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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Sandusky County
100 North Park Avenue
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To the Board of County Commissioners:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sandusky County, Ohio (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the County's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sandusky County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General, Human Services and County Board of DD funds thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, during 2017, the County restated beginning balance of net position in the Governmental Activities, Business-type Activities and the Sanitary Sewer fund. These restatements were the result of the County having an appraisal done over capital assets. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the County's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The Schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 20, 2018, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 20, 2018

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 UNAUDITED

The management's discussion and analysis of Sandusky County's (the County) financial performance provides an overall review of the County's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2017 are as follows:

- The total net position of the County decreased \$1,860,632 over net position from 2016 as restated in Note 3B. Net position of governmental activities decreased \$1,574,671, which represents a 2.13% decrease from 2016. Net position of business-type activities decreased \$285,961, or 5.30% from 2016.
- General revenues accounted for \$26,846,823 or 50.30% of total governmental activities revenue. Program specific revenues accounted for \$26,523,049 or 49.70% of total governmental activities revenue.
- The County had \$54,944,543 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$26,523,049 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of \$26,846,823 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The General fund, the County's largest major fund, had revenues and other financing sources of \$20,138,080 in 2017, an increase of \$960,001 from 2016 revenues. The General fund had expenditures and other financing uses of \$20,570,743 in 2017, an increase of \$985,199 from 2016. The fund balance of the General fund decreased \$432,663 from 2016 to 2017.
- The Human Services fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$5,670,699 in 2017. The Human Services fund had expenditures of \$6,401,004 in 2017. The fund balance of the Human Services fund decreased \$730,305 from 2016 to 2017.
- The County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$9,831,722 in 2017. The County Board of DD fund had expenditures of \$8,549,025 in 2017. The fund balance of the County Board of DD fund increased \$1,282,697 from 2016 to 2017.
- Net position for the Sanitary Sewer enterprise fund decreased in 2017 by \$285,961 or 5.30%.
- The General fund original budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$16,958,900 were \$1,723,170 less than the final budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$18,682,070. Actual revenues and other financing sources of \$18,682,069 were more than original budgeted revenues and other financing sources by \$1,723,169. The original budgeted appropriations and other financing uses of \$18,261,882 were less than final budgeted appropriations and other financing uses by \$915,003. The final budgeted appropriations and other financing uses of \$19,176,885 were greater than actual expenditures and other financing uses of \$19,034,837 by \$142,048.

Using the Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the County as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

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The statement of net position and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole County, presenting both an aggregate view of the County's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the County's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the County, there are three major governmental funds. The General fund is the largest major fund.

Reporting the County as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer the question, how did we do financially during 2017? These statements include all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. The accrual basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the County's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the County as a whole, the financial position of the County has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the County's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, and other factors.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the County is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

Governmental activities - Most of the County's programs and services are reported here including human services, health, public safety, public works and general government. These services are funded primarily by taxes and intergovernmental revenues including Federal and State grants and other shared revenues.

Business-type activities - These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all or a significant portion of the expenses of the goods or services provided.

Reporting the County's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the County can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the County's major funds. The County uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the County's most significant funds. The County's major governmental funds are the General fund, Human Services and County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD).

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund

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financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The County maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the major funds, which were identified earlier. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

Proprietary Funds

The County maintains two different types of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses an enterprise fund to account for its sanitary sewer operations. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. The County uses an internal service fund to account for a self-funded workers compensation insurance program for employees of the County and several governmental units within the County. Because this service predominantly benefits governmental rather than business-type functions, it has been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

The RSI contains information regarding the County's proportionate share of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System's (OPERS) and State Teacher's Retirement System (STRS) net pension liability/net pension asset and the County's schedule of contributions to OPERS and STRS.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The statement of net position provides the perspective of the County as a whole. The County has restated certain balances for 2016 to reflect the restatement of capital assets during 2017 (see Note 3.B). The table below provides a summary of the County's net position for 2017 and 2016.

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			Net Position		2017 Total	(Restated) 2016 Total
	Governmental	Business-type	(Restated) Governmental	(Restated) Business-type		
	Activities 2017	Activities 2017	Activities 2016	Activities 2016		
<u>Assets</u>						
Current and other assets	\$ 59,482,150	\$ 1,343,712	\$ 64,437,632	\$ 1,340,360	\$ 60,825,862	\$ 65,777,992
Capital assets	<u>43,386,721</u>	<u>8,702,933</u>	<u>40,029,155</u>	<u>8,992,789</u>	<u>52,089,654</u>	<u>49,021,944</u>
Total assets	<u>102,868,871</u>	<u>10,046,645</u>	<u>104,466,787</u>	<u>10,333,149</u>	<u>112,915,516</u>	<u>114,799,936</u>
Deferred outflows	<u>11,531,218</u>	<u>121,066</u>	<u>9,484,718</u>	<u>140,938</u>	<u>11,652,284</u>	<u>9,625,656</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows	<u>114,400,089</u>	<u>10,167,711</u>	<u>113,951,505</u>	<u>10,474,087</u>	<u>124,567,800</u>	<u>124,425,592</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Long-term liabilities outstanding	27,980,803	4,952,140	24,708,838	4,991,252	32,932,943	29,700,090
Other liabilities	<u>2,452,499</u>	<u>104,845</u>	<u>4,288,070</u>	<u>84,106</u>	<u>2,557,344</u>	<u>4,372,176</u>
Total liabilities	<u>30,433,302</u>	<u>5,056,985</u>	<u>28,996,908</u>	<u>5,075,358</u>	<u>35,490,287</u>	<u>34,072,266</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>11,785,902</u>	<u>1,851</u>	<u>11,199,041</u>	<u>3,893</u>	<u>11,787,753</u>	<u>11,202,934</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	<u>42,219,204</u>	<u>5,058,836</u>	<u>40,195,949</u>	<u>5,079,251</u>	<u>47,278,040</u>	<u>45,275,200</u>
<u>Net Position</u>						
Net investment in capital assets	35,458,213	4,003,434	33,232,655	4,229,124	39,461,647	37,461,779
Restricted	26,925,146	-	26,534,545	-	26,925,146	26,534,545
Unrestricted	<u>9,797,526</u>	<u>1,105,441</u>	<u>13,988,356</u>	<u>1,165,712</u>	<u>10,902,967</u>	<u>15,154,068</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 72,180,885</u>	<u>\$ 5,108,875</u>	<u>\$ 73,755,556</u>	<u>\$ 5,394,836</u>	<u>\$ 77,289,760</u>	<u>\$ 79,150,392</u>

The County has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27” and GASB Statement 71, “Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68” which significantly revises accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the County’s actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension asset/liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. When accounting for pension costs, GASB 27 focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan’s net pension liability. GASB 68 takes an earnings approach to pension accounting; however, the nature of Ohio’s statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

Under the standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the County’s proportionate share of each plan’s collective present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees’ past service minus plan assets available to pay these benefits.

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GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the County is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system as against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability. As explained above, changes in pension benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension liability, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required pension payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability is satisfied, this liability is separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68, the County's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense for their proportionate share of each plan's change in net pension liability not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2017, the County's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$77,289,760. This amounts to \$72,180,885 in governmental activities and \$5,108,875 in business-type activities. The County's finances remained strong during 2017, despite the slow economic recovery.

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the County's net position. At year-end, capital assets represented 41.82% of total governmental and business-type assets and deferred outflows of resources. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, construction in progress, water and sewer lines and infrastructure. The net investment in capital assets at December 31, 2017, was \$39,461,647. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in capital position is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

As of December 31, 2017, the County is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net position, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

A portion of the County's net position, \$26,925,146, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of governmental activities unrestricted net position of \$9,797,526 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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The table below shows the changes in net position for 2017 and 2016.

	Change in Net Position				2017 Total	2016 Total
	Governmental	Business-type	Governmental	Business-type		
	Activities 2017	Activities 2017	Activities 2016	Activities 2016		
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services and sales	\$ 8,955,930	\$ 1,687,496	\$ 8,909,737	\$ 1,760,814	\$ 10,643,426	\$ 10,670,551
Operating grants and contributions	17,325,558	-	19,677,428	-	17,325,558	19,677,428
Capital grants and contributions	<u>241,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,561</u>	<u>187,033</u>
Total program revenues	<u>26,523,049</u>	<u>1,687,496</u>	<u>28,774,198</u>	<u>1,760,814</u>	<u>28,210,545</u>	<u>30,535,012</u>
General revenues:						
Property taxes	10,865,890	-	9,944,290	-	10,865,890	9,944,290
Sales tax	11,516,862	-	11,393,983	-	11,516,862	11,393,983
Unrestricted grants	2,154,618	-	2,196,627	-	2,154,618	2,196,627
Investment earnings	166,438	7,089	299,070	5,146	173,527	304,216
Other	<u>2,143,015</u>	<u>42,987</u>	<u>1,849,360</u>	<u>34,067</u>	<u>2,186,002</u>	<u>1,883,427</u>
Total general revenues	<u>26,846,823</u>	<u>50,076</u>	<u>25,683,330</u>	<u>39,213</u>	<u>26,896,899</u>	<u>25,722,543</u>
Total revenues	<u>53,369,872</u>	<u>1,737,572</u>	<u>54,457,528</u>	<u>1,800,027</u>	<u>55,107,444</u>	<u>56,257,555</u>
Expenses						
Program expenses:						
General government	\$ 12,933,147	\$ -	\$ 11,630,563	\$ -	\$ 12,933,147	\$ 11,630,563
Public safety	13,105,669	-	11,398,725	-	13,105,669	11,398,725
Public works	6,477,909	-	7,152,214	-	6,477,909	7,152,214
Health	525,705	-	274,367	-	525,705	274,367
Human services	21,310,638	-	21,257,053	-	21,310,638	21,257,053
Economic development and assistance	145,108	-	193,861	-	145,108	193,861
Intergovernmental	186,300	-	186,300	-	186,300	186,300
Interest and fiscal charges	260,067	-	223,867	-	260,067	223,867
Sanitary sewer	<u>-</u>	<u>2,023,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,535,953</u>	<u>2,023,533</u>	<u>1,535,953</u>
Total expenses	<u>54,944,543</u>	<u>2,023,533</u>	<u>52,316,950</u>	<u>1,535,953</u>	<u>56,968,076</u>	<u>53,852,903</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position before transfers	(1,574,671)	(285,961)	2,140,578	264,074	(1,860,632)	2,404,652
Transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,751)</u>	<u>13,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	(1,574,671)	(285,961)	2,126,827	277,825	(1,860,632)	2,404,652
Net position at the beginning of the year (restated)	<u>73,755,556</u>	<u>5,394,836</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>79,150,392</u>	N/A
Net position at the end of the year	<u>\$ 72,180,885</u>	<u>\$ 5,108,875</u>	<u>\$ 73,755,556</u>	<u>\$ 5,394,836</u>	<u>\$ 77,289,760</u>	<u>\$ 79,150,392</u>

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Governmental Activities

Governmental net position decreased by \$1,574,671 in 2017 over 2016 due to normal fluctuations in revenues and expenses.

Human services expenses, which support the operations of the County Board of DD, Job and Family Services (Human Services fund), Veteran Services, and the Children Services Board, accounts for \$21,310,638 of expenses, or 38.79% of total governmental expenses of the County. These expenses were funded by \$424,868 in charges to users of services and \$11,911,201 in operating grants and contributions in 2017.

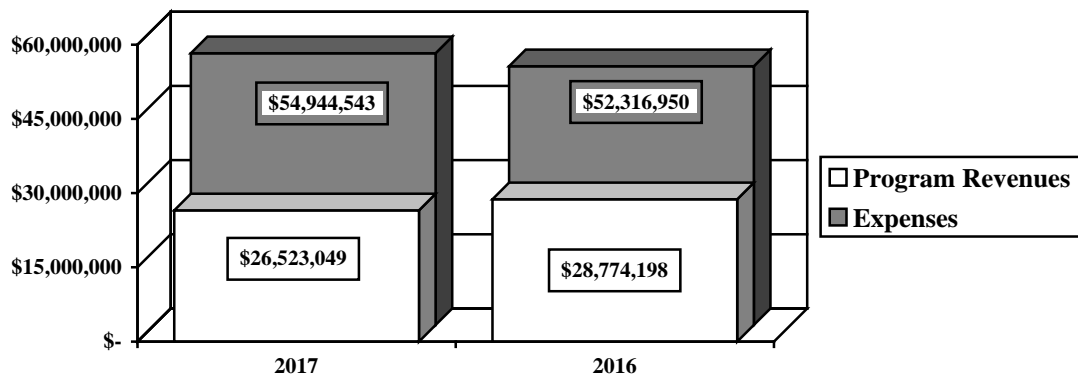
General government expenses which includes legislative and executive and judicial programs, totaled \$12,933,147 or 23.54% of total governmental expenses. General government expenses were covered by \$3,731,937 of direct charges to users and \$291,285 in operating grants and contributions in 2017.

The State and Federal government contributed to the County revenues of \$17,325,558 in operating grants and contributions and \$241,561 in capital grants and contributions. These revenues are restricted to a particular program or purpose. Of the total operating grants and contributions \$11,911,201, or 68.75%, subsidized human services programs.

Governmental general revenues totaled \$26,846,823 and amounted to 50.30% of total revenues. These revenues primarily consist of property and sales tax revenue of \$22,382,752, or 83.37% of total governmental general revenues in 2017. The other primary source of general revenues is grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs, which consists primarily of local government revenue and property tax reimbursements received from the State, \$2,154,618, or 8.03% of total governmental general revenues.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for 2017 and 2016. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities – Program Revenues vs. Total Expenses



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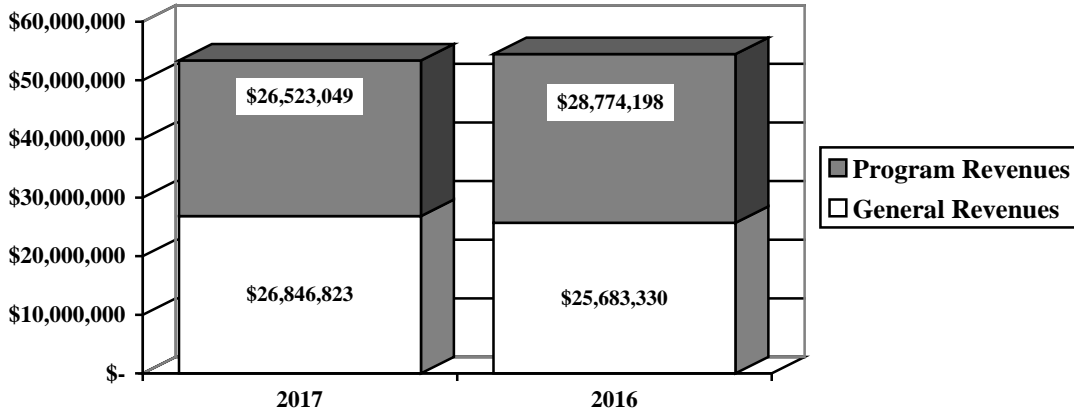
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Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2017	Net Cost of Services 2017	Total Cost of Services 2016	Net Cost of Services 2016
Program expenses:				
General government	\$ 12,933,147	\$ 8,909,925	\$ 11,630,563	\$ 7,843,651
Public safety	13,105,669	9,140,947	11,398,725	6,653,420
Public works	6,477,909	712,853	7,152,214	1,221,479
Health	525,705	165,305	274,367	(63,968)
Human services	21,310,638	8,974,569	21,257,053	7,542,081
Economic development and assistance	145,108	113,690	193,861	(37,124)
Intergovernmental	186,300	186,300	186,300	186,300
Interest and fiscal charges	260,067	217,905	223,867	196,913
Total	\$ 54,944,543	\$ 28,421,494	\$ 52,316,950	\$ 23,542,752

The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, with 51.73% of expenses supported through taxes and other general revenues during 2017.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



Business-Type Activities

The sanitary sewer is the County's only enterprise fund. This program had revenues of \$1,737,572 and expenses of \$2,023,533 for 2017. The sanitary sewer fund's net position balance decreased \$285,961 in 2017.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

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Governmental Funds

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

The County's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$35,118,159, which is \$3,658,213 lower than last year's total of \$38,776,372. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of December 31, 2017 for all major and non-major governmental funds.

	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>December 31, 2017</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>December 31, 2016</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>
Major funds:			
General	\$ 5,567,249	\$ 5,999,912	\$ (432,663)
Human Services	892,769	1,623,074	(730,305)
County Board of DD	12,445,363	11,162,666	1,282,697
Other nonmajor governmental funds	<u>16,212,778</u>	<u>19,990,720</u>	<u>(3,777,942)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 35,118,159</u>	<u>\$ 38,776,372</u>	<u>\$ (3,658,213)</u>

General Fund

The General fund, the County's largest major fund, had revenues and other financing sources of \$20,138,080 in 2017, an increase of \$960,001 from 2016 revenues. The General fund had expenditures and other financing uses of \$20,570,743 in 2017, an increase of \$985,199 from 2016. The fund balance of the General fund decreased \$432,663 from 2016 to 2017, and this decrease can be attributed to expenses for courthouse renovation project and relocating offices during the courthouse renovation project.

Human Services Fund

The Human Services fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$5,670,699 in 2017. The Human Services fund had expenditures of \$6,401,004 in 2017. The fund balance of the human services fund decreased \$730,305 from 2016 to 2017 from annual revenues and expenditures fluctuating based on the need for services/assistance.

County Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund

The County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$9,831,722 in 2017. The County Board of DD fund had expenditures of \$8,549,025 in 2017. The fund balance of the County Board of DD fund increased \$1,282,697 from 2016 to 2017, and this increase can be attributed to privatizing certain services.

