend the Tax Commissioner's Office consider reinvesting in its accounting personnel by providing better technical education and training via participation in continuing education governmental accounting and financial reporting programs which are constantly available in the general geographic area of the County. Once certain levels of technical proficiency are observed by management, we further encourage the Tax Commissioner's Office to better cross-train the accounting personnel in an effort to make the accounting function a stronger and more capable accounting and finance department.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2024-002 – Tax Commissioner General Accounting Matters/Close-Out Procedures (Continued)

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur with the finding. The Tax Commissioner's Office is in the process of implementing procedures to resolve these issues.

SECTION III FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None noted.

BUTTS COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

2023-001 – Tax Commissioner

Criteria: Tax Commissioners are required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (“O.C.G.A.”) §48-5-141 to remit all taxes collected by them every two weeks in counties with a population under 30,000.

Condition: During the current year, the Tax Commissioner did not properly distribute tax collections to the County as required by state law.

Status: Unresolved. See finding 2024-001

2023-002 – Segregation of Duties – Elected Officials

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place which provide reasonable assurance that an individual cannot misappropriate funds without such actions being detected during the normal course of business.

Condition: There is not appropriate segregation of duties among recording, distribution, and reconciliation of cash accounts and other operational functions at several constitutional offices.

- Sheriff's Office – one individual with the authority to prepare deposits also collects money received, deposits cash at the bank and prepares checks for signature.
- Tax Commissioner Office – one individual with the authority to prepare checks also signs checks. In addition, we noted no independent review of the reconciled bank statements.

Status: Unresolved. See finding 2024-002



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**MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

2024-001 Tax Commissioner

***Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the
Corrective Action Plan:*** Rhonda Blissit, Chief Financial
Officer

Corrective Action Plan: We concur. We will do the best we
can to comply with the number of employees that we have.

Anticipated Completion Date: June 30, 2025

**2023-002 Tax Commissioner General Accounting/Close-Out
Procedures**

***Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the
Corrective Action Plan:*** Rhonda Blissit, Chief Financial
Officer

Corrective Action Plan: We concur. We will do the best we
can to comply with the number of employees that we have.

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