**FINANCIAL REPORT** 

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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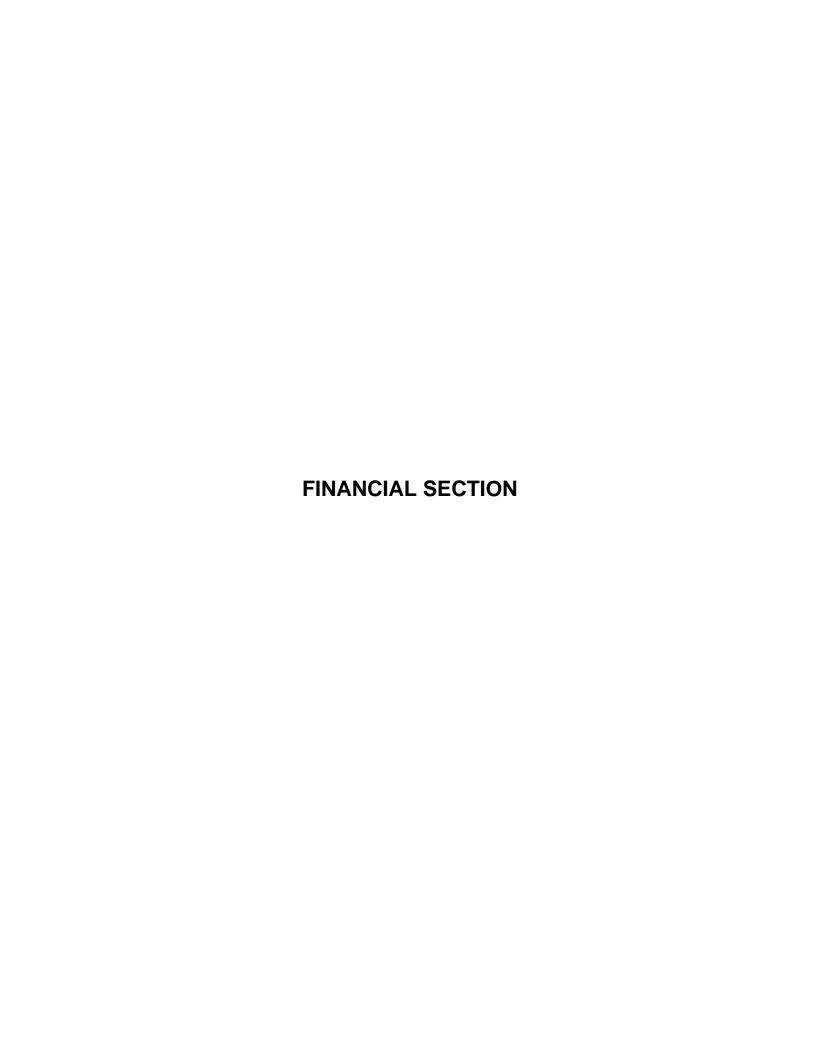
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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners of Tattnall County, Georgia Reidsville, Georgia

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Tattnall County**, **Georgia** (the "County"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Tattnall County Board of Health, which represents 34%, 20% and 84%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Tattnall County Board of Health, are based solely on the report of the other auditors.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

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

#### Emphasis of Matter

The County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as of October 1, 2021 which significantly changed the reporting of the County's lease arrangements. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Changes in the County's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios and the Schedule of County Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We 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.

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by GASB who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund statements and schedules, as listed in the table of contents, and the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds as required by the Official Code of Georgia ("O.C.G.A.") §48-8-121, are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by us and other auditors. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund statements and schedules and the schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2023 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Tattnall County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mauldin & Jerkins, LLC

Savannah, Georgia March 23, 2023



# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Primary Government			Component Units					
	Go	overnmental Activities		Development Authority		Board of Health			
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,030,258	\$	850,971	\$	817,745			
Taxes receivable		550,905		-		-			
Accounts receivable, net of allowances		589,796		54,976		-			
Due from other governments		440,732		-		243,047			
Prepaid items		265,063		-		-			
Net OPEB asset		-		-		48,640			
Leased assets		887,751		-		-			
Capital assets, non-depreciable		1,718,844		330,318		-			
Capital assets, depreciable, net of									
accumulated depreciation		25,566,564		876,385		22,018			
Total assets		42,049,913		2,112,650		1,131,450			
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES									
Pension		1,112,651		-		265,102			
OPEB		-		-		62,723			
Total deferred outflows of resources		1,112,651		-		327,825			
LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable		813,578		1,177		8,029			
Accrued liabilities		318,474		, -		, -			
Funds held for others		12,250		-		-			
Unearned revenue		2,994,734		-		-			
Lease due within one year		291.674		_		_			
Leases due in more than one year		899,950		-		-			
Compensated absences due		,							
within one year		76,014		-		6,670			
Compensated absences due in more		,				,			
than one year		304,059		-		26,678			
Financed purchase due in within one year		28,059		-		-			
Financed purchase due in more than one year		90,719		-		-			
Bonds payable due within one year		690,000		-		-			
Bonds payable due in more than one year		2,354,262		-		-			
Landfill closure and post-closure care									
due within one year		20,000		-		-			
Landfill closure and post-closure care									
costs due in more than one year		20,000		-		-			
Net pension liability		1,442,227		-		356,776			
Total liabilities		10,356,000		1,177		398,153			
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES									
Pension		1,130,046		_		329,746			
OPEB		-		_		189,865			
Total deferred inflows of resources		1,130,046		-		519,611			
NET POSITION		,,-							
Net investment in capital assets		23,818,495		1,206,703		22,018			
Restricted for:		23,010,493		1,200,703		22,010			
Judicial programs		121,931							
Public safety		652,360		-		-			
Economic development		472,594		-		-			
Capital improvements		2,284,326		-		-			
		2,204,320		-		288,649			
Prior year program income Unrestricted		4 226 012		- 004 770		·			
	Φ.	4,326,812	φ	904,770	¢	230,844			
Total net position	\$	31,676,518	\$	2,111,473	\$	541,511			

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

				F	rogran	n Revenues	
Functions/Programs		Expenses	Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Frants and Intributions
Primary government	_	-					
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$	2,175,067	\$	1,869,780	\$	-	\$ -
Judicial		1,725,993		655,616		-	-
Public safety		9,018,860		1,524,293		-	3,066,433
Sanitation		888,426		-		-	-
Public works		4,280,613		-		-	8,844
Health and welfare		182,583		-		-	-
Culture and recreation		148,089		-		-	-
Conservation		242,790		-		-	-
Economic development		1,101,442		-		-	-
Interest on long-term debt		207,243		-		-	-
Total governmental activities -							
Primary government	\$	19,971,106	\$	4,049,689	\$		\$ 3,075,277
Component units							
Development Authority	\$	82,365	\$	34,503	\$	149,900	\$ _
Board of Health		854,005		292,174		582,940	-
Total component units	\$	936,370	\$	326,677	\$	732,840	\$ -

#### General revenues:

Property taxes

Sales taxes

Insurance premium tax

Alcoholic beverages taxes

Other taxes

Other local funds

Unrestricted investment earnings

Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position, beginning of year

Net position, end of year

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position

Prima	ary Government	Component Units					
G	overnmental		Development		Board of		
	Activities		Authority		Health		
\$	(305,287)	\$	-	\$	-		
	(1,070,377)		-		-		
	(4,428,134)		-		-		
	(888,426)		-		-		
	(4,271,769)		-		-		
	(182,583)		-		-		
	(148,089)		-		-		
	(242,790)		-		-		
	(1,101,442)		-		-		
	(207,243)		-		-		
	(12,846,140)		-		-		
			102,038		-		
			-		21,109		
			102,038		21,109		
	7,866,408		-		-		
	4,544,520		-		-		
	1,272,118		-		-		
	61,126		-		-		
	763,050		-		-		
	-		-		117,093		
	40,737		2,852		-		
	14,547,959		2,852		117,093		
	1,701,819		104,890		138,202		
	29,974,699		2,006,583		403,309		
\$	31,676,518	\$	2,111,473	\$	541,511		

# BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	General Fund		2020 SPLOST Fund	Sales Tax Bond Fund for 2020 SPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total I Governmenta Funds	
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,910,788	\$ 3,205,269	\$ 1,112,307	\$ 889,720	\$ 1,912,174	\$ 12,030,258	
Taxes receivable	550,905	-	-	-	-	550,905	
Accounts receivable, net	224,364	-	-	-	365,432	589,796	
Due from other governments	153,188	-	225,332	-	62,212	440,732	
Due from other funds	624,689	-	-	-	-	624,689	
Prepaid items	195,504	Φ 0.005.000	<u> </u>	68,525	1,034	265,063	
Total assets	\$ 6,659,438	\$ 3,205,269	\$ 1,337,639	\$ 958,245	\$ 2,340,852	\$ 14,501,443	
LIABILITES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES							
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	\$ 192,097	\$ -	\$ 315,854	\$ 279,880	\$ 25,747	\$ 813,578	
Accrued liabilities	64,296	204,375	-	-	6,425	275,096	
Funds held for others	-	-	-	-	12,250	12,250	
Due to other funds	-	-	-	250,000	374,689	624,689	
Unearned revenue	-	2,994,734	-	-	-	2,994,734	
Total liabilities	256,393	3,199,109	315,854	529,880	419,111	4,720,347	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Unavailable revenues:							
Property taxes	523,610	_	_	_	-	523,610	
Total deferred inflows		-	· ·				
of resources	523,610		. <u>-</u>			523,610	
FUND BALANCES							
Fund balances							
Nonspendable:							
Prepaid items	195,504	-	-	68,525	1,034	265,063	
Restricted for:							
Judicial programs	-	-	-	-	121,931	121,931	
Public safety	-	6,160	-	-	646,200	652,360	
Sanitation	-	-	-	<del>-</del>	472,594	472,594	
Capital improvements	-	-	1,021,785	359,840	902,701	2,284,326	
Assigned for:							
Subsequent years' budget	846,854	-	-	-	- (000 = :::)	846,854	
Unassigned	4,837,077				(222,719)	4,614,358	
Total fund balances	5,879,435	6,160	1,021,785	428,365	1,921,741	9,257,486	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources							
and fund balances	\$ 6,659,438	\$ 3,205,269	\$ 1,337,639	\$ 958,245	\$ 2,340,852	\$ 14,501,443	

# RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Total governmental fund balances		\$ 9,257,486
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost Less accumulated depreciation	\$ 48,059,485 (20,774,077)	27,285,408
Leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Leased assets cost Less accumulated amortization	\$ 1,360,264 (472,513)	887,751
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		523,610
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the recording of the net pension liability are recognized as expense over time and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(17,395)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Leases payable Bonds payable Financed purchase payable Accrued interest payable Landfill post-closure care costs Net pension liability	\$ (1,191,624) (3,044,262) (118,778) (43,378) (40,000) (1,442,227)	
Compensated absences	 (380,073)	 (6,260,342)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 31,676,518

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	General Fund	ARPA Fund	2020 SPLOST Fund	Sales Tax Bond Fund for 2020 SPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ 7,978,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,978,338
Sales taxes	1,839,645	Ψ -	2,704,875	Ψ -	Ψ -	4,544,520
Other taxes	1,371,581	_	2,704,070	_	724,713	2,096,294
Licenses and permits	93,130	_	_	_	724,710	93,130
Intergovernmental	217,784	1,916,875	_	_	931,774	3,066,433
Charges for services	1,659,805	1,910,075	_	_	1,356,529	3,016,334
Fines and forfeitures	655,616	-	-	-	94,835	750,451
Interest income	19,861	4,693	2,322	3,171	19,534	49,581
Miscellaneous		4,093	2,322	3,171		
	116,845	4 004 500	0.707.407		72,929	189,774
Total revenues	13,952,605	1,921,568	2,707,197	3,171	3,200,314	21,784,855
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	1,980,784	-	-	1,019	-	1,981,803
Judicial	1,693,310	-	-	-	12,441	1,705,751
Public safety	6,969,841	692,522	-	-	815,024	8,477,387
Sanitation	-	-	-	-	888,426	888,426
Public works	2,135,331	-	-	-	147,389	2,282,720
Health and welfare	144,758	-	-	-	-	144,758
Culture and recreation	132,345	-	-	-	-	132,345
Conservation	242,790	-	-	-	-	242,790
Economic development	167,438	-	-	-	-	167,438
Intergovernmental	-	-	934,004	-	-	934,004
Capital outlay	-	505,787	254,215	1,330,627	1,874,047	3,964,676
Debt service:		•	•			
Principal	-	-	905,674	-	-	905,674
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	207,243	-	-	207,243
Total expenditures	13,466,597	1,198,309	2,301,136	1,331,646	3,737,327	22,035,015
Evene (deficiency)						
Excess (deficiency)						
of revenues over	406 000	700 050	406.064	(4 220 475)	(527.042)	(250.460)
(under) expenditures	486,008	723,259	406,061	(1,328,475)	(537,013)	(250,160)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Sale of capital assets	34,692	-	-	-	-	34,692
Issuance of debt	-	-	135,215	-	-	135,215
Transfers in	718,566	-	29,987	353,191	202,992	1,304,736
Transfers out	(556,183)	(718,566)	-	(29,987)	-	(1,304,736)
Total other financing						
sources (uses)	197,075	(718,566)	165,202	323,204	202,992	169,907
Net change in fund balances	683,083	4,693	571,263	(1,005,271)	(334,021)	(80,253)
Fund balances, beginning						
of year	5,196,352	1,467	450,522	1,433,636	2,255,762	9,337,739
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 5,879,435	\$ 6,160	\$ 1,021,785	\$ 428,365	\$ 1,921,741	\$ 9,257,486

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ (80,253)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
Capital outlay Depreciation	\$ 2,966,430 (1,998,801)	967,629
Governmental funds report leased asset additions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term and reported as amortization expense. This is the amount by which amortization expense exceeded leased asset additions in the current period.		
Leased asset additions	\$ 135,215	(227.200)
Amortization	(472,513)	(337,298)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital and leased assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to increase net position.		200,024
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(111,930)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		
Debt proceeds Principal repayments	\$ (135,215) 1,001,589	866,374
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Change in accrued interest Change in the net pension liability and related deferred items Change in compensated absences	\$ 26,814 210,236 (39,777)	197,273
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ 1,701,819

# GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Bu	dget				Var	iance With	
	Original		Final		Actual		Final Budget	
Revenues								
Property taxes	\$ 7,704,999	\$	7,704,999	\$	7,978,338	\$	273,339	
Sales taxes	1,360,000		1,360,000		1,839,645		479,645	
Alcoholic beverage taxes	45,000		45,000		61,126		16,126	
Insurance premium taxes	1,225,000		1,225,000		1,272,118		47,118	
Other taxes	60,500		60,500		38,337		(22,163)	
Licenses and permits	82,525		82,525		93,130		10,605	
Intergovernmental	996,854		996,854		217,784		(779,070)	
Charges for services	1,776,151		1,776,151		1,659,805		(116,346)	
Fines and forfeitures	446,990		446,990		655,616		208,626	
Interest income	39,000		39,000		19,861		(19,139)	
Miscellaneous	 93,816		93,816		116,845		23,029	
Total revenues	 13,830,835		13,830,835		13,952,605		121,770	
Expenditures Current								
General government:								
General administration	934,913		947,016		561,889		385,127	
Elections	259,367		266,640		209,138		57,502	
Public buildings	357,860		360,883		376,066		(15,183)	
Tax commissioner	409,321		420,877		369,492		51,385	
Tax assessor	439,202		450,260		411,662		38,598	
Code enforcement								
-	53,727		55,556		38,716		16,840	
Archives building grant	9,685		9,949		11,711		(1,762)	
Tax equalizers Total general government	 6,000 2,470,075		6,000 2,517,181		2,110 1,980,784		3,890 536,397	
Judicial:		-						
	GEO 126		657 755		679 002		(24.220)	
State and superior court	652,136		657,755		678,993		(21,238)	
State court solicitor	57,373		58,825		53,303		5,522	
Clerk of superior court	458,292		471,879 220,454		387,261		84,618	
Probate court	311,425		320,154		276,965		43,189 8,483	
Magistrate court Total judicial	 296,579 1,775,805		305,271 1,813,884		296,788 1,693,310		120,574	
Public safety:								
Sheriff	2,230,877		2,288,749		2,254,586		34,163	
Jail	2,230,877		2,288,749		2,254,586		65,546	
Fire and rescue			443,238					
	438,239				457,225		(13,987)	
Special ambulance service	1,618,137		1,665,402		1,693,657		(28,255)	
Coroner Animal control	51,706 124,070		52,819 126,594		32,863 151,991		19,956	
	124,070						(25,397)	
Southern nuclear	36,380		37,492		27,859		9,633	
Drug condemnations	20,000		20,000		- 22 440		20,000	
Infrastructure maintenance Total public safety	 39,159 6,897,871		39,159 7,067,540		23,119 6,969,841		16,040 97,699	
Public works/roads	2,027,196		2,080,326		2,135,331		(55,005)	

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# GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Bu	dget				Var	iance With
	Original		Final		Actual	Fir	nal Budget
Expenditures (Continued)							
Current (Continued)							
Health and welfare:							
Health department	\$ 123,040	\$	123,040	\$	122,532	\$	508
Senior center	15,001		15,001		8,286		6,715
Community services/other	17,800		17,800		13,940		3,860
Total health and welfare	155,841		155,841		144,758		11,083
Culture and recreation:							
Recreation	70,000		70,000		70,000		_
Libraries	66,378		66,378		62,345		4,033
Total culture and recreation	136,378		136,378		132,345		4,033
Conservation:							
Extension service	285,084		291,487		225,197		66,290
Forestry commission	17,593		17,593		17,593		-
Total conservation	302,677		309,080		242,790		66,290
Economic development	 167,000		167,000		167,438		(438)
Total expenditures	 13,932,843		14,247,230		13,466,597		780,633
Excess (deficiency) of revenues							
over (under) expenditures	 (102,008)		(416,395)		486,008		902,403
Other financing sources (uses)							
Transfers in	-		-		718,566		718,566
Transfers out	(202,992)		(202,992)		(556,183)		(353,191)
Sale of assets	305,000		305,000		34,692		(270,308)
Total other financing sources, net	102,008		102,008		197,075		95,067
Net change in fund balance	 		(314,387)		683,083		997,470
Fund balance, beginning of year	5,196,352		5,196,352		5,196,352		-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 5,196,352	\$	4,881,965	\$	5,879,435	\$	997,470