Budgeting Highlights - General Fund

The County's budgeting process is prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Essentially the budget is the County's appropriations which are restricted by the amounts of anticipated revenues certified by the Budget Commission in accordance with the ORC. Therefore, the County's plans or desires cannot be totally reflected in the original budget. If budgeted revenues are adjusted due to actual activity, then the appropriations can be adjusted accordingly.

The original budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$16,958,900 were \$1,723,170 less than the final budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$18,682,070. Actual revenues and other financing sources of \$18,682,069 were

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more than original budgeted revenues and other financing sources by \$1,723,169. The original budgeted appropriations and other financing uses of \$18,261,882 were less than final budgeted appropriations and other financing uses by \$915,003. The final budgeted appropriations and other financing uses of \$19,176,885 were greater than actual expenditures and other financing uses of \$19,034,837 by \$142,048.

Proprietary Funds

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

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of 2017, the County had \$52,089,654 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, construction in progress, sewer and water lines and infrastructure. Of this total, \$43,386,721 was reported in governmental activities and \$8,702,933 was reported in business-type activities. The following table shows 2017 balances compared to 2016 restated balances (see Note 3.B):

**Capital Assets at December 31
(Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	2017	Restated 2016	2017	Restated 2016	2017	Restated 2016
Land	\$ 2,125,354	\$ 2,202,398	\$ 11,465	\$ 11,465	\$ 2,136,819	\$ 2,213,863
Land improvements	142,017	159,458	18,103	19,380	160,120	178,838
Building and improvements	13,596,821	7,751,656	195,907	203,818	13,792,728	7,955,474
Furniture and equipment	1,501,033	1,380,692	382,314	410,638	1,883,347	1,791,330
Vehicles	2,440,072	3,110,510	77,994	66,324	2,518,066	3,176,834
Infrastructure	23,581,424	23,156,831	-	-	23,581,424	23,156,831
Construction in progress	-	2,267,610	2,398	-	2,398	2,267,610
Sewer and water lines	-	-	8,014,752	8,281,164	8,014,752	8,281,164
Total	\$ 43,386,721	\$ 40,029,155	\$ 8,702,933	\$ 8,992,789	\$ 52,089,654	\$ 49,021,944

During 2017, the County's governmental activities had \$7,070,332 in additions, \$961,158 (net of accumulated depreciation) in deletions and \$2,751,608 in depreciation expense. The increase in the County's governmental activities capital assets for 2017 was \$3,357,566 which was primarily due to the completion of the Courthouse. See Note 10 to the basic financial statements for detail on governmental activities and business-type activities capital assets.

Debt Administration

At December 31, 2017, the County's governmental activities had \$8,900,544 in special obligation bonds, capital leases and OPWC loans. Of this total, \$1,065,595 is due within one year and \$7,834,949 is due in greater than one year. At December 31, 2017, the County's business-type activities had \$4,699,499 in OWPC and OPWC loans outstanding. Of this total, \$251,850 is due within one year and \$4,447,649 is due in greater than one year. The following table summarizes the bonds, leases and loans outstanding.

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Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	Governmental Activities 2017	Business-Type Activities 2017	Governmental Activities 2016	Business-Type Activities 2016
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>
Long-term obligations:				
Special obligation bonds	\$ 7,760,000	\$ -	\$ 8,490,000	\$ -
Special assessment bonds	-	-	3,520	-
OPWC/OWPC loans	451,144	4,699,499	106,118	4,763,665
Capital lease obligation	<u>689,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>864,067</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,900,544</u>	<u>\$ 4,699,499</u>	<u>\$ 9,463,705</u>	<u>\$ 4,763,665</u>

See Note 13 to the basic financial statements for additional disclosures and detail regarding the County's debt activity.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The County's current estimated population is 60,944.

The County's unemployment rate is currently 4.70%, compared to the 5.00% state average and the 4.40% national average.

These economic factors were considered in preparing the County's budget for 2018. The County's financial position should remain steady in future years.

Contacting the County's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Honorable Jerri A. Miller, Sandusky County Auditor, 100 North Park Avenue, Fremont, Ohio 43420-2472.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental	Business-type	Total	Sandusky County	Sandusky County
	Activities	Activities		Land Reutilization Corporation	Regional Airport Authority
Assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 32,266,356	\$ 1,195,918	\$ 33,462,274	\$ 45,769	\$ 242,614
Cash and cash equivalents with fiscal agents	114,400	-	114,400	-	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Sales taxes	2,962,270	-	2,962,270	-	-
Real estate and other taxes	12,650,084	-	12,650,084	-	-
Accounts	628,167	138,907	767,074	-	23,637
Special assessments	373,573	18,558	392,131	-	-
Accrued interest	90,869	-	90,869	-	-
Due from other governments	4,864,556	-	4,864,556	87,518	47,729
Loans receivable	38,145	-	38,145	-	-
Internal balances	12,000	(12,000)	-	-	-
Prepayments	226,622	1,748	228,370	655	285
Materials and supplies inventory	411,897	-	411,897	-	-
Loans due from other funds	55	-	55	-	-
Due from component units	110,053	-	110,053	-	-
Net pension asset	47,058	581	47,639	-	-
Assets held for resale	-	-	-	173,088	-
Investment in joint ventures	4,686,045	-	4,686,045	-	-
Capital assets:					
Non-depreciable capital assets	2,125,354	13,863	2,139,217	-	955,630
Depreciable capital assets, net	41,261,367	8,689,070	49,950,437	-	1,145,437
Total capital assets, net	43,386,721	8,702,933	52,089,654	-	2,101,067
Total assets	102,868,871	10,046,645	112,915,516	307,030	2,415,332
Deferred outflows of resources:					
Unamortized deferred charges on debt refunding	17,989	-	17,989	-	-
Pension - OPERS	11,053,420	121,066	11,174,486	-	-
Pension - STRS	459,809	-	459,809	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	11,531,218	121,066	11,652,284	-	-
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	721,247	36,477	757,724	73,179	21,306
Contracts payable	-	-	-	-	92,339
Accrued wages and benefits payable	755,484	13,263	768,747	-	2,504
Due to other governments	841,972	55,105	897,077	110,053	-
Accrued interest payable	18,102	-	18,102	-	-
Amount to be repaid to claimants	115,694	-	115,694	-	-
Long-term liabilities:					
Due within one year	2,207,494	275,025	2,482,519	-	-
Due in more than one year:					
Net pension liability	16,902,729	198,380	17,101,109	-	-
Due in more than one year	8,870,580	4,478,735	13,349,315	-	-
Total liabilities	30,433,302	5,056,985	35,490,287	183,232	116,149
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Property taxes levied for the next year	11,614,121	-	11,614,121	-	-
Pension - OPERS	119,648	1,851	121,499	-	-
Pension - STRS	52,133	-	52,133	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	11,785,902	1,851	11,787,753	-	-
Net position:					
Net investment in capital assets	35,458,213	4,003,434	39,461,647	-	2,101,067
Restricted for:					
Debt service	160,050	-	160,050	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	33
Public works projects	3,062,747	-	3,062,747	-	-
Public safety programs	6,057,897	-	6,057,897	-	-
Human services programs	13,112,813	-	13,112,813	-	-
Health programs	160,981	-	160,981	-	-
Other purposes	4,370,658	-	4,370,658	-	-
Unrestricted	9,797,526	1,105,441	10,902,967	123,798	198,083
Total net position	\$ 72,180,885	\$ 5,108,875	\$ 77,289,760	\$ 123,798	\$ 2,299,183

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Program Revenues			
Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive.	\$ 8,131,551	\$ 2,153,398	\$ -	\$ -
Judicial	4,801,596	1,578,539	291,285	-
Public safety.	13,105,669	3,348,602	616,120	-
Public works	6,477,909	1,097,880	4,425,615	241,561
Health	525,705	310,481	49,919	-
Human services	21,310,638	424,868	11,911,201	-
Economic development and assistance	145,108	-	31,418	-
Intergovernmental	186,300	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	260,067	42,162	-	-
Total governmental activities	54,944,543	8,955,930	17,325,558	241,561
Business-type activities:				
Sanitary sewer.	2,023,533	1,687,496	-	-
Totals primary government.	\$ 56,968,076	\$ 10,643,426	\$ 17,325,558	\$ 241,561
Component unit:				
Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation.	\$ 162,300	\$ -	\$ 69,106	\$ -
Sandusky County Regional Airport Authority	525,600	347,294	1,568	92,339
	\$ 687,900	\$ 347,294	\$ 70,674	\$ 92,339

General revenues:

Property taxes levied for:	
General fund.
Human services - County Board of DD
Human services - Senior Citizens
Public safety 911 systems
Public safety - Drug Task Force
Sales taxes levied for:	
General fund.
Public safety - EMS
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	
Investment earnings	
Sale of assets	
Land Rent	
Reimbursements	
Miscellaneous	
Total general revenues	
Change in net position	
Net position (deficit) at beginning of year (restated)	
Net position at end of year	

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

Primary Government			Component Units	
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation	Sandusky County Regional Airport Authority
\$ (5,978,153)	\$ -	\$ (5,978,153)	\$ -	\$ -
(2,931,772)	-	(2,931,772)	-	-
(9,140,947)	-	(9,140,947)	-	-
(712,853)	-	(712,853)	-	-
(165,305)	-	(165,305)	-	-
(8,974,569)	-	(8,974,569)	-	-
(113,690)	-	(113,690)	-	-
(186,300)	-	(186,300)	-	-
(217,905)	-	(217,905)	-	-
<u>(28,421,494)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,421,494)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
-	(336,037)	(336,037)	-	-
<u>(28,421,494)</u>	<u>(336,037)</u>	<u>(28,757,531)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
-	-	-	(93,194)	-
-	-	-	-	(84,399)
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(93,194)</u>	<u>(84,399)</u>
2,903,557	-	2,903,557	-	-
6,382,164	-	6,382,164	-	-
1,230,034	-	1,230,034	-	-
289,102	-	289,102	-	-
61,033	-	61,033	-	-
9,598,270	-	9,598,270	-	-
1,918,592	-	1,918,592	-	-
2,154,618	-	2,154,618	98,494	-
166,438	7,089	173,527	-	-
-	-	-	145,501	-
-	-	-	-	92,198
-	-	-	-	50,754
<u>2,143,015</u>	<u>42,987</u>	<u>2,186,002</u>	<u>32,145</u>	<u>2,150</u>
<u>26,846,823</u>	<u>50,076</u>	<u>26,896,899</u>	<u>276,140</u>	<u>145,102</u>
(1,574,671)	(285,961)	(1,860,632)	182,946	60,703
<u>73,755,556</u>	<u>5,394,836</u>	<u>79,150,392</u>	<u>(59,148)</u>	<u>2,238,480</u>
<u>\$ 72,180,885</u>	<u>\$ 5,108,875</u>	<u>\$ 77,289,760</u>	<u>\$ 123,798</u>	<u>\$ 2,299,183</u>

SANDUSKY COUNTY

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General	Human Services	County Board of DD	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 3,970,833	\$ 655,018	\$ 12,525,654	\$ 14,933,317	\$ 32,084,822
Cash and cash equivalents with fiscal agents . . .	-	-	-	114,400	114,400
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Sales taxes	2,468,591	-	-	493,679	2,962,270
Real estate and other taxes	3,189,350	-	7,041,928	2,418,806	12,650,084
Accounts	45,008	-	104,163	478,996	628,167
Special assessments	-	-	-	373,573	373,573
Accrued interest	90,869	-	-	-	90,869
Due from other governments	1,076,815	506,063	527,461	2,754,217	4,864,556
Loans receivable	-	-	-	38,145	38,145
Interfund loans receivable	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Prepayments	109,048	23,633	131	93,810	226,622
Materials and supplies inventory	154,735	16,149	7,735	233,278	411,897
Loans due from other funds	195,633	-	-	191,162	386,795
Due from component units	110,053	-	-	-	110,053
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,417,935</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,863</u>	<u>\$ 20,207,072</u>	<u>\$ 22,123,383</u>	<u>\$ 54,949,253</u>
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 78,442	\$ 115,275	\$ 69,995	\$ 457,535	\$ 721,247
Accrued wages and benefits payable	303,684	115,889	105,665	230,246	755,484
Compensated absences payable	9,891	3,180	-	889	13,960
Due to other governments	319,735	73,750	122,825	325,662	841,972
Interfund loans payable	-	-	-	7,000	7,000
Amount to be repaid to claimants	115,694	-	-	-	115,694
Loans from other funds	179,107	-	-	195,633	374,740
Total liabilities	<u>1,006,553</u>	<u>308,094</u>	<u>298,485</u>	<u>1,216,965</u>	<u>2,830,097</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Property taxes levied for the next year	2,928,162	-	6,465,238	2,220,721	11,614,121
Delinquent property tax revenue not available . . .	261,188	-	576,690	198,085	1,035,963
Accrued interest not available	37,752	-	-	-	37,752
Sales tax revenue not available	939,008	-	-	187,801	1,126,809
Special assessments revenue not available	-	-	-	373,573	373,573
Other nonexchange transactions	455,883	-	407,741	1,480,780	2,344,404
Unavailable grant revenue	37,844	-	13,555	209,094	260,493
Miscellaneous revenue not available	184,296	-	-	23,586	207,882
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>4,844,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,463,224</u>	<u>4,693,640</u>	<u>17,000,997</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	880,547	39,782	7,866	327,088	1,255,283
Restricted	24,788	852,987	12,437,497	13,740,344	27,055,616
Committed	336,723	-	-	2,339,017	2,675,740
Assigned	608,332	-	-	-	608,332
Unassigned (deficit)	3,716,859	-	-	(193,671)	3,523,188
Total fund balances	<u>5,567,249</u>	<u>892,769</u>	<u>12,445,363</u>	<u>16,212,778</u>	<u>35,118,159</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 11,417,935</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,863</u>	<u>\$ 20,207,072</u>	<u>\$ 22,123,383</u>	<u>\$ 54,949,253</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2017

