CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Year Ended September 30, 2017

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FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Catoosa County, Georgia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Catoosa County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We did not audit the financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component unit, which is 100% of the assets, net position and revenues of the component unit activities.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Catoosa County Health Department, which represents 100% of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component unit. 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 the Catoosa County Health Department, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for Catoosa County, Georgia, as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages vii – xviii, the general fund schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – budget and actual on pages 43 - 47 and the development authority schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – budget and actual on page 48 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Catoosa County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, agency funds financial statement, and financial 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 federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, agency fund financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by us and other auditors. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, and the report of the other auditors, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, agency fund

financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2018, on our consideration of Catoosa County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Catoosa County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Johnson, Weikey & Meuchen, P.C.

March 27, 2018

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Catoosa County, Georgia Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Management's discussion and analysis provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the Government's financial activities. The analysis provides summary financial information for Catoosa County and should be read in conjunction with the Government's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Government's basic financial statements comprise three components; (1) Government-wide financial statements, (2) Fund financial statements, and (3) Notes to the financial statements. The Government-wide financial statements present an overall picture of the Government's financial position and results of operations. The Fund financial statements present financial information for the Government's major funds. The Notes to the financial statements provide additional information concerning the Government's finances that are not disclosed in the Government-wide or Fund financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

The Government-wide financial statements are the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements use accounting methods like those used by private-sector companies. Emphasis is placed on the net position of governmental activities and business-type activities and the change in net position Governmental Activities are primarily supported by property taxes, sales taxes, other taxes, federal and state grants, fines, and charges for services. Business-type activities are supported by charges to the users of those activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all assets and liabilities of the Government, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net position. Net position is reported in four categories: (1) net investment in capital assets (2) assigned, (3) restricted and (4) unrestricted. Assets, liabilities, and net position is reported for all Governmental activities separate from the assets, liabilities and net position of Business-type activities. In addition, assets, liabilities, and net position is reported for the Catoosa County Health Department which is considered a component unit of the Government.

The Statement of Activities presents information on all revenues and expenses of the Government and the change in net position. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are reported, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the Government. To assist in understanding the Government's operations, expenses have been reported as governmental activities or business-type activities. Governmental activities financed by the Government include public safety, judicial, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and general government services. Business-type activities financed by user charges include storm water and solid waste collections. Again, expenses and revenues of the component unit are reported separately from the primary Government's financial information.

Fund financial statements present financial information for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. These statements provide financial information for the major funds of Catoosa County. Governmental fund financial statements provide information on the current assets and liabilities of the funds, changes in current financial resources (revenues and expenditures), and current available resources. The proprietary funds financial statements provide information on all assets and

liabilities of the funds, changes in the economic resources (revenues and expenses), and total economic resources. The statement of fiduciary net position provides information concerning assets held in trust by the Government on behalf of others.

Fund financial statements include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for all governmental funds. A schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual, is provided as required supplementary information for the Government's General Fund. For the proprietary funds a statement of net position; a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position; and a statement of cash flows are presented. A statement of fiduciary changes in assets and liabilities is presented for the Government's agency funds. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Government's activities. Individual funds are established to track revenues that are restricted to certain uses, comply with legal requirements, or account for the use of state and federal grants.

The Government-wide financial statements and the Fund financial statements provide different pictures of the Government. The Government-wide financial statements provide an overall picture of the Government's financial standing, split between Governmental Activities and Business-type Activities. These statements are comparable to private-sector companies and give a good understanding of the Government's overall financial health and how the Government paid for the various activities, or All assets including land, buildings, equipment and functions, provided by the Government. infrastructure (which include storm water systems, roads, bridges, traffic signals, etc.) are reported in the Statement of Net Position. All liabilities, including principal outstanding on bonds, capital leases, and future employee benefits obligated but not paid by the Government are reported in the Statement of Net Position. Transactions between the different functions of the Government, however, have been eliminated to avoid a duplication of the revenues and expenses. The Fund financial statements provide a picture of the major funds and a column for all non-major funds. governmental activities, outlays for long lived assets are reported as expenditures, and long-term liabilities, such as general obligation bonds, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the Fund financial statements to the Government-wide financial statements, reconciliation is provided from the Fund financial statements to the Government-wide financial statements.

The *Notes to the financial statements* provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the Government. Additional information about the accounting practices of the Government; investments of the Government, long-term debt, and the pension plan are some of the items included in the Notes. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 13 to 40 of this report.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Catoosa County's total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$444.1 million (net position). Total net assets for governmental activities were \$448.2 million; total net assets for business-type activities were a deficit in the amount of \$4.1 million.

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA NET POSITION (\$ in Millions) Fiscal Years 2017 and 2016

Total

	Governr <u>Activi</u>		Busine: Activ	ss-type vities	Primary Government		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	
Current and Other Assets	\$ 26.4	\$ 23.8	\$ (1.3)	\$ (1.4)	\$ 25.1	\$ 22.4	
Capital Assets	429.3	440.4	3.6	3.9	432.9	444.3	
Total Assets	455.7	464.2	2.3	2.5	458.0	466.7	
Long-term Liabilities	3.1	2.6	6.4	6.0	9.5	8.6	
Other Liabilities	4.3	7.5		0.3	4.3	7.8	
Total Liabilities	7.4	10.1	6.4	6.3	13.8	16.4	
Deferred revenue							
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources							
Net Position							
Net Investment in Capital Asssets	424.9	436.5	3.6	3.9	428.5	440.4	
Assigned Restricted	14.5	12.4	-	-	- 14.5	- 12.4	
Unrestricted	8.8	5.2	(7.7)	(7.7)	14.5	(2.5)	

\$454.1

\$ (4.1) \$ (3.8)

\$444.1

\$450.3

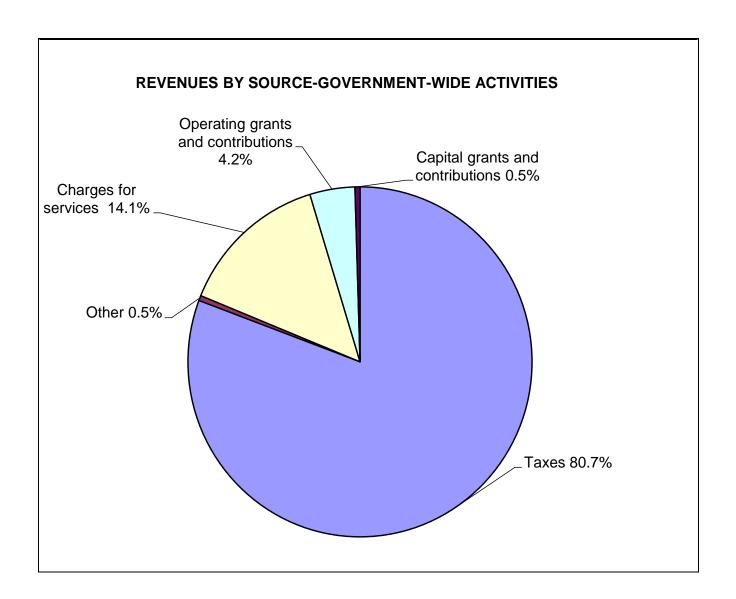
Total Net Position

The Government's financial position declined during Fiscal 2017. Total net position declined by \$6.2 million, with \$5.9 million of the decrease from governmental activities and \$287 thousand business-type activities. The decrease in the assets of \$8.7 million is due to a decrease in capital assets of \$11.4 million partially offset by an increase in current and other assets of \$2.7 million. The decrease in capital assets is the result of depreciation of \$12.8 million partially offset by increases for capital additions of \$1.4 million. The increase in current and other assets is the result of an increase of \$1.6 million in land held for resale, an increase of \$716 thousand in cash and cash equivalents, an increase of \$358 thousand in the receivable due from other governmental entities and an increase of \$131 thousand in other taxes receivable partially offset by decreases of \$81 thousand in prepaid expenses and \$21 thousand in property taxes receivable. Liabilities decreased \$2.6 million with a decrease of \$3.5 million in tax anticipation note and a decrease of \$326 thousand in long-term liabilities due within one year partially offset by an increase of \$916 thousand in long-term liabilities due in more than one year and an increase of \$309 thousand in accounts payable. Net capital assets in the amount of \$428.5 million comprised the bulk of the net assets of the County. This includes land, buildings, equipment, capital improvements, infrastructure as well as assets currently under construction. Restricted net assets in the amount of \$14.5 million are comprised of \$14.1 million for SPLOST, \$377 thousand for Public Safety which includes Confiscated Assets Fund and DATE Fund. The positive balance in unrestricted net assets of \$1.1 million is composed of a positive balance of \$8.8 million in governmental activities, mainly the General Fund reserve balance, and a negative of \$7.7 million in the business-type activities due to the negative fund equity in the Solid Waste Management Authority because of accrued landfill post closure care costs in the amount of \$6.4 million and a liability of \$1.3 million for the construction of the landfill gas to energy project.

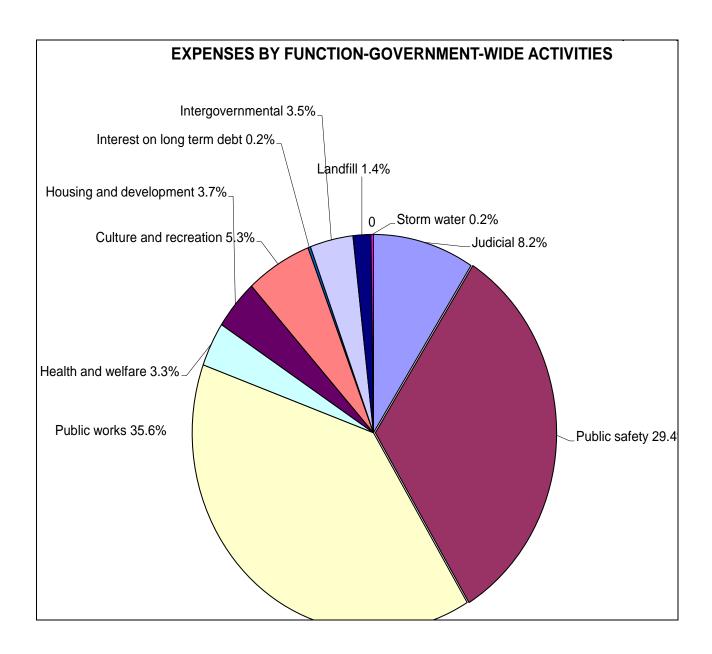
CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA CHANGES IN NET POSITION (\$ in Millions) Fiscal Years 2017 and 2016

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	Governmental Business-type <u>Activities</u> <u>Activities</u>						Total Primary <u>Government</u>						
	<u>20</u>	<u> 17</u>	<u>2(</u>	<u>)16</u>	201	<u> 7</u>	<u>2</u> (<u>016</u>	<u>2017</u>		<u>2</u> (<u>016</u>	
Revenues:													
Program revenues:													
Charges for services	\$	5.5	\$	5.1	\$ 0	.5	\$	0.5	\$ 6.	0	\$	5.6	
Operating grants and contributions		1.8		2.1		-		-	1.	8		2.1	
Capital grants and contributions		0.2		-		-		-	0.	2		-	
General revenues:													
Property taxes	•	13.1		11.7		-		-	13.	1		11.7	
Special local option sales tax		9.9		9.6		-		-	9.	9		9.6	
Local option sales tax		6.9		6.8		-		-	6.	9		6.8	
Insurance premium tax		2.9		2.7		-		-	2.	9		2.7	
Federal payments in lieu of taxes		0.4		0.5		-		-	0.	4		0.5	
Other taxes		0.7		0.7		-		-	0.	7		0.7	
Franchise fees		0.4		0.4		-		-	0.	4		0.4	
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets		-		0.2		-		-	-			0.2	
Other		0.2		2.3		-		-	0.	2		2.3	
Total revenues		42.0		42.1	0	.5		0.5	42.	5		42.6	
Expenses:													
General government		4.5		4.6		-		-	4.	5		4.6	
Judicial		4.0		3.5		-		-	4.	0		3.5	
Public safety	•	14.3		14.3		-		-	14.	3		14.3	
Public works	•	17.3		22.4		-		-	17.	3		22.4	
Health and welfare		1.6		1.7		-		-	1.	6		1.7	
Housing and development		1.8		0.9		-		-	1.	8		0.9	
Culture and recreation		2.6		2.5		-		-	2.	6		2.5	
Interest on long term debt		0.1		0.1		-		-	0.	1		0.1	
Intergovernmental		1.7		1.9		-		-	1.	7		1.9	
Landfill		-		-	C	.7		0.4	0.	7		0.4	
Storm water		-		-	C	.1		0.1	0.	1		0.1	
Total expenses	4	47.9		51.9	C	8.		0.5	48.	7		52.4	
Change in net position before transfers		(5.9)		(9.8)	(C	.3)		-	(6.	2)		(9.8)	
Change in net position		(5.9)		(9.8)	(C	.3)		-	(6.	2)		(9.8)	
Beginning net position		54.1	4	63.9		3.8)		(3.8)	450.	•	4	60.1	
Ending net position	\$ 44	48.2	\$4	54.1	\$ (4	.1) ′	\$	(3.8)	\$ 444.	1	\$ 4	50.3	

Total government-wide revenues for 2017 were \$42.5 million, a decrease of \$115 thousand from \$42.6 million in 2016. The reduction was the result of a \$2.1 million decrease in other due to a \$2.3 million discount in prior year related to the settlement of the financial guarantee for the Hutcheson line of credit with Erlanger partially offset by a \$116 thousand increase in insurance proceeds, a reduction of \$352 thousand operating grants and contributions and a reduction of \$159 thousand on gain on sale of capital assets. The decreases were partially offset by increases of \$1.4 million in property taxes, \$366 thousand charges for services, \$245 thousand special local option sales tax, \$172 thousand local option sales tax, \$173 thousand insurance proceeds, \$165 thousand capital grants and contributions and \$53 thousand other taxes. The revenues are distributed by the following sources: \$34.3 million in taxes, \$6.0 million in charges for services, \$1.8 million in operating grants and contributions, \$254 thousand other and \$178 thousand capital grants. Of this amount \$42.0 million was in governmental activities and \$472 thousand was in business type activities. The chart below shows graphically the distribution of government-wide revenues by source.