# ARPA FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Bu	dget				Variance With		
	 Original		Final		Actual	Final Budget		
REVENUES								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$	2,457,987	\$	1,916,875	\$	(541,112)	
Interest	-		1,500		4,693		3,193	
Total revenues	 		2,459,487		1,921,568		(537,919)	
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
Public Safety	-		1,932,987		692,522		1,240,465	
Capital outlay	 		525,000		505,787		19,213	
Total expenditures	 		2,457,987		1,198,309		1,259,678	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	 		1,500		723,259		721,759	
OTHER FINANCING USES								
Transfers out	-		-		(718,566)		718,566	
Total other financing uses	<u> </u>		-		(718,566)		718,566	
Net changes in fund balance	 		1,500		4,693		3,193	
Fund balance, beginning of year	 1,467		1,467		1,467			
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 1,467	\$	2,967	\$	6,160	\$	3,193	

# STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

ASSETS	Custodial Funds
Cash and cash equivalents Taxes receivable	\$ 742,083 659,188
Total assets	1,401,271
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	1,156,476
Total liabilities	1,156,476
NET POSITION	
Restricted: Individuals, organizations, and other governments	244,795
Total net position	\$ 244,795

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

ADDITIONS	Custodial Funds					
ADDITIONS	_					
Taxes	\$	18,783,648				
Fines and fees		2,629,686				
Total additions		21,413,334				
DEDUCTIONS						
Taxes and fees paid to other governments		18,783,648				
Other custodial disbursements		2,483,983				
Total deductions		21,267,631				
Change in fiduciary net position		145,703				
NET POSITION, beginning of year		99,092				
NET POSITION, end of year	\$	244,795				

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

#### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### A. The Reporting Entity

Tattnall County was established under the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of Georgia on December 5, 1801. The County operates under a County Commissioner form of government (six commissioners are elected by the voters of the County) and provides the following services as authorized by state law: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

As required by GAAP, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of Tattnall County, Georgia (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationship with the County. In conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as set forth in GASB Statement No. 14, as amended, the financial statements of the component units are discretely presented in the government-wide financial statements.

#### **Tattnall County Development Authority**

The governing board of the Tattnall County Development Authority (the "Development Authority") consists of nine members appointed by the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners and surrounding cities. The Development Authority is responsible for promoting industrial and commercial development within the County. Although the County does not have the authority to approve or modify the budget of the Development Authority, the County does provide financial support to the Development Authority. Separately issued financial statements are not available for the Development Authority.

#### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# A. The Reporting Entity (Continued)

#### **Tattnall County Board of Health**

The Tattnall County Board of Health (the "Health Department") provides public health services to the residents of the County under a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources. Although the County does not have the authority to approve or modify the budget of the Health Department, the County is obligated to provide financial support to the Health Department. The Health Department has a June 30<sup>th</sup> year-end. The Health Department's statements have been prepared separately and can be obtained by writing to the Tattnall County Board of Health, 200B South Main Street, Reidsville, Georgia 30453.

#### B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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

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

# NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Fund is used to account for grant funds awarded to the County from the U.S Department of Treasury as part of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act.

The **2020 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") Fund** accounts for the proceeds of a SPLOST. Funds are used for road and bridge improvements, public buildings projects, emergency services, and other City projects within the County.

# NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

The **Sales Tax Bond Fund for 2020 SPLOST** accounts for the general obligation sales tax bond proceeds to be used for various capital outlay projects within the County.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

The **special revenue funds** account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

The *capital projects funds* account for the acquisition of capital assets and construction or improvement of major capital projects such as construction of new roads.

The **custodial funds** are used to account for the collection and disbursement of monies by the County on behalf of other governments and individuals, such as cash bonds, traffic fines, support payments and ad valorem and property taxes.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the County's solid waste functions and the other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs reported for the various functions concerned.

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

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

#### D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

# NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### E. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### F. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide Statement of Net Position. In the fund financial statements, these receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds."

In the government-wide financial statements, any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported as "internal balances".

#### G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. The County has retroactively reported major general infrastructure assets. In this case, the County chose to include all items regardless of their acquisition date. The County was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these assets through back trending.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets and right to use leased assets of the primary government and Development Authority are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Asset Category	Years
Buildings	15 – 40
Improvements other than buildings	15 – 40
Infrastructure	15 – 25
Machinery and equipment	5 – 15
Right to use leased equipment	5 – 15

# NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### H. Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned, but unused, vacation and sick pay benefits. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave, since the County does not have a policy to pay this amount when employees separate from service with the County. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations or retirements.

# I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities fund type Statement of Net Position.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of the debt issued as other financing sources.

#### J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

The County has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. These items, relating to the County's retirement plan, qualify for reporting in this category and are combined in the Statement of Net Position under the heading "Pension". The County reports deferred outflows of resources for assumption changes which are amortized over pension expense over a five-year period. Also, experience differences result from periodic studies by the County's actuary, which adjust the net pension liability for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed, resulting as a deferred outflow of resources. Additionally, any contributions made by the County to the retirement plan before year-end but subsequent to the measurement date of the County's net pension liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources.

# NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position and the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets/fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has three items that qualify for reporting in this category, one of which arises only under the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes and these amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available. Experience differences result from periodic studies by the County's actuary, which adjust the net pension liability for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed, resulting as a deferred inflow of resources. The net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments is deferred and amortized into pension expense over a five-year period, resulting in recognition as a deferred inflow of resources.

# K. Fund Equity

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

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

- **Non-spendable** Fund balances are reported as non-spendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either: a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash), or b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed
  on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through
  external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other
  governments.
- Committed Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Commissioners through the adoption of a resolution. Only the Board of Commissioners may modify or rescind the commitment.

# NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# K. Fund Equity (Continued)

- Assigned Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the County's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Through resolution, the Board of Commissioners has authorized the County Manager to assign fund balances.
- Unassigned Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The County reports positive unassigned fund balances only in the General Fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

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

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

The County applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

#### L. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

# NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### M. Leases

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

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

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

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included
  in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase
  option prices that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

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

Lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the Statement of Net Position.

#### NOTE 2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

#### A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

**Budgetary Data.** The annual budget document is the financial plan for the operation of the County. The budget process exists for the purpose of providing a professional management approach to the establishment of priorities and the implementation of work programs while providing an orderly means for control and evaluation of the financial posture of the County. All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. An annual operating budget is prepared for all governmental funds except the capital project funds, which use project-length budgets.

Department heads submit to the County Manager a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The proposed budgets are then submitted to the Board of Commissioners by the County Manager for study. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

The legal level of control for each legally adopted annual budget is the department level. Supplemental appropriations out of the County's General Fund contingency account may be made by the Board of Commissioners to fund unforeseen expenditures within the County's governmental funds at any time during the year. The Board of Commissioners must approve any department level changes to a previously adopted budget. Management may amend the budget without seeking the approval of the Board of Commissioners at any level below the departmental level.

All final budget amounts presented in the accompanying financial statements have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budget during the year. The supplementary budgetary appropriations made were not material. All unexpended appropriations provided in the annual budget lapse at year-end.

#### B. Deficit Fund Balance

The Department of Transportation ("DOT") Special Fund reported a deficit fund balance of \$222,719 at September 30, 2022. This deficit will be reduced by future transfers from the General Fund.

#### NOTE 2. LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS (CONTINUED)

#### C. Excess Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended September 30, 2022, expenditures exceeded budget in the applicable governmental funds, as follows:

Department	Excess			
General Fund:				
General government - public buildings	\$	15,183		
General government - archives building grant		1,762		
Judicial - state and superior court		21,238		
Public safety - fire and rescue		13,987		
Public safety - special ambulance service		28,255		
Public safety - animal control		25,397		
Public works/roads		55,005		
Economic development		438		
Sheriff Special Fund:				
Public safety		54,945		
Solid Waste Fund:				
Sanitation		159,397		

These over-expenditures were funded by under-expenditures in other departments or additional revenue.

#### NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

**Credit risk.** State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. government; prime bankers' acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. It is the County's policy to limit its investments to those allowed and authorized by state law. As of September 30, 2022, the County held no investments.

Custodial credit risk – deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. As of September 30, 2022, the deposits of the County and its component units were properly insured and collateralized as defined by GASB pronouncements and the official code of the State of Georgia.

# NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

**Interest rate risk**. The County's investment policy is a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. As such, they adhere to the following criteria regarding investments as outlined in the County's policies and procedures manual: the investment must always be concerned with the preservation of principal; all investments must be relatively liquid; and there must be a realization of competitive interest rates relative to the risk assumed. The County Manager is authorized to make all investment decisions on behalf of the County.

#### NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at September 30, 2022 consist of the following:

General Fund	202	20 SPLOST Fund		-	Total		
\$ 550,905	\$	-	\$	-	\$	550,905	
224,364		-		437,897		662,261	
153,188		225,332		62,212		440,732	
928,457		225,332		500,109		1,653,898	
-		-		(72,465)		(72,465)	
\$ 928,457	\$	225,332	\$	427,644	\$	1,581,433	
_	\$ 550,905 224,364 153,188 928,457	Fund  \$ 550,905	Fund         Fund           \$ 550,905         \$ -           224,364         -           153,188         225,332           928,457         225,332           -         -	General Fund         2020 SPLOST Fund         Go           \$ 550,905 224,364         \$ - \$           153,188 928,457 225,332         - 225,332	Fund         Funds           \$ 550,905         \$ -         \$ -           224,364         -         437,897           153,188         225,332         62,212           928,457         225,332         500,109           -         -         (72,465)	General Fund         2020 SPLOST Funds         Governmental Funds           \$ 550,905 224,364         - \$ - \$ \$ 437,897           153,188 225,332 928,457 225,332 500,109 - (72,465)         - (72,465)	

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Property taxes are billed on or about October 20<sup>th</sup> of each year and are payable within 60 days. The County bills and collects its own property taxes. Collection of taxes for the County and other government agencies is the responsibility of the Tax Commissioner's Office, which is accounted for in an Agency Fund. County property tax revenues at the fund reporting level are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables (i.e., collectible in 60 days). For the year ended September 30, 2022, property taxes were levied on September 12, 2022, mailed on September 30, 2022, and were due December 15, 2022. Net receivables estimated to be collected subsequent to November 30, 2022, are deferred as of September 30, 2022, and recorded as revenue when received. Prior year levies were recorded using substantially the same principles, and remaining receivables are reevaluated annually.

# NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

# A. Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance			Increases Decreases			Transfers	Ending Balance			
Governmental activities: Capital assets, not being depreciated:											
Land	\$	742,889	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	742,889		
Construction in progress			_	975,955			 		975,955		
Total		742,889		975,955		-	 -		1,718,844		
Capital assets, being depreciated:											
Buildings and improvements	s	18,821,209		-		-	-		18,821,209		
Machinery and equipment		12,764,124		483,384		(1,990,781)	-		11,256,727		
Infrastructure		14,755,614		1,507,091					16,262,705		
Total		46,340,947		1,990,475		(1,990,781)	-		46,340,641		
Less accumulated depreciation for:											
Buildings and improvement	s	(7,277,902)		(438,476)		-	-		(7,716,378)		
Machinery and equipment		(8,920,216)		(930,688)		965,756	-		(8,885,148)		
Infrastructure		(3,542,914)		(629,637)		-	-		(4,172,551)		
Total		(19,741,032)		(1,998,801)		965,756	-		(20,774,077)		
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net		26,599,915		(8,326)		(1,025,025)			25,566,564		
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	27,342,804	\$	967,629	\$	(1,025,025)	\$ 	\$	27,285,408		

# NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

# A. Primary Government (Continued)

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 193,414
Judicial	55,000
Public safety	841,328
Public works	855,490
Health and welfare	37,825
Culture and recreation	 15,744
Total depreciation expense -	
governmental activities	\$ 1,998,801

# B. Discretely Presented Component Unit – Development Authority

	Beginning Balance			ncreases	Decreases		Tra	ansfers	Ending Balance		
Capital assets, not being depreciated: Land Total	\$	330,318 330,318	\$		\$	<u>-</u>	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	330,318 330,318	
Capital assets, being depreciated: Buildings Total		1,204,440 1,204,440		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		1,204,440 1,204,440	
Less accumulated depreciation for: Buildings Total		(297,944) (297,944)		(30,111) (30,111)		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		(328,055) (328,055)	
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net		906,496		(30,111)						876,385	
Development Authority capital assets, net	\$	1,236,814	\$	(30,111)	\$		\$		\$	1,206,703	

#### NOTE 6. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of long-term liability activity for the primary government for the year ended September 30, 2022:

		Beginning Balance	 Additions	Reductions		Ending Balance	Due Within One Year	
Governmental activities:								
Bonds payable	\$	3,565,000	\$ -	\$	(680,000)	\$ 2,885,000	\$	690,000
Unamortized bond premium		235,177	 -		(75,915)	159,262		
Total bonds payable		3,800,177	-		(755,915)	3,044,262		690,000
Leases		1,255,049	135,215		(198,640)	1,191,624		291,674
Direct borrowing - financed purchase	Э	145,812	-		(27,034)	118,778		28,059
Compensated absences		340,296	153,655		(113,878)	380,073		76,014
Landfill liability		60,000	-		(20,000)	40,000		20,000
Net pension liability		2,280,238	1,202,866		(2,040,877)	1,442,227		-
Governmental activities Long-term liabilities	\$	7,881,572	\$ 1,491,736	\$	(3,156,344)	\$ 6,216,964	\$	1,105,747

For governmental funds, compensated absences and the net pension liability are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

Landfill Closure and Post-closure Costs. Effective in the early 1990's, the Tattnall County Landfill Phase II was closed, and no additional waste has been accepted. According to state and federal laws and regulations, the County must perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for a minimum of 30 years. Engineering studies estimate post-closure costs of approximately \$40,000 over the remaining period. Should any problems occur during this post-closure period, the costs and time period required for the maintenance and monitoring functions may substantially increase.

**Bonds Payable.** In April of 2018, the County issued \$4,230,000 in General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2018, to fund various capital outlay projects within the County. The bonds have interest rates ranging from 3.0% to 5.0%. The bonds require annual principal payments beginning April 1, 2021 through April 1, 2026, and interest is payable semi-annually on October 1 and April 1 each year.

### NOTE 6. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

**Bonds Payable.** (Continued) The principal and interest on the bonds are payable from SPLOST funds. As of September 30, 2022, annual requirements for debt service on the General Obligation Bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Year Payable		<u>Principal</u>		Interest		Total	
2023	\$	690.000	\$	137.250	\$	827,250	
2024	·	710,000	•	102,750	,	812,750	
2025		730,000		67,250		797,250	
2026		755,000		37,750		792,750	
	\$	2,885,000	\$	345,000	\$	3,230,000	

**Financed Purchase.** In November of 2020, the County entered into a General Obligation Contract in the amount of \$145,812, to fund the purchase of assorted communications equipment. The contract bears interest of 3.75%. The contract requires annual principal and interest payments beginning November 20, 2021 through November 20, 2025.

As of September 30, 2022, annual requirements for debt service on the financed purchase is as follows:

Fiscal Year Payable	F	Principal	 nterest	Total
2023	\$	28,059	\$ 4,502	\$ 32,561
2024		29,122	3,438	32,560
2025		30,226	2,335	32,561
2026		31,371	1,189	32,560
	\$	118,778	\$ 11,464	\$ 130,242

**Leases.** The County has entered into lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition of various equipment costing \$1,907,418. The leases have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception. The County makes monthly principal and interest payments. Interest rates range from 1.5% to 6%, and terms extend through 2027.

## NOTE 6. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

### Leases (Continued)

As of September 30, 2022, annual requirements for debt service on the County's leases are as follows:

Fiscal Year Payable	 Principal		Interest		Total	
2023	\$ 291,674	\$	41,972	\$	333,646	
2024	195,729		34,877		230,606	
2025	576,841		29,054		605,895	
2026	127,380		2,810		130,190	
	\$ 1,191,624	\$	108,713	\$	1,300,337	

## NOTE 7. LEASED ASSETS

Leased asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 is as follows:

		Beginning Balance	<u> </u>	ncreases	Decre	ases	Remeasi	urements_	 Ending Balance
Governmental activities									
Leased assets, being amortized:									
Machinery and equipment	\$	1,772,203	\$	135,215	\$	-	\$		\$ 1,907,418
Total		1,772,203		135,215				-	 1,907,418
Less accumulated amortization for	:								
Machinery and equipment		(547,154)		(472,513)		_		-	(1,019,667)
Total		(547,154)		(472,513)		-			(1,019,667)
Total leased assets, being									
amortized, net		1,225,049		(337,298)				<u>-</u>	 887,751
Governmental activities									
leased assets, net	\$	1,225,049	\$	(337,298)	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 887,751

### NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of September 30, 2022, is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	 Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 374,689
General Fund	Sales Tax Bond Fund	250,000
		\$ 624,689

				Transf	er Out	:	
	<u> </u>	General			S	ales Tax	_
Transfer In		Fund	Al	RPA Fund		Bond	 Total
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$	202,992	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 202,992
General		-		718,566		-	718,566
Sales Tax Bond		353,191		-		-	353,191
2020 SPLOST		-		-		29,987	29,987
	\$	556,183	\$	718,566	\$	29,987	\$ 1,304,736

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that: 1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and 3) payments between funds are made. Advances to/from other funds represent amounts not expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

The Nonmajor Governmental Funds transferred \$374,689 to the General Fund. Transfers are used to: 1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that the statute or budget requires to expend them, 2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, and 3) to transfer funds for debt service.

The Sales Tax Bond Fund transferred \$250,000 to the General Fund. Transfers are used to: 1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that the statute or budget requires to expend them, 2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, and 3) transfer funds for debt service.

#### NOTE 9. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the County is a participating member of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission ("RC") and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended September 30, 2022, the County paid \$17,438 in such dues. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") §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. O.C.G.A. §50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts and obligations of an RC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from: Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, 5405 Oak Street, Eastman, Georgia 31023.