Total governmental fund balances	\$	35,118,159
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		43,386,721
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.		
Real and other taxes receivable	\$ 1,035,963	
Sales taxes receivable	1,126,809	
Special assessments receivable	373,573	
Accrued interest receivable	37,752	
Other revenues	23,586	
Intergovernmental revenues	<u>2,789,193</u>	
Total		5,386,876
The investments in joint ventures by governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in fund balance at year end.		4,686,045
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities on the statement of net position.		181,534
On the statement of net position interest is accrued on outstanding bonds payable, whereas in the governmental funds, interest is accrued when due.		(18,102)
Unamortized premiums are amortized over the life of the bonds on the statement of net position.		(201,896)
Unamortized discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds on the statement of net position.		5,943
Unamortized deferred amounts on refundings are not recognized in the governmental funds.		17,989
The net pension asset/liability is not due and receivable/payable in the current period; therefore, the asset, liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not recognized in the governmental funds.		
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	11,513,229	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	(171,781)	
Net pension asset	47,058	
Net pension liability	<u>(16,902,729)</u>	
Total		(5,514,223)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Special obligation bonds	7,760,000	
Capital lease payable	689,400	
Loans payable	451,144	
Compensated absences	<u>1,967,617</u>	
Total		<u>(10,868,161)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>72,180,885</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	<u>General</u>	<u>Human Services</u>	<u>County Board of DD</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:					
Real estate and other taxes	\$ 2,901,733	\$ -	\$ 6,379,268	\$ 1,518,416	\$ 10,799,417
Sales taxes	9,622,985	-	-	1,923,531	11,546,516
Charges for services	2,453,412	-	155,548	4,514,565	7,123,525
Licenses and permits	2,070	-	-	216,612	218,682
Fines and forfeitures	408,812	-	-	249,426	658,238
Intergovernmental	2,241,703	5,657,716	3,261,271	8,794,163	19,954,853
Special assessments	-	-	-	290,652	290,652
Investment income	138,196	-	-	23,369	161,565
Rental income	131,150	-	16,016	378,789	525,955
Contributions and donations	26,675	12,983	19,619	52,370	111,647
Refunds and reimbursements	1,367,461	-	-	208,433	1,575,894
Other	587,195	-	-	-	587,195
Total revenues	<u>19,881,392</u>	<u>5,670,699</u>	<u>9,831,722</u>	<u>18,170,326</u>	<u>53,554,139</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government:					
Legislative and executive	6,254,349	-	-	745,702	7,000,051
Judicial	3,562,165	-	-	879,151	4,441,316
Public safety	7,206,113	-	-	5,072,452	12,278,565
Public works	-	-	-	4,595,612	4,595,612
Health	118,872	-	-	305,652	424,524
Human services	678,822	6,401,004	8,492,224	5,749,514	21,321,564
Economic development and assistance	-	-	-	146,692	146,692
Intergovernmental	186,300	-	-	-	186,300
Capital outlay	156,577	-	-	5,925,058	6,081,635
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	77,622	-	49,567	945,011	1,072,200
Interest and fiscal charges	13,854	-	7,234	251,844	272,932
Total expenditures	<u>18,254,674</u>	<u>6,401,004</u>	<u>8,549,025</u>	<u>24,616,688</u>	<u>57,821,391</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,626,718</u>	<u>(730,305)</u>	<u>1,282,697</u>	<u>(6,446,362)</u>	<u>(4,267,252)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Loan issuance	-	-	-	352,462	352,462
Capital lease transaction	156,577	-	-	-	156,577
Transfers in	100,111	-	-	2,715,394	2,815,505
Transfers (out)	(2,316,069)	-	-	(399,436)	(2,715,505)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(2,059,381)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,668,420</u>	<u>609,039</u>
Net change in fund balances	(432,663)	(730,305)	1,282,697	(3,777,942)	(3,658,213)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>5,999,912</u>	<u>1,623,074</u>	<u>11,162,666</u>	<u>19,990,720</u>	<u>38,776,372</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 5,567,249</u>	<u>\$ 892,769</u>	<u>\$ 12,445,363</u>	<u>\$ 16,212,778</u>	<u>\$ 35,118,159</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	(3,658,213)
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeds depreciation expense in the current period.		
Capital asset additions	\$ 7,070,332	
Current year depreciation	<u>(2,751,608)</u>	
Total		4,318,724
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		
		(961,158)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Real estate and other taxes	66,473	
Sales taxes	(29,654)	
Special assessments	66,867	
Interest	17,749	
Other	(82,105)	
Intergovernmental	<u>(433,813)</u>	
Total		(394,483)
Increases in the value of investment in joint ventures that do not provide current financial resources are not reported in the funds.		
		210,216
Proceeds of OPWC loans and capital leases are reported as other financing sources in the governmental funds; however, in the statement of activities, they are not reported as revenues as they increase the liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		(509,039)
Repayment of bond and lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		1,072,200
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		
Decrease in accrued interest payable	1,782	
Amortization of deferred amounts on refunding	(3,659)	
Amortization of bond premiums	15,341	
Amortization of bond discounts	<u>(599)</u>	
Total		12,865
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
		(207,040)
Contractually required pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		
		3,732,877
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension asset/liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.		
		(5,201,913)
The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of workers compensation to individual funds is not reported in the government-wide statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.		
		<u>10,293</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>(1,574,671)</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
Real estate and other taxes	\$ 2,617,783	\$ 2,883,772	\$ 2,883,772	\$ -
Sales taxes	5,236,253	5,768,302	5,768,301	(1)
Charges for services.	1,580,573	1,741,173	1,741,173	-
Licenses and permits	1,879	2,070	2,070	-
Fines and forfeitures	394,172	434,223	434,223	-
Intergovernmental.	1,768,089	1,947,742	1,947,742	-
Investment income.	381,508	420,272	420,272	-
Rental income	119,053	131,150	131,150	-
Refunds and reimbursements.	1,230,659	1,355,704	1,355,704	-
Total revenues	<u>13,329,969</u>	<u>14,684,408</u>	<u>14,684,407</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	5,908,378	5,918,061	5,903,517	14,544
Judicial	3,552,972	3,696,541	3,659,492	37,049
Public safety	6,964,841	7,220,559	7,209,772	10,787
Health	123,442	149,311	148,311	1,000
Human services.	728,176	735,621	701,090	34,531
Intergovernmental.	186,300	186,300	186,300	-
Total expenditures	<u>17,464,109</u>	<u>17,906,393</u>	<u>17,808,482</u>	<u>97,911</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenues.	<u>(4,134,140)</u>	<u>(3,221,985)</u>	<u>(3,124,075)</u>	<u>97,910</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	3,622,577	3,990,662	3,990,662	-
Transfers out.	(790,770)	(1,263,489)	(1,219,355)	44,134
Advances in	6,354	7,000	7,000	-
Advances out	(7,003)	(7,003)	(7,000)	3
Total other financing sources (uses).	<u>2,831,158</u>	<u>2,727,170</u>	<u>2,771,307</u>	<u>44,137</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,302,982)	(494,815)	(352,768)	142,047
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,010,426	1,010,426	1,010,426	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated . . .	195,787	195,787	195,787	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ (96,769)</u>	<u>\$ 711,398</u>	<u>\$ 853,445</u>	<u>\$ 142,047</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 HUMAN SERVICES FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 5,293,778	\$ 5,470,600	\$ 5,470,548	\$ (52)
Contributions and donations	12,822	13,250	13,233	(17)
Total revenues	<u>5,306,600</u>	<u>5,483,850</u>	<u>5,483,781</u>	<u>(69)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Human services	<u>6,549,053</u>	<u>6,692,097</u>	<u>6,579,101</u>	<u>112,996</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,549,053</u>	<u>6,692,097</u>	<u>6,579,101</u>	<u>112,996</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,242,453)	(1,208,247)	(1,095,320)	112,927
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,379,590	1,379,590	1,379,590	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated . . .	182,883	182,883	182,883	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 320,020</u>	<u>\$ 354,226</u>	<u>\$ 467,153</u>	<u>\$ 112,927</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
Real estate and other taxes	\$ 7,015,907	\$ 6,460,721	\$ 6,340,309	\$ (120,412)
Charges for services.	1,683,987	1,550,729	155,548	(1,395,181)
Intergovernmental.	1,842,525	1,696,721	3,191,192	1,494,471
Rental income	-	-	16,016	16,016
Contributions and donations.	21,556	19,850	19,819	(31)
Total revenues	<u>10,563,975</u>	<u>9,728,021</u>	<u>9,722,884</u>	<u>(5,137)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Human services.	10,030,552	10,264,890	9,331,716	933,174
Total expenditures	<u>10,030,552</u>	<u>10,264,890</u>	<u>9,331,716</u>	<u>933,174</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures.	<u>533,423</u>	<u>(536,869)</u>	<u>391,168</u>	<u>928,037</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	3,746	3,450	-	(3,450)
Net change in fund balance	537,169	(533,419)	391,168	924,587
Fund balance at beginning of year	10,530,148	10,530,148	10,530,148	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	484,840	484,840	484,840	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 11,552,157</u>	<u>\$ 10,481,569</u>	<u>\$ 11,406,156</u>	<u>\$ 924,587</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Business-Type Activities - Sanitary Sewer	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 1,195,918	\$ 181,534
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):		
Accounts	138,907	-
Special assessments	18,558	-
Prepayments	1,748	-
Total current assets	1,355,131	181,534
Noncurrent assets:		
Net pension asset	581	-
Capital assets:		
Non-depreciable capital assets	13,863	-
Depreciable capital assets, net	8,689,070	-
Total capital assets, net	8,702,933	-
Total noncurrent assets	8,703,514	-
Total assets	10,058,645	181,534
Deferred outflows of resources:		
Pension - OPERS	121,066	-
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	10,179,711	181,534
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	36,477	-
Accrued wages and benefits payable	13,263	-
Compensated absences payable	23,175	-
Due to other funds	12,000	-
Due to other governments	55,105	-
OPWC loans payable	37,720	-
OWPC loans payable	214,130	-
Total current liabilities	391,870	-
Long-term liabilities:		
Compensated absences payable	31,086	-
OPWC loans payable	442,903	-
OWPC loans payable	4,004,746	-
Net pension liability	198,380	-
Total long-term liabilities	4,677,115	-
Total liabilities	5,068,985	-
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Pension - OPERS	1,851	-
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	5,070,836	-
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	4,003,434	-
Unrestricted	1,105,441	181,534
Total net position	\$ 5,108,875	\$ 181,534

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Business-Type Activities - Sanitary Sewer	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 1,687,496	\$ 309,148
Other	42,987	-
Total operating revenues.	1,730,483	309,148
Operating expenses:		
Personal services	491,499	198,855
Contract services.	914,716	-
Materials and supplies.	88,442	-
Utilities	56,090	-
Depreciation.	321,758	-
Other	39,031	-
Total operating expenses.	1,911,536	198,855
Operating income (loss).	(181,053)	110,293
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest and fiscal charges	(111,997)	-
Interest income.	7,089	-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(104,908)	-
Income (loss) before transfers	(285,961)	110,293
Transfer out.	-	(100,000)
Change in net position	(285,961)	10,293
Net position at beginning of year (restated) .	5,394,836	171,241
Net position at end of year	\$ 5,108,875	\$ 181,534

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Business-Type Activities - Sanitary Sewer	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from charges for services	\$ 1,637,818	\$ 316,491
Cash received from other operating revenue	34,415	-
Cash payments for personal services.	(447,297)	(198,855)
Cash payments for contractual services	(894,690)	-
Cash payments for materials and supplies	(89,338)	-
Cash payments for utilities	(56,445)	-
Cash payments for other expenses.	(31,925)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	152,538	117,636
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Cash used in transfers out	-	(100,000)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition of capital assets	(31,902)	-
Principal payments on loans	(316,534)	-
Interest and fiscal charges	(111,997)	-
OWPCLF loan issuance	252,368	-
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(208,065)	-
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received.	7,089	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents.	(48,438)	17,636
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,244,356	163,898
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 1,195,918	\$ 181,534
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss).	\$ (181,053)	\$ 110,293
Adjustments:		
Depreciation.	321,758	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) in accounts receivable.	(55,035)	-
Decrease special assessments receivable.	3,437	-
Decrease in intergovernmental receivable	-	7,343
(Increase) in prepayments	(171)	-
(Increase) in net pension asset	(21)	-
Decrease in deferred outflows - pension - OPERS	19,872	-
Increase in accounts payable.	20,091	-
Increase in accrued wages and benefits	2,770	-
(Decrease) in intergovernmental payable	(2,122)	-
Increase in compensated absences payable	14,971	-
Increase in net pension liability	10,083	-
(Decrease) deferred inflows - pension - OPERS	(2,042)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 152,538	\$ 117,636

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Investment Trust	Agency
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 6,436,272	\$ 4,943,492
Cash in segregated accounts.	-	532,292
Receivables:		
Real estate and other taxes	-	47,134,037
Accounts	194,747	67,772
Special assessments	-	967,711
Due from other governments.	607	2,338,881
Accrued interest	4,355	-
	6,635,981	\$ 55,984,185
Total assets		
Liabilities:		
Due to other governments	\$ -	\$ 61
Loans due to other funds.	-	55
Undistributed monies.	-	55,451,777
Deposits held and due to others	-	532,292
	-	55,984,185
Total liabilities		
Net position:		
Net position available for pool participants	6,635,981	-
Total liabilities and net position.	\$ 6,635,981	\$ 55,984,185

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
INVESTMENT TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Investment Trust
Additions:	
Net increase in net position resulting from operations	\$ 10,447
Total additions	10,447
 Share transactions:	
Purchase of units	2,997,670
Redemption of units	(3,030,339)
Net decrease in net position and shares resulting from share transactions	(32,669)
Change in net position	(22,222)
Net position at beginning of year (restated)	6,658,203
Net position at end of year	\$ 6,635,981

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY

Sandusky County, Ohio (the County), was created in 1820. The County is governed by a board of three commissioners elected by the voters of the County. Other officials elected by the voters of the County, and who manage various segments of the County's operations are the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, two Common Pleas Court Judges and a Probate/Juvenile Court Judge.

Although the elected officials manage the internal operations of their respective departments, the County Commissioners authorize expenditures as well as serve as the budget and taxing authority, contracting body, and the chief administrators of public services for the entire County.

The primary government consists of all funds, component units, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the County. For Sandusky County, this includes the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD); the Children Services Board; and other departments and activities that are directly operated by the elected County officials.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

A. Reporting Entity

The County's reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units" and GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34". The basic financial statements include all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and component units for which the County and the County Commissioners are "accountable". Accountability as defined in GASB Statement No. 14, GASB Statement No. 39 and GASB Statement No. 61 was evaluated based on financial accountability, the nature and significance of the potential component unit's (PCU) relationship with the County and whether exclusion would cause the County's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Among the factors considered were separate legal standing; appointment of a voting majority of the PCU's Board; fiscal dependency and whether a benefit or burden relationship exists; imposition of will; and the nature and significance of the PCU's relationship with the County.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the financial activities of the following PCU's have been reflected in the accompanying basic financial statements as follows:

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 (CONTINUED)

COMPONENT UNITS

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

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT

The component unit columns in the financial statements present the financial data of the County's discretely presented component units, the Sandusky County Regional Airport Authority, the Sandusky County Transportation Improvement District, and Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation. They are reported separately to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County.

Sandusky County Regional Airport Authority - The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Sandusky County Regional Airport Authority, Sandusky County, Ohio (the Authority), as a body corporate and politic. The Sandusky County Commissioners appoint five Board members to direct the Authority. The Authority is responsible for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of the Authority. The County Commissioners are responsible for the debt issued on behalf of the Authority. Due to the imposition of will exerted by the County Commissioners as well as the financial burden for the Authority, the Authority is presented separately as a component unit of the County. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from Sandusky County Regional Airport Authority, 1500 CR 220, Clyde, OH 43410.

Sandusky County Transportation Improvement District - The Sandusky County Transportation Improvement District (the District) is a body corporate and politic established to plan, construct and improve highways, roads, bridges, interchanges and accompanying capital improvements and developments throughout Sandusky County. The District was formed under the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5544.02, by action of the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners on May 22, 2012. The resolution to create the District states the Board shall consist of seven members. The members shall be appointed as follows: five (5) members shall be appointed by the County Commissioners; one (1) nonvoting member appointed by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives of the general assembly; and one (1) nonvoting member appointed by the President of the Senate of the general assembly. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from the Sandusky County Transportation Improvement District, 622 Croghan Street, Fremont Ohio 43420. The District had no financial activity during 2017.

Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation - The Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation (the Corporation) is a county land reutilization corporation that was formed on June 29, 2015 when the Sandusky County Board of Commissioners authorized the incorporation of the Corporation under Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code through resolution as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio. The purpose of the Corporation is for reclaiming, rehabilitating or reutilizing economically non-productive land throughout Sandusky County (the County). The Corporation can potentially address parcels where the fair market value of the property has been greatly exceeded by the delinquent taxes and assessed liens and are therefore not economically feasible to initiate foreclosure actions upon. By establishing the Corporation,

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the County can begin to address dilapidated housing issues in communities located in the County and also return properties to productive use. The Corporation has been designated as the County's agent to further its mission to reclaim, rehabilitate, and reutilize vacant, abandoned, tax foreclosed and other real property in the County by exercising the powers of the County under Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Section 1724.03 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be composed of five members including, (1) the County Treasurer, (2) at least two members of the County Board of Commissioners, (3) one member who is a representative of the largest municipal corporation, based on the population according to the most recent federal decennial census, that is located in the County, (4) one member who is a representative of a township with a population of at least ten thousand in the unincorporated area of the township according to the most recent federal decennial census, and (5) any remaining members selected by the County Treasurer and the County Commissioners who are members of the Corporation board. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from the Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation, 100 N. Park Ave. Suite 227, Fremont, Ohio 43420.

POTENTIAL COMPONENT UNITS REPORTED AS AGENCY FUNDS

The County Treasurer, as the custodian of public funds, invests all public monies held on deposit in the County treasury. In the case of the separate agencies, boards and commissions listed below, the County serves as fiscal agent, but is not financially accountable for their operations. Accordingly, the following entities are presented as agency funds within the financial statements:

Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission
Family and Children First Council
Sandusky County Soil and Water Conservation District
Sandusky County Park District
Sandusky County General Health District

The County is associated with certain organizations which are defined as joint ventures with equity interest, a shared risk pool, and an insurance purchasing pool and a related organization as follows:

JOINT VENTURES WITH EQUITY INTEREST

Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca County Solid Waste District

The Solid Waste District (the District) is a joint venture of Sandusky, Ottawa and Seneca Counties and is established under the authority of Section 3734.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. The cost of operations and expenses is to be funded by fees collected by the District. In the event that fees are not sufficient for the purpose, the counties shall share all operating costs and expenses incurred in the same proportions as the populations of the respective counties bear to the total population of all the counties. Upon the withdrawal of a county from the District, the Board of Directors shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, credits and real and personal property of the District, either in money or in kind, on any equitable basis between the District and the withdrawing county. Should the District be dissolved, the Boards of County Commissioners shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of any outstanding indebtedness. The District is governed by the three commissioners of each county involved.

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The counties share in the equity of the District is based on relative percentages of population within the three counties. Based upon this calculation, Sandusky County's equity interest in the District is \$1,113,857 at December 31, 2017. Financial information can be obtained from the Sandusky County Auditor, 100 North Park Avenue, Fremont, Ohio 43420-2472.

Sandusky County - Seneca County - City of Tiffin Port Authority

The Port Authority, a joint venture between Sandusky and Seneca Counties and the City of Tiffin, is established under the authority of Sections 4582.21 et. seq., of the Ohio Revised Code, with territorial limits co-terminus with the boundaries of the counties, with Tiffin being within the boundaries of Seneca County. The Port Authority is governed by a seven member Board of Directors, consisting of two members from each of the counties and the city, with the seventh member being rotated between the three entities every four years. The members are appointed by the County Commissioners in the counties, and by the Mayor of Tiffin in the city. Appointed members may hold no other public office or public employment except Notary Public, member of the State Militia, or member of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces. Initial funding for organizational expenses, including purchase of real or personal property by the Port Authority, were contributed by each subdivision with no obligation of future contributions or financial support. The contributions were equal and simultaneous. The Port Authority may be dissolved at any time upon the enactment of an ordinance by the city and resolutions by the counties. Any real or personal property will be returned to the subdivision from which it was received.

Upon dissolution of the Port Authority, any balance remaining in the Port Authority's funds or any real or personal property belonging to the Port Authority will be distributed equally to the city and the counties after paying all expenses and debts. Sandusky County's equity interest in the Port Authority is \$1,429,123 at December 31, 2017. Financial information can be obtained from the Sandusky County - Seneca County - City of Tiffin Port Authority, James Supance, Chairman, P.O. Box 767, Tiffin, Ohio 44883.

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRS) is a joint venture between Seneca, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties. The headquarters for MHRS is in Seneca County. MHRS provides community services to mentally ill and emotionally disturbed persons. Statutorily created, the MHRS Board is made of 18 members; 10 of the members are appointed by the county commissioners of each respective county, 4 are appointed by the State Department of Mental Health, and 4 are appointed by the State of Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. Revenues to provide mental health services are generated through State and Federal grants. The MHRS Board adopts its own budget, hires and fires staff and does not rely on the County to finance deficits.

The counties share in the equity of the MHRS Board based on the percentages of population within the three counties. Sandusky County's equity interest in this joint venture at December 31, 2017 is \$2,143,065.