Government-wide expenses were \$48.7 million for 2017, a decrease of \$3.7 million from \$52.4 million for 2016. The decrease was the result of reductions in public works \$5.1 million, intergovernmental \$226 thousand, general government \$79 thousand, health and welfare \$46 thousand and interest \$12 thousand. The decrease in public works was due an increase in prior year SPLOST Funded expenditures on capital projects due to closing out 2004 and 2009 SPLOST sewer projects and starting 2014 SPLOST cycle projects after sufficient funds had been collected. The decreases were partially offset by increases in housing and development \$853 thousand, judicial \$480 thousand, landfill services \$247 thousand, culture and recreation \$87 thousand and public safety \$83 thousand. Of the total expenses, \$47.9 million were for governmental activities and \$760 thousand for business-type activities. The following chart shows graphically further detail of government-wide expenses by function.



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Major Governmental Funds

The focus of the County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. Unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

Revenues in the governmental funds were \$41.8 million, an increase of \$2.2 million from \$39.6 million in 2016. The increase was the result of an increase in the General Fund of \$2.3 million; partially offset by decreases in Other Governmental Funds \$84 thousand and SPLOST Capital Projects \$27 thousand. The increase in the General Fund was due to increases in taxes \$1.8 million, fines, fees and forfeitures \$212 thousand, charges for services \$211 thousand, intergovernmental \$166 thousand; partially offset by a decrease of 44 thousand in other.

Expenditures in the governmental funds were \$38.9 million, a decrease of \$3.8 million from \$42.7 million in 2016. The decrease was the result of decreases in SPLOST Capital Projects of \$5.8 million and Other Governmental Funds \$402 thousand; partially offset by increases in the Development Authority of \$1.6 million and General Fund \$859 thousand. The decrease in SPLOST Capital Projects was due to reductions in public works of \$5.2 million, capital outlay \$254 thousand, intergovernmental \$226 thousand, public safety \$49 thousand and general government \$35 thousand. The decrease in Other Governmental Funds was due to reductions in capital outlays of \$335 thousand, public safety \$149 thousand, health and welfare \$45 thousand; partially offset by increases in public works of \$60 thousand, culture and recreation \$40 thousand and judicial \$27 thousand. The increase in the Development Authority was due to increases in housing and development of \$791 thousand and debt service \$791 thousand. The increase in the General Fund was due to increases in judicial of \$388 thousand, public safety \$225 thousand, health and welfare \$162 thousand, culture and recreation \$62 thousand and public works \$22 thousand.

Other financing sources and uses were favorable, a source of funds of \$2.8 million, an improvement of \$29 thousand from a source of funds of \$2.8 million in 2016. The increase was the result of increases in proceeds from long-term debt of \$324 thousand and insurance proceeds of \$116 thousand; partially offset by a decrease in proceeds from sale of assets of \$411 thousand.

As the County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$23.8 million an increase of \$5.7 million from \$18.1 million in 2016. The General Fund, which is the chief operating fund of the County increased \$2.6 million, SPLOST Capital Projects Fund increased \$2.0 million, Development Authority increased \$1.1 million and Other Governmental Funds decreased \$7 thousand.

Major Proprietary Funds

The County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Operating revenues in business type activities were \$460 thousand, an increase of \$3 thousand from \$457 thousand in 2016. The increase was due to an increase in fees.

Operating expenses in business-type activities were \$760 thousand, an increase of \$240 thousand from \$520 thousand in 2016. The increase is due primarily to a prior year reduction of \$237 thousand in the estimated post closure care cost due to the practice in prior years of discounting each year the remaining estimated cost liability. Federal regulations governing post closure financial assurance, which Georgia has now adopted by reference, does not allow for the reduction in years. The cost should always be that required for 30 years of maintenance regardless of how many years the site has been closed. The facilities that had been getting cost reductions each year will not be required to go back to 30 years, but will no longer continue getting reductions.

The proprietary funds reported a reduction in net position of \$287 thousand for the period ended 2017.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Actual revenues and other financing sources exceeded budgeted revenues and other financing sources \$1.3 million. The excess of actual revenues and other financing sources over budget revenues and other financing sources was: property taxes \$203 thousand, other taxes \$311 thousand, charges for current services \$223 thousand, intergovernmental \$42 thousand, other revenue \$156 thousand, fines, fees and forfeitures \$106 thousand, investment earnings \$39 thousand, other \$103 thousand and other financing sources \$132 thousand

Budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures \$1.3 million. The excess of budgeted expenditures over actual expenditures were primarily due to the following expenditure categories where budgeted exceeded actual: judicial \$151 thousand, general government \$305 thousand, public safety \$487 thousand, public works \$218 thousand, health and welfare \$12 thousand, housing and development \$85 thousand and culture and recreation \$74 thousand. The favorable variances were fairly distributed over all functions as the effort continues to control expenditures.

General fund operations for 2017 resulted in a fund balance of \$9.7 million, an increase of \$2.6 million from \$7.1 million in 2016. The \$2.6 million increase is the result of the excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses.

CAPITAL ASSETS ACTIVITY

Investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, of the primary government decreased \$11,046,732. Beginning balance was \$444,270,295, plus current year additions of \$1,361,507, less current year depreciation of \$12,758,519, less net dispositions and reclassifications of \$6,696, resulted in an ending balance of \$432,866,587. The CIP additions in the amount of \$190 thousand includes expenditures for trans-aid two buses \$81 thousand, firing range \$54 thousand, 911 equipment upgrade \$33 thousand, Fire Station # 3 renovations \$9 thousand, sheriff lobby renovations \$8 thousand, and Jack Mattox renovations \$5 thousand. Land improvements in the amount of \$88 thousand includes Courthouse communications and IT consolidation. The vehicle purchases in the amount of \$666 thousand includes twelve vehicles for the Sheriff Department \$350 thousand, two buses for Public Transportation \$90 thousand, two pickups Animal Control \$63 thousand, two pickups Building Inspection \$47 thousand, one explorer Emergency Management \$39, one pickup Public Buildings \$27 thousand, one explorer Tax Assessor \$26 thousand and one pickup Public Works \$24 thousand. The equipment purchases in the amount of \$418 thousand includes turnout gear, jaws of life, special operations trailer, thermal imaging equipment and other items for Fire and Rescue of \$130 thousand, air compressor, forklift brake lathe, tire balancer, two post lift and a four post lift for Garage \$110 thousand, bobcat, heavy equipment trailer and other items of road equipment for Public Works \$102 thousand, genie lift for Public Buildings \$14 thousand, methane gas tester and flowmeter Solid Waste Management \$13 thousand, zero turn mower for Recreation \$11 thousand, six heart start AEDs, two color copies, various items of computer equipment and other items of office equipment for General Government \$38 thousand. Dispositions in the amount of \$808 thousand included vehicles in the amount of \$666 thousand all were fully depreciated except for one with a NBV of \$7 thousand included equipment in the amount of \$142 thousand all was fully depreciated with a NBV of zero. Most capital additions were funded by Capital Project Grants, SPLOST, J.C.S.A. or Confiscated Asset Funds. Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note (5) on pages 25 to 28 of this report.

A summary of activity in capital assets, net of depreciation, of the primary government for the year ended September 30, 2017, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Α	dditions	D	epreciation	spositions Reclass		Ending Balance
Land CIP	\$ 6,146,358 418,981	\$	- 190,097	\$	-	\$ - (382,444)	\$	6,146,358 226,634
Land Improvements Infrastructure	6,462,924 402,130,828		87,605 -		462,448 10,355,666	292,438		6,380,519 391,775,162
Buildings	24,999,645		-		508,659			24,490,986
Equipment, vehicles, furniture &								
fixtures	 4,111,559	•	1,083,805		1,431,746	83,310	_	3,846,928
	\$ 444,270,295	\$	1,361,507	\$	12,758,519	\$ (6,696)	\$	432,866,587

THE GOVERNMENT'S DEBT

The bonds payable of the Catoosa County Development Authority consists of tax exempt revenue bond Series 2014A \$1,003,600 and taxable revenue bond Series 2014B \$1,557,600. Notes payable of the Catoosa County Development Authority to Financial Corporation of North Georgia, LLC, original borrowings of \$1,704,923, payable on or before November 15, 2019 and \$105,841 payable on or before October 21, 2019, both notes with no interest. The post closure obligations are \$1,816,774 for Site #1 and \$4,606,094 for Site #2 which is The Georgia Environmental Protection Division estimate of the future liability for the next seventeen to twenty-three years respectively. The compensated absences represent the cumulative and vesting for unpaid employee vacation and sick leave. Additional information on the county's debt can be found in Note (7) on pages 29 to 33 of this report.

A summary of activity in long-term debt of the primary government for the year ended September 30, 2017, is as follows:

	 Beginning Balance	 Additions	R	etirements	Ending Balance
Capital lease obligations	\$ 47,209	\$ -	\$	(47,209)	\$ -
Bonds payable	3,841,800	-		(1,280,600)	2,561,200
Notes payable		2,626,212		(815,448)	1,810,764
Landfill closure /				,	
Postclosure obligation	6,340,442	82,426		-	6,422,868
Compensated absences	 635,040	24,187			659,227
	\$ 10,864,491	\$ 2,732,825	\$	(2,143,257)	\$ 11,454,059

STATUS OF THE CATOOSA COUNTY ECONOMY

Retail sales taxes for the fiscal year 2017 were up \$172 thousand, or 2.6% compared to fiscal year 2016. The net digest for real, personal, mobile home, timber and equipment is up \$98.8 million, or 6.55% for 2017 over 2016.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This report was prepared by the Finance Department of Catoosa County and is designed to present a general overview of the County's accountability. Questions concerning this report or requests for additional information can be obtained by contacting the Chief Financial Officer at carl.henson@catoosa.com or at the following address and telephone number:

Catoosa County Government Finance Department 800 Lafayette Street Ringgold, Ga. 30736 706-965-2500 The Catoosa County Health Department, a component unit of Catoosa County, issues separately audited financial statements. Requests for additional information may be directed to:

Catoosa County Health Department Finance Office P.O. Box 609 Lafayette, Ga. 30728 706-638-5577

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	-	Governmental Activities	Е	Business-Type Activities		Total		Component Units
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents								
Available	\$	19,634,773	\$	-	\$	19,634,773	\$	1,662,871
Restricted for specific use		348,541		-		348,541		-
Investments		11,578		-		11,578		-
Due from other funds		1,312,329		(1,312,329)		-		-
Due from other governmental entities		1,818,236		-		1,818,236		157,409
Property taxes receivable		206,048		-		206,048		-
Other taxes receivable		846,858		-		846,858		-
Accounts receivable		-		-		-		511
Prepaid expenses		343,345		-		343,345		-
Prepaid supplies		42,443		-		42,443		25,616
Land held for resale		1,810,764		-		1,810,764		· -
Land and other nondepreciable assets		4,603,855		1,769,137		6,372,992		-
Other capital assets, net		424,675,551		1,818,044		426,493,595		4,289
Total assets	\$	455,654,321	\$	2,274,852	\$	457,929,173	\$	1,850,696
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Employer pension contributions	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	\$	287,374
Employer pension contributions	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	201,571
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	287,374
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	2,281,537	\$	2,004	\$	2,283,541	\$	1,448
Due to heirs, litigants and others		65,520		-		65,520		-
Due to other governments		-		-		-		44,162
Long-term liabilities								
Due within one year		1,939,827		-		1,939,827		3,611
Due in more than one year		3,091,364		6,422,868		9,514,232		1,370,025
Total liabilities	\$	7,378,248	\$	6,424,872	\$	13,803,120	\$	1,419,246
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Deferred revenue	\$	43,806	\$	_	\$	43,806	\$	-
Earnings on pension plan investments	-	<u> </u>				<u> </u>		81,627
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$	43,806	\$	-	\$	43,806	\$	81,627
		,	-		-	,	*	
NET POSITION								
Net investment in capital assets	\$	424,907,442	\$	3,587,181	\$	428,494,623	\$	4,289
Restricted for								
Capital projects		14,083,178		-		14,083,178		-
Public safety		377,112		-		377,112		-
Health and welfare		3,190		-		3,190		-
Unrestricted		8,861,345		(7,737,201)		1,124,144		632,908
Total net position	\$	448,232,267	\$	(4,150,020)	\$	444,082,247	\$	637,197