### NOTE 10. RETIREMENT PLANS

### **Primary Government**

#### **Plan Description**

The County's defined benefit pension plan, the Tattnall County Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan"), provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Plan is affiliated with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan (the "ACCG"), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating counties in Georgia. The specific benefit provisions of the County's plan were established by an adoption agreement executed by the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners. The ACCG Plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report can be obtained by writing to GebCorp at 191 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Plan membership as of January 1, 2022 (the most recent actuarial valuation date), is as follows:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	55
Inactive plan members entitled to but not receiving benefits	63
Active plan members	144
Total	262

The County is required to contribute an actuarially determined amount annually to the Plan's trust. The contribution amount is determined using actuarial methods and assumptions approved by the ("ACCG") Plan trustees and must satisfy the minimum contribution requirement contained in the State of Georgia statutes. The County's required contribution for the 2022 plan year is \$506,032, or 11.0% of covered payroll. No contributions are required of or permitted by plan members. The County meets all costs of the Plan.

### NOTE 10. RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

### **Primary Government (Continued)**

### **Net Pension Liability of the County**

The County is required to contribute an actuarially determined amount annually to the Plan's trust. A contribution amount is determined using actuarial methods and assumptions approved by the ACCG Plan trustees and intended to satisfy the minimum contribution requirements as set forth in controlling State of Georgia statutes. Plan participants are not required to contribute to the Plan.

The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2021. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2022, with updated procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of December 31, 2021.

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 3.00%

Salary increases 3.5% - 5.5%, including inflation

Investment rate of return 7.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 GE (50%) and PS (50%) Amt-Weighted with Scale AA to 2021 (Pre-Retirement: Employee, Post-Retirement: Retiree).

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for February 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined through a blend of using a building-block method based on 20-year benchmarks (25%) and 30-year benchmarks (25%), as well as forward-looking capital market assumptions for a moderate asset allocation (50%), as determined by Union Bank of Switzerland ("UBS"). Expected future rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

### NOTE 10. RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

### **Primary Government (Continued)**

#### **Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)**

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued). Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	30%	25% – 35%
Equities:		
Large Cap	30%	25% – 35%
Mid Cap	5%	2.5% - 10%
Small Cap	5%	2.5% - 10%
REIT	5%	2.5% - 10%
International	15%	10% – 20%
Multi Cap	5%	2.5% - 10%
Global Allocation	5%_	2.5% – 10%
Total	100%	

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that County contributions will be made based on the average County contribution made to the Plan over the prior five years. Based on this assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

### NOTE 10. RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

### **Primary Government (Continued)**

### **Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)**

Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the County. The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the County for the year ended September 30, 2022 were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at September 30, 2021	\$ 11,338,175	\$ 9,057,937	\$ 2,280,238
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	284,173	-	284,173
Interest	778,290	-	778,290
Liability experience (gain)/loss	(80,778)	-	(80,778)
Assumption change	17,357	-	17,357
Contributions - employer	-	570,575	(570,575)
Net investment income	-	1,389,524	(1,389,524)
Benefit payments, including refunds			
of employee contributions	(439,472)	(439,472)	-
Administrative expense	-	(37,828)	37,828
Other changes		(85,218)	85,218
Net changes	559,570	1,397,581	(838,011)
Balances at September 30, 2022	\$ 11,897,745	\$ 10,455,518	\$ 1,442,227

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

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

		Current					
	19 	% Decrease (6.00%)	Di:	scount Rate (7.00%)	-	% Increase (8.00%)	
County's net pension liability	\$	3,013,137	\$	1,442,227	\$	140,240	

### NOTE 10. RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

### **Primary Government (Continued)**

### **Net Pension Liability of the County (Continued)**

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate (Continued). Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of September 30, 2022, and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

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

For the year ended September 30, 2022, the County recognized pension expense of \$514,511. At September 30, 2022, the County reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
	Resources	Resources
Investment earnings difference	\$ -	\$ 1,063,282
Assumption changes	172,678	-
Experience differences	369,926	66,764
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	570,047	
Total	\$ 1,112,651	\$ 1,130,046

County contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$570,047 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending September 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	
2023	\$ (326,899)
2024	(326,899)
2025	17,028
2026	 49,328
Total	\$ (587,442)

### NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which, except as described in the following paragraph, the County carries commercial insurance in amounts deemed prudent by County management.

The County participates in the ACCG Interlocal Risk Management Agency Property and Liability Insurance Fund and the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member local governments.

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

The fund is to defend and protect the members of the fund against liability or loss as prescribed in the member government contract and in accordance with the Workers' Compensation law of Georgia. 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.

There have been no significant reductions of insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year, and settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

### NOTE 12. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

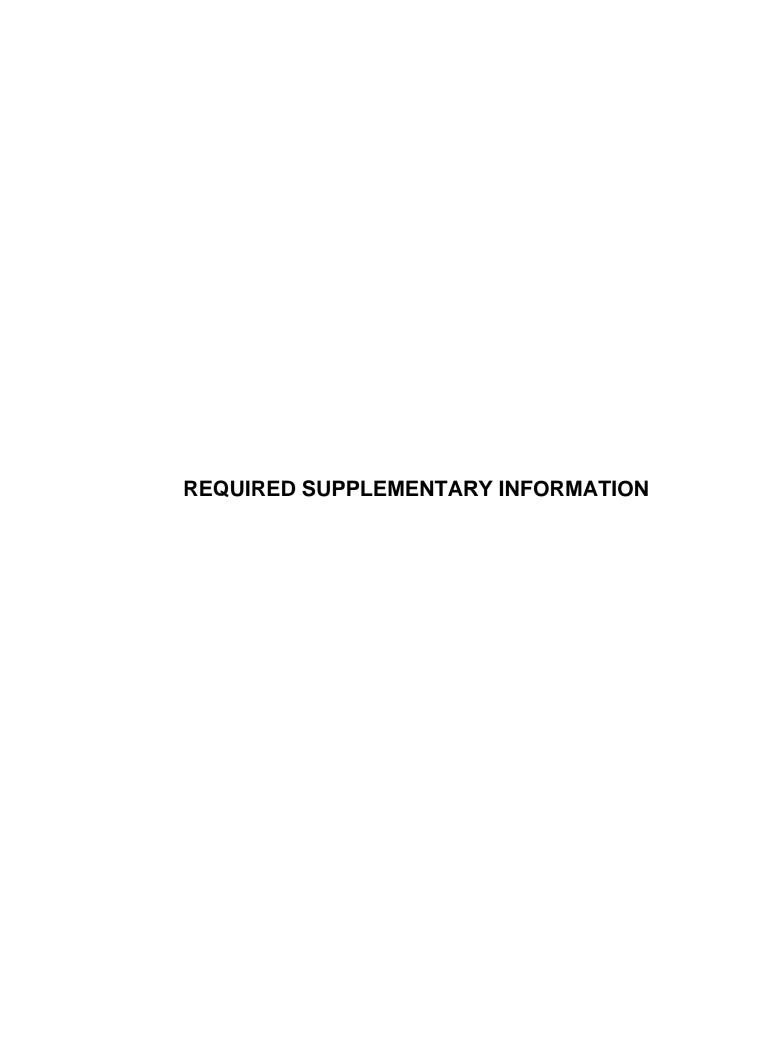
The County offers its employees the option to participate in a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b). The plan is available to all County employees and permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established/amended by the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners. The County does not provide a matching contribution. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. Plan assets are held in trust for the benefit of the plan participants and their beneficiaries, and will not be diverted to any other purpose. The plan is administered by ACCG Retirement Services. Employee contributions for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 were \$93,624. There were no employer contributions during the fiscal year.

### NOTE 13. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

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

**Litigation:** The County is involved in several small or pending lawsuits. In the opinion of management, based on consultations with legal counsel, an unfavorable outcome in excess of insurance coverage is unlikely.

**Outstanding Construction Commitments:** As of September 30, 2022, the County had \$802,613 outstanding on various construction contracts.



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

	Fiscal Year								
	_	2022		2021		2020		2019	
Total pension liability									
Service cost	\$	284,173	\$	270,285	\$	208,399	\$	173,513	
Interest on total pension liability		778,290		701,250		620,323		594,655	
Liability experience (gain)/loss		(80,778)		531,412		283,406		(68,408)	
Assumption change		17,357		17,894		418,584		333,061	
Benefit payments, including refunds									
of employee contributions		(439,472)		(424,011)		(368,490)		(398,241)	
Service credit transfer		-		22,957		20,328			
Net change in total pension liability		559,570		1,119,787		1,182,550		634,580	
Total pension liability - beginning		11,338,175		10,218,388		9,035,838		8,401,258	
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$	11,897,745	\$	11,338,175	\$	10,218,388	\$	9,035,838	
Plan fiduciary net position  Contributions - employer  Net investment income  Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions  Administrative expenses  Other	\$	570,575 1,389,524 (439,472) (37,828) (85,218)	\$	454,699 1,059,995 (424,011) (36,952) (26,520)	\$	453,191 1,376,329 (368,490) (33,343) (23,766)	\$	413,485 (313,470) (398,241) (20,204) (30,717)	
Net change in fiduciary net position		1,397,581		1,027,211		1,403,921		(349,147)	
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	_	9,057,937		8,030,726	_	6,626,805	_	6,975,952	
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$	10,455,518	\$	9,057,937	\$	8,030,726	\$	6,626,805	
County's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$	1,442,227	\$	2,280,238	\$	2,187,662	\$	2,409,033	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability		87.9%		79.9%		78.6%		73.3%	
Covered payroll	\$	4,314,623	\$	4,205,772	\$	3,560,288	\$	3,085,720	
County's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll		33.4%		54.2%		61.4%		78.1%	