Financial information can be obtained from the Seneca County Auditor, RTA Building, Tiffin, Ohio 44883.

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SHARED RISK POOL

County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA)

The County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc., is a jointly governed organization among sixty-three counties and eighteen county facilities in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverages provided by CORSA. These coverages include comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and public officials' errors and omissions liability insurance. The County paid \$230,453 to CORSA during 2017.

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the Corporation are managed by an elected board of not more than nine trustees. Only county commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the Board. No county may have more than one representative on the Board at any time. Each member county's control over the budgeting and financing of CORSA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Trustees.

CORSA has issued certificates of participation in order to provide adequate cash reserves. The certificates are secured by the member counties' obligations to make coverage payments to CORSA. The participating counties have no responsibility for the payment of the certificates.

Financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in Columbus, Ohio.

INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The County is participating in a group retro rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC) was established through the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) as a group purchasing pool. A group executive committee is responsible for calculating annual rate contributions and rebates, approving the selection of a third party administrator, reviewing and approving proposed third party fees, fees for risk management services and general management fees, determining ongoing eligibility of each participant and performing any other acts and functions which may be delegated to it by the participating employers. The group executive committee consists of seven members. Two members are the president and treasurer of CCAOSC; the remaining five members are representatives of the participants. These five members are elected for the ensuing year by the participants at a meeting held in the month of December each year. No participant can have more than one member of the group executive committee in any year, and each elected member shall be a county commissioner.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the County as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements distinguish between those activities of the County that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

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The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the enterprise fund financial statements, but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the County and for each function or program of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the County. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the County. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, which reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

All enterprise funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the County finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operation. The principal operating revenues of the County's proprietary funds are charges for sales and services. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include personnel and other expenses related to the operations of the enterprise activity. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

C. Fund Accounting

The County uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The following are the County's major governmental funds.

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General fund - The General fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Human Services - This fund accounts for various federal and State grants, as well as transfers from the General fund used to provide public assistance to general relief recipients to pay their providers for medical assistance and for certain public services.

County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) - This fund accounts for the operation of a school and the costs of administering a workshop for the developmentally disabled. Revenue sources include a countywide property tax levy and federal and State grants.

Other governmental funds of the County are used to account for (a) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, (b) specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects and (c) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the County's ongoing activities which are similar to those found in the private sector. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service.

Enterprise funds - The enterprise funds are used to account for operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The intent of the County is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The County has presented the following major enterprise fund:

Sanitary Sewer - This fund accounts for sanitary sewer services provided to individual and commercial users in the majority of the unincorporated areas of the County. The costs of providing these services are primarily financed through user charges. The sanitary sewer district has its own facilities and rate structure.

Internal Service fund - Internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the County on a cost-reimbursement basis. The County's internal service fund accounts for a workers' compensation program for employees of the County.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the County under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the County's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The County's fiduciary funds are agency funds and an investment trust fund which account for monies held for other governments and undistributed assets.

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D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the basic financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the full accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds use the full accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the full accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred outflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the full accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the County, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include sales taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On a full accrual basis, revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the year in which the sales are made. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the County must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from all other nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year end: sales tax (See Note 7), interest, federal and State grants and subsidies, State-levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle license fees and gasoline taxes), fees and rentals.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the County, see Note 15 for deferred outflows of resources related the County's net pension liability. In addition, deferred outflows of resources include a deferred charge on debt refunding. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the County, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2017, but which were levied to finance 2018 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet and represents

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receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the County, unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, income taxes, delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

For the County, see Note 15 for deferred inflows of resources related to the County's net pension liability. This deferred inflow of resources is only reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

Expense/Expenditures - On the full accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

E. Budgetary Data

All funds, other than agency funds, are required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution, both of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The County Auditor has waived the tax budget requirement. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the County Commissioners may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the County Commissioners' authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the County Commissioners. The legal level of control has been established by the County Commissioners at the fund, program, department and object level.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or the County Auditor identifies decreases in revenue. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the final amended certificate of estimated resources issued during 2017.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriations resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the County Commissioners during the year.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the County is pooled. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the County's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments" on the basic financial statements.

During 2017, investments were limited to State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), federal agency securities, negotiable and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

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During 2017, the County invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The County measures its investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides a NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2017, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$50 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$50 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the General fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Interest revenue credited to the General fund during 2017 amounted to \$138,196 which includes \$123,096 assigned from other County funds.

The County has segregated bank accounts for monies held separately from the County's central bank account. These interest-bearing depository accounts are presented on the combined balance sheet as "cash in segregated accounts" since they are not required to be deposited into the County treasury.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the County are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments, to the extent the investments were purchased from a specific fund rather than the pool.

G. External Investment Pool

By statute, the County serves as fiscal agent for various legally separate entities. The County pools the monies of these entities with the County's for investment purposes. The County cannot allocate its investments between the internal and external investment pools. The external investment pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The fair value of investments is determined annually. The pool does not issue shares. Each participant is allocated a pro rata share of each investment at fair value along with a pro rata share of interest that it earns. The fair value of investments for both the internal and external investment pools is disclosed in Note 4, "Deposits and Investments".

Condensed financial information for the investment pool is as follows:

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**Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2017**

<u>Assets:</u>	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,842,038
Accrued interest receivable	<u>90,869</u>
Total	<u>\$ 44,932,907</u>
<u>Net position held in trust for participants:</u>	
Internal portion	\$ 38,496,635
External portion	<u>6,436,272</u>
Total	<u>\$ 44,932,907</u>

**Statement of Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

<u>Revenue:</u>	
Operating revenues	\$ 10,447
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Operating expenses	<u>-</u>
Net increase in assets resulting from operations	10,447
Distribution to pool participants	117,838
<u>Capital transactions:</u>	
Proceeds of investments sold	(49,838,941)
Purchase of investments	<u>44,842,038</u>
Total decrease in net position	(4,868,618)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>49,801,525</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 44,932,907</u>

H. Inventories of Materials and Supplies

On the government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

On the fund financial statements, reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

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I. Capital Assets

Governmental capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are valued at acquisition cost. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The County’s infrastructure consists of roads, bridges, culverts and sanitary sewers. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset’s life are not capitalized. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County’s historical records of necessary improvements and replacements. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method utilizing the half-year convention over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	15 - 30 years	15 - 30 years
Buildings and improvements	8 - 40 years	30 - 40 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 15 years	10 - 20 years
Vehicles	8 - 15 years	15 years
Infrastructure	20 - 50 years	50 years

Interest is capitalized on proprietary fund assets acquired with tax-exempt debt. The County’s policy is to capitalize net interest on construction projects until substantial completion of the project. The amount of capitalized interest equals the difference between the interest cost associated with the tax-exempt borrowing used to finance the project from the date of borrowing until completion of the project and the interest earned from temporary investment of the debt proceeds over the same period.

Capitalized interest is amortized on the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. For 2017, the net interest expense incurred on proprietary fund construction projects was not material.

J. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences of the County consist of vacation leave and sick leave to the extent that payments to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the County and the employee.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, “Accounting for Compensated Absences”, a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination

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or retirement. A liability for sick leave is based on the sick leave accumulated at December 31, 2017, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. Sick leave benefits are accrued using the vesting method. The County records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave after fifteen years of service with the County or over fifty years of age.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at December 31, 2017 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus applicable additional salary related payments.

The entire compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the accounts "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported. For proprietary funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

K. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2017, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which services are consumed.

On the fund financial statements, reported prepayments are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance classification in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

L. Interfund Balances

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund loans receivable/payable". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental column on the statement of net position. Loans between governmental funds and agency funds are reported as "loans due from/to other funds" on the financial statements.

M. Loans Receivable

Loans receivable represent the right to receive repayment for certain loans made by the County. These loans are based upon written agreements between the County and the various loan recipients. Reported loans receivable is offset by a restricted for loans fund balance in the governmental special revenue fund types.

N. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported in the proprietary fund financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are

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reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds, capital leases and long-term loans are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

O. Interfund Transactions

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

During the normal course of operations, the County has numerous transactions between funds. Transfers represent movement of resources from a fund receiving revenue to a fund through which those resources will be expended and are recorded as other financing sources (uses) in governmental funds and as transfers in proprietary funds. Interfund transactions that would be treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses if they involved organizations external to the County are treated similarly when involving other funds of the County.

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as “interfund receivable/interfund payable” for the current portion of interfund loans. These amounts are eliminated in the statement of net position, except for any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities, which are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances”.

P. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable.

Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Commissioners (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the County for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the General fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Board of Commissioners.

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Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The County applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Q. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those that are generated directly from the primary activities of the proprietary funds. For the County, these revenues are charges for services for the sewer and workers compensation programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the fund. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating.

R. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and less deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The County applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

S. Bond Issuance Costs, Bond Premium/Discount and Accounting Loss

On government-wide financial statements and in the enterprise funds, issuance costs are expensed during the year in which they incurred.

Bond premiums/discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond discounts are presented as a reduction to the face amount of the bonds.

For advance refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt reported in the government-wide financial statements and enterprise funds, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense. This accounting gain or loss is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter, and is presented as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements and enterprise funds.

The reconciliation between the bonds face value and the amount reported on the statement of net position is presented in Note 13.

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T. Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

U. Pensions

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

V. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the County administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The County had no extraordinary or special items during 2017.

W. Fair Value Measurements

The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2017, the County has implemented GASB Statement No. 80, "*Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*", GASB Statement No. 81 "*Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*", and GASB Statement No. 82, "*Pension Issues - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*".

GASB Statement No. 80 amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 80 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

GASB Statement No. 81 improves the accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 81 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

GASB Statement No. 82 addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations

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from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 82 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

B. Restatement of Net Position

The net position of governmental and business-type activities at January 1, 2017 has been restated to account for prior period adjustments to capital assets as a result of an appraisal. The restatement had the following effect on net position.

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities Sanitary Sewer
Net position as previously reported	\$ 79,841,823	\$ 5,075,314
Capital asset adjustment	(6,086,267)	319,522
Restated net position at January 1, 2017	\$ 73,755,556	\$ 5,394,836

This restatement had no effect on governmental fund balances.

The investment trust fund at January 1, 2017, was restated to reclassify a fund related to the Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca County Solid Waste District that was reported as an agency fund in the prior year.

	Investment Trust
Net position as previously reported	\$ 6,589,106
Fund reclassification	69,097
Restated net position at January 1, 2017	\$ 6,658,203

C. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at December 31, 2017 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Nonmajor funds</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Drug task force	\$ 14,188
Selective traffic enforcement program	491
Impaired driving enforcement program	3,153
Homeland security grant	148,585
Citizens corporation grant	15,500
Healthier buckeye grant	11,754

The General fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Monies held by the County are classified by State statute into two categories. Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demand upon the County treasury. Active monies must

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be maintained either as cash in the County treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Monies held by the County which are not considered active are classified as inactive. Inactive monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities provided a written investment policy has been filed with the Ohio Auditor of State:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or its political subdivisions, provided that such political subdivisions are located wholly or partly within the County.
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) or (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
8. Securities lending agreements in which the County lends securities and the eligible institution agrees to exchange either securities described in items (1) or (2) above or cash or both securities and cash, equal value for equal value;
9. High grade commercial paper for a period not to exceed 180 days and in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the County's total average portfolio; and,
10. Bankers acceptances for a period not to exceed 180 days and in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the County's total average portfolio.

Protection of the County's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the County Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched

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to a specific obligation or debt of the County and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the County Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Cash on Hand

At year end, the County had \$300 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the financial statements of the County as part of “equity in pooled cash and investments”.

B. Cash in Segregated Accounts

At year end, \$978,893 was on deposit in segregated accounts used by various County departments and included in the total amount of deposits reported below; however, this amount is not part of the internal cash pool reported on the financial statements as “equity in pooled cash and investments”. The carrying value of these deposits was \$532,292 at December 31, 2017.

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents

At year end, the County had \$114,400 in monies set aside for future debt service held by a fiscal agent. This amount is included on the financial statements of the County as “cash and cash equivalents with fiscal agents.”

D. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2017, the carrying amount of all County deposits, including nonnegotiable certificates of deposit and cash in segregated accounts, was \$12,994,089. The County’s bank balance of all County deposits was \$13,598,915. Of the bank balance, \$617,475 was covered by the FDIC and \$12,981,440 was covered by the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS).

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by (1) eligible securities pledged to the County and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or (2) participation in the OPCS, a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a reduced rate set by the Treasurer of State.

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E. Investments

As of December 31, 2017, the County had the following investments and maturities:

Measurement/ <u>Investment type</u>	Measurement <u>Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>				
		6 months or <u>less</u>	7 to 12 <u>months</u>	13 to 18 <u>months</u>	19 to 24 <u>months</u>	Greater than <u>24 months</u>
Fair value:						
Negotiable CD's	\$ 10,752,950	\$ 999,634	\$ 999,758	\$ 2,489,609	\$ 1,486,296	\$ 4,777,653
U.S. Government money market	534	534	-	-	-	-
FHLB	2,969,800	-	-	-	-	2,969,800
FNMA	6,573,085	-	-	-	741,000	5,832,085
FHLMC	8,141,113	999,840	-	-	494,490	6,646,783
Amortized cost:						
STAR Ohio	<u>3,942,459</u>	<u>3,942,459</u>	-	-	-	-
Total	<u><u>\$ 32,379,941</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,942,467</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 999,758</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,489,609</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,721,786</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,226,321</u></u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is 2.46 years.

The County investments in U.S. Government money market mutual funds are valued using quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1 inputs). The County's investments in negotiable CD's and federal agency securities (FHLB, FNMA, FHLMC) are valued using quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources for similar assets or liabilities for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly (Level 2 inputs).

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the County's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The County's investments, except for negotiable certificates of deposit, were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The negotiable certificates of deposit are not rated.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the County's name. The County has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the County Treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The County places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the County at December 31, 2017:

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<u>Measurement/ Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>% to Total</u>
Fair value:		
Negotiable CD's	\$ 10,752,950	33.20
U.S. Government money market	534	0.01
FHLB	2,969,800	9.17
FNMA	6,573,085	20.30
FHLMC	8,141,113	25.14
Amortized cost:		
STAR Ohio	<u>3,942,459</u>	<u>12.18</u>
Total	<u>\$ 32,379,941</u>	<u>100.00</u>

F. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of December 31, 2017:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 12,461,797
Investments	32,379,941
Cash in segregated accounts	532,292
Cash with fiscal agent	114,400
Cash on hand	<u>300</u>
Total	<u>\$ 45,488,730</u>

<u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 32,380,756
Business-type activities	1,195,918
Investment trust	6,436,272
Agency funds	<u>5,475,784</u>
Total	<u>\$ 45,488,730</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A. Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2017, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

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<u>Transfer to nonmajor governmental funds from:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	\$ 2,316,069
Nonmajor governmental funds	399,325
<u>Transfer to General fund from:</u>	
Nonmajor governmental funds	111
Internal Service fund	<u>100,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,815,505</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

The transfer from the Internal Service fund to the General fund was approved by court order. The funds transferred were rebates issued by workers compensation for participation in programs. All other transfers complied with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

B. Interfund loans payable/receivable consisted of the following at December 31, 2017:

<u>Receivable funds</u>	<u>Payable funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ <u>7,000</u>

The interfund loan balances result from resources provided by the receivable fund to the payable fund to provide cash flow resources until anticipated revenues are received. Interfund loans payable/receivable between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Interfund loans payable/receivable between governmental and enterprise funds are shown as an internal balance on the statement of net position.

C. Amounts due to/from other funds consisted of the following at December 31, 2017, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Due from</u>	<u>Due to</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nonmajor governmental funds	General fund	\$ 195,633
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	179,107
Enterprise funds	Nonmajor governmental funds	12,000
Agency fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>55</u>
Total		<u>\$ 386,795</u>

Amounts due to/from other funds between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting on the statement of net position. Amounts due to/from other funds between governmental funds and enterprise funds are reported as a component of internal balance on the statement of net position.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the County. Taxes collected from real property taxes (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on the assessed value as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revaluated every six years. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Public utility tangible personal property is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2017 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2016, are levied after October 1, 2017, and are collected in 2018 with real property taxes. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, public utility taxes, delinquent tangible personal property taxes and other outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2017 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by a deferred inflow of resources since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2017 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by deferred inflow of resources since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on a modified accrual basis the revenue is considered a deferred inflow of resources.

The full tax rate for all County operations, excluding 911 operations, for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$9.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The full tax rate for the County 911 operations, excluding the City of Bellevue and the Village of Green Springs, for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$0.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2017 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

<u>Real property</u>	
Residential/agricultural	\$ 983,814,850
Commercial/industrial/mineral	206,704,780
<u>Public utility</u>	
Real	751,020
Personal	90,681,830
Total assessed value	<u>\$ 1,281,952,480</u>

NOTE 7 - PERMISSIVE SALES AND USE TAX

In 1979, the County Commissioners, by resolution, imposed a 0.5 percent tax on all retail sales made in the County, except sales of motor vehicles. In 1989, the percentage increased to 1 percent. In 2005, an additional 0.25 percent tax was levied and earmarked solely for emergency medical services. In 2010, an

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additional 0.25 percent tax was levied for general operations. The tax included the storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property in the County, including motor vehicles not subject to the sales tax. Vendor collections of the tax are paid to the State Treasurer by the twenty-third day of the month following collection. The State Tax Commissioner certifies to the Office of Budget and Management the amount of the tax to be returned to the County. The Tax Commissioner's certification must be made within forty-five days after the end of each month. The Office of Budget and Management then has five days in which to draw the warrant payable to the County.