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

				Program Revenues					
					·		Primary Government		
Functions/Programs		Expenses	Charges for Service	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Component Units
	-	Expenses	ior service	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	1 Otal	Units
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT									
Governmental activities Judicial	\$	4,006,046 \$	1,362,800	\$ 99,066 \$	- 5	(2,544,180) \$	- S	(2,544,180)	:
General government	ş	4,537,984	944,844	41,273	, - ;	(3,551,867)	- 3	(3,551,867)	, -
Public safety		14,348,959	1,914,333	65,268		(12,369,358)		(12,369,358)	
Public works		17,300,730	-,,,,,,,,,	757,286	_	(16,543,444)	_	(16,543,444)	_
Health and welfare		1,606,574	46,572	653,294	162,011	(744,697)	_	(744,697)	_
Housing and development		1,784,299	542,160	-	-	(1,242,139)	_	(1,242,139)	_
Culture and recreation		2,560,565	682,989	168,366	16,034	(1,693,176)	_	(1,693,176)	_
Intergovernmental		1,678,106	· -	· -	· -	(1,678,106)	-	(1,678,106)	-
Interest		75,244				(75,244)		(75,244)	
Total governmental activities		47,898,507	5,493,698	1,784,553	178,045	(40,442,211)		(40,442,211)	<u>-</u>
Business-type activities									
Landfill services		686,786	431,530				(255,256)	(255,256)	-
Stormwater management		72,806	28,040				(44,766)	(44,766)	
Total business-type activities		759,592	459,570		<u> </u>		(300,022)	(300,022)	
Total primary government		48,658,099	5,953,268	1,784,553	178,045	(40,442,211)	(300,022)	(40,742,233)	
COMPONENT UNITS									
Health Department		1,387,773	478,480	645,072	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	(264,221)
Total component units	<u>\$</u>	1,387,773 \$	478,480	\$ 645,072		<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	(264,221)
				GENERAL REVENUES					
				Property taxes		13,059,379	-	13,059,379	-
				Special local option sales	tax	9,878,460	-	9,878,460	-
				Local option sales tax		6,920,763	-	6,920,763	-
				Insurance premium tax		2,867,613	-	2,867,613	-
				Federal payments in lieu of	of taxes	444,919	-	444,919	-
				Other taxes		729,846	-	729,846	-
				Franchise fees		372,606	-	372,606	-
				Interest		49,575	-	49,575	15,109
				Gain (loss) on sale of cap	ital assets	26,042	-	26,042	-
				Insurance proceeds		133,154	-	133,154	404 200
				Other	-	32,849		32,849	486,290
				Total general r		34,515,206	12,821	34,515,206 12,821	501,399
			,		-				
				Change in net	position _	(5,927,005)	(287,201)	(6,214,206)	237,178
				NET POSITION Beginning		454,159,272	(3,862,819)	450,296,453	451,211
				Prior period adjustment		734,137,472	(3,002,019)	+30,270,433	(51,192)
				Prior period adjustment Beginning, restated	-	454,159,272	(3,862,819)	450,296,453	400,019
				Ending	-	\$ 448,232,267 \$	(4,150,020) \$	444,082,247	637,197
				-	-		· · · · · · · ·		-

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.)

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	General Fund	Development Authority	SPLOST Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,898,129	\$ 84,662	\$ 13,651,982	-	\$ 19,634,773
Restricted cash	-	-	348,541	-	348,541
Investments	11,578	_	_	-	11,578
Due from other governmental entities	1,818,236	_	_	-	1,818,236
Due from other funds	3,446,271	_	_	523,016	3,969,287
Property taxes receivable	206,048	_	_	-	206,048
Other taxes receivable	3,895	_	842,963	_	846,858
Prepaid expenses	343,345	_		_	343,345
Prepaid supplies	42,443	_	_	_	42,443
Land held for resale	12,115	1,810,764	_	_	1,810,764
Land field for resaic		1,010,704			1,010,704
Total assets	\$ 11,769,945	\$ 1,895,426	\$14,843,486	\$ 523,016	\$ 29,031,873
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 1,288,456	\$ 181,057	\$ 740,813	\$ 59,014	\$ 2,269,340
Due to heirs, litigants and others	65,520	-	-	-	65,520
Due to other funds	523,047	2,110,704	23,207		2,656,958
Total liabilities	1,877,023	2,291,761	764,020	59,014	4,991,818
Deferred inflows of resources					
Deferred tax revenue	168,801				168,801
Deferred grant revenue	100,001	-	-	43,806	43,806
Deterred grant revenue				45,600	45,600
Total deferred inflows of resources	168,801			43,806	212,607
Fund balances					
Nonspendable					
Prepaid items	385,788	-	-	-	385,788
Restricted for	,				,
SPLOST projects	_	_	14,079,466	_	14,079,466
Capital projects	_	_	-	3,712	3,712
Public safety	_	_	_	377,112	377,112
Health and welfare	_	_	_	3,190	3,190
Unassigned	9,338,333	(396,335)		36,182	8,978,180
Total fund balances	9,724,121	(396,335)	14,079,466	420,196	23,827,448
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 11,769,945	\$ 1,895,426	\$ 14,843,486	\$ 523,016	\$ 29,031,873

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Differences in amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position on page 1:

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore

are not reported in the funds.

Fund balances – total governmental funds

\$ 23,827,448

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Certain revenues will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.

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

Accrued interest is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.

(12,197)

(5,031,191)

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	General Fund	Development Authority	SPLOST Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 23,497,769	\$ -	\$ 9,878,460	\$ -	\$ 33,376,229
Licenses and franchises	435,641	T -	-	T -	435,641
Charges for services	808,055	_	_	1,111,005	1,919,060
Intergovernmental	1,036,669	_	716,205	633,213	2,386,087
Fines, fees and forfeitures	2,497,288	_	-	255,465	2,752,753
Investment earnings	49,201	374	41,081	-	90,656
Other	838,231			26,185	864,416
Total revenues	29,162,854	374	10,635,746	2,025,868	41,824,842
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Judicial	3,871,321	-	-	27,264	3,898,585
General government	4,364,788	-	20,894	-	4,385,682
Public safety	12,052,892	-	11,287	1,249,780	13,313,959
Public works	2,151,151	-	4,501,196	60,377	6,712,724
Health and welfare	1,251,059	-	-	416,178	1,667,237
Housing and development	769,606	899,241	-	-	1,668,847
Culture and recreation	2,004,643	-	106,867	182,079	2,293,589
Intergovernmental	-	-	1,678,106	-	1,678,106
Capital outlay	-	-	971,156	97,409	1,068,565
Debt service					
Principal	47,209	2,096,048	-	-	2,143,257
Interest	14,653	66,688			81,341
Total expenditures	26,527,322	3,061,977	7,289,506	2,033,087	38,911,892
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES					
OVER EXPENDITURES	2,635,532	(3,061,603)	3,346,240	(7,219)	2,912,950
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Proceeds from sale of assets	17,176	15,562	-	-	32,738
Insurance proceeds	133,154	-	-	-	133,154
Proceds from long-term debt	-	2,626,212	-	-	2,626,212
Transfers from other funds	-	1,527,429	- (4.0.47.000)	-	1,527,429
Transfers to other funds	(180,141)		(1,347,288)		(1,527,429)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	2,605,721	1,107,600	1,998,952	(7,219)	5,705,054
FUND BALANCES					
Beginning	7,118,400	(1,503,935)	12,080,514	427,415	18,122,394
Ending	\$ 9,724,121	\$ (396,335)	\$ 14,079,466	\$ 420,196	\$ 23,827,448

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.)

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Differences in amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities on page 2:

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds	\$	5,705,054
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlay reported as expenditures in the governmental funds are reported as capital assets in the statement of activities.		1,346,694
Depreciation expense on governmental capital assets are included in the statement of activities.		(12,458,476)
Long-term liabilities in the statement of net position include an estimated liability for compensated absences. These are planned to be liquidated with future resources; therefore, the increase or decrease in the liability does not affect expenditures in the governmental funds.		(24,187)
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets (i.e. sales, trade-ins, and disposals) is to decrease net position.		(6,696)
Certain governmental revenues will not be collected for several months after the fiscal year and are deferred in the governmental funds.		(12,536)
Payment of accrued interest associated with long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces the accrued interest payable in the statement of net position		6,097
Proceeds from long-term debt are reported as other financing sources in the governmental funds		(2,626,212)
Repayment of long-term debt and capital leases is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	_	2,143,257
	\$	(5,927,005)

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	B	Business-Type Activities					
	Major Fund	Nonmajor Fund					
	Solid Waste Management Authority	Public Works Authority	Total				
	<u>ASSETS</u>						
CURRENT ASSETS							
Due from other funds	<u>\$</u>	\$ 31	\$ 31				
Total current assets		31	31				
CAPITAL ASSETS							
Land	1,738,360		1,769,137				
Land improvements	6,601,955		7,500,048				
Buildings Equipment and vehicles	40,465 1,861,463		40,465 1,892,278				
Equipment and venicles		50,015	1,072,270				
	10,242,243	959,685	11,201,928				
Less accumulated depreciation	6,969,557		7,614,747				
Net capital assets	3,272,686	314,495	3,587,181				
Total assets	\$ 3,272,686	\$ 314,526	\$ 3,587,212				
LIABILIT	IES AND NET POSITION						
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,865						
Due to other funds	1,312,360		1,312,360				
Total current liabilities	1,314,225	139	1,314,364				
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES							
Accrued postclosure care costs	6,422,868		6,422,868				
Total long-term liabilities	6,422,868	<u> </u>	6,422,868				
Total liabilities	7,737,093	139	7,737,232				
NET POSITION							
Net investment in capital assets	3,272,686	314,495	3,587,181				
Unrestricted	(7,737,093		(7,737,201)				
	(4,464,407	314,387	(4,150,020)				
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 3,272,686	\$ 314,526	\$ 3,587,212				

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Bu	Business-Type Activities			
	Major Fund	Nonmajor Fund	Total		
	Solid Waste Management Authority	Public Works Authority			
OPERATING REVENUES User fees	\$ 431,530	\$ 28,040	\$ 459,570		
Total revenues	431,530	28,040	459,570		
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Depreciation	255,138	44,905	300,043		
General operating expenses	431,648	27,901	459,549		
Total expenses	686,786	72,806	759,592		
OPERATING LOSS	(255,256)	(44,766)	(300,022)		
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION	12,821		12,821		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(242,435)	(44,766)	(287,201)		
NET POSITION Beginning	(4,221,972)	359,153	(3,862,819)		
Ending	\$ (4,464,407	314,387	\$ (4,150,020)		

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Business-Type Activities			
	Major Fund	Nonmajor Fund		
	Solid Waste Management Authority	Public Works Authority	Total	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Receipts from user fees Payments to suppliers for goods or services	\$ 431,530 (349,385)	\$ 28,040 (28,009)	\$ 459,570 (377,394)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	82,145	31	82,176	
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of capital assets Loan from other funds	(1,991) (80,154)		(1,991) (80,185)	
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(82,145)	(31)	(82,176)	
NET CHANGE IN CASH				
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Beginning				
Ending	\$	\$	\$ -	
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO N				
CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net	\$ (255,256)	\$ (44,766)	\$ (300,022)	
cash provided by operating activities Depreciation Net change in operating liabilities	255,138 82,263	44,905 (108)	300,043 82,155	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 82,145	\$ 31	\$ 82,176	
SCHEDULE OF NONCASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	44.04		(4.4.040)	
Acquisition of capital assets Captial contirbution	\$ (14,812) 12,821	* - -	\$ (14,812) 12,821	
Cash paid for capital assets	\$ (1,991)	\$ -	\$ (1,991)	

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Agency Funds		
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,483,1	32	
Total assets	\$ 1,483,1		
LIABILITIES			
Due to heirs, litigants, and others	\$ 439,3	41	
Due to other governmental entities	1,043,7	91	
Total liabilities	\$ 1,483,1	32	

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION COMPONENT UNIT SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Catoosa County Health Department June 30, 2017	
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,662,871	
Accounts receivable	511	
Due from other governments	157,409	
Inventory	25,616	
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	4,289	
Total assets	\$ 1,850,696	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 287,374	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,448	
Due to other governments	44,162	
Long-term liabilities		
Due within one year	3,611	
Due in more than one year	1,370,025	
Total liabilities	\$ 1,419,246	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$</u> 81,627	
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	4,289	
Unrestricted	632,908	
Total net position	\$ 637,197	

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES COMPONENT UNIT YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	·	Program Re	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Service	Operating Grants and Contributions	Total
Catoosa County Health Department				
Health Department operations	1,387,773	478,480	645,072	(264,221)
Total component units	\$ 1,387,773	\$ 478,480	\$ 645,072	(264,221)
		486,186		
		Miscellaneous		104
Interest			15,109	
	Total general rev	venues	501,399	
		Change in net position		237,178
		NET POSITION		
		Beginning, as previously	y reported	451,211
		Prior period adjustment	t	(51,192)
		Beginning, restated		400,019
		Ending		\$ 637,197

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.)

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Catoosa County, Georgia (the County) was organized by Georgia Acts of 1853. The County is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, with day-to-day operations vested in an appointed county manager.

The accounting policies of the County conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to local governments. The more significant accounting policies of the County are summarized below.

Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements include all funds of Catoosa County, Georgia (the primary government) as well as its component units, entities for which the County is financially accountable.