### Notes to the Schedule:

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

The assumptions used in the preparation of the above schedule are disclosed in Note 10 in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

	Fiscal Year													
	2018		2017		2016		2015							
\$	166,456 561,298 90,872 15,892	\$	146,887 549,759 (181,069) 231,140	\$	161,554 490,651 209,567 222,341	\$	149,757 463,837 - -							
	(350,610)		(318,981)		(273,021)		(239,113)							
	483,908		427,736		811,092		374,481							
_	7,917,350		7,489,614		6,678,522		6,304,041							
\$	8,401,258	\$	7,917,350	\$	7,489,614	\$	6,678,522							
\$	431,500 944,381	\$	386,222 398,733	\$	400,045 36,076	\$	378,017 371,471							
	(350,610) (17,309) (70,250)		(318,981) (20,769) (42,239)		(273,021) (19,112) (53,647)		(239,113) (17,964) (48,578)							
	937,712		402,966		90,341		443,833							
_	6,038,240	_	5,635,274	_	5,544,933	_	5,101,100							
\$	6,975,952	\$	6,038,240	\$	5,635,274	\$	5,544,933							
\$	1,425,306	\$	1,879,110	\$	1,854,340	\$	1,133,589							
	83.0%		76.3%		75.2%		83.0%							
\$	2,885,044	\$	2,861,852	\$	3,185,636	\$	3,103,112							
	49.4%		65.7%		58.2%		36.5%							

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,

				Fisca	ΙYε	ear		
		2022		2021		2020		2019
Actuarially determined contribution	\$	506,032		541,922	\$	454,699	\$	453,191
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution		506,032	_	541,922		454,699	_	453,191
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$</u>		\$		\$		\$	-
Covered payroll	\$	4,614,194	\$	4,314,623	\$	4,205,772	\$	3,560,288
Contributions as a percentage of								
covered payroll		11.0%		12.6%		10.8%		12.7%
Notes to the Schedule:								
Valuation Date				January 1, 20	)21			
Cost Method				Entry age nor	rma	I		
Actuarial Asset Valuation Method				Smoothed ma			a five	e-year
				smoothing p	erio	od		
Assumed Rate of Return								
on Investments				7.00%				
Projected Salary Increases				3.50% - 5.50	% (	including 3.0°	% in	flation)
Amortization Method				Closed level	dolla	ar for unfunde	ed lia	ability
Remaining Amortization Period				None remain	ing			

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

	Fiscal Year														
	2018		2017		2016		2015								
\$	413,485	\$	431,500	\$	386,222	\$	400,045								
_	413,485		431,500		386,222		400,045								
\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	-								
\$	3,085,720	\$	2,885,044	\$	2,861,852	\$	3,185,636								
	13.4%		15.0%		13.5%		12.6%								



## COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL NONMAJOR FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

#### NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

### **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**E-911 Fund** is used to account for the cost of operating and maintaining the Tattnall County E-911 system. Financing is provided by a charge to each telephone subscriber whose exchange access lines are in the areas served by the Tattnall County E-911 system and by a transfer from the General Fund.

Jail Fund is used to account for the expenditures made towards maintenance and operations of the County jail.

**Law Library Fund** is used to account for costs of operating and maintaining the County Law Library. Financing is provided from a charge added to and collected on all costs in civil and criminal cases.

Sheriff Special Fund is used to account for the Sheriff's Special Fund activity within the Sheriff's Special Fund.

**Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund** is used to account for collection of additional penalties for certain drug related crimes and for expenditure of those funds solely and exclusively for drug abuse treatment and education programs.

**Clerk of Courts Technology Fund** is used to account for collection of additional penalties for certain drug related crimes and for expenditure of those funds solely and exclusively for drug abuse treatment and education programs.

**Juvenile Probation Fund** is used to account for monies collected under Georgia law for probation services to juvenile offenders. Such monies are restricted to providing treatment to juvenile offenders.

**Community Development** Block Grant ("CDBG") Fund is used to account for CDBG grant revenues and expenditures relating to public works projects.

**Solid Waste Fund** is used to account for the costs of providing sanitation services to residents of the County. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

**Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("T-SPLOST") Fund** is used to account for the regional TSPLOST proceeds received for transportation purposes within the County.

**Department of Transportation ("DOT") Special Fund** is used to account for the Local Maintenance and Improvement ("LMIG") funds and other revenue received for road improvements within the County.

**2014 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") Fund** accounts for the proceeds of a SPLOST. Funds are used for road and drainage improvements, public safety projects, recreation projects, public building projects, County administration projects, debt service, and other City projects within the County.

### COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

				Special	Reve	nue Funds			
	E-911 Fund		 Jail Fund	Law Library Fund	Sp	Sheriff ecial Fund	Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund		k of Courts chnology Fund
ASSETS									
Cash	\$	262,581	\$ 70,131	\$ 39,800	\$	277,762	\$	59,799	\$ 82,13
Accounts receivable, net		34,330	2,472	-		-		3,604	
Oue from other governments		-	-	-		-		-	
Prepaid expenses		1,001	-	 					
Total assets	\$	297,912	\$ 72,603	\$ 39,800	\$	277,762	\$	63,403	\$ 82,13
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)									
LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable	\$	5,026	\$ 1,656	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Accrued liabilities		4,259	-	-		-		287	
Funds held for others		-	-	-		12,250		-	
Due to other funds		47,817	-	-		-		1,683	
Total liabilities		57,102	1,656	-		12,250		1,970	
FUND BALANCES									
Nonspendable:									
Prepaid items		1,001	-	-		-		-	
Restricted for:									
Judicial programs		-	-	39,800		-		-	82,13
Public safety		239,809	70,947	-		265,512		61,433	
Sanitation		-	-	-		-		-	
Capital improvements		-	-	-		-		-	
Unassigned		-	 	 					
Total fund balances (deficit)		240,810	70,947	39,800		265,512		61,433	82,13
Total liabilities and fund			·						
balances (deficit)	\$	297,912	\$ 72,603	\$ 39,800	\$	277,762	\$	63,403	\$ 82,13°

Spec	ial Reve	enue Funds					Ca	apital Projects Fun	ds		
uvenile ation Fund		CDBG Fund	S	olid Waste Fund	1	TSPLOST Fund		DOT Special Fund	20	014 SPLOST Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ 8,459	\$	100	\$	181,683	\$	743,830	\$	\$ 84,082		101,816	\$ 1,912,174
-		_		325,026		· -		-		-	365,432
-		_		-		62,212		-		_	62,212
-		-		33		-		-		-	1,034
\$ 8,459	\$	100	\$	506,742	\$	806,042	\$	84,082	\$	101,816	\$ 2,340,852
\$ 60 - - - - 60	\$	- - - - -	\$	12,204 1,236 - 20,675 34,115	\$	- 643 - 4,514 5,157	\$	6,801 - - 300,000 306,801	\$	- - - - -	\$ 25,747 6,425 12,250 374,689 419,111
-		-		33		-		-		-	1,034
_		_		-		_		-		-	121,931
8,399		100		_		-		_		_	646,200
-		-		472,594		-		-		-	472,594
-		-		-		800,885		-		101,816	902,701
-		-		-		-		(222,719)		-	(222,719)
8,399		100		472,627		800,885		(222,719)		101,816	1,921,741
\$ 8,459	\$	100	\$	506,742	\$	806,042	\$	84,082	\$	101,816	\$ 2,340,852

## COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

			Spec	ial Revenue F	unas				
	 E-911 Fund	 Jail Fund		Law Library Fund		eriff al Fund	Treat	g Abuse ment and ation Fund	k of Courts chnology Fund
Revenues									
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$ -
Fines and forfeitures	-	46,421		16,170		5,260		25,653	-
Intergovernmental	-	-		-		-		-	-
Charges for services	410,679	-		-		104,561		-	18,666
Interest income	445	193		9		190		182	165
Miscellaneous	 2,669	_				70,246			 -
Total revenues	413,793	46,614		16,179		180,257		25,835	18,831
Expenditures									
Current:									
Judicial	-	-		12,441		-		-	-
Public safety	582,254	40,558		-		153,805		38,398	-
Public works	-	_		-		-		-	-
Sanitation	-	_		_		-		-	-
Capital outlay	_	_		_		7,911		_	17,587
Total expenditures	582,254	40,558		12,441		161,716		38,398	17,587
Excess (deficiency) of									
revenues over (under)									
expenditures	 (168,461)	6,056		3,738		18,541		(12,563)	 1,244
Other financing sources									
Transfers in	 202,992	 -		-				-	-
Total other financing sources	202,992			_					 -
Net change in fund balances	34,531	6,056		3,738		18,541		(12,563)	1,244
Fund balances, beginning of year	206,279	64,891		36,062		246,971		73,996	80,887
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 240,810	\$ 70,947	\$	39,800		265,512	\$	61,433	\$ 82,131