Proceeds of the tax are credited entirely to the General fund and Emergency Management System fund, a nonmajor governmental fund. Amounts that are measurable and available at year end are accrued as revenue on the fund financial statements. Permissive sales and use tax revenue totaled \$11,546,516 in 2017.

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2017, consisted of taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services), interfund transactions related to charges for goods and services rendered, intergovernmental receivables arising from grants, entitlements and shared revenue, special assessments, accrued interest, and loans. All intergovernmental receivables have been classified as "due from other governments" on the financial statements. Receivables have been recorded as described in Note 2.D. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds.

A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net position follows:

Governmental activities:

Sales taxes	\$ 2,962,270
Real estate and other taxes	12,650,084
Accounts	628,167
Special assessments	373,573
Accrued interest	90,869
Due from other governments	4,864,556
Loans	38,145

Business-type activities:

Accounts	138,907
Special assessments	18,558

Receivables have been disaggregated on the financial statements. The only receivables not expected to be collected within the subsequent year are the special assessments and loans, which are collected over the life of the assessment or loan.

NOTE 9 - LOANS RECEIVABLE

The County, through the community development block grant program, makes low-interest or interest-free loans to small businesses in the County. The activity for these loans is accounted for in the revolving loan

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fund, a nonmajor governmental fund. The following is a summary of the changes in the loans receivable during 2017.

Loans receivable at 12/31/16	\$	41,494
Principal payments received in 2017		<u>(3,349)</u>
Loans receivable at 12/31/17	\$	<u>38,145</u>

NOTE 10 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Net position and capital assets balances have been restated for prior period adjustments required as a result of an appraisal. The adjustments had the following effect on the District's governmental and business-type activities capital asset balances:

	Balance		(Restated)
	<u>12/31/2016</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Governmental activities:</u>			<u>12/31/2016</u>
<i>Capital asset not being depreciated:</i>			
Land	\$ 1,407,198	\$ 795,200	\$ 2,202,398
Construction in progress	<u>2,267,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,267,610</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated:	<u>3,674,808</u>	<u>795,200</u>	<u>4,470,008</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>			
Land improvements	1,384,371	(287,300)	1,097,071
Buildings and improvements	28,930,353	(7,819,710)	21,110,643
Furniture and equipment	8,404,601	(5,250,685)	3,153,916
Vehicles	9,094,541	(1,300,062)	7,794,479
Infrastructure	<u>43,565,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,565,189</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	<u>91,379,055</u>	<u>(14,657,757)</u>	<u>76,721,298</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>			
Land improvements	(1,156,043)	218,430	(937,613)
Buildings and improvements	(14,880,793)	1,521,806	(13,358,987)
Furniture and equipment	(5,823,228)	4,050,004	(1,773,224)
Vehicles	(6,670,019)	1,986,050	(4,683,969)
Infrastructure	<u>(20,408,358)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,408,358)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(48,938,441)</u>	<u>7,776,290</u>	<u>(41,162,151)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	<u>42,440,614</u>	<u>(6,881,467)</u>	<u>35,559,147</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 46,115,422</u>	<u>\$ (6,086,267)</u>	<u>\$ 40,029,155</u>

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	Balance		(Restated)
<u>Business-type activities:</u>	<u>12/31/2016</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			<u>12/31/2016</u>
<i>Capital asset not being depreciated:</i>			
Land	\$ 66,328	\$ (54,863)	\$ 11,465
Construction in progress	<u>1,816,632</u>	<u>(1,816,632)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated:	<u>1,882,960</u>	<u>(1,871,495)</u>	<u>11,465</u>
 <i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>			
Land improvements	105,384	(79,835)	25,549
Buildings and improvements	667,123	(201,883)	465,240
Furniture and equipment	674,092	411,414	1,085,506
Vehicles	208,707	(45,082)	163,625
Infrastructure	<u>12,598,655</u>	<u>1,687,952</u>	<u>14,286,607</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	<u>14,253,961</u>	<u>1,772,566</u>	<u>16,026,527</u>
 <i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>			
Land improvements	(85,244)	79,075	(6,169)
Buildings and improvements	(599,686)	338,264	(261,422)
Furniture and equipment	(636,970)	(37,898)	(674,868)
Vehicles	(153,188)	55,887	(97,301)
Infrastructure	<u>(5,988,566)</u>	<u>(16,877)</u>	<u>(6,005,443)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,463,654)</u>	<u>418,451</u>	<u>(7,045,203)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	<u>6,790,307</u>	<u>2,191,017</u>	<u>8,981,324</u>
 Business-type activities capital assets, net	 <u>\$ 8,673,267</u>	 <u>\$ 319,522</u>	 <u>\$ 8,992,789</u>

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The capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	(Restated) Balance 12/31/2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2017
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
<i>Capital asset not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 2,202,398	\$ -	\$ (77,044)	\$ 2,125,354
Construction in progress	<u>2,267,610</u>	<u>4,201,017</u>	<u>(6,468,627)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated:	<u>4,470,008</u>	<u>4,201,017</u>	<u>(6,545,671)</u>	<u>2,125,354</u>
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	1,097,071	-	(27,696)	1,069,375
Buildings and improvements	21,110,643	6,481,543	(180,023)	27,412,163
Furniture and equipment	3,153,916	492,565	(574,921)	3,071,560
Vehicles	7,794,479	182,141	(1,100,526)	6,876,094
Infrastructure	<u>43,565,189</u>	<u>2,181,693</u>	<u>(1,016,700)</u>	<u>44,730,182</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	<u>76,721,298</u>	<u>9,337,942</u>	<u>(2,899,866)</u>	<u>83,159,374</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(937,613)	(17,441)	27,696	(927,358)
Buildings and improvements	(13,358,987)	(636,378)	180,023	(13,815,342)
Furniture and equipment	(1,773,224)	(154,216)	356,913	(1,570,527)
Vehicles	(4,683,969)	(525,443)	773,390	(4,436,022)
Infrastructure	<u>(20,408,358)</u>	<u>(1,418,130)</u>	<u>677,730</u>	<u>(21,148,758)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(41,162,151)</u>	<u>(2,751,608)</u>	<u>2,015,752</u>	<u>(41,898,007)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	<u>35,559,147</u>	<u>6,586,334</u>	<u>(884,114)</u>	<u>41,261,367</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 40,029,155</u>	<u>\$ 10,787,351</u>	<u>\$ (7,429,785)</u>	<u>\$ 43,386,721</u>

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	(Restated) Balance			Balance
Business-type activities:	12/31/2016	Additions	Deductions	12/31/2017
<i>Capital asset not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 11,465	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,465
Construction in progress	-	2,398	-	2,398
Total capital assets not being depreciated:	11,465	2,398	-	13,863
 <i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	25,549	-	-	25,549
Buildings and improvements	465,240	-	-	465,240
Furniture and equipment	1,085,506	5,600	-	1,091,106
Vehicles	163,625	23,904	-	187,529
Infrastructure	14,286,607	-	-	14,286,607
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	16,026,527	29,504	-	16,056,031
 <i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(6,169)	(1,277)	-	(7,446)
Buildings and improvements	(261,422)	(7,911)	-	(269,333)
Furniture and equipment	(674,868)	(33,924)	-	(708,792)
Vehicles	(97,301)	(12,234)	-	(109,535)
Infrastructure	(6,005,443)	(266,412)	-	(6,271,855)
Total accumulated depreciation	(7,045,203)	(321,758)	-	(7,366,961)
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	8,981,324	(292,254)	-	8,689,070
 Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 8,992,789	\$ (289,856)	\$ -	\$ 8,702,933

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

<u>Governmental activities:</u>	
Legislative and executive	\$ 606,982
Judicial	190,106
Public safety	280,323
Public works	1,509,010
Health	42,742
Human services	122,445
Total depreciation expense - governmental	\$ 2,751,608
 <u>Business-type activities:</u>	
Sanitary sewer	\$ 321,758

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NOTE 11 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In the current and prior years, the County entered into lease agreements for postage meters, lease agreements for copier equipment and a lease agreement for vehicles. These lease agreements meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by generally accepted accounting principles which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers the benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the basic financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as function expenditures in the budgetary statements.

General capital assets consisting of equipment and vehicles have been capitalized in the statement of net position in the amount of \$1,530,485. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of the lease inception. A corresponding liability was recorded in the statement of net position. Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2017 was \$747,190, leaving a current book value of \$783,295. During 2017, principal and interest payments totaled \$331,244 and \$36,394, respectively, paid by the General fund, the EMS fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), the County Board of DD fund, the Dog and Kennel fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and the Permanent Improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). As of December 31, 2017, the liability for capital lease obligation included in the long-term liabilities of governmental activities totaled \$689,400.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2017:

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 333,461
2019	265,891
2020	81,864
2021	43,796
2022	<u>3,488</u>
Total	728,500
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(39,100)</u>
Present value of net minimum lease payments	<u><u>\$ 689,400</u></u>

NOTE 12 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

County employees earn vacation leave at varying rates ranging from two to five weeks per year. Accumulated vacation cannot exceed three times the annual accumulation rate for an employee. All accumulated, unused vacation time is paid upon separation from the County. Sick leave is accumulated at the rate of three weeks per year. Upon retirement, employees hired before August 12, 1982, are entitled to 100 percent of their accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 260 days. Employees hired after August 12, 1982, with seven years of service are entitled to 25 percent of their accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 30 days.

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligation activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	Interest	Balance			Balance	Amount
<u>Governmental activities:</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>Due in</u>
						<u>One Year</u>
<u>Special obligation bonds:</u>						
Series A refunding - 2012	1.50-2.50%	\$ 1,615,000	\$ -	\$ (375,000)	\$ 1,240,000	\$ 380,000
Series B - 2012	1.375 - 3.25%	425,000	-	(35,000)	390,000	35,000
Series C - 2012	0.90 - 4.00%	1,250,000	-	(100,000)	1,150,000	100,000
Series - 2016		<u>5,200,000</u>	-	<u>(220,000)</u>	<u>4,980,000</u>	<u>225,000</u>
Total special obligation bonds		<u>8,490,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(730,000)</u>	<u>7,760,000</u>	<u>740,000</u>
Special assessment bonds:	3.00-5.00%	3,520	-	(3,520)	-	-
<u>Other long-term obligations:</u>						
Compensated absences payable		1,769,321	1,288,091	(1,075,835)	1,981,577	1,141,899
OPWC loan payable		106,118	352,462	(7,436)	451,144	14,727
Capital lease obligations		864,067	156,577	(331,244)	689,400	310,868
Net pension liability		<u>13,265,117</u>	<u>3,878,839</u>	<u>(241,227)</u>	<u>16,902,729</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other long-term obligations		<u>16,004,623</u>	<u>5,675,969</u>	<u>(1,655,742)</u>	<u>20,024,850</u>	<u>1,467,494</u>
Total governmental obligations		<u>\$ 24,498,143</u>	<u>\$ 5,675,969</u>	<u>\$ (2,389,262)</u>	27,784,850	<u>\$ 2,207,494</u>
				Add: Unamortized premium on bond issue:	201,896	
				Less: Unamortized discount on bond issue:	<u>(5,943)</u>	
					<u>\$ 27,980,803</u>	

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<u>Business-type activities:</u>	Balance <u>1/1/17</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance <u>12/31/17</u>	Amount Due in <u>One Year</u>
<u>Ohio Water Pollution Control loan:</u>					
Sandusky/Rice Joint Sewer Improvement	\$ 309,708	\$ -	\$ (72,713)	\$ 236,995	\$ 75,770
Rice Township Sewer Improvement	83,146	-	(19,521)	63,625	20,341
Rice Township/Shorewood Sewer Improvements	13,706	-	(2,856)	10,850	2,961
State Route 6 Sanitary Sewer	331,406	-	(24,549)	306,857	24,549
Route 53 Area Sewers	38,039	-	(6,367)	31,672	6,601
Grandview Lift Station	495,173	-	(25,795)	469,378	26,537
Pump Station Improvements	230,242	-	(9,628)	220,614	9,979
Hayes Ave Sewer Replacement	1,107,141	-	(45,863)	1,061,278	47,393
Hayes Ave Sewer Phase 2	1,636,360	-	(68,276)	1,568,084	-
Sewer District Rehab Planning	401	-	(401)	-	-
Wightman's Grove Sewer System	-	51,503	(2,845)	48,658	-
White Star Sewer and Water Infrastructure	-	111,442	-	111,442	-
Lift Station and WWTP	-	89,423	-	89,423	-
	<u>4,245,322</u>	<u>252,368</u>	<u>(278,814)</u>	<u>4,218,876</u>	<u>214,131</u>
<u>Total OWPCLF Loans</u>					
<u>Ohio Public Works Commission loans:</u>					
Sunny Acres Sewer Improvements	9,969	-	(2,492)	7,477	2,492
Rice Township Sewer Improvements - Phase II	32,028	-	(6,406)	25,622	6,406
Rice/Sandusky Sewer Improvements	56,429	-	(9,405)	47,024	9,405
Ireland Lift Station	158,667	-	(5,667)	153,000	5,667
E. State Street Sanitary Sewer Phase II - Timple Road	261,250	-	(13,750)	247,500	13,750
	<u>518,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(37,720)</u>	<u>480,623</u>	<u>37,720</u>
<u>Total OPWC Loans</u>					
<u>Other long-term obligations:</u>					
Net pension liability	188,297	10,083	-	198,380	-
Compensated absences payable	39,290	34,608	(19,637)	54,261	23,175
	<u>4,991,252</u>	<u>297,059</u>	<u>(336,171)</u>	<u>4,952,140</u>	<u>275,026</u>
<u>Total business-type obligations</u>					

On August 11, 2016, the County issued \$5,500,000 in series 2016 special obligation sales tax supported bonds to provide funds to pay costs of constructing, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving County buildings, primarily the County Courthouse.

The series 2016 special obligation sales tax supported bonds are comprised of \$5,500,000 in serial bonds. The interest rate on the current interest bonds range from 2.000% to 4.000%. The bonds were issued for a

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twenty year period, with a final stated maturity date of December 1, 2035. The bonds will be retired through the Debt Service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

On June 27, 2012, the County issued \$5,700,000 in series 2012 special obligation sales tax supported bonds. These bonds consisted of \$3,475,000 in series 2012A special obligation sales tax supported refunding bonds to refund the series 2002 various purpose improvement and refunding bonds, \$565,000 in series 2012B special obligation sales tax supported bonds for the juvenile detention center improvement project and \$1,660,000 in series 2012C special obligation federally taxable sales tax supported bonds for the airport facilities and equipment acquisition project.

The series 2012A special obligation sales tax supported refunding issue is comprised of \$2,990,000 in serial bonds and \$485,000 in term bonds. The interest rate on the current interest bonds range from 1.500% to 3.000%. The bonds were issued for a seven year period, with a final stated maturity date of December 1, 2019. The interest rate on the term bond is 2.500% with a final stated maturity date of December 1, 2022. The bonds will be retired through the Debt Service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The refunded debt is considered defeased (in-substance) and accordingly, has been removed from the statement of net position. The balance of the refunded general obligation bonds at December 31, 2017, is \$1,310,000.

The series 2012B special obligation sales tax supported bonds for the juvenile detention center improvement project is comprised of term bonds in the amounts of \$105,000, \$210,000 and \$250,000. The interest rates on the term bonds are 1.375%, 2.600% and 3.250%, respectively. The bonds have final stated maturity dates of December 1, 2015, December 1, 2021 and December 1, 2027, respectively. The bonds will be retired through the Debt Service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The series 2012C special obligation federally taxable sales tax supported bonds for the airport facilities and equipment acquisition project issue is comprised of \$810,000 in serial bonds and \$850,000 in term bonds. The interest rate on the current interest bonds range from 0.900% to 2.950%. The bonds were issued for an eight year period, with a final stated maturity date of December 1, 2020. The interest rate on the term bond is 4.00% with a final stated maturity date of December 1, 2027. The bonds will be retired through the Debt Service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

Special assessment bonds were paid from the proceeds of special assessments levied against the property owners who primarily benefited from the project. In the event that property owners failed to make their payments, the County was responsible for providing the resources to meet annual principal and interest payments.

Capital lease obligations will be paid from the General fund, the County Board of DD fund and the EMS fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). See Note 11 for detail.

The County has entered into debt financing arrangements through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to fund sewer improvements and bridge/ road improvements. The amounts due to the OPWC for the sewer loans are payable solely from operating revenues in the Sanitary Sewer fund and the loans in the governmental activities are paid from the Debt Service fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The loan agreements function similar to a line-of-credit agreement. At December 31, 2017, the County has outstanding borrowings of \$931,767. The governmental activities County Road 198 improvements loan project amortization schedule (\$264,962) has not been completed at December 31, 2017 and is not included in the amortization schedules shown below. The loan agreements require semi-annual payments based on the actual amount loaned. The OPWC loans are interest free.

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The County entered into debt financing arrangements through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (OWPCLF) to fund sewer improvements. The amounts due to the OWPCLF are payable solely from operating revenues. The loan agreements function similar to a line-of-credit agreement. At December 31, 2017, the County has outstanding borrowings of \$4,218,876. The phase two Hayes Avenue sewer replacement project, sewer district rehab planning project, wightman's grove sewer system project, white star sewer and water infrastructure project and the lift station project amortization schedules (\$1,817,607) have not been completed at December 31, 2017 and are not included in the amortization schedules shown below. The loan agreements require semi-annual payments based on the actual amount loaned. The loans are payable from the Sanitary Sewer fund.

The compensated absences liability will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid, which, for the County, is primarily the General fund, County Board of DD fund, the Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), the Human Services fund and the Sanitary Sewer fund.

The Ohio Revised Code provides that the net general obligation debt of the County, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed one percent of the total assessed valuation of the County.