The County's financial statements include the financial statements (the only ones available) of the Catoosa County Solid Waste Management Authority and the Catoosa County Public Works Authority. These entities are reported as blended component units, as they provide services to the County and its citizens and are governed by boards controlled by members of the Board of Commissioners. The rates for user charges and debt authorizations are subject to approval by the Catoosa County Board of Commissioners. The Authorities are reported as enterprise funds.

The County's financial statements also include the financial statements (the only ones available) of the Catoosa County Development Authority. The development authority is reported as a blended component unit. The Catoosa County Development Authority was created by legislative act in the State of Georgia. The Board is appointed by the County Board of Commissioners which must approve Authority debt for which the Board is ultimately responsible. The purpose of the development authority is to develop industry in the County by assisting in the purchase and financing of property through bond issues and other debt. This component unit operates as a special revenue fund. In prior years, the Catoosa County Development Authority was presented as a discretely presented component unit. In accordance with current guidance, the development authority was blended in the current year because the development authority's total debt outstanding is expected to be repaid entirely with resources of the primary government.

The discretely presented component units include organizations which are legally separate from the primary government. They are considered component units because a majority of their boards are appointed by the County and because there is a financial benefit/burden relationship with the County. Discretely presented component units are as follows:

The Development Authority of Catoosa County (which had no assets and no activity during the current year) was created by legislative act in the State of Georgia. The Board of the Catoosa County Development Authority and the Board of the Development Authority of Catoosa County are the same, and are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners which must approve Authority debt for which the Board is ultimately responsible. The purpose of the development authority is to develop industry in the County by assisting in the purchase and financing of property through bond issues and other debt. This component unit operates as an enterprise fund. There are no financial statements available for the Development Authority of Catoosa County due to no assets and current year activity.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Reporting Entity (continued)

The Catoosa County Health Department was created by legislative act in the State of Georgia and provides health care services and education to County residents. The Catoosa County Board of Health, the governing authority of the Health Department, is composed of seven members, three of whom are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners and one of whom is the chief executive officer of the Board of Commissioners.

The Catoosa County Health Department issues separately audited financial statements. Copies of these financial statements may be obtained from the Catoosa County Health Department, Ringgold, Georgia. In its separately audited financial statements, the Catoosa County Health Department is reported as a general fund. The Health Department's fiscal year end is June 30.

The following organizations have separately selected governing bodies, and are legally separate and fiscally independent from the County. Therefore, they are not considered component units of Catoosa County and are excluded from the accompanying financial statements:

Catoosa County Board of Education Catoosa County Department of Family and Children's Services Catoosa Utility District

Basis of Presentation

The County presents government-wide as well as fund level financial statements with activities at both levels categorized as either governmental or business-type. The government-wide statements of net position and activities have eliminated internal balances and transfers between the activities of the governmental funds, which were presented separately in the fund financial statements. Transfers between governmental activities and business-type activities of the primary government are separately stated on the government-wide statement of net position. As further discussed in Note 3, cash balances held by agency funds for governmental activities of the primary government are eliminated in the government-wide statement of net position and in the fund financial statements. The government-wide statement of activities reflects both the gross and net cost of functional categories which are otherwise supported by general government revenues. The statement of activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating grants, and capital grants. Program revenues are those directly associated with the function and include revenues from fines and forfeitures, licenses and permit fees, and charges for services. Operating and capital grants and contributions are limited to the funding of a specific operating expense or capital acquisition.

At the fund level, major funds are presented separately while nonmajor funds are combined into a single column. Major funds are determined based on their percentage of assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures compared to the total of the same for all governmental funds, and on their percentage of the same for the total of all governmental and proprietary funds, as applicable. The general fund, Development Authority, and the SPLOST capital projects fund are reported as major governmental funds. The Solid Waste Management Authority is a major enterprise fund.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements, consisting of the statement of net position and the statement of activities are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred. The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the County as a whole.

The fund-level financial statements of the governmental funds, consisting of the general fund, special revenue funds, and capital projects funds use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized when they are susceptible to accrual, which is defined as being both measurable, meaning that the amount of the transaction can be determined, and available, meaning collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter (generally defined as within 60 days) to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property and other taxes, federal and state grants, other state funds, interest income and charges for services. Expenditures are generally recognized when the liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay and other employee amounts which are expected to be liquidated with future resources.

Since the governmental funds statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation is presented on the page following the applicable fund statement which reconciles the adjustments necessary to convert the fund financial statements to the governmental activities column of the government-wide presentation.

All business-type activities, including the primary government proprietary funds, use the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred. Operating revenues of proprietary funds are those revenues that result from the activities of the fund, such as charges for services. All other revenue is considered nonoperating revenue and includes grants, investment earnings, and gain on the sale of capital assets. Likewise, operating expenses are those expenses related to the principal activity of the fund, such as depreciation. Nonoperating expenses include all other expenses not considered operating, such as interest expense.

Agency funds are custodial in nature, as they receive and disburse receipts for other funds and other entities. The County's agency funds are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

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

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the County are organized on the basis of funds, which are considered separate accounting entities. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Amounts reported in the fund financial statements as due

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund Accounting (continued)

to or due from other funds are eliminated upon preparation of the government-wide statement of net position. The various funds are grouped into fund types as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund

The general fund is the general operating fund of the County. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund, or those for which it is considered fiscally responsible to be accounted for in a separate fund.

Special Revenue Funds

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

Capital Projects Funds

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 not financed by proprietary funds or for assets that will be held in trust for individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise and therefore funded primarily through user charges.

Internal Service Funds

Internal service funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the County, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Funds

Trust and Agency Funds

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

Non-current governmental assets/liabilities

The County eliminates the presentation of account groups, but provides for these records to be maintained and incorporated into the governmental activities section of the government-wide financial statements.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund Accounting (continued)

The County maintains the following funds:

General fund

Special revenue funds

Confiscated Assets Fund, which accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with currency forfeitures and drug fines and restitution.

Emergency 911 Fund, which accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with the operation of a County 911 emergency service.

Multiple Grant Fund, which accounts for revenues and expenditures from certain grants.

JCSA Fund, which accounts for specific revenues and expenditures associated with the operation of the County jail.

State Library Fund, which accounts for specific revenues and expenditures of the County library.

DATE Program Fund, which accounts for revenues and expenditures associated with drug awareness.

Catoosa County Development Authority (a blended component unit), which accounts for aid and assistance in the promotion and establishment of new business and recreation within the County.

Catoosa County Health Department (a discretely presented component unit), which provides health care services and health education to the residents of Catoosa County. In its separately issued financial statements, the Health Department is reported as a general fund.

Capital projects funds

SPLOST Capital Projects Fund, which accounts for the acquisition of assets, and other specific projects, with proceeds from the special local option sales tax.

Capital projects grant fund, which accounts for acquisition of assets with proceeds from state or federal grants.

Proprietary funds

Enterprise funds

Public Works Authority (a blended component unit), which accounts for the operation of stormwater management.

Solid Waste Management Authority (a blended component unit), which accounts for the operation of the disposal of solid waste.

Development Authority of Catoosa County (a discretely presented component unit), which accounts for aid and assistance in the promotion and establishment of new business and recreation within the County.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund Accounting (continued)

Fiduciary funds

Agency funds

Tax Commissioner, which accounts for receipts and disbursements of property and other taxes.

Clerk of Superior Court, which accounts for receipts and disbursements of the Clerk's office, primarily court costs, fines and settlements.

Magistrate Court, which accounts for receipts and disbursements of the Magistrate Court, primarily court costs, fines and settlements.

Probate Judge, which accounts for receipts and disbursements of the Probate Judge office, primarily traffic fines and marriage license fees.

Sheriff, which accounts for receipts and disbursements of the Sheriff's Department, primarily cash bonds.

Fund Equity

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

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

Nonspendable – Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (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 Board of Commissioners through the adoption of a resolution. The Board also may modify or rescind the commitment.

Assigned – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by Board action to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted or committed.

Unassigned – Fund balances are reported as unassigned when the residual amount does not meet any of the above criteria. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund Equity (continued)

When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for expenditure, 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 balances in the following order: committed, assigned, unassigned.

Net position – Net position represents the residual of all elements presented in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted as described in the fund balances section above. All other net position is reported as unassigned.

Budget and budgetary control

Although no budget to actual statements are presented in the basic financial statements, the County provides, for informational purposes, its budget requirements and process. Annual revenue estimates and expenditure appropriations, on the modified accrual basis of accounting, are prepared for all governmental funds, with the exception of the capital projects funds, for which no annual appropriation is required and none is adopted. The projects accounted for in the capital projects funds are subject to budgetary control on a project basis. Providing budgetary information on an annual basis does not provide meaningful information because projects extend over more than one reporting period. Although a budget is not required for proprietary fund types, the County adopts a budget on the accrual basis of accounting for its primary government proprietary funds.

The proposed budget is reviewed by the Board of Commissioners for determination of the property tax levy. The current tax levy, along with other required information, is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and published in the local newspaper with notice of public hearings to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is legally enacted through adoption at a subsequent public hearing as required by law.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the department level. Budgetary integration is employed as a management tool during the fiscal year. As needed during the year, the County finance manager is authorized to amend line items, with the exception of salaries, within a department. Approval by the Board of Commissioners is required for amendments to salary line items, or department or fund totals. The budget was amended within the above guidelines for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Receivables

Receivables are reported at the outstanding principal amount. The County uses the direct write-off method to account for bad debts, which produces no material differences from the allowance method. Individual accounts are written off when they are determined to be uncollectible.

Capital Assets

For the fund financial statements, capital assets of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. For its proprietary funds and for governmental funds at the government-wide presentation, the County capitalizes long-lived assets with an original cost of \$1,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at cost.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

For its proprietary funds and for its governmental funds at the government-wide presentation, depreciation of property and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of individual assets by the straight-line method. Estimated lives are as follows: equipment, 3 to 7 years; buildings, 25 to 75 years; land improvements, 10 to 27 years; infrastructure, 40 to 60 years.

Public domain (infrastructure) assets, which include roads, streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, etc., are recorded in the funds as expenditures at the time of purchase, and as capital assets in the government-wide financial statements. Infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 1979, are not reported in these financial statements.

Notes payable

Notes payable reported in governmental funds are expected to be liquidated with expendable, available resources.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the County.

Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses consist of certain payments which reflect costs applicable to future periods. In governmental funds, these types of costs are recorded as expenditures during the term of the benefit period, rather than when paid.

Discounts/premiums/issuance costs

In governmental funds, at the fund-level presentation, these types of transactions are recognized as revenue when received or as expenditures in the period in which incurred.

In proprietary funds, and at the government-wide presentation for governmental activities, discounts and premiums are deferred and amortized over the benefit or payment period. Debt issuance costs, except for any portion related to prepaid insurance costs, should be recognized as an expense in the period incurred.

Cash equivalents

For purposes of these financial statements, the County considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

The County has adopted the provisions of GASB Statement Number 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position. Under this Statement, GASB has defined deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources as follows:

Deferred outflows of resources - a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.

Deferred inflows of resources - an acquisition of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

As of September 30, 2017, the County did not have any deferred outflows of resources and had deferred inflows of resources from deferred property taxes of \$168,801 and deferred grant revenue of \$43,806.

(2) CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The County reports its cash and other investments under the provisions of governmental auditing standards.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u> – As a means of limiting its exposure to losses resulting from rising interest rates, the County's usual policy is to invest in certificates of three years or less. The exposure to interest rate changes is presented using the weighted average maturity method. Its policy is to limit exposure to interest rate risk by requiring sufficient liquidity in the investment portfolio. The County's investments experienced no significant fluctuations in fair value during the year.

Custodial Credit Risk – The County's policies limit deposits and investments to those instruments allowed by applicable state laws. State statutes require that all deposits with financial institutions must be collateralized by securities whose market value is equal to 110% of the value of the uninsured deposits. The deposits must be covered by federal deposit insurance, by collateral held by the County's agent in the County's name, or by Federal Reserve Banks acting as third party agents. State statutes also authorize the types of investments in which the County may participate. The County's policy is to limit its investments to certificates of deposit and savings and money market accounts with local banks and Georgia Fund 1, a combined state and local government investment pool. Investments in the local government investment pool are specifically invested in "Georgia Fund 1". Georgia Fund 1, created by OCGA 36-83-8, is a Standard and Poor's AAAf rated investment pool which is managed by the Office of the State Treasurer to maintain principal stability. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and the State does not consider Georgia Fund 1 to be a 2a-7 like pool. Georgia Fund 1 is managed to maintain a constant net asset value of \$1.00 value per share and a weighted maturity of 90 days or less, with the maximum maturity of any investment limited to 397 days. At September 30, 2017, the Georgia Fund 1 weighted average maturity was 13 days. The pool consists of U.S. treasury obligations, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, banker's acceptances, overnight and term repurchase agreements with highly rated counterparties, and collateralized bank accounts. The investment in the Georgia Fund 1 is valued at fair market value. The fair values of investments in external investment pools are the same as the value of the pool shares. The County maintained a balance of \$11,578 in Georgia Fund 1 as of September 30, 2017.

<u>Credit Risk</u> – The County's policies are designed to maximize its earnings, while protecting the security and providing maximum liquidity, in accordance with all applicable state laws.

(2) CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

The following schedules classify the deposits and investments into three categories to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the County at year end:

Deposit Categories of Custodial Credit Risk

- Category 1 Insured or collateralized, with securities held by the County or by its agent in the County's name.
- Category 2 Collateralized, with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the County's name.
- Category 3 Uncollateralized or collateralized, with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by its trust department or agent, but not in the County's name.