Spe	ecial Revenue Fund	s				
Juvenile Probation Fund	CDBG Fund	Solid Waste Fund	TSPLOST Fund	DOT Special Fund	2014 SPLOST Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 724,713	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 724,713
1,331	-	-	-	-	-	94,835
_	-	-	-	931,774	_	931,774
_	-	822,623	-	-	_	1,356,529
_	-	16,105	1,829	112	304	19,534
_	-	· -	· -	14	_	72,929
1,331	-	838,728	726,542	931,900	304	3,200,314
-	-	-	-	-	-	12,441
9	-	-	-	-	-	815,024
-	-	-	-	147,389	-	147,389
-	-	888,426	-	-	-	888,426
			743,492	1,105,057		1,874,047
9	-	888,426	743,492	1,252,446	-	3,737,327
1,322		(49,698)	(16,950)	(320,546)	304	(537,013)
						202,992
						202,992
1,322	-	(49,698)	(16,950)	(320,546)	304	(334,021
7,077	100	522,325	817,835	97,827	101,512	2,255,762
\$ 8,399	\$ 100	\$ 472,627	\$ 800,885	\$ (222,719)	\$ 101,816	\$ 1,921,741

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

			E-911	d			
		Original Budget	Final Budget	- un	Actual	· ·	/ariance
REVENUES		Duuget	 Duuget		Actual		anance
Charges for services	\$	587,731	\$ 384,015	\$	410,679	\$	26,664
Interest income		· <u>-</u>	224		445		221
Miscellaneous		_	-		2,669		2,669
Total revenues		587,731	384,239		413,793		29,554
EXPENDITURES							
Public safety		587,731	602,422		582,254		20,168
Total expenditures	_	587,731	602,422		582,254		20,168
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures			 (218,183)		(168,461)		49,722
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES							
Transfers in		_	202,992		202,992		_
Total other financing sources		-	202,992		202,992		-
Net changes in fund balance			(15,191)		34,531		49,722
Fund balance, beginning of year		206,279	206,279		206,279		
Fund balance, end of year	\$	206,279	\$ 191,088	\$	240,810	\$	49,722

# SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Jail Fund									
		riginal Sudget	ı	Final Budget		Actual	V	ariance		
REVENUES										
Fines and forfeitures	\$	-	\$	35,000	\$	46,421	\$	11,421		
Interest income		_		_		193		193		
Total revenues				35,000		46,614		11,614		
EXPENDITURES										
Public safety				55,000		40,558		14,442		
Total expenditures				55,000		40,558		14,442		
Net changes in fund balance				(20,000)		6,056		26,056		
Fund balance, beginning of year		64,891		64,891		64,891				
Fund balance, end of year	\$	64,891	\$	44,891	\$	70,947	\$	26,056		

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

		Law Library									
		Priginal		Final							
	E	Budget		Budget		Actual	Va	ariance			
REVENUES		_									
Fines and forfeitures	\$	14,000	\$	14,000	\$	16,170	\$	2,170			
Interest income		500		500		9		(491)			
Total revenues		14,500		14,500		16,179		1,679			
EXPENDITURES											
Judicial		48,500		48,500		12,441		36,059			
Total expenditures		48,500		48,500		12,441		36,059			
Net changes in fund balance		(34,000)		(34,000)		3,738		37,738			
Fund balance, beginning of year		36,062		36,062		36,062		<u>-</u>			
Fund balance, end of year	\$	2,062	\$	2,062	\$	39,800	\$	37,738			

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

				Sheriff Sp	ecial	Fund		
	0	Priginal		Final				
	E	Budget	Budget			Actual	Variance	
REVENUES								
Fines and forfeitures	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	5,260	\$	(4,740)
Charges for services		54,000		54,000		104,561		50,561
Interest income		160		160		190		30
Miscellaneous		37,500		37,500		70,246		32,746
Total revenues		101,660		101,660		180,257		78,597
EXPENDITURES								
Public safety		98,860		98,860		153,805		(54,945)
Capital outlay		3,000		3,000		7,911		(4,911)
Total expenditures		101,860		101,860		161,716		(59,856)
Net changes in fund balance		(200)		(200)		18,541		18,741
Fund balance, beginning of year		246,971		246,971		246,971		
Fund balance, end of year	\$	246,771	\$	246,771	\$	265,512	\$	18,741

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fundament								
	Original			Final					
	Budget			Budget	Actual		Var	riance	
REVENUES									
Fines and forfeitures	\$	-	\$	20,000	\$	25,653	\$	5,653	
Interest income		-		-		182		182	
Total revenues		-		20,000		25,835		5,835	
EXPENDITURES Public safety		55,000		56,175		38,398		17,777	
•	-						-		
Total expenditures  Net changes in fund balance		55,000		(36,175)		38,398 (12,563)		23,612	
Fund balance, beginning of year		73,996		73,996		73,996			
Fund balance, end of year	\$	18,996	\$	37,821	\$	61,433	\$	23,612	

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

			Гесhn	ology Fund			
	Original		Final				_
	В	udget	Budget	Actual		Variance	
REVENUES							
Charges for services	\$	-	\$ 10,500	\$	18,666	\$	8,166
Interest income		-	 200		165		(35)
Total revenues			10,700		18,831		8,131
EXPENDITURES							
Capital outlay		_	40,700		17,587		23,113
Total expenditures			 40,700		17,587		23,113
Net changes in fund balance			 (30,000)		1,244		31,244
Fund balance, beginning of year		80,887	 80,887		80,887		
Fund balance, end of year	\$	80,887	\$ 50,887	\$	82,131	\$	31,244

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Juvenile Probation Fund									
	Orig	ginal	F	inal						
	Bu	dget	B	udget		Actual	Variance			
REVENUES										
Fines and forfeitures	\$	_	\$	4,300	\$	1,331	\$	(2,969)		
Total revenues				4,300		1,331		(2,969)		
EXPENDITURES										
Public safety		_		4,300		9		4,291		
Total expenditures		-		4,300		9		4,291		
Net changes in fund balance						1,322		1,322		
Fund balance, beginning of year		7,077		7,077		7,077				
Fund balance, end of year	\$	7,077	\$	7,077	\$	8,399	\$	1,322		

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Solid Waste Fund									
	Original			Final						
		Budget		Budget	Actual		Variance			
REVENUES										
Charges for services	\$	818,000	\$	753,000	\$	822,623	\$	69,623		
Interest income				-		16,105		16,105		
Total revenues		818,000		753,000		838,728		85,728		
EXPENDITURES										
Sanitation		818,000		729,029		888,426		(159,397)		
Total expenditures		818,000		729,029		888,426		(159,397)		
Net changes in fund balance				23,971		(49,698)		(73,669)		
Fund balance, beginning of year		522,325		522,325		522,325				
Fund balance, end of year	\$	522,325	\$	546,296	\$	472,627	\$	(73,669)		

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

				CDBG	Fund			
	Origi	nal	Fi	nal				
	Budg	get	Bu	dget	Ac	tual	Varia	nce
REVENUES								
Intergovernmental	\$		\$		\$		\$	
Total revenues		_		_				
EXPENDITURES								
Public safety				-				
Total expenditures						-		
Net changes in fund balance								
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	100		100		100		-
Fund balance, end of year	\$	100	\$	100	\$	100	\$	_

(Concluded)

### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS - 2014 ISSUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	Original Revised _		Expenditures									
Project Description		Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost			Prior Years	Curre	nt Year		Total		
Roads and bridges	\$	3,240,000	\$	3,580,388	\$	3,580,388	\$	_	\$	3,580,388		
Various buildings		540,000		851,667		851,667		-		851,667		
Emergency services		540,000		602,958		602,958		-		602,958		
Fire stations/equipment		3,456,000		3,462,030		3,462,030		-		3,462,030		
Recreation		432,000		436,632		436,632		-		436,632		
City of Cobbtown		129,600		104,573		104,573		-		104,573		
City of Collins		207,360		173,889		173,889		-		173,889		
City of Glennville		1,296,000		1,541,396		1,541,396		-		1,541,396		
City of Manassas		25,920		27,943		27,943		-		27,943		
City of Reidsville		933,120		772,640		772,640				772,640		
Total	\$	10,800,000	\$	11,554,116	\$	11,554,116	\$	_	\$	11,554,116		

### SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS - 2020 ISSUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Project Description  Roads and bridges Public buildings	\$	2,041,200 2,646,000	\$ <b>Estimated Cost</b> 2,041,200	P	rior Years	c	urrent Year	Total
J	\$		\$ 2 041 200					
Public buildings		2 646 000	2,0 <del>4</del> 1,200	\$	-	\$	-	\$ _
		۷,0 <del>4</del> 0,000	2,646,000		441,069		254,216	695,285
Emergency services		604,800	604,800		238,580		-	238,580
City of Cobbtown		135,864	135,864		45,042		46,695	91,737
City of Collins		223,884	223,884		74,223		76,945	151,168
City of Glennville		1,848,420	1,848,420		421,667		455,729	877,396
City of Manassas		34,128	34,128		11,314		11,738	23,052
City of Reidsville		997,704	 997,704		330,763		342,896	 673,659
Total	\$	8,532,000	\$ 8,532,000	\$	1,562,658	\$	1,188,219	\$ 2,750,877
Total expenditures - 2020 SPLOST	Fun	d				\$	2,301,136	
Debt service payments Total SPLOST expenditures reporte						\$	(1,112,917) 1,188,219	

### **CUSTODIAL FUNDS**

**Tax Commissioner** – To account for the collection and payment to the County and other taxing units of the property taxes levied, billed, and collected by the Tax Commissioner on behalf of the County and other taxing units.

**Clerk of Court** – To account for all monies received by the Clerk of Superior Court on behalf of individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds.

**Probate Court** – To account for all monies received by the Probate Court on behalf of individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds.