The Code further provides that the total voted and unvoted net debt of the County, less the same exempt debt, shall never exceed a sum equal to three percent of the first \$100,000,000 of the assessed valuation, plus one and one-half percent of such valuation in excess of \$100,000,000 and not in excess of \$300,000,000, plus two and one-half percent of such valuation in excess of \$300,000,000. The assessed valuation used in determining the County's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in calculating the County's legal debt margin calculation excludes tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The statutory limitations on debt are measured by a direct ratio of net debt to tax valuation and expressed in terms of a percentage. Based on this calculation, the County's voted legal debt margin was \$22,940,246 at December 31, 2017 and the unvoted legal debt margin was \$5,210,959 at December 31, 2017.

The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service principal and interest requirements for governmental activities long-term obligations:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Special Obligations Bonds</u>			<u>OPWC Loan</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 740,000	\$ 217,215	\$ 957,215	\$ 14,727	\$ -	\$ 14,727
2019	740,000	195,255	935,255	11,082	-	11,082
2020	530,000	171,145	701,145	11,082	-	11,082
2021	545,000	153,885	698,885	11,082	-	11,082
2022	565,000	134,975	699,975	11,082	-	11,082
2023 - 2027	2,140,000	488,088	2,628,088	55,408	-	55,408
2028 - 2032	1,500,000	247,400	1,747,400	26,240	-	26,240
2033 - 2037	1,000,000	55,413	1,055,413	18,950	-	18,950
2038 - 2042	-	-	-	18,949	-	18,949
2043 - 2044	-	-	-	7,580	-	7,580
Total	\$ 7,760,000	\$ 1,663,376	\$ 9,423,376	\$ 186,182	\$ -	\$ 186,182

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The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service requirements for business-type activities obligations:

Year Ended	OPWC Loans			OWPCLF Loans		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 37,720	\$ -	\$ 37,720	\$ 214,131	\$ 68,850	\$ 282,981
2019	37,719	-	37,719	221,233	61,748	282,981
2020	37,719	-	37,719	228,605	54,376	282,981
2021	35,227	-	35,227	125,848	47,841	173,689
2022	28,821	-	28,821	123,620	44,558	168,178
2023 - 2027	97,083	-	97,083	647,474	174,179	821,653
2028 - 2032	97,084	-	97,084	656,799	83,596	740,395
2033 - 2037	69,583	-	69,583	183,559	7,520	191,079
2038 - 2042	28,334	-	28,334	-	-	-
2043 - 2044	11,333	-	11,333	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 480,623</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 480,623</u>	<u>\$ 2,401,269</u>	<u>\$ 542,668</u>	<u>\$ 2,943,937</u>

NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General Insurance

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2017, the County contracted with County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) for liability, property and crime insurance. The CORSA program has a \$2,500 deductible. Coverages provided by CORSA are as follows:

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Liability (per occurrence)	\$ 1,000,000
Law Enforcement Liability (per occurrence)	1,000,000
Automobile Liability and Physical Damage	
Liability (per occurrence)	1,000,000
Medical payments	
Per Person	5,000
Per Occurrence	50,000
Uninsured Motorist (per person)	250,000
Errors and Omissions	1,000,000
Excess Liability	6,000,000
Property	134,550,094
Equipment Breakdown	100,000,000
Crime Insurance:	
Faithful Performance	1,000,000

With the exceptions of health insurance, life insurance, and workers' compensation, all insurance is held with CORSA (See Note 2). There has been no significant reduction in coverage from prior year and settled claims have not exceeded limits of coverage in the past three years. The County pays all elected officials' bonds in accordance with statute.

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B. Health and Vision Insurance

The County provides comprehensive health and vision insurance coverage to its employees through a traditionally funded plan. The County purchases commercial health insurance coverage. The County pays 87% of the monthly premium while the employee pays 13%. The entire risk of loss transfers to the commercial insurance carrier. The County’s monthly premium requirement is as follows:

	<u>Family Coverage</u>	<u>Single Coverage</u>
CEBCO	\$ 1,496.84	\$ 567.85

C. Insurance Purchasing Pool

For 2017, the County participated in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Plan (Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (See Note 2). The Plan is intended to achieve lower workers’ compensation rates while establishing safer working conditions and environments for the participants. The workers compensation experience of the participating counties is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers’ compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. In order to allocate the savings derived by formation of the Plan, and to maximize the number of participants in the Plan, the Plan’s executive committee annually calculates the total savings which accrued to the Plan through its formation. This savings is then compared to the overall savings percentage of the Plan. The Plan’s executive committee then collects rate contributions from or pays rate equalization rebates to the various participants. Participation in the Plan is limited to counties that can meet the Plan’s selection criteria. The firm of CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Plan. Each year, the County pays an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

The County may withdraw from the Plan if written notice is provided sixty days prior to the prescribed application deadline of the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation. However, the participant is not relieved of the obligation to pay any amounts owed to the Plan prior to withdrawal, and any participant leaving the Plan allows representatives of the Plan to access loss experience for three years following the last year of participation.

D. Natural Gas

The County participates in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation National Gas Program (the Program), a natural gas cost savings pool. There are currently over 50 counties participating. The program allows additional counties and/or additional county facilities to join at any time. Approximate savings range from \$0.50-\$1.18 per metric cubic foot and this savings has been maintained since the inception of the program. The program is administered through Palmer Energy.

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Net Pension Liability/Asset

The net pension liability/asset reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee

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services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability/asset represents the County's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability/asset calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

The Ohio Revised Code limits the County's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The County cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the County does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes any net pension liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits or overfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* or *net pension asset*, respectively, on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *due to other governments* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - County employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan and the Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. While members (e.g. County employees) may elect the Member-Directed Plan and the Combined Plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' Traditional Pension Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension Plan. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the Traditional Pension Plan as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS CAFR referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

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Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Public Safety	Public Safety	Public Safety
Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement
Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3.00% simple annual COLA. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

Benefits in the Combined Plan consist of both an age-and-service formula benefit (defined benefit) and a defined contribution element. The defined benefit element is calculated on the basis of age, FAS, and years of service. Eligibility regarding age and years of service in the Combined Plan is the same as the Traditional Pension Plan. The benefit formula for the defined benefit component of the plan for State and Local members in transition Groups A and B applies a factor of 1.00% to the member's FAS for the first 30 years of service.

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A factor of 1.25% is applied to years of service in excess of 30. The benefit formula for transition Group C applies a factor of 1.0% to the member's FAS and the first 35 years of service and a factor of 1.25% is applied to years in excess of 35. Persons retiring before age 65 with less than 30 years of service credit receive a percentage reduction in benefit. The defined contribution portion of the benefit is based on accumulated member contributions plus or minus any investment gains or losses on those contributions. Members retiring under the Combined Plan receive a 3.00% COLA adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their benefit.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the OPERS's Board of Trustees. Member-Directed Plan and Combined Plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the Combined Plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the Member-Directed Plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20% each year. For additional information, see the Plan Statement in the OPERS CAFR.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>State and Local</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>
2017 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates			
Employer	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Employee	10.0 %	*	**
2017 Actual Contribution Rates			
Employer:			
Pension	13.0 %	17.1 %	17.1 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>1.0 %</u>	<u>1.0 %</u>	<u>1.0 %</u>
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>	<u>12.0 %</u>	<u>13.0 %</u>

* This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.

** This rate is also determined by OPERS' Board, but is limited by ORC to not more than 2 percent greater than the Public Safety rate.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

The County's contractually required contribution for the Traditional Pension Plan, the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was \$3,738,758 for 2017. Of this amount, \$523,520 is reported as due to other governments.

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Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – County licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Web site at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation will be 2.2% of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by two percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first two percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Effective July 1, 2017, the cost-of-living adjustment was reduced to zero. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or age 55 with 26 years of service, or 31 years of service regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement will increase effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age 60 with 35 years of service or age 65 with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5% of the 14% employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5% of the 14% employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12% of the 14% member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2% is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of services. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50 or later.

New members who choose the DC plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

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Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the year ending December 31, 2017, plan members were required to contribute 14% of their annual covered salary. The County was required to contribute 14%; the entire 14% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The 2017 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The County’s contractually required contribution to STRS was \$75,006 for 2017. Of this amount, \$23,775 is reported as due to other governments.

Pension Liabilities/Assets, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability and net pension asset for the OPERS Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan, respectively, were measured as of December 31, 2016, and the total pension liability or asset used to calculate the net pension liability or asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. STRS's total pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability or asset was based on the County's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	OPERS - Traditional	OPERS - Combined	OPERS - Member- Directed	STRS	Total
Proportion of the net pension liability/asset prior measurement date	0.07941400%	0.08381000%	0.03753100%	0.00319147%	
Proportion of the net pension liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.07985500%</u>	<u>0.09501300%</u>	<u>0.04858700%</u>	<u>0.00348157%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00044100%</u>	<u>0.01120300%</u>	<u>0.01105600%</u>	<u>0.00029010%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 16,274,055	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 827,054	\$ 17,101,109
Proportionate share of the net pension asset	-	(47,458)	(181)	-	(47,639)
Pension expense	5,543,482	34,287	224	(302,613)	5,275,380

At December 31, 2017, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	OPERS - Traditional	OPERS - Combined	OPERS - Member- Directed	STRS	Total
Deferred outflows of resources					
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 22,058	\$ -	\$ 1,849	\$ 31,938	\$ 55,845
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2,423,582	11,580	154	-	2,435,316
Changes of assumptions	2,581,261	11,567	204	180,887	2,773,919
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	2,383,473	-	-	207,290	2,590,763
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,667,973	48,438	22,347	39,694	3,778,452
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 11,078,347</u>	<u>\$ 71,585</u>	<u>\$ 24,554</u>	<u>\$ 459,809</u>	<u>\$ 11,634,295</u>
Deferred inflows of resources					
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 96,854	\$ 24,271	\$ -	\$ 6,666	\$ 127,791
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	-	-	27,293	27,293
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	374	-	-	18,174	18,548
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 97,228</u>	<u>\$ 24,271</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 52,133</u>	<u>\$ 173,632</u>

\$3,778,452 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability/asset in the year ending December 31, 2018.

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

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Year Ending December 31:	OPERS - Traditional	OPERS - Combined	OPERS - Member- Directed	STRS	Total
2018	\$ 3,526,224	\$ 2,248	\$ 325	\$ 91,103	\$ 3,619,900
2019	2,934,922	2,248	323	128,235	3,065,728
2020	923,042	1,748	312	113,112	1,038,214
2021	(71,040)	(2,354)	255	35,532	(37,607)
2022	(2)	(1,922)	263	-	(1,661)
Thereafter	-	(3,092)	729	-	(2,363)
Total	\$ 7,313,146	\$ (1,124)	\$ 2,207	\$ 367,982	\$ 7,682,211

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2016, using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67. In 2016, the Board's actuarial consultants conducted an experience study for the period 2011 through 2015, comparing assumptions to actual results. The experience study incorporates both a historical review and forward-looking projections to determine the appropriate set of assumptions to keep the plan on a path toward full funding. Information from this study led to changes in both demographic and economic assumptions, with the most notable being a reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 8.00% down to 7.50%, for the defined benefit investments, decreasing the wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25% and changing the future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.05% to 3.25%-10.75%. Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below.

Wage inflation	3.25%
Future salary increases, including inflation COLA or ad hoc COLA	3.25% to 10.75% including wage inflation Pre 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple Post 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple through 2018, then 2.15% simple
Investment rate of return	7.50%
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age

Mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table. For males, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015. For females, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvements back to the observation period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2010. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015 for males and 2010 for females. Mortality rates for a

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particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2015.

The long-term rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

During 2016, OPERS managed investments in four investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the 401(h) Health Care Trust portfolio, the 115 Health Care Trust portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The 401(h) Health Care Trust portfolio was closed as of June 30, 2016 and the net position transferred to the 115 Health Care Trust portfolio on July 1, 2016. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. The Defined Benefit portfolio historically included the assets of the Member-Directed retiree medical accounts funded through the VEBA Trust. However, the VEBA Trust was closed as of June 30, 2016 and the net position transferred to the 115 Health Care Trust portfolio on July 1, 2016. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio is 8.3% for 2016.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the OPERS Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2016 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed income	23.00 %	2.75 %
Domestic equities	20.70	6.34
Real estate	10.00	4.75
Private equity	10.00	8.97
International equities	18.30	7.95
Other investments	18.00	4.92
Total	100.00 %	5.66 %

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability/asset was 7.50%, post-experience study results, for the Traditional Pension Plan, the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan. A discount rate of 8.00% was used in the previous measurement period. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan

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investments for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.50%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(6.50%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(7.50%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.50%)</u>
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset):			
Traditional Pension Plan	\$ 24,862,255	\$ 16,274,055	\$ 9,117,307
Combined Plan	3,411	(47,458)	(86,975)
Member-Directed Plan	436	(181)	(436)

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2017, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Projected salary increases	2.50% at age 65 to 12.50% at age 20
Investment Rate of Return	7.45%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll increases	3.00%
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0% effective July 1, 2017

Post-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50% of rates through age 69, 70% of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90% of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100% of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016; and post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90% of rates for males and 100% of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. The 2016 year mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022–Scale AA) for Males and Females. Males' ages were set back two years through age 89 and no set back for age 90 and above. Females younger than age 80 were set back four years, one year set back from age 80 through 89 and no set back from age 90 and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study, effective July 1, 2017. As a result of the experience study, the following changes of assumptions affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the COLA was reduced to zero, (b) inflation assumptions were lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, (c) Investment return assumptions were lowered from 7.75% to 7.45%, (d) total salary increases rates were lowered by decreasing merit component of the individual salary increases, as well as by 0.25% due to lower inflation, (e) payroll growth assumptions were lowered to 3.00%, (f) updated the health and disability mortality assumption to the "RP-2014" mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016 and (g) rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

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The 10 year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by STRS' investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return *
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
Total	100.00 %	

* 10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25% and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS Ohio's investment consultant indicated that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45% as of June 30, 2017. A discount rate of 7.75% was used in the previous measurement period. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2017. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2017.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.45%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.45%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,185,554	\$ 827,054	\$ 525,072

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NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - OPERS administers three separate pension plans: The Traditional Pension Plan—a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the Member Directed Plan—a defined contribution plan; and the Combined Plan—a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined plans. This trust is also used to fund health care for Member Directed Plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, Member-Directed Plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined plans must have 20 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 45. Please see OPERS' CAFR referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the OPERS Board of Trustees (OPERS Board) in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the healthcare plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report which may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy - The post-employment healthcare plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code Section 401(h). State statute requires that public employers fund post-employment healthcare through contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to the Traditional or Combined Plans is set aside for the funding of post-employment health care.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active employees. In 2017, local government employers contributed 14.00% of covered payroll. Each year the OPERS' Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for the funding of the postemployment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to fund post-employment healthcare for members in the Traditional Plan and Combined Plan for 2017 was 1.00%.

The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided, by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment healthcare plan.

The County's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$324,762, \$625,287, and \$504,994, respectively; 88.34%

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has been contributed for 2017 and 100% has been contributed for 2016 and 2015. The remaining 2017 post-employment health care benefits liability has been reported as due to other governments on the basic financial statements.

Changes to the health care plan were adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 19, 2012, with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2014. With the recent passage of pension legislation under State Bill 343 and the approved health care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate 4.00% of the employer contributions toward the health care fund after the end of the transition period.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – The County participates in the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit Health Plan (the Plan) administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2017, STRS Ohio did not allocate any employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The County did not make any contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

NOTE 17 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the General fund, Human Services fund and County Board of DD fund are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to assigned or committed fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis);
- (d) Advances-in and advances-out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis);

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- (e) Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) rather than cost (budget basis); and,
- (f) Some funds are included in the General fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements (as reported in the fund financial statements) to the budgetary basis statements for all governmental funds for which a budgetary basis statement is presented:

Net Change in Fund Balance

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Human Services</u>	<u>County Board of DD</u>
Budget basis	\$ (352,768)	\$ (1,095,320)	\$ 391,168
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(262,317)	186,918	108,838
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(128,036)	(9,768)	55,787
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	156,577	-	-
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(45,873)	-	-
Adjustment for encumbrances	<u>199,754</u>	<u>187,865</u>	<u>726,904</u>
GAAP basis	<u>\$ (432,663)</u>	<u>\$ (730,305)</u>	<u>\$ 1,282,697</u>

Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the General fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the Land Reutilization Corporation fund, Accumulated Sick Leave fund, Budget Reserve fund, Surplus fund, Unclaimed Monies fund, Title Administration fund, Property Tax Foreclosure Rotary fund, Annexations fund, Sandusky County Group Medical Benefit Plan fund, Detention Center Donations fund, Family Drug Court Donation fund, Truancy Supervision Program Donation fund, Recorder Equipment fund, Sheriff Donations fund, Sheriff K9 Unit Donations fund and the Medicaid Sales Tax Transition fund.