Investment Categories of Custodial Credit Risk

- Category 1 Insured or registered, with securities held by the County or its agent in the County's name.
- Category 2 Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterpart's trust department or agent in the County's name.
- Category 3 Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterpart or by its trust department or agent but not in the County's name.

The following schedule of cash and cash equivalents and investments of all of the County's funds (including fiduciary funds) as of September 30, 2017, is categorized by custodial credit risk:

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3		Bank Balance	Carrying Amount		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1.909.845	\$ 19.818.230	ø	\$	21 729 075	© 21 466 446		
Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 1,909,845	\$ 19,818,230	<u>\$</u>	p	21,728,075	\$ 21,466,446		
	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3		Carrying Amount			
Investments								
Georgia Fund 1	<u>\$</u>	\$ 11,578	\$ -	\$	11,578			
The deposits of the County are included in the following classifications at September 30, 2017.								
Cash and cash equivalents				\$	19,634,773			
Restricted cash					348,541			
Cash and cash equivalents - agency fund	ls				1,483,132			
				\$	21,466,446			

(3) INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

Most interfund receivable and payable balances are attributable to unsettled balances for charges between funds, and are expected to be paid within one year.

General fund payables to other governmental funds result from revenues received for these funds being held in a general fund cash account until an expenditure need arises. The balance in the confiscated assets fund is not expected to be repaid within one year. It is anticipated that the balance in the other funds will be repaid within one year.

The general fund receivable from the SPLOST capital project fund results from the general fund disbursing funds for a project which was determined to be a SPLOST project. It is anticipated that the balance will be repaid within one year.

The general fund receivable from the solid waste fund resulted from the general fund disbursing funds in a prior year for the Landfill Gas to Energy Project. This project is generating revenues that are funding the postclosure care cost on the landfill with the excess going to reduce the balance due to the general fund.

Payables from the agency funds to other funds consist of taxes, fines and forfeitures, and fees collected by the agency funds on behalf of other funds. At September 30, 2017, payables from agency funds to other funds were \$231,853, and have been eliminated and reported as cash and cash equivalents in the fund for which the revenue was collected.

Interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2017, consist of the following:

Amounts receivable to the general fund from the following funds:

Major governmental fund

Development Authority	\$ 2,110,704
SPLOST capital projects	\$ 23,207
Major enterprise funds	
Solid waste	\$ 1,312,360
Amounts payable from the general fund to the following funds:	
Nonmajor governmental funds	
Confiscated assets	\$ 21,372
Emergency 911	\$ 5,772
Multiple grant	\$ 46,488
JCSA	\$ 64,784
State grant for library	\$ 8,685
DATE program	\$ 359,020
Capital projects	\$ 16,895
Nonmajor enterprise funds	
Public works	\$ 31

(3) INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS (continued)

In addition, the general fund advanced the Development Authority \$2,110,704, for the purpose of land development, and other expenses for industrial revenue projects.

The Hill Top 11/Cabelas Project is an agreement between the Development Authority and Larry Armour, the developer for site acquisition and development agreement for additional acreage on the Hill Top Site to include the Cabelas site. The estimated cost of \$2,200,000 was approved by the Development Authority with a guarantee from Larry Armour. The current balance of \$2,033,850 represents progress payments. It is anticipated that the repayment of the \$2,200,000 to the County will be funded by intergovernmental revenues to the Development Authority by the County which is expected to be generated by an increase in property and sales tax collections, or from subsequent Special Local Option Sales Tax.

The Jump/2A Project is an agreement between the Development Authority, the City of Ringgold, and Larry Armour, the developer for intersection improvement and site development. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.9M with each entity to fund 1/3 of the cost. The current balance of \$76,349 represents progress payments.

The purpose of transfers are to allocate revenues from the fund that collects them to the fund that expends the resources based on budgetary operations of the County.

Transfers for the 2017 year were as follows:

Transfer from SPLOST (major fund) to development authority (major fund)	\$ 1,347,288
Transfer from general fund (major fund) to development authority (major fund)	\$ 180,141

(4) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, establishes a framework for measuring fair value for certain assets and liabilities using a consistent definition and accepted valuation techniques. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets and for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the County has the ability to access.

Level 2

Inputs to the valuation methodology other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the financial asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

(4) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which a fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets at fair value:

Market approach – Uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. Prices may be indicated by pricing guides, sale transactions, market trades, or other sources;

Cost approach – Based on the amount that currently would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost); and

Income approach – Uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present amount based on current market expectations about the future amounts (includes present value techniques, and option-pricing models). Net present value is an income approach where a stream of expected cash flows is discounted at an appropriate market interest rate.

Assets itemized below were measured at fair value during the year ended September 30, 2017. The market approach was used to determine the fair value of the land held for resale.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
Land held for resale	<u>\$ 1,810,764</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,810,764
Other investments Georgia Fund 1				11,578
				\$ 1,822,342

(5) CAPITAL ASSETS

Governmental activities

A summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation for governmental activities is as follows:

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		Beginning	Additions		Recla	assifications	Ending	
Nondepreciable capital assets								
Land	\$	4,377,221	\$	_	\$	_	\$	4,377,221
Construction in progress		418,981		190,097		(382,444)		226,634
Nondepreciable capital assets	\$	4,796,202	\$	190,097	\$	(382,444)	\$	4,603,855
						spositions and		
		Beginning	Additions		Reclassifications			Ending
Depreciable capital assets								
Land improvements	\$	6,762,684	\$	87,605	\$	292,438	\$	7,142,727
Infrastructure		758,962,943		-		-		758,962,943
Buildings		33,397,727		-		-		33,397,727
Equipment, vehicles, furniture								
and fixtures		19,758,922		1,068,992		(717,559)		20,110,355
		818,882,276		1,156,597		(425,121)		819,613,752
Less accumulated depreciation								
Land improvements		1,492,557		346,653		-		1,839,210
Infrastructure		356,832,115		10,355,666		-		367,187,781
Buildings		8,398,082		508,659		-		8,906,741
Equipment, vehicles, furniture								
and fixtures		16,557,840		1,247,498		(800,869)		17,004,469
		383,280,594		12,458,476		(800,869)		394,938,201
Depreciable capital assets, net	\$	435,601,682	\$	(11,301,879)	\$	375,748	\$	424,675,551

(5) CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Depreciation expense for governmental activities is charged to functions as follows:

General government	\$ 176,801
Judicial	108,397
Public safety	1,071,611
Public works	10,593,374
Health and welfare	110,348
Culture and recreation	282,494
Housing and development	 115,451
	\$ 12,458,476

Business-type activities

A summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation for the business-type activities is as follows:

					Dispos			
	B	eginning	A	Additions		fications	Ending	
Nondepreciable capital assets								
Land	\$	1,769,137	\$		\$	-	\$	1,769,137
Depreciable capital assets								
Land improvements	\$	7,500,048	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,500,048
Buildings		40,465		-		-		40,465
Equipment and vehicles		1,877,465		14,813				1,892,278
		9,417,978		14,813		<u>-</u>		9,432,791
Less accumulated depreciation								
Land improvements		6,307,251		115,795		-		6,423,046
Buildings		40,465		-		-		40,465
Equipment and vehicles		966,988		184,248				1,151,236
		7,314,704		300,043		<u>-</u>		7,614,747
Depreciable capital assets, net	\$	2,103,274	\$	(285,230)	\$	_	\$	1,818,044

Depreciation expense for the business-type activities totaled \$300,043.

(5) CAPITAL ASSETS (continued) <u>Component Units</u>

A summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation is as follows:

	Beginning		Beginning Additions		Reclassifications		Ending	
Depreciable capital assets								
Machinery and equipment	\$	21,200	\$		\$		\$	21,200
		21,200		<u> </u>				21,200
Less accumulated depreciation								
Machinery and equipment		13,882		3,029				16,911
		13,882		3,029				16,911
Depreciable capital assets, net	\$	7,318	\$	(3,029)	\$	_	\$	4,289

Depreciation expense for the component unit totaled \$3,029.

(6) TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

On August 25, 2016, the county obtained Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN), Series 2017 in the amount of \$3,500,000. The proceeds of the TAN were used to fund current operations. Interest at 1.49% was due at maturity. The TAN was due and paid on December 31, 2017.

	Beginning Balance	Adjustments and Additions	Adjustments and Retirements	Ending Balance
TAN, Series 2016	\$ 3,500,000	<u>\$</u>	\$ (3,500,000)	\$ -

(7) LONG-TERM DEBT

Governmental activities

Debt for governmental activities reported in the government-wide statement of net position represents amounts not expected to be paid with expendable, available resources, and consists of the following:

Bonds payable of the Catoosa County Development Authority consist of the following:

Tax exempt revenue bond series 2014A to First Tennessee Bank, original	
borrowings of \$2,509,000, payable in biannual principal payments of \$250,900	
plus interest at 1.45%, through July, 2019	\$ 1,003,600
Taxable revenue bond series 2014B to First Tennessee Bank, original	
borrowings of \$3,894,000, payable in biannual principal payments of \$389,400	
plus interest at 2.13%, through July, 2019	1,557,600
plus interest at 2.1370, through July, 2019	 1,337,000
	\$ 2,561,200

Maturities of bonds payable are as follows:

	Gross Payments	Imputed Interest	Net Present Value		
For the year ending September 30, 2018 2019	\$ 1,322,991 1,298,797	\$ 42,391 18,197	\$ 1,280,600 1,280,600		
	\$ 2,621,788	\$ 60,588	\$ 2,561,200		

Catoosa County Development Authority Tax-Exempt Revenue Bond "Series 2014A" in the amount of \$2,509,000 at the "Bank Qualified Rate" of 1.45% per annum for a term of 60 months, was issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay or to be applied toward the cost of refunding a portion (\$1,009,000) of the 2014 TAN Note used to refinance the Infrastructure Improvements related to the Costco Improvements Project and \$1,500,000 of the 2014 Public Facilities Improvement Project at Jack Mattox Park.

Taxable Revenue Bond "Series 2014B" in the amount of \$3,894,000 at the "Bank Qualified Rate" of 2.13% per annum for a term of 60 months, was issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay or to be applied toward the cost of refunding a portion of the 2014 TAN Note equal to the amount of the proceeds (\$3,869,000) of the 2014 TAN Note used to refinance the funding of the Costco Improvements and paying a portion (\$25,000) of the cost of issuance of the Bonds.

(7) LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Governmental activities (continued)

The Authority and the County have entered into an Intergovernmental Installment Sale Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2014 under which the Authority has agreed to construct and acquire the 2014 Project, the Infrastructure Improvements and the Vehicles and to sell the same to the County, and County has agreed to purchase from the Authority the 2014 Project, the Infrastructure Improvements and Vehicles and to possess and use the same for the benefit of the citizens of the County for a term extending through July 1, 2019 to be repaid from proceeds of the 2014 SPLOST. The County has obligated itself to make payments to the Authority in amounts sufficient to enable the Authority to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as same become due and payable.

Notes payable of the Catoosa County Development Authority consist of the following:

Note payable to Financial Corporation of North Georgia, LLC, original borrowings of \$1,704,923, payable on or before November, 15, 2019 with no interest due.

\$ 1,704,923

Note payable to Financial Corporation of North Georgia, LLC, original borrowings of \$921,289, payable on or before October 21, 2019 with no interest due.

105,841

1,810,764

Maturities of notes payable are as follows:

	Gross Payments		Imputed Interest		Net Present Value	
For the year ending September 30, 2018 2019 2020	\$ 1,8	- - 10,764	\$	- - <u>-</u>	\$	- - 1,810,764
	\$ 1,8	10,764	\$		\$	1,810,764

(7) LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Governmental activities (continued)

A summary of changes in long-term debt for governmental activities is as follows:

	Beginning Balance		ljustments and Additions	djustments and etirements	Ending Balance		
Capital lease obligations Bonds payable	\$ 47,209 3,841,800	\$	- - 2.626.212	\$ (47,209) (1,280,600)	\$	2,561,200	
Notes payable Compensated absences	 635,040		2,626,212 24,187	 (815,448)		1,810,764 659,227	
	\$ 4,524,049	\$	2,650,399	\$ (2,143,257)	\$	5,031,191	

Presentation of long-term debt of governmental activities in the government-wide statement of net position is as follows:

Due within one year	\$ 1.200.400
Bonds payable	\$ 1,280,600
Compensated absences	659,227
	1,939,827
Due in more than one year	3,091,364
	\$ 5,031,191

The resources of the general fund have been used in prior years to liquidate the balance of the compensated absences.

Business-type activities

As discussed in Note 13, the Solid Waste Management Authority has an estimated liability for postclosure care costs in the amount of \$6,422,868. The entire balance of this liability is considered long-term based on communication from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. See Note 13 for further discussion.

(7) LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Business-type activities (continued)

A summary of changes in long-term debt for business-type activities is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Adjustments and Additions	Adjustments and Retirements	Ending Balance
Landfill postclosure	\$ 6,422,868	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,422,868

Presentation of long-term debt of business-type activities in the government-wide statement of net position presents the entire liability as long-term.

As further addressed in Note 16, it is anticipated that a portion of the landfill postclosure liability will be liquidated with general government resources.

Component unit

A summary of changes in long-term debt for component units is as follows:

	Beginning Balance		ŕ	ustments and lditions	ŕ	ustments and cirements	Ending Balance		
Capital lease obligations Net pension liability	\$	47,732 1,259,701	\$	12,655 77,825	\$	(24,277)	\$	36,110 1,337,526	
	\$	1,307,433	\$	90,480	\$	(24,277)	\$	1,373,636	

(7) LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Component unit (continued)

Presentation of long-term debt of component units is as follows:

Compensated absences	\$ 36,110
Due in more than one year	
Net pension liability	 1,337,526
	\$ 1,373,636

(8) TAXES

Property taxes are levied for the calendar year on October 20 and are delinquent after December 20 of each year. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of the levy date.

The County is required by state law to reduce the property tax levy by the amount of local option sales tax collections for the previous calendar year.

(9) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

Primary Government

The Catoosa County Pension Plan is a defined contribution pension plan established by the County to provide benefits at retirement age to full-time, permanent employees of the County. This plan is administered by trustees appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Participation in the plan is elective, subject to certain eligibility requirements. At September 30, 2017, there were approximately 243 participants in the plan. Participants are required to contribute 3% of covered salary, and the County is required to contribute 7%. An employee becomes 100% vested after three years of service in regards to employer contributions. If a participant terminates employment before being fully vested, then the non-vested portion of the terminated participant's account balance remains in the Plan and is called a forfeiture. Forfeitures will be used to reduce any employer contributions. For the year ended September 30, 2017, forfeitures were \$3,347. For the year ended September 30, 2017, employer and employee contributions were \$613,835 and \$263,072, respectively. Employer contributions have been charged to expense. At September 30, 2017, the County had a liability of approximately \$125,000 related to employer retirement contributions. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Catoosa County Board of Commissioners.

Catoosa County Development Authority

The Catoosa County Development Authority has no employees and, therefore, no pension plan.

(9) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

Catoosa County Health Department

All permanent personnel of the Health Department are covered by the Employee's Retirement System of Georgia (ERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly during the 1949 Legislative Session for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for employees of the State of Georgia and its political subdivisions. ERS is directed by a Board of Trustees. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs/formspubs/complete pension disclosures are in the Health Department's separately issued financial statements. Summarized information related to the plan is indicated below.

At June 30, 2017, the Health Department reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The Health Department's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. At June 30, 2016, the Employer's proportion was 0.0282755%, which was a decrease of 0.002818% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Health Department recognized pension expense of \$53,254. At June 30, 2017, the Health Department reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	D	eferred	\mathbf{D}	eferred
	О	utflows	In	ıflows
	of F	Resources	of R	esources
				•
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	-	\$	3,089
Changes of assumptions		11,329		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on				
pension plan investments		135,989		-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		-		78,538
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		140,056		<u> </u>
	\$	287,374	\$	81,627

Health Department contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$140,056 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2017.

(9) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

Catoosa County Health Department (continued)

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

For the year ending June 30, 2018	\$ (48,209)
2019	(4,868)
2020	73,318
2021	45,450
2022	-
Thereafter	_

The total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 3.00%

Salary increases 5.45-9.25%, including inflation

Investment rate of return 7.5%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The following presents the Health Department's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the Health Department's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.5%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.5%) than the current rate:

				Current		
	1% Decrease (6.5%)		Discount Rate (7.5%)			1%
					Increase (8.5%)	
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	1,812,596	\$	1,337,526	\$	932,672

(10) CONDUIT DEBT

The Catoosa County Development Authority has special limited obligations related to various projects that represent conduit debt obligations. Conduit debt obligations are limited-obligation bonds or similar instruments issued by a governmental unit to provide capital financing for a third party that is not part of the reporting entity. Debt proceeds are typically used to finance development of industry, hospital, or environmental facilities within the governmental unit's jurisdiction that are transferred to the third party by sale or lease. The governmental unit has no obligation for the debt beyond the resources received from the third party by sale or lease. The obligations issued by the Development Authority do not constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the faith and credit of the Development Authority or the County.

As of September 30, 2017, the Development Authority had an outstanding conduit debt obligation with Shaw Industries for \$17,000,000 for Series 2014B Taxable Industries Revenue Bonds and \$56,400,000 for Series 2017 Taxable Industries Revenue Bonds.

(11) LITIGATION

The County is currently the defendant in certain legal actions which are being vigorously defended. It is the opinion of management and legal counsel that these proceedings will not have a material effect on the financial position of the County.

(12) COMMITMENTS

The County has construction commitments totaling \$9,684,481. As of September 30, 2017, the remaining balance on these commitments totaled \$1,420,548.

(13) LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COST

Catoosa County operates the S.R. 151 Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. This facility is permitted for operation by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division, which specifies the requirements for its design, operation, closure and postclosure care.

State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure.

Site 1 ceased operation in July, 1998. The certificate of closure was issued, and the thirty year postclosure care period began on July 15, 2003. The current estimate of postclosure care cost is approximately \$106,869 per year for 17 years. A liability of \$1,816,773 represents 100% of the estimated postclosure care costs for Site 1. Site 2 ceased operation in October, 2004. The certificate of closure was issued on July 10, 2008, and the thirty year postclosure care period began approximately one year later. The current estimate of postclosure care cost is approximately \$200,265 per year for 23 years. A liability of \$4,606,095 represents 100% of the estimated postclosure care costs for Site 2.

(13) LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COST (continued)

The above estimates are based on what it would cost to perform postclosure care in 2017. Because of the potential for change, due to inflation, technology, or laws and regulations, actual costs may be higher, when the costs are actually incurred. As directed by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the costs associated with the landfill postclosure are no longer being discounted and will continue to be based on the above mentioned years of postclosure care. The federal regulations governing postclosure financial assurance, which Georgia has adopted by reference, does not allow for the reduction in years.

The County has complied with Environmental Protection Agency rules regarding financial assurance relative to projected closure and postclosure care costs.

(14) RISK FINANCING ACTIVITIES

It is the policy of the County to purchase commercial insurance for the risks of losses to which it is exposed. These risks include general liability and property and casualty, with a \$25,000 deductible per claim. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in the past three fiscal years. The County paid \$9,019 for deductibles for the year ended September 30, 2017. There were no deductibles for which the County was responsible for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Pursuant to Title 34, Chapter 9, Article 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Catoosa County became a member of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Fund. The effective date of membership was January 1, 1989. The liability of the fund to the employees of any employer (Catoosa County) is specifically limited to such obligations as are imposed by applicable state laws against the employer for workers' compensation and/or employer's liability.

As a member of the Fund, the County is jointly and severally liable for the liabilities of the Fund. The County pays an annual premium to the Fund, based on the estimated payrolls in various job classifications. Based on the overall incidence of claims during the year, the Fund either distributes a dividend if the claims history has been better than expected, or assesses additional premiums if the claims history has been much worse than expected. The County participates in these dividends or assessments on a pro-rata basis, based on the County's actual payrolls as a percentage of the total payrolls in the Fund.

The Fund is to defend, in the name of and on behalf of the members, any suits or other proceedings which may at any time be instituted against them on account of injuries and demanding compensation thereto, although such suits, other proceedings, allegations or demands may be wholly groundless, false or fraudulent. The Fund is to pay all costs taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense.

(15) COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The County has a policy of compensated annual vacation/personal leave from 6 to 40 days based upon years of service. The leave is cumulative and vesting, to a maximum of 320 hours, and any unused leave is payable upon the employee's termination, resignation, retirement, death, or request.

The County has a policy of compensated sick leave of 48 hours per year. The leave is cumulative and vesting, to a maximum of 160 hours, and any unused leave is payable upon termination, resignation, retirement or death. Any unused leave may be payable, under specific circumstances, upon request of the employee.

An estimated liability, in the amount of \$659,227, for unpaid vacation and sick leave is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. There is no liability for business-type activities. None of the government activities liability is recorded in the fund financial statements, because any payments, even those which would be paid in the next twelve months, if susceptible to a reasonable estimate, are expected to be liquidated with future resources.

The Catoosa County Health Department provides for vacation and sick leave, with specific vesting options. Complete disclosures are in the Health Department's separately issued financial statements. An estimated liability, in the amount of \$36,110 for unpaid vacation and sick leave is reported in the component units and government-wide statements of net position.

(16) DEFICIT FUND EQUITY

At September 30, 2017, the Solid Waste Management Authority has a net position deficit in the amount of \$4,464,407, resulting primarily from the liability for landfill postclosure care costs.

As discussed in Note 13, the Authority has a liability of approximately \$6.4 million to fund the estimated postclosure care costs. Effective with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, the Solid Waste Management Authority placed equipment in service which generates electricity from the methane generated by the landfill. The anticipated revenue from the sale of electricity is expected to fund a portion of the liability for postclosure care costs. It is anticipated that the County general government will fund the remaining balance.

At September 30, 2017, the Catoosa County Development Authority has a fund balance deficit in the amount of \$396,335. This deficit is a result of amounts due to the general fund at year end. The Catoosa County Development Authority entered into an agreement with Mr. Armour, the developer to provide site development incentives in the form of site prep on the remaining 19.88 aces next to Costco. The deficit is the result of the general fund having advanced the funds for the site prep. In return, Mr. Armour committed to deliver certain retailers to the site meeting very specific minimum conditions in the form of annual sales, job creation and other criteria. Cabela's transaction exceeded all of the delivery criteria, purchased 9.2 of the acres, built a New Generation Store consisting of approximately 70,000 square feet and opened May 13, 2015. Mr. Armour guaranteed that the sales and property taxes generated from the property will re-pay the amount of the site development costs within 7 years of the date of opening of the first retail facility. If there is a shortfall after this time period, Mr. Armour will pay the difference to the Development Authority. Mr. Armour's guarantee is secured by a Letter of Credit drawn on CapitalMark Bank and Trust.

(16) DEFICIT FUND EQUITY (continued)

At September 30, 2017, the Emergency 911 Fund has a fund balance deficit in the amount of \$29,333 resulting primarily from the liability for accounts payable at year end.

(17) JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the fifteen county northwest Georgia area, is a member of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During the year ended September 30, 2017, the County paid approximately \$52,000 in such dues. Membership in a RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34, which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC.

Separate financial statements may be obtained from –

Northwest Georgia Regional Commission P. O. Box 1798 Rome, Georgia 30162-1793

(18) TAX ABATEMENTS

During the year ended September 30, 2017, the County implemented GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This Statement requires state and local governments to disclose tax abatement agreements entered into by other governments that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. Catoosa County enters into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses for the purpose of attracting or retaining businesses within their jurisdictions. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to Catoosa County.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, Catoosa County abated property taxes due to the County that were levied on Aug 31, 2016 and due on December 20, 2016 totaling \$134,878. Included in that amount abated, the following are individual tax abatement agreements that each exceeded 10.00% percent of the total amount abated:

- A 15% property tax abatement to a local manufacturer of consumer goods for continued investment in operations and local employment. The abatement amounted to \$73,150.
- A 15% property tax abatement to a local manufacturer of consumer goods for continued investment in operations and local employment. The abatement amounted to \$45,637.
- A 20% property tax abatement to a local manufacturer of consumer goods for continued investment in operations and local employment. The abatement amounted to \$16,091.

(19) PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

For the Catoosa County Health Department, in the previous fiscal year, employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date were incorrectly recorded. This resulted in a \$51,192 overstatement of the prior year's pension expense as reported on the government wide statement of activities.

(20) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 27, 2018, the date which these financial statements were available for issue.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

GENERAL FUND
The general fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with government which are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund.

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

BUDGET AND ACTUAL

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Budget					Variance with Final		
		Original		Final		Actual		Budget
TAXES								
Property taxes								
Real property	\$	10,842,392	\$	10,776,500	\$	10,941,987	\$	165,487
Motor vehicle		825,712		825,626		825,627		1
MV title ad valorem tax		960,725		960,725		972,908		12,183
Alternatiave ad valorem		-		-		21,618		21,618
Mobile home ad valorem		58,995		63,060		63,061		1
Railroad ad valorem		-		-		3,716		3,716
Heavy duty equipment		24,059		7,868		7,868		-
Timber		1,808		397		397		-
Penalties and interest		235,000		234,732		234,733		1
		12,948,691		12,868,908		13,071,915		203,007
Other taxes								
Intangible recording		200,000		200,000		308,105		108,105
Malt beverage		315,000		276,948		276,949		1
Local option sales tax		6,717,721		6,717,721		6,920,763		203,042
Insurance premium tax		2,694,931		2,867,613		2,867,613		203,042
Financial institutions		75,000		52,424		52,424		-
		10,002,652		10,114,706		10,425,854	_	311,148
		22,951,343		22,983,614		23,497,769		514,155
LICENSES AND FRANCHISES								
Malt beverage licenses		30,000		30,000		30,320		320
Business licenses		43,000		32,715		32,715		520
Cable television franchises		375,000		372,606		372,606		-
		448,000		435,321		435,641		320
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES Recreation fees	3	170,000		163,883		180,428		16,545
Concession income		72,200		72,200		118,182		45,982
Zoning fees		62,000		62,000		68,100		6,100
Inspection fees		287,000		287,000		441,345		154,345
		591,200		585,083		808,055	_	222,972
INTERCOVERNIMENT								
INTERGOVERNMENTAL Real estate transfer tax		50,000		50,000		92,368		42,368
		50,000		50,000		92,368		42,368
		43						

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

BUDGET AND ACTUAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

OTHER REVENUE Federal financial assistance Transportation grants	Original \$ 275,165	Final \$ 238,305	Actual	Budget
Federal financial assistance	79,536 450,000	\$ 238,305		
Federal financial assistance	79,536 450,000	\$ 238,305		
	79,536 450,000	\$ 238,305		
Tansportation grants	79,536 450,000	Ψ 250,505	\$ 238,305	\$ -
Transportation grants - capital	450,000	79,536	162,011	82,475
Federal payments in lieu of taxes	· ·	444,918	444,919	1
Salary reimbursement	73,000	67,067	99,066	31,999
	877,701	829,826	944,301	114,475
	077,701	027,020		114,473
	927,701	879,826	1,036,669	156,843
FINES, FEES AND FORFEITURES				
Magistrate Court	130,000	130,000	133,029	3,029
Juvenile Court	3,000	3,000	4,762	1,762
Clerk of Courts	575,000	468,134	478,694	10,560
Probate Judge	400,000	200,365	200,366	1
State Court	500,000	500,000	545,949	45,949
Tax Commissioner	926,000	926,000	944,844	18,844
Sheriff	171,600	164,150	189,644	25,494
	2,705,600	2,391,649	2,497,288	105,639
INVESTMENT EARNINGS				
Interest	10,000	10,000	49,201	39,201
OTHER				
Animal control fees	29,500	12,845	27,030	14,185
Theater admissions	125,200	125,370	149,563	24,193
Passenger fares	60,000	46,572	46,572	-
Building rentals	207,650	199,445	208,777	9,332
Election fees	-	-	5,259	5,259
Prisoner reimbursements	98,000	97,972	107,497	9,525
Library fees	24,000	24,000	25,811	1,811
Donations	450	3,109	41,273	38,164
Fire service contract	206,281	223,692	223,692	-
Other income	2,500	2,500	2,757	257
	753,581	735,505	838,231	102,726
	28,387,425	28,020,998	29,162,854	1,141,856

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

BUDGET AND ACTUAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

		Budget			_			Variance with Final	
		Original		Final		Actual		Budget	
EXPENDITURES									
Judicial									
Magistrate Court	\$	606,529	\$	606,529	\$	588,140	\$	18,389	
Superior Court	"	318,123	"	314,317	II	262,648	"	51,669	
Juvenile Court		520,866		527,248		527,242		6	
Clerk of Court		780,896		787,126		767,110		20,016	
State Court		225,268		225,268		224,916		352	
State Court Solicitor		200,800		200,800		174,593		26,207	
Probate Judge		386,283		388,827		371,307		17,520	
Public Defender		333,050		333,050		320,717		12,333	
District Attorney		638,808		638,808		634,648		4,160	
Total judicial		4,010,623		4,021,973		3,871,321		150,652	
General Government									
Board of Commissioners		282,035		282,945		268,499		14,446	
County manager		230,916		233,762		207,841		25,921	
County attorney		150,000		150,000		149,189		811	
Finance		225,584		215,589		202,144		13,445	
Finance administration		126,981		128,632		127,068		1,564	
Purchasing		55,603		52,161		48,903		3,258	
Information systems		113,915		116,137		116,135		2	
Tax Commissioner		957,017		972,063		972,053		10	
Tax Assessor		615,614		621,111		531,192		89,919	
Elections		311,364		313,621		286,594		27,027	
Malt Beverage Board		2,650		1,005		1,005		-	
Public buildings		1,082,654		1,077,487		967,662		109,825	
Projects administration		64,010		64,796		60,910		3,886	
Other agencies		101,000		101,000		86,143		14,857	
Risk management		705,000		185,363		185,362		1	
Geographic information system		42,050		18,947		18,946		1	
Human resources		134,615		135,146		135,142		4	
Total general government		5,201,008		4,669,765		4,364,788		304,977	
Public Safety									
Sheriff		4,171,598		4,211,469		4,112,786		98,683	
Traffic control		360,240		364,184		357,847		6,337	
Jail operations		3,538,589		3,569,034		3,464,441		104,593	
Coroner		74,957		74,957		74,479		478	
Animal control		329,816		332,791		298,991		33,800	
Emergency management		66,027		35,666		35,661		5	
Ambulance service		150,000		150,000		150,000		-	
Fire service		3,668,711		3,801,279		3,558,687	_	242,592	
Total public safety		12,359,938		12,539,380		12,052,892		486,488	

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

BUDGET AND ACTUAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Bı	ıdget	_	Variance with Final		
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget		
Public Works						
Roads and bridges	\$ 2,272,116	5 \$ 2,289,939	\$ 2,074,910	\$ 215,029		
Public works administration	78,854		76,241	3,419		
Tuble works administration		77,000	70,211			
Total public works	2,350,970	2,369,599	2,151,151	218,448		
Health and Welfare						
Public health	507,286	510,972	510,972	-		
Public welfare	45,500	45,500	33,650	11,850		
Public transportation	682,173	706,444	706,437			
Total health and welfare	1,234,959	1,262,916	1,251,059	11,857		
Housing and Development						
Planning and zoning	334,879	338,829	309,536	29,293		
Economic development	165,010		160,074	7,040		
Agriculture Extension Service	110,166		101,305	10,171		
Building inspection	233,753	· ·	198,691	38,431		
Total housing and development	843,808	854,541	769,606	84,935		
Culture and Recreation						
Libraries	519,423	519,423	519,423	_		
General recreation	460,884		485,396	14		
Jack Mattox Recreation Park	247,557		248,643	8		
Boynton Stephens Park	15,000		15,126	1		
RYSA Poplar Springs Ball Field	35,000		38,848	1		
McConnell Park	16,464		11,050	3,327		
Lynhurst canoe launch	1,000		-	1,000		
County recreation programs	15,000		15,000	-,		
Elsie Holmes Nature Park	16,104		9,401	4,372		
Adult Literacy Center	135,074		123,404	12,193		
Senior Center	89,476		69,790	19,686		
Amphitheater	5,000		4,693	307		
Colonnade/Civic Center	494,738		463,869	33,269		
Total culture and recreation	2,050,720	2,078,821	2,004,643	74,178		
Debt Service						
Principal	47,209	47,209	47,209	_		
Interest	13,976		14,653			
Total debt service	61,185	61,862	61,862			
Total expenditures	28,113,211	27,858,857	26,527,322	1,331,535		
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

BUDGET AND ACTUAL

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

		Buc	dget					Variance with Final		
	Original			Final		Actual		Budget		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	274,214	\$	162,141	\$	2,635,532	\$	2,473,391		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USE	S)									
Proceeds from sale of assets		8,000		8,000		17,176		9,176		
Insurance proceeds		10,000		10,000		133,154		123,154		
Transfers to other funds		(292,214)		(180,141)		(180,141)				
		(274,214)		(162,141)		(29,811)		132,330		
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	R	-		-		2,605,721		2,605,721		
FUND BALANCES Beginning		7,118,400		7,118,400	_	7,118,400		-		
Ending	\$	7,118,400	\$	7,118,400	\$	9,724,121	\$	2,605,721		

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The budget is prepared on the same basis as the expenditures are presented, therefore no reconciliation between the budget basis and the basis under generally accepted accounting principles is required.

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Budget						Variance with Final	
		Original		Final		Actual		Budget
INVESTMENT EARNINGS								
Interest	\$		\$		\$	374	\$	374
EXPENDITURES								
Housing and Development						000 044		(000 244)
Economic development						899,241		(899,241)
Debt Service								
Principal		1,280,600		-		2,096,048		(2,096,048)
Interest		66,589			_	66,688		(66,688)
Total debt service		1,347,189		_		2,162,736		(2,162,736)
Total expenditures		1,347,189		-		3,061,977		(3,061,977)
•								
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(1,347,189)		_		(3,061,603)		(3,061,603)
OVER EM ENDITORES		(1,317,107)			_	(3,001,003)		(3,001,003)
OTHER CINANCING COURCES (1996)								
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers from other funds		1,347,189		_		1,527,429		1,527,429
Proceeds from long-term debt		-		-		2,626,212		2,626,212
Proceeds from sale of land						15,562		15,562
		1,347,189		<u>-</u>		4,169,203		4,169,203
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES								
AND OTHER USES		-		-		1,107,600		1,107,600
FUND BALANCES								
Beginning		(1,503,935)		(1,503,935)		(1,503,935)		_
Ending	\$	(1,503,935)	\$	(1,503,935)	\$	(396,335)	\$	1,107,600

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The budget is prepared on the same basis as the expenditures are presented, therefore no reconciliation between the budget basis and the basis under generally accepted accounting principles is required.

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA CATOOSA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (COMPONENT UNIT) SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	2017			2016	 2015		
Proportion of the net pension liability		0.0282750%		0.0310930%	0.0320400%		
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	1,337,526	\$	1,259,701	\$ 1,201,698		
Covered-employee payroll	\$	624,912	\$	701,744	\$ 771,628		
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a % of its covered-employee payroll		214.03%		179.51%	155.74%		
Plan fiduciary net position as a % of the total pension liability		72.34%		76.20%	77.99%		

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA CATOOSA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (COMPONENT UNIT) SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	2017		2016		2015	
Contractually required contributions	\$	140,056	\$	162,517	\$	156,113
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution		140,056		162,517		156,113
Contribution deficiency (excess)		-		-		-
Covered-employee payroll		624,912		701,744		771,628
Contributions as a % of covered-employee payroll		22.41%		23.16%		20.23%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA CATOOSA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (COMPONENT UNIT) NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Changes of assumptions: There were no changes in assumptions or benefits that affect the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date.

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions. The actuarially determined contributions rates in the schedule of contributions are calculated as of June 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the contractually required contributions for the year ended June 30, 2017 reported in that schedule:

Valuation date
Actuarial cost method
Amortization method
Remaining amortization period
Asset valuation method
Inflation rate
Salary increases

Investment rate of return

June 30, 2015
Entry Age
Level dollar, closed
25 years
5-year smoothed market

3.00% 5.45%-9.25%

7.5%, net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Special Revenue Salary **Total** State Reimburse-Capital Nonmajor Grant for DATE Confiscated Emergency Multiple ment **Projects** Governmental 911 Assets Grant **JCSA** Library Program **US Treasury** Total **Grant Fund** Funds **ASSETS** Due from other funds 21,372 5,772 \$ 46,488 64,784 8,685 \$ 359,020 \$ 506,121 16,895 523,016 Total assets 5,772 46,488 64,784 8,685 \$ 359,020 \$ 506,121 16,895 523,016 LIABILITIES Accounts payable 3,280 35,105 \$ 12,675 \$ 2,797 \$ 5,157 \$ - \$ - \$ 59,014 \$ 59,014 Total liabilities 59,014 \$ 3,280 35,105 12,675 2,797 5,157 \$ \$ 59,014 **DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES** Deferred revenue 30,623 \$ - \$ 30,623 \$ 13,183 \$ 43,806 Total deferred inflows of resources - \$ 30,623 \$ 30,623 \$ 13,183 \$ 43,806 **FUND BALANCES** Restricted 18,092 \$ - \$ 3,190 \$ - \$ - \$ 359,020 \$ - \$ 380,302 \$ 3,712 \$ 384,014 Unassigned 61,987 36,182 (29,333)3,528 36,182 Total fund balances 18,092 (29,333) \$ 3,190 61,987 3,528 \$ 359,020 \$ 416,484 3,712 \$ 420,196

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

		Special Revenue									
		iscated sets	Emergency 911	Multiple Grant	JCSA	State Grant for Library	DATE Program	Salary Reimbursement United States Treasury	Total	Capital Projects Grant Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES											
Charges for services	\$	_	\$ 1,111,005	\$ - \$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,111,005	\$ -	\$ 1,111,005
Intergovernmental		-	-	388,804	-	176,599	-	6,740	572,143	61,070	633,213
Fines, fees and forfeitures		23,430	-	-	134,160	-	97,875	-	255,465	-	255,465
Other				26,185					26,185		26,185
Total revenues		23,430	1,111,005	414,989	134,160	176,599	97,875	6,740	1,964,798	61,070	2,025,868
EXPENDITURES											
Current											
Judicial		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,264	27,264
Public safety		20,915	1,105,023	-	59,967	-	32,697	6,740	1,225,342	24,438	1,249,780
Public works		_	-	-	_	_	_	-	-	60,377	60,377
Health and welfare		-	-	416,178	-	-	-	-	416,178	-	416,178
Culture and recreation		-	-	-	-	178,511	-	-	178,511	3,568	182,079
Capital outlay		43,157	33,412		8,475	6,565			91,609	5,800	97,409
Total expenditures		64,072	1,138,435	416,178	68,442	185,076	32,697	6,740	1,911,640	121,447	2,033,087
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(40,642)	(27,430)	(1,189)	65,718	(8,477)	65,178	-	53,158	(60,377)	(7,219)
FUND BALANCES											
Beginning		58,734	(1,903)	4,379	(3,731)	12,005	293,842		363,326	64,089	427,415
Ending	Ş	18,092	\$ (29,333)	\$ 3,190 \$	\$ 61,987	\$ 3,528	\$ 359,020	\$ -	\$ 416,484	\$ 3,712	\$ 420,196

AGEN	ICY FUNDS	
Agency funds are used to account for funds colleorganizations, other governments, and other funds.	lected by the County as an agent for individuals, priv	ate

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA AGENCY FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Beginning		. <u> </u>	Additions		Deductions	Ending	
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents								
Tax Commissioner	\$	991,461	\$	53,357,673	\$	53,305,343	\$	1,043,791
Clerk of Superior Court	π	1,562,057	π	2,660,061	π	3,912,417	π	309,701
Magistrate Court		3,898		264,025		255,700		12,223
Probate Judge		6,746		312,884		316,630		3,000
State Court		89,973		849,425		873,894		65,504
Sheriff		58,306		532,091	_	541,484		48,913
Total assets	\$	2,712,441	<u>\$</u>	57,976,159	<u>\$</u>	59,205,468	<u>\$</u>	1,483,132
LIABILITIES Due to other funds								
Tax Commissioner	\$		\$	13,209,623	\$	13,209,623	Φ	
Clerk of Superior Court	φ	-	φ	921,432	Ф	921,432	\$	-
Magistrate Court		-		135,126		135,126		-
Probate Judge		-		244,629		244,629		-
State Court		_		648,583		648,583		-
Sheriff		_		79,369		79,369		_
Olicini				77,007		17,007	_	
				15,238,762		15,238,762		-
Unrestricted Due to other governments								
Tax Commissioner		991,461		40,148,050		40,095,720		1,043,791
		991,461		40,148,050		40,095,720		1,043,791
Due to heirs, litigants and others								
Clerk of Superior Court		1,562,057		1,738,629		2,990,985		309,701
Magistrate Court		3,898		128,899		120,574		12,223
Probate Judge		6,746		68,255		72,001		3,000
State Court		89,973		200,842		225,311		65,504
Sheriff		58,306	-	452,722		462,115		48,913
		1,720,980		2,589,347		3,870,986		439,341
Total liabilities	\$	2,712,441 57	\$	57,976,159	\$	59,205,468	\$	1,483,132

FINANCIAL SCHEDULES

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Levy Year									
		2016		2015		2014		2013	Prior to 2013	 Total
TAXES RECEIVABLE Beginning	\$	-	\$	182,771	\$	38,676	\$	2,990	\$ 2,244	\$ 226,681
TAX LEVY		10,938,729		-		-		-	-	10,938,729
ADJUSTMENTS Releases, net of pickups		(5,608)		(3,377)		(2,060)		142	(1,996)	(12,899)
COLLECTIONS	((10,775,221)		(134,935)		(33,704)		(2,632)	29	 10,946,463)
TAXES RECEIVABLE Ending	\$	157,900	\$	44,459	\$	2,912	\$	500	\$ 277	\$ 206,048

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE SECTION

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Contract or Pass-Through Number	Beginning Accrued (Deferred)	Cash Receipts (Refunds)	Expenditures	Ending Accrued (Deferred)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services						
Pass-through from Georgia Department of Behavioral						
Health and Developmental Disabilities						
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	93.959	44100-026-0000014883	\$ 32,282			, ,
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	93.959	44100-906-0000089599	-	120,667	161,014	40,347
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	93.959	44100-906-0000086869	-	123,860	166,392	42,532
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	93.243	44100-906-0000029200	36,617	40,856	3,749	(490)
			68,899	336,759	340,717	72,857
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	93.243	441-93-11110293-01	(1,465)		1,465	
Total Health and Human Services			67,434	336,759	342,182	72,857
U.S. Department of Transportation						
Pass-through from Georgia Department of Transportation						
Mass Transportation Assistance	20.507	TT006343	-	-	62,753	62,753
Mass Transportation Assistance	20.507	ТТ005915	62,078	177,085	175,552	60,545
FTA 5311 Capital Assistance	20.509	ТТ005573	-	72,005	72,005	-
FTA 5311 Capital Assistance	20.509	TT005915		72,005	72,005	
			62,078	321,095	382,315	123,298
Pass-through from Transit Alliance Group						
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	20.513	16-0024	3,930	39,677	35,747	-
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	20.513			3,175	10,825	7,650
			3,930	42,852	46,572	7,650
Total Department of Transportation			66,008	363,947	428,887	130,948
U.S. Department of Homeland Security						
Pass-through from Georgia Emergency Management Agency						
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness	20.703	OHM15-007	5,000	5,000	-	-
Hazardous Mitigation Assistance Multi-Jurisdictional Plan	97.047	PDMC-PL-2014-4	18,332	-	-	18,332
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	2009-SU-B9-0003	-	1,625	1,625	-
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	OEM16-023S01	-	19,183	19,183	-
	98.042	OEM146023S02		500	500	
Total Department of Homeland Security	61		23,332	26,308	21,308	18,332

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	Federal	Contract or	Beginning	Cash		Ending
Grantor/Pass-Through	CFDA	Pass-Through	Accrued	Receipts		Accrued
Grantor/Program Title	Number	Number	(Deferred)	(Refunds)	Expenditures	(Deferred)
U.S. Department of Justice						
Pass-through from Georgia Justice Coordinating Council						
VOCA	16.575	C14-8-109-C16-8-1001		14,155	28,831	14,676
Total Federal Awards			\$ 156,774	\$ 741,169	\$ 821,208	\$ 236,813

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

(1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Catoosa County, Georgia 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 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 basic financial statements.

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Catoosa County, Georgia has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Catoosa County, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Catoosa County, Georgia as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, 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 27, 2018. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Catoosa County Health Department, as described in our report on the Catoosa County, Georgia's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Catoosa County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Catoosa County, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Catoosa County, Georgia's internal controls.

A deficiency in internal controls 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 the 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.

Johnson, Niekey & Meuchen, P.C.

March 27, 2018

Chattanooga, Tennessee



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

To the Board of Commissioners Catoosa County, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Catoosa County, Georgia's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Catoosa County, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2017. Catoosa County, Georgia's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Catoosa County, Georgia's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Catoosa County, Georgia's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Catoosa County, Georgia's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Catoosa County, Georgia complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Catoosa County, Georgia is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Catoosa County, Georgia's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Catoosa County, Georgia's 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control over 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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 on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Johnson, Wiekey & Meucheson, P.C.

March 27, 2018

Chattanooga, Tennessee

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Catoosa County, Georgia.

No significant deficiencies were reported. No material weaknesses were reported.

No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements were reported.

No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses over the major programs were reported.

The auditors' report on compliance with the material compliance requirements of the major federal award programs expressed an unmodified opinion.

The programs tested as major programs were:

CFDA #93.959 Substance and Mental Abuse Services

The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.

Catoosa County, Georgia was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Current Year Findings

None

Prior Year Findings Corrected

2016-1 Noncompliance with State Law

Condition

Georgia State law requires that no county elected officer use a county credit card unless the board of commissioners has publicly voted to authorize the elected official to use such card, the county has adopted a policy regarding the use of county credit cards, and the county and elected official must enter into a contract regarding the use of the county credit card. As of September 30, 2016, with regards to elected officials and county credit cards, the board of commissioners have approved elected officials to use county credit cards, the county has adopted a credit card policy for elected officials, however, no contracts between the county and elected officials have been entered into. This was corrected for the year ended September 30, 2017.

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS RELATED TO FEDERAL AWARDSNone reported

SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SPECIAL 1 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX

To the Board of Commissioners Catoosa County, Georgia

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Catoosa County, Georgia as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2018. We have also audited the accompanying schedules of the County's projects constructed with special local option sales tax funds, for the year ended September 30, 2017, (the specific projects allowed having been identified in resolutions dated April 3, 2003, June 17, 2008, and January 15, 2013 calling for imposition of the special sales and use tax authorized by Section 48-8-110 OCGA). These schedules are the responsibility of the management of Catoosa County, Georgia. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the schedules based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of the schedules in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedules of the County's projects constructed with special local option sales tax funds are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the schedules. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the schedules. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules of the County's projects constructed with special local option sales tax funds, as referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the amounts of projects constructed with proceeds from the County's special local option sales tax for the year ended September 30, 2017, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Johnson, Weekey & Mercheson, P.C.

March 27, 2018 Chattanooga, Tennessee

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS 2004 CYCLE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	ORIGINAL						CUMULATIVE OTHER FUNDING	
ESTIMATED COST	REALLOC- ATIONS	ESTIMATED COSTS	PRIOR CURRENT YEARS YEAR		TOTAL	OF COMPLETION		
\$ 5,461,000	ş -	\$ 5,461,000 \$	5,609,689	\$ - \$	5,609,689	100%	\$ 341,362	
1,935,000	-	1,935,000	1,986,126	-	1,986,126	100%	69,881	
2,500,000	-	2,500,000	2,562,322	-	2,562,322	100%	59,612	
2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,789,112	-	1,789,112	89%	-	
16,190,000	-	16,190,000	17,078,141	-	17,078,141	100%	739,300	
2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,998,628	293,791	2,292,419	100%	-	
637,000	-	637,000	652,763	-	652,763	100%	-	
2,000,000	-	2,000,000	2,049,490	-	2,049,490	100%	-	
5,015,000	-	5,015,000	5,139,098	-	5,139,098	100%	-	
685,000	-	685,000	701,950	-	701,950	100%	-	
550,000	-	550,000	563,610	-	563,610	100%	-	
2,000,000	-	2,000,000	2,261,965	-	2,261,965	100%	161,611	
350,000		350,000	358,660		358,660	100%		
\$ 41,323,000	<u>\$</u> _	\$ 41,323,000	42,751,554	\$ 293,791	\$ 43,045,345		\$ 1,371,766	
				\$ 293,791				
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CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS 2009 CYCLE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST	REALLOC- ATIONS	REVISED ESTIMATED COSTS	PRIOR YEARS	CURRENT YEAR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETION	CUMULATIVE OTHER FUNDING
				TEMIC	12/11	1011111	COMPLETION	TOTODITO
Fort Oglethorpe sewer, water and capital outlay projects	\$ 7,112,000	\$ -	\$ 7,112,000	\$ 5,747,923	\$ - \$	5,747,923	81%	\$ 29,154
Ringgold sewer, water and capital outlay projects	2,520,000	-	2,520,000	2,059,498	-	2,059,498	82%	33,163
Catoosa Utility District water projects	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	3,231,921	-	3,231,921	81%	15,518
Catoosa County sewer projects	15,750,000	-	15,750,000	12,254,852	177,718	12,432,570	79%	-
Recreation	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,215,596	64,003	1,279,599	64%	-
Public safety equipment	5,509,000	-	5,509,000	2,950,794	146,647	3,097,441	56%	-
Public works vehicles	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	1,202,270	-	1,202,270	80%	-
Multi-purpose buildings	1,190,000	-	1,190,000	872,957	-	872,957	73%	-
Roads, buildings, and stormwater	9,869,000	-	9,869,000	10,022,727	-	10,022,727	100%	2,087,050
Library enhancement	500,000	-	500,000	192,156	47,559	239,715	48%	-
Economic development	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,645,373	12,601	1,657,974	83%	-
GIS department	400,000	-	400,000	104,930	-	104,930	26%	5,940
Historical tourism/greenspace	750,000		750,000	612,531		612,531	82%	10,000
	\$ 53,100,000	\$ -	\$ 53,100,000	\$ 42,113,528	\$ 448,528 \$	42,562,056		\$ 2,180,825
Reconciliation of current year expenditures SPLOST 2009 expenditures per financial statements Less debt service principal					\$ 448,528			
SPLOST 2009 expenditures per financial statements					\$ 448,528 - \$ 448,528			

CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS 2014 CYCLE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	ORIGINAL		REVISED		EXPENDITURE	s	PERCENTAGE	CUMULATIVE	
PROVECT	ESTIMATED	REALLOC-	ESTIMATED	PRIOR	CURRENT	TOTAL	OF	OTHER	
PROJECT	COST	ATIONS	COSTS	YEARS	YEAR	TOTAL	COMPLETION	FUNDING	
Fort Oglethorpe sewer, water and capital outlay projects	\$ 7,150,000	\$ -	\$ 7,150,000	\$ 1,518,943	\$ 899,682 \$	2,418,625	34%	\$ 1,496	
Ringgold sewer, water and capital outlay projects	2,500,000	-	2,500,000	841,827	404,569	1,246,396	50%	307	
Catoosa Utility District water projects	2,300,000	-	2,300,000	773,653	373,855	1,147,508	50%	63	
Catoosa County sewer projects	12,400,000	-	12,400,000	2,493,708	2,346,504	4,840,212	39%	447,666	
Recreation	2,263,101	-	2,263,101	637,035	312,157	949,192	42%	-	
Public safety equipment and buildings	9,222,399	-	9,222,399	1,399,878	305,095	1,704,973	18%	-	
Roads and bridges	9,000,000	-	9,000,000	3,439,346	1,593,477	5,032,823	56%	1,772,404	
Equipment and vehicles	2,164,500	-	2,164,500	358,208	460,888	819,096	38%	-	
Public buildings and grounds	800,000	-	800,000	235,848	8,293	244,141	31%	26,758	
Courthouse renovation	2,200,000	-	2,200,000	692,096	87,606	779,702	35%	-	
Stormwater projects	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	628,096	67,218	695,314	23%	-	
Economic development	6,700,000	-	6,700,000	2,127,304	1,035,131	3,162,435	47%	45,364	
GIS department	300,000		300,000	4,795		4,795	2%	_	
Reconciliation of current year expenditures	\$ 60,000,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000,000	\$ 15,150,737	\$ 7,894,475 \$	3 23,045,212		\$ 2,294,058	

Reconciliation of current year expenditures

SPLOST 2014 expenditures per financial statements Less debt service principal \$ 7,894,475

\$ 7,894,475

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