**Magistrate Court** – To account for all monies received by the Magistrate Court on behalf of individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds.

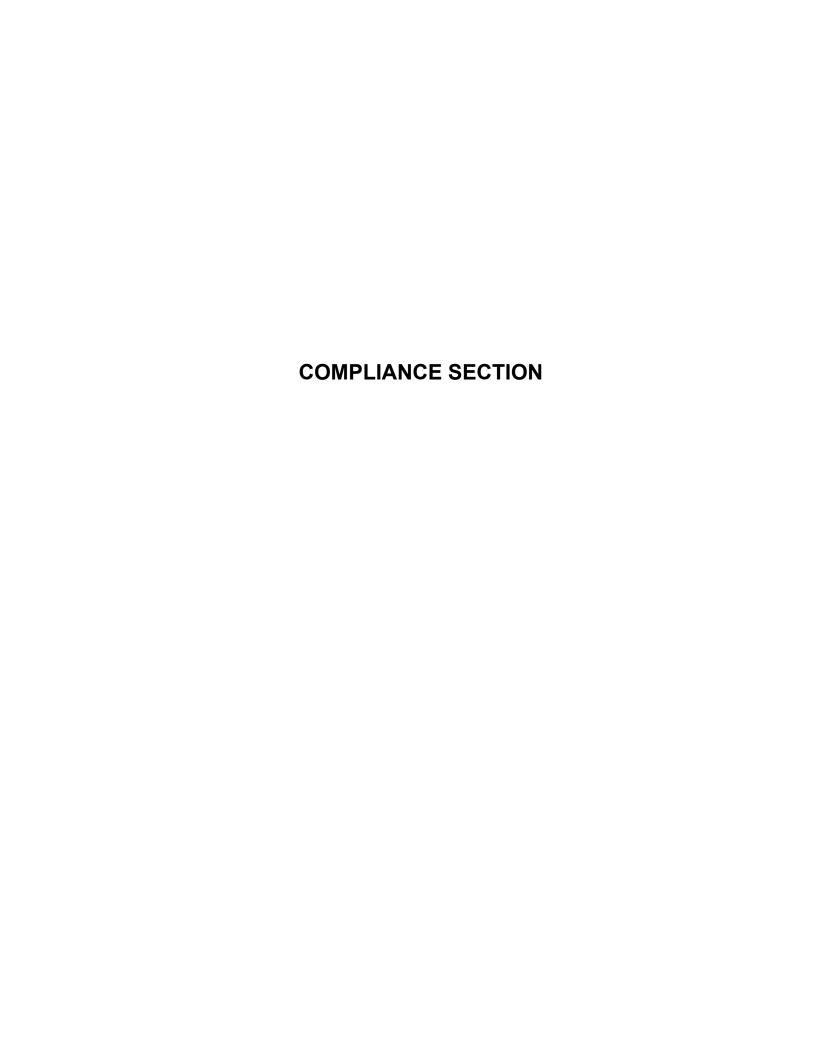
**Sheriff** – To account for all monies received by the Sheriff's Department on behalf of individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds.

### COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

ASSETS	Com	Tax missioner	Clerk of Court	Probate Court	M	agistrate Court	Sheriff	Total
Cash and cash equivalents Taxes receivable	\$	486,142 659,188	\$ 50,322	\$ 181,654 -	\$	8,049 -	\$ 15,916 -	\$ 742,083 659,188
Total assets		1,145,330	50,322	181,654		8,049	15,916	1,401,271
LIABILITIES								
Due to others		1,145,330	 	 87		-	 11,059	 1,156,476
Total liabilities		1,145,330	 	 87		-	 11,059	 1,156,476
NET POSITION								
Restricted: Individuals, organizations, and other governments			 50,322	181,567		8,049	4,857	244,795
Total net position	\$	-	\$ 50,322	\$ 181,567	\$	8,049	\$ 4,857	\$ 244,795

## COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

ADDITIONS	Co	Tax Clerk of Commissioner Court			Probate Court		Magistrate Court		 Sheriff	 Total
ADDITIONS										
Taxes Fines and fees	\$	18,783,648	\$	- 1,151,206	\$	297,323	\$	- 156,964	\$ - 1,024,193	\$ 18,783,648 2,629,686
Total additions		18,783,648		1,151,206		297,323		156,964	 1,024,193	 21,413,334
DEDUCTIONS										
Taxes and fees paid to other governments Other custodial		18,783,648		-		-		-	-	18,783,648
disbursements				1,144,184		133,264		158,454	1,048,081	2,483,983
Total deductions		18,783,648		1,144,184		133,264		158,454	1,048,081	21,267,631
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position		-		7,022		164,059		(1,490)	(23,888)	145,703
Net position, beginning of year		<u>-</u>		43,300		17,508		9,539	28,745	99,092
Net position, end of year	\$	-	\$	50,322	\$	181,567	\$	8,049	\$ 4,857	\$ 244,795





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

Board of Commissioners of Tattnall County, Georgia Reidsville, Georgia

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Tattnall County, Georgia (the "County") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, 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 23, 2023. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Tattnall County Board of Health, as described in our report on the County'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.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as items 2022-001 and 2022-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or any other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### The County's Responses to the Findings

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

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

Mauldin & Jerkins, LLC

Savannah, Georgia March 23, 2023

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

## SECTION I SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

<u>Financial Statements</u>	
Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP.	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	
Significant deficiencies identified not considered	
to be material weaknesses?	Yes <u>X</u> No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes <u>X</u> No

### Federal Awards

The Uniform Guidance allows for an alternative to the Single Audit (in the form of a compliance attestation engagement) for those governments who meet two criteria: 1) a total Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds award of \$10 million or less, and 2) other expenditures from other programs of less than \$750,000 in total. Tattnall County, Georgia meets both criteria and has elected to do a compliance attestation engagement for the year ended September 30, 2022.

### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

## SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

2022-001. Probate Court - Segregation of Duties

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

**Condition:** There is not appropriate segregation of duties among record keeping, custody, and reconciliation of cash accounts and other operational functions in the Probate Court. We noted that a single individual writes the checks, approves the checks, and signs the checks. Only one signature is required on each check, and the same individual occasionally signs their own check.

Additionally, we noted that bank statements were being reconciled by Probate Court employees with no documented review of the reconciliation being performed.

**Context:** Several instances of overlapping duties were noted during interviews regarding internal control procedures, and there is no evidence of review for bank reconciliations.

**Effect:** Failure to properly segregate duties among recording, distribution, and reconciliation of accounts can lead to misappropriation of funds that is not detected during the normal course of business. Additionally, the lack of review of bank reconciliations can also lead to misappropriation of funds.

**Cause:** The lack of segregation of duties is due to the lack of a properly developed integrated work plan with appropriate controls and an improper allocation of available resources. In addition, in certain circumstances, there are a limited number of trained individuals in each office available to perform all of the duties.

**Recommendation:** The duties of recording, distribution, and reconciliation of accounts should be segregated among employees as much as possible. The Probate Court should implement a formal review process for approving bank reconciliations.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: We concur. The Probate Court is in the process of reviewing their respective systems and processes to evaluate and determine the most efficient and effective solution to properly segregate duties among all Probate Court functions to provide reasonable assurance that an individual cannot misappropriate funds without being detected during the normal course of business.

### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

## SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

2022-002. Year-end Close Process

**Criteria:** Management is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of financial transactions to ensure accurate financial reporting. Generally accepted accounting principles require certain accruals and estimates be recorded in order to accurately reflect the overall net position and the change in net position from one year to another.

**Condition:** The County does not currently have an adequate monthly or year-end close process, whereby the County's financial records are adjusted, reviewed and reconciled to supporting documentation. A number of significant audit adjustments were required to various accounts of the County to properly report year-end balances.

**Context:** Significant adjustments were required across all funds of the County to properly report assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures.

**Effect or Possible Effect**: Adjustments were required to: 1) correct receivables, revenue, and fund balances across all funds, 2) correct accrued payroll and the applicable payroll expenditures, 3) correct prepaid assets and the related expenditures, 4) accrue additional payables, and 5) adjust interfund receivables and payables to actual at year-end.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the County continue to evaluate and review their respective staffing for the accounting function and determine if an adequate number of qualified people are currently available to address the condition. The County should also consider and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses relative to the high-level accounting function and take measures to address the concerns noted above with a goal of providing timely recording, reconciling, and reporting of County operations. Additionally, the use of a third-party accounting firm to aid in month and year-end close is a viable option that other counties of similar size use.

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

## SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

#### 2021-001. Segregation of Duties – Probate Court

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

**Condition:** There is not appropriate segregation of duties among record keeping, custody, and reconciliation of cash accounts and other operational functions in the Probate Court. We noted that a single individual writes the checks, approves the checks, and signs the checks. Only one signature is required on each check, and the same individual occasionally signs their own check.

Additionally, we noted that bank statements were being reconciled by Probate Court employees with no documented review of the reconciliation being performed.

**Status:** Unresolved – See current year finding 2022-001.

#### 2021-002. Year-end Close Process

**Criteria:** Management is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the financial transactions in the County's general ledger to ensure accurate financial reporting.

**Condition/Context:** The County does not currently have an adequate monthly or year-end close process, whereby the County's financial records are adjusted, reviewed and reconciled to supporting documentation.

Status: Unresolved – See current year finding 2022-002.