NOTE 18 - FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

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Fund balance	General	Human Services	County Board of DD	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:					
Materials and supplies inventory	\$ 154,735	\$ 16,149	\$ 7,735	\$ 233,278	\$ 411,897
Prepays	109,048	23,633	131	93,810	226,622
Long-term loans	195,633	-	-	-	195,633
Unclaimed monies	421,131	-	-	-	421,131
Total nonspendable	<u>880,547</u>	<u>39,782</u>	<u>7,866</u>	<u>327,088</u>	<u>1,255,283</u>
Restricted:					
Legislative and executive operations	-	-	-	1,364,762	1,364,762
Judicial	-	-	-	2,952,948	2,952,948
Public safety programs	24,788	-	-	5,821,307	5,846,095
Public works projects	-	-	-	2,014,358	2,014,358
Health programs	-	-	-	241,008	241,008
Human services programs	-	852,987	12,437,497	971,597	14,262,081
Economic development and assistance	-	-	-	184,697	184,697
Debt service	-	-	-	151,434	151,434
Loans	-	-	-	38,145	38,145
Capital projects	-	-	-	88	88
Total restricted	<u>24,788</u>	<u>852,987</u>	<u>12,437,497</u>	<u>13,740,344</u>	<u>27,055,616</u>
Committed:					
Legislative and executive operations	2,417	-	-	-	2,417
Judicial	-	-	-	639,294	639,294
Capital projects	-	-	-	1,699,723	1,699,723
Medical benefits	258,634	-	-	-	258,634
Land reutilization corporation	75,672	-	-	-	75,672
Total committed	<u>336,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,339,017</u>	<u>2,675,740</u>
Assigned:					
Legislative and executive operations	35,048	-	-	-	35,048
Judicial	23,173	-	-	-	23,173
Public safety programs	12,455	-	-	-	12,455
Health programs	20,369	-	-	-	20,369
Human services programs	20,502	-	-	-	20,502
Subsequent year appropriations	496,785	-	-	-	496,785
Total assigned	<u>608,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>608,332</u>
Unassigned (deficit)	3,716,859	-	-	(193,671)	3,523,188
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 5,567,249</u>	<u>\$ 892,769</u>	<u>\$ 12,445,363</u>	<u>\$ 16,212,778</u>	<u>\$ 35,118,159</u>

The County established a Budget Reserve fund in 2011 within the General fund. As of December 31, 2017, the balance in the reserve was \$1,061,052.

NOTE 19 - OTHER COMMITMENTS

The County utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year end may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the County's commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

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<u>Fund</u>	Year-End <u>Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 120,413
Human Services	63,536
County Board of DD	614,717
Other governmental	<u>423,273</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,221,939</u>

NOTE 20 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A. Grants

The County has received federal and State grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designee. These audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the County Commissioners believe such disallowance, if any, will be immaterial.

B. Litigation

There are no claims or lawsuits pending against the County.

NOTE 21 - TAX ABATEMENTS

As of December 31, 2017, the County provides tax abatements through two programs—Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and Enterprise Zone (Ezone). These programs relate to the abatement of property taxes.

CRA - Under the authority of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3735.67, the CRA program is an economic development tool administered by municipal and county governments that provides real property tax exemptions for property owners who renovate existing or construct new buildings. CRA's are areas of land in which property owners can receive tax incentives for investing in real property improvements. Under the CRA program, local governments petition to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) for confirmation of a geographical area in which investment in housing is desired. Once an area is confirmed by the ODSA, local governments may offer real property tax exemptions to taxpayers that invest in that area. Property owners in the CRA can receive temporary tax abatements for renovation of existing structures and new construction in these areas. Property owners apply to the local legislative authority for approval to renovate or construct in the CRA. Upon approval and certification of completion, the amount of the abatement is deducted from the individual or entity's property tax bill.

Ezone - Under the authority of ORC Sections 5709.62 and 5709.63, the Ezone program is an economic development tool administered by municipal and county governments that provides real and personal property tax exemptions to businesses making investments in Ohio. An Ezone is a designated area of land in which businesses can receive tax incentives in the form of tax exemptions on qualifying new investment. An Ezone's geographic area is identified by the local government involved in the creation of the zone. Once the zone is defined, the local legislative authority participating in the creation must petition the OSDA. The OSDA must then certify the area for it to become an active Enterprise Zone. The local legislative authority negotiates the terms of the Enterprise Zone Agreement (the Agreement) with the business, which may include tax sharing with the Board of Education. Legislation must then be passed to approve the Agreement. All Agreements must be finalized before the project begins and may contain provisions for the recoupment of taxes should the individual or entity fail to perform. The amount of the

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abatement is deducted from the business’s property tax bill.

The County has entered into the following Economic Zone (EZ) tax abatement agreements for the abatement of real property taxes:

- Agreement between the County, the City of Ballville and the City of Fremont
- Agreement between the County, Madison Township, the Village of Gibsonburg and Gibsonburg EVSD
- Agreement between the County, the City of Clyde, and Clyde EVSD

The EZ agreements were entered into by Commissioner Resolution between 2005-2016. The County’s property taxes collections were reduced by \$120,482 during 2017.

The County also incurs a reduction in property taxes by agreements entered into by other governments that reduce the County’s taxes. The County’s property taxes were reduced by the same programs mentioned above that were entered into by other governments. During 2017, the County’s property tax revenues were reduced under agreements entered into by other governments as follows:

Government Entering Into Agreement	Tax Abatement Program		County Taxes Abated
	CRA	Ezone	
City of Bellevue	\$ 34,941	\$ -	\$ 34,941
City of Fremont	4,526	43,822	48,348
Total	<u>\$ 39,467</u>	<u>\$ 43,822</u>	<u>\$ 83,289</u>

NOTE 22 – SANDUSKY COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Sandusky County Regional Airport Authority, Sandusky County, Ohio (the Authority) as a body corporate and politic. The Sandusky County Commissioners appoint five Board members to direct the Authority. The Authority is responsible for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of Sandusky County Regional Airport. The County Commissioners are responsible for debt issued on behalf of the Authority. Due to the imposition of will exerted by the County as well as the financial burden for the Authority, the Authority is reflected as a component unit of Sandusky County. The Authority operates on a year ending December 31.

Sandusky County (the County) is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. In accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, the County’s primary government and basic financial statement include component units, which are defined as legally separate organization for which the County is financially accountable. The County is financially accountable for an organization if the County appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) the County is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or impose its will over the organization; or (2) the County is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; or (3) the County is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization;

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or (4) the County is obligated for the debt of the organization. The Authority is a legally separate entity and is reported by the County as a discretely presented component unit in the County's basic financial statements. The Authority does not have any component units and does not include any organizations in its presentation.

B. Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the Authority have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

The Authority's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detail level of financial information.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Authority as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for the fiduciary funds. These statements usually distinguish between those activities of the Authority that are governmental and those that are business-type. The Authority, however, does not have any business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Authority at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Authority's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Authority, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Authority.

Fund Financial Statements – All government funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and used (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliation with brief explanation to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

D. Fund Accounting

The Authority uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Authority classifies its funds into the following types:

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General Fund - The General fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - This fund accounts for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Authority had the following significant special revenue fund:

Airport Improvement Program Grant fund – This fund receives federal money for design services for the runway rehabilitation project.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Authority maintains depository accounts. All funds of the Authority are maintained in these accounts. These deposit accounts are presented in the balance sheet as “Cash and Cash Equivalents.” The Authority has no investments.

F. Capital Assets

General capital assets are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Capital assets are stated at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and reductions during the fiscal year. Donated capital assets are valued at acquisition cost. All fixed assets in excess of \$5,000 and all expenditures for repairs, maintenance, renewal and betterments that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight line basis utilizing the half-year convention. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expenses as incurred.

G. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported on the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds.

H. Net Position

Net position is the residual amount when comparing assets and deferred outflows of resources to liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The net investment in capital assets component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. The restricted component of net position is reported when there are limitations imposed on their use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Authority applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted components of net position are available.

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I. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Authority must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The Authority classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

Restricted - Fund balances are *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed - The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Authority must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned - Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the General fund, report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the General fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Board or an Authority official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

Unassigned - *Unassigned* fund balance is the residual classification for the General fund and includes amounts not included in other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Authority applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

J. Income Tax Status

The Authority is a not-for-profit organization, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Authority is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a). Contributions to the Authority are deductible per Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v1). Management is unaware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Authority's tax status.

K. Expense/ Expenditures

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the Authority, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Authority receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is

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recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Authority must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Authority on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, intergovernmental revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end.

L. Expenses/Expenditures

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocation of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the government funds.

M. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statement in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

N. Equity in Pooled Deposits

At December, 31, 2017, the carrying amount of all Authority deposits was \$242,614. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures," as of December 31, 2017, all of the Authority's bank balance of \$240,051 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

O. Capital Assets

Depreciation expense for December 31 2017 is \$61,103. Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

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	(Restated) Balance 12/31/16	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/17
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated</i>				
Land	\$ 863,291			\$ 863,291
Construction in progress		\$ 92,339		92,339
Total capital assets not being depreciated	863,291	92,339		955,630
<i>Capital assets, being depreciated</i>				
Buildings	1,743,215			1,743,215
Improvements	2,768,949			2,768,949
Equipment	143,342	30,000		173,342
Total capital assets, being depreciated	4,655,506	30,000		4,685,506
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation</i>				
Buildings	(624,949)	(53,640)		(678,589)
Improvements	(2,741,336)	(3,681)		(2,745,017)
Equipment	(112,681)	(3,782)		(116,463)
Total accumulated depreciation	(3,478,966)	(61,103)		(3,540,069)
Total capital assets, being depreciated	1,176,540	(31,103)		1,145,437
Capital assets, net	\$ 2,039,831	\$ 61,236		\$ 2,101,067

P. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The Authority has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles;
- Errors and omissions

The Authority has had no significant reductions in any of its insurance coverage from the prior year. Additionally, there have been no insurance settlements that have exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

Worker's Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Authority pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs (if material).

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Q. Interfund Transactions

Amounts due to/from other funds between governmental funds consisted of the following at December 31, 2017, as reported on the fund financial statements:

Due from other funds:	Due to other funds:	Amount
Airport Improvement Program Grant fund	General fund	\$ 7,153

Amounts due to/from other funds between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting purposes on the statement of net position.

R. Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2017 consisted of amounts from accounts receivable and due from other governments. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net position follows:

Governmental activities:	Amount
Accounts Receivable	\$ 23,637
Due from other governments	47,729

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected within the subsequent year.

S. Restatement of Net Position

In 2017, the Authority decided to align its financial reporting to be consistent with the County's financial reporting thereby requiring the Authority to change its basis of accounting from regulatory cash-basis to GAAP-basis. This change in accounting basis is explained as follows:

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Net position, December 31, 2016		\$ 228,791
Addition of assets		
Accounts receivable balance as of December 31, 2016		19,557
Purchase of nondepreciable capital assets		863,291
Addition of depreciable capital assets		
Construction of buildings	1,743,215	
Improvements to land	2,768,949	
Purchase of equipment	143,342	
Depreciation of building through December 31, 2016	(624,949)	
Depreciation of improvements through December 31, 2016	(2,741,336)	
Depreciation of equipment through December 31, 2016	(112,681)	
Value of depreciable capital assets		1,176,540
Addition of liabilities		
Liabilities balance as of December 31, 2016		
Accounts payable	(22,965)	
Credit card payable	(1,220)	
Payroll liabilities	(2,663)	
Accrued wages	(1,241)	
Accrued property taxes	(15,595)	
T-Hanger payable	(2,244)	
Sales Tax payable	(121)	
Pervis fuelmaster loan	(3,650)	
Value of liabilities		(49,699)
Net position, January 1, 2017, restated		\$ 2,238,480

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	General Fund	Aiport Improvement Grant	Total Governmental Funds
Fund balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 228,758	\$ 33	\$ 228,791
Addition of assets			
Accounts receivable balance as of December 31, 2016	19,557		19,557
Addition of liabilities			
Liabilities balance as of December 31, 2016			
Accounts payable	(22,965)		(22,965)
Credit card payable	(1,220)		(1,220)
Payroll liabilities	(2,663)		(2,663)
Accrued wages	(1,241)		(1,241)
Accrued property taxes	(15,595)		(15,595)
T-Hanger payable	(2,244)		(2,244)
Sales tax payable	(121)		(121)
Pervis fuelmaster loan	(3,650)		(3,650)
Value of liabilities	(49,699)		(49,699)
Fund balance, January 1, 2017, restated	\$ 198,616	\$ 33	\$ 198,649

T. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Authority are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

NOTE 23 - SANDUSKY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

A. Description of the Entity

The Sandusky County Transportation Improvement District, Sandusky County, Ohio (the District) is a body corporate and politic established to plan, construct and improve highways, roads, bridges, interchanges and accompanying capital improvements and developments throughout Sandusky County. The District was formed under the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5544.02, by action of the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners on May 22, 2012. The resolution to create the District states the Board shall consist of seven members. The members shall be appointed as follows: five (5) members shall be appointed by the County Commissioners; one (1) nonvoting member appointed by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives of the general assembly; and one (1) nonvoting member appointed by the President of the Senate of the general assembly.

The Sandusky County Auditor acts as fiscal agent for the District and the Sandusky County Treasurer acts as custodian of all funds. The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financial accountable.

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B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2- 03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2- 03(D) permit.

C. Deposits and Investments

The Sandusky County Treasurer is custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies all funds into the General fund type, which accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

E. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The District classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

Restricted - Fund balance is restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed - Trustees can commit amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned - Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Governmental funds other than the General fund report all fund balances as assigned unless they are restricted or committed. In the General fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by District Trustees or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 (CONTINUED)

Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Risk Management

The District has not obtained insurance and is uninsured for general liability insurance coverage.

H. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

NOTE 24 - SANDUSKY COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION

A. Description of the Entity

The Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation (the Corporation) is a county land reutilization corporation that was formed on June 29, 2015 when the Sandusky County Board of Commissioners authorized the incorporation of the Corporation under Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code through resolution as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio. The purpose of the Corporation is for reclaiming, rehabilitating or reutilizing economically non-productive land throughout Sandusky County (the County). The Corporation can potentially address parcels where the fair market value of the property has been greatly exceeded by the delinquent taxes and assessed liens and are therefore not economically feasible to initiate foreclosure actions upon. By establishing the Corporation, the County can begin to address dilapidated housing issues in communities located in the County and also return properties to productive use. The Corporation has been designated as the County's agent to further its mission to reclaim, rehabilitate, and reutilize vacant, abandoned, tax foreclosed and other real property in the County by exercising the powers of the County under Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Section 1724.03 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be composed of five members including, (1) the County Treasurer, (2) at least two members of the County Board of Commissioners, (3) one member who is a representative of the largest municipal corporation, based on the population according to the most recent federal decennial census, that is located in the County, (4) one member who is a representative of a township with a population of at least ten thousand in the unincorporated area of the township according to the most recent federal decennial census, and (5) any remaining members selected by the County Treasurer and the County Commissioners who are members of the Corporation board. The term of office of each ex officio director runs concurrently with the term of office of that elected official. The term of office of each appointed director is two years.

The Corporation is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. In accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organization Are Component

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Units” and GASB Statement No.61, “The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus”, the Corporation’s primary government and basic financial statements include components units which are defined as legally separate organizations for which the Corporation is financially accountable. The Corporation is financially accountable for an organization if the Corporation appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) the Corporation is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or impose its will over the organization; or (2) the Corporation is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; or (3) the Corporation is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the Corporation is obligated for the debt of organization. The Corporation does not have any component units and does not include any organizations in its presentation. The Corporation’s management believes these basic financial statements present all activities for which the Corporation is financially accountable. The Corporation is a component unit of Sandusky County, Ohio.

The basic financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The Corporation’s significant accounting policies are described below.

B. Basis of Presentation

The Corporation’s basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Corporation as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for the fiduciary funds. These statements usually distinguish between those activities of the Corporation that are governmental and those that are business-type. The Corporation, however, does not have any business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Corporation at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Corporation’s governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Corporation, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Corporation.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Corporation segregates transactions related to certain Corporation functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance.

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Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Corporation at this more detailed level. The Corporation's General fund is its only governmental fund.

C. Fund Accounting

The Corporation uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. For financial statement presentation purposes, the Corporation's fund is classified as governmental.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be repaid. The difference between governmental fund assets plus deferred outflows less liabilities plus deferred inflows is reported as fund balance. The following is the Corporation's only governmental fund:

General Fund - The General fund accounts for all financial resources that are received from the County Treasurer from penalties collected on delinquent property taxes and interest on those delinquencies. The General fund receives 5% of all collections of delinquent real property, personal property, and manufactured and mobile home taxes that are deposited into the County's Delinquent Real Estate Tax Assessment and Collection (DRETAC) fund. The General fund balance is available to the Corporation for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

D. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets, all deferred outflows, all liabilities and all deferred inflows associated with the operation of the Corporation are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements

The General fund is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current deferred outflows, current liabilities and current deferred inflows generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for the General fund. For 2017, there were no differences between the government-wide statements and the General fund.

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E. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded on the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The General fund uses the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflow of resources and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the Corporation, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Corporation receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Corporation must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Corporation on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, intergovernmental revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end.

Expenses/ Expenditures

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

F. Budgetary Process

The Corporation is not bound by the budgetary laws prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code for purely governmental entities. The Board of Directors of the Corporation adopts an annual budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Appropriations and subsequent amendments are approved by the Board of Directors during the year as required.

G. Federal Income Tax

The Corporation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 115(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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H. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All monies received by the Corporation are deposited in demand deposit accounts. The Corporation had no investments during the year or at the end of the year.

Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

I. Prepayments

Certain payments to vendors reflect the costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed. At year end, because prepayments are not available to finance future governmental fund expenditures, a nonspendable fund balance is recorded by an amount equal to the carrying value of the asset on the fund financial statements.

J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the fund.

K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Corporation had no restricted net position at December 31, 2017.

L. Assets Held for Resale

Assets held for resale represent properties purchased by or donated to the Corporation. These properties are valued based upon the purchase price plus any costs of maintenance, rehabilitation, or demolition of homes on the properties. For donated properties, the asset is reported at fair value which is based on the taxable land value as determined by the County Auditor. The Corporation holds the properties until the home is either sold to a new homeowner, sold to an individual who will rehabilitate the home, or the home on the property is demolished. Properties with demolished homes could be transferred to the city or township they are in after demolition; parcels may be merged with adjacent parcels for development or green space projects; or the Corporation may sell other lots to the owners of adjacent parcels for a nominal cost.

M. Intergovernmental Revenue

The Corporation receives operating income through Sandusky County. This money represents the penalties and interest on current unpaid and delinquent property taxes once these taxes are paid. Pursuant to ORC 321.263, these penalty and interest monies are collected by the County when taxes are paid and then are paid to the Corporation upon the Corporation's written request.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 (CONTINUED)

N. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Corporation is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example, inventories and prepaid amounts.

Restricted Fund Balance - The restricted classification is used when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Corporation’s Board of Directors. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors remove or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned Fund Balance - Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by the Corporation’s intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. In the General fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has by resolution authorized the Treasurer to assign fund balance. The Board of Directors may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year’s appropriated budget.

Unassigned Fund Balance - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General fund.

The Corporation applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

O. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requirements management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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P. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Corporation Administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The Corporation had no extraordinary or special items during 2017.

Q. Deposits

At December 31, 2017, the carrying amount of all Corporation deposits was \$45,769. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2017, all of the Corporation's bank balance of \$46,345 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

R. Risk Management

Commercial General Liability and Products/ Completed Operations Liability

The Corporation is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2017, the Corporation contracted with Huntington Insurance for General Liability Insurance.

The limitations of coverages are as follows:

Each Occurrence – Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products and Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Liability	\$1,000,000
Damage to Rented Premises – each occurrence	\$100,000
Medical Expense – any one person	Excluded
Bodily Injury Liability and/or Property Damage Liability Deductible per claim	\$1,000

There has been no reduction in coverage from the prior year and settled claims have not exceeded the Corporation's coverage in any of the past three years and there was no significant change in insurance coverage from the prior year.

S. Transactions with Sandusky County

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 321.261 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Corporation has been authorized by the Sandusky County Board of Commissioners to receive 5% of all collections of delinquent real property, personal property, and manufactured and mobile home taxes that are deposited into the County's Delinquent Real Estate Tax Assessment and Collection (DRETAC) fund and will be available for appropriation by the Corporation to fund operations. At December 31, 2017, the Corporation recognized revenues of \$98,494 for these fees that were collected by the County in 2017. The Corporation also received a \$100,000 in an advance from the County that will be repaid with future revenues. This amount is recorded a "due to primary government" on the basic financial statements. The Corporation also had \$10,053 due to the County for Clerk of Court fees at year end.

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T. Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2017 consisted of amounts due from other governments. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net position follows:

Governmental activities:	
Due from other governments	<u>\$ 87,518</u>

Receivables have been disaggregated on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are expected to be collected within the subsequent year.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY/NET PENSION ASSET
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST FOUR YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<i>Traditional Plan:</i>				
County's proportion of the net pension liability	0.079855%	0.079414%	0.078355%	0.078355%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 16,274,055	\$ 12,385,133	\$ 8,414,481	\$ 8,224,426
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 27,624,725	\$ 25,359,267	\$ 26,494,008	\$ 8,269,077
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	58.91%	48.84%	31.76%	99.46%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%
<i>Combined Plan:</i>				
County's proportion of the net pension asset	0.095013%	0.083810%	0.067586%	0.067586%
County's proportionate share of the net pension asset	\$ 47,458	\$ 36,721	\$ 23,170	\$ 6,315
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 370,650	\$ 241,400	\$ 247,050	\$ 117,969
County's proportionate share of the net pension asset as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	12.80%	15.21%	9.38%	5.35%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset	116.55%	116.90%	114.83%	104.56%
<i>Member Directed Plan:</i>				
County's proportion of the net pension asset	0.048587%	0.037531%	n/a	n/a
County's proportionate share of the net pension asset	\$ 181	\$ 128	n/a	n/a
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 187,175	\$ 209,017	n/a	n/a
County's proportionate share of the net pension asset as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.10%	0.06%	n/a	n/a
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset	103.40%	103.91%	n/a	n/a

Note: Information prior to 2014 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each year were determined as of the County's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST FOUR YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
County's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00348157%	0.00319147%	0.00256092%	0.00271985%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 827,054	\$ 1,068,281	\$ 707,763	\$ 661,562
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 494,321	\$ 377,293	\$ 378,450	\$ 262,015
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	167.31%	283.14%	187.02%	252.49%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%

Note: Information prior to 2014 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each year were determined as of the County's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SANDUSKY COUNTY

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST TEN YEARS

	2017	2016	2015	2014
<i>Traditional Plan:</i>				
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,667,973	\$ 3,314,967	\$ 3,043,112	\$ 3,179,281
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(3,667,973)	(3,314,967)	(3,043,112)	(3,179,281)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 28,215,177	\$ 27,624,725	\$ 25,359,267	\$ 26,494,008
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%
 <i>Combined Plan:</i>				
Contractually required contribution	\$ 48,438	\$ 44,478	\$ 28,968	\$ 29,646
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(48,438)	(44,478)	(28,968)	(29,646)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 372,600	\$ 370,650	\$ 241,400	\$ 247,050
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%
 <i>Member Directed Plan:</i>				
Contractually required contribution	\$ 22,347	\$ 22,461	\$ 25,082	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(22,347)	(22,461)	(25,082)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 223,470	\$ 187,175	\$ 209,017	
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.00%	12.00%	12.00%	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$ 1,074,980	\$ 826,193	\$ 765,698	\$ 672,429	\$ 1,402,305	\$ 1,342,995
<u>(1,074,980)</u>	<u>(826,193)</u>	<u>(765,698)</u>	<u>(672,429)</u>	<u>(1,402,305)</u>	<u>(1,342,995)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 8,269,077	\$ 8,261,930	\$ 7,656,980	\$ 7,538,442	\$ 17,248,524	\$ 19,185,643
13.00%	10.00%	10.00%	8.92%	8.13%	7.00%
\$ 15,336	\$ 8,855	\$ 8,577	\$ 11,644	\$ -	\$ -
<u>(15,336)</u>	<u>(8,855)</u>	<u>(8,577)</u>	<u>(11,644)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 117,969	\$ 111,384	\$ 107,887	\$ 120,165	\$ -	\$ -
13.00%	7.95%	7.95%	9.69%	8.13%	7.00%

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS
STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

LAST TEN YEARS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 75,006	\$ 69,205	\$ 52,821	\$ 52,983
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(75,006)</u>	<u>(69,205)</u>	<u>(52,821)</u>	<u>(52,983)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 535,757	\$ 494,321	\$ 377,293	\$ 378,450
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$ 34,062	\$ 36,983	\$ 40,183	\$ 44,056	\$ 37,859	\$ 45,334
<u>(34,062)</u>	<u>(36,983)</u>	<u>(40,183)</u>	<u>(44,056)</u>	<u>(37,859)</u>	<u>(45,334)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 262,015	\$ 284,485	\$ 309,100	\$ 338,892	\$ 291,223	\$ 348,723
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

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**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

Changes in benefit terms : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2014-2017.

Changes in assumptions : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2014-2016. For 2017, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 8.00% down to 7.50%, (b) for defined benefit investments, decreasing the wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25% and (c) changing the future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.05% to 3.25%-10.75%.

STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (STRS) OF OHIO

Changes in benefit terms : There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2014-2016. For 2017, the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was reduced to 0% effective July 1, 2017.

Changes in assumptions : There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2014-2016. For 2017, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the COLA was reduced to zero, (b) inflation assumptions were lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, (c) Investment return assumptions were lowered from 7.75% to 7.45%, (d) total salary increases rates were lowered by decreasing merit component of the individual salary increases, as well as by 0.25% due to lower inflation, (e) payroll growth assumptions were lowered to 3.00%, (f) updated the health and disability mortality assumption to the "RP-2014" mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016 and (g) rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
SNAP Cluster:				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801	\$ 90,267	\$ 461,857
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
National School Lunch Program				
NonCash Assistance (Food Distribution)	10.555	FY 2017		452
Cash Assistance - School of Hope	10.555	FY 2017		6,819
Cash Assistance - JDC	10.555	FY 2017		23,866
Total CFDA #10.555				<u>31,137</u>
School Breakfast Program	10.553	FY 2017		15,128
Total Child Nutrition Cluster				<u>46,265</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>90,267</u>	<u>508,122</u>
US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Development Services Agency</i>				
Community Development Block Grant/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii				
Small Cities Program	14.228	B-F-15-1CO-1		13,140
Small Cities Program	14.228	B-F-16-1CO-1		33,415
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				<u>46,555</u>
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Attorney General</i>				
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2017-VOCA-43554696		49,304
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2018-VOCA-109312477		10,632
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2018-SVAA-109312482		542
Total CFDA # 16.575				<u>60,478</u>
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services</i>				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	2016-JG-A01-6087		18,994
Total U.S. Department of Justice				<u>79,472</u>
US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR				
<i>Passed Through the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Area 7</i>				
Employment Service Cluster:				
Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Funded Activities	17.207	2016-7172-1		2,931
Workforce Investment Act (WIA)/Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Cluster:				
WIA/WIOA Adult Programs	17.258	2016-7172-1		171,735
WIA/WIOA Youth Activities	17.259	2016-7172-1	77,435	88,850
WIA/WIOA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.278	2016-7172-1		108,685
Total WIA/WIOA Cluster			<u>77,435</u>	<u>369,270</u>
Total U.S. Department of Labor			<u>77,435</u>	<u>372,201</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>				
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster:				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	103460		1,034
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	102249		1,157,408
Total Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				<u>1,158,442</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>				
Highway Safety Cluster:				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	STEP-2017-72-00-00-00549-00		11,331
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	STEP-2018-00073		2,558
Total CFDA # 20.600				<u>13,889</u>
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	IDEP-2017-72-00-00-00406-00		15,319
Total Highway Safety Cluster				<u>29,208</u>
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608	IDEP-2018-00073		4,061
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				<u>1,191,711</u>

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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>				
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	FY 2017		22,188
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	FY 2018		5,246
Total CFDA # 84.027				<u>27,434</u>
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	FY 2017		4,595
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	FY 2018		409
Total CFDA # 84.173				<u>5,004</u>
Total Special Education Cluster				<u>32,438</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>				
Special Education-Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	07210021HG0817		37,492
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</i>				
Special Education-Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	FY2017		29,578
Total CFDA # 84.181				<u>67,070</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education				<u>99,508</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
Promoting Safe and Stable Families				
ESSA Preservation	93.556	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		4,435
ESSA Reunification	93.556	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		3,918
Total CFDA # 93.556				<u>8,353</u>
TANF Cluster:				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801	292,994	1,653,414
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		675,635
CCDF Cluster:				
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		107,436
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		687,287
Adoption Assistance	93.659	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		235,212
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		44,921
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		585,875
Medicaid Cluster:				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	G-1617-11-5575 / G-1819-11-5801		827,343
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</i>				
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	FY 2017		24,405
Total CFDA # 93.667				<u>610,280</u>
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	FY 2017		332,214
Total Medicaid Cluster				<u>1,159,557</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Development of Mental Health and Addiction Services</i>				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	1700246		104,231
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	1800072		97,162
Total CFDA # 93.959				<u>201,393</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>292,994</u>	<u>5,383,488</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Emergency Management</i>				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMC-2016-EP-00003-S01		37,849
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMC-2017-EP-00006-S01		34,221
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				<u>72,070</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 460,696	\$ 7,753,127

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS 2 CFR 200.510(b)(6) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Sandusky County, Ohio (the County's) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2017. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the County.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement. The County has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE C – SUBRECIPIENTS

The County passes certain federal awards received from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Montgomery County Workforce Investment Act Area 7 to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes, the County reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a subrecipient, the County has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

NOTE D – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

The County commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the County assumes it expends federal monies first.

NOTE E – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The County reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the entitlement value. The County allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.

NOTE F – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) GRANT PROGRAMS with REVOLVING LOAN CASH BALANCE

The current cash balance on the County's revolving business loan, down payment or rehabilitation assistance, and owner occupied rehabilitation assistance local program income accounts as of December 31, 2017 is \$132,967, \$51,730, and \$8,950, respectively.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
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NOTE G – MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the County to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The County has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

NOTE H – TRANSFERS BETWEEN FEDERAL PROGRAMS

During fiscal year 2017, the County made allowable transfers of \$335,443 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (93.558) program to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) (93.667) program. The Schedule shows the County spent approximately \$1,653,414 on the TANF program. The amount reported for the TANF program on the Schedule excludes the amount transferred to the SSBG program. The amount transferred to the SSBG program is included as SSBG expenditures when disbursed. The following table shows the gross amount drawn for the TANF program during fiscal year 2017 and the amount transferred to the Social Services Block Grant program.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$ 1,988,857
Transfer to Social Services Block Grant	<u>(335,443)</u>
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	<u>\$ 1,653,414</u>

NOTE I – TITLE XIX MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

During the calendar year, the County Board of Developmental Disabilities received a settlement payment for the 2012 and 2013 Cost Reports from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for the Medicaid Program (CFDA #93.778) in the amount of \$2,493 and \$3,605, respectively. The Cost Report Settlement payment was for settlement of the difference between the statewide payment rate and the rate calculated based upon actual expenditures for Medicaid services. This revenue is not listed on the Schedule since the underlying expenses occurred in the prior reporting periods.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Sandusky County
100 North Park Avenue
Fremont, Ohio 43420-2472

To the Board of County Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sandusky County, Ohio, (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2018, wherein we noted the County restated beginning balances of net position due to having an appraisal done over capital assets.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the County's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a significant deficiency. We consider finding 2017-001 to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Entity's Response to Findings

The County's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. We did not subject the County's response to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 20, 2018



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Sandusky County
100 North Park Avenue
Fremont, Ohio 43420-2472

To the Board of County Commissioners:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Sandusky County, Ohio's (the County) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2017. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the County's major federal programs.

Management's Responsibility

The County's Management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the County's compliance for each of the County's major federal programs based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on each of the County's major programs. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance.

Opinion on each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2017

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which Uniform Guidance requires us to report, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2017-002. Our opinion on *each* major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

The County's response to our noncompliance finding is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. We did not audit the County's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The County's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, we cannot assure we have identified all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2017-002.

The County's response to our internal control over compliance finding is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. We did not audit the County's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over
Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
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This report only describes the scope of our tests of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 20, 2018

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SANDUSKY COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Highway Planning and Construction Cluster Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cluster Medicaid Cluster
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

FINDING NUMBER 2017-001

Significant Deficiency

Financial Reporting

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, *Terms of Engagement*, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16. Governmental Accounting

Standards Board (GASB) Cod. 1100 paragraph .101 states a governmental accounting system must make it possible both: (a) to present fairly and with full disclosure the funds and activities of the governmental unit in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and (b) to determine and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

The County's management is responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements. We noted the following errors:

- Intergovernmental revenues and capital outlay expenditures within Other Governmental Funds and Governmental Activities were understated by \$1,157,408 due to amounts paid directly to vendors by the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of the County not being recorded.
- Sanitary Sewer fund and Business-type Activities net position at beginning of year (restated) was overstated by \$90,437 due to an asset included twice within the County's December 31, 2016 restated balance of capital assets, net.

Additional differences were noted in smaller relative amounts. These errors were the result of inadequate policies and procedures in reviewing the financial statements. Failure to complete accurate financial statements could lead to the County making misinformed decisions. The accompanying financial statements have not been adjusted to correct these errors.

To help ensure the County's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the County should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the financial statements and notes to the financial statements by the Auditor and Commissioners, to identify and correct errors and omissions.

Officials' Response:

The County Auditor will work with the County Engineer's Department to ensure proper tracking of on behalf payments by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Also, the County Auditor will continue to work with the appraisal firm to improve the capital asset process.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Finding Number	2017-002		
CFDA Title and Number	Highway Planning and Construction Cluster – CFDA # 20.205		
Federal Award Identification Number / Year	102249 / 2017		
Federal Agency	U.S. Department of Transportation		
Compliance Requirement	2 CFR §200.510 (b)		
Pass-Through Entity	Ohio Department of Transportation		
Repeat Finding from Prior Audit?	No	Finding Number (if repeat)	n/a

Noncompliance and Material Weakness

2 CFR § 200.510(b) provides that the auditee shall prepare a schedule of expenditures of Federal awards for the period covered by the auditee's financial statements which must include the total Federal awards expended as determined in accordance with § 200.502, Basis for determining Federal awards expended. At a minimum, the schedule must:

- (1) List individual Federal programs by Federal agency. For a cluster of programs, provide the cluster name, list individual Federal programs within the cluster of programs, and provide the applicable Federal agency name. For research and development, total Federal awards expended must be shown either by individual Federal award or by Federal agency and major subdivision within the Federal agency. For example, the National Institutes of Health is a major subdivision within the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (2) For Federal awards received as a subrecipient, the name of the pass-through entity and identifying number assigned by the pass-through entity must be included.
- (3) Provide total Federal awards expended for each individual Federal program and the CFDA number or other identifying number when the CFDA information is not available. For a cluster of programs, also provide the total for the cluster.
- (4) Include the loan amount provided to subrecipients from each Federal program.
- (5) For loan or loan guarantee programs described in § 200.502, Basis for determining Federal awards expended, paragraph (b), identify in the notes to the schedule the balances outstanding at the end of the audit period. This is in addition to including the total Federal awards for loan or loan guarantee programs in the schedule.
- (6) Include notes that describe that significant accounting policies used in preparing the schedule, and note whether or not the auditee elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate as covered in § 200.414, Indirect (F&A) costs.

The County did prepare its Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) based on information from its records. However, the Highway Planning and Construction Cluster CFDA #20.205 project #102249 was understated by \$821,000. We also noted similar smaller misstatements in other major and non-major programs.

These errors were due to deficiencies in internal controls over preparing the Schedule. Inaccurate completion of the Schedule could lead to inaccurate reporting of federal expenditures by the County. Changes were made to the County's Schedule to correct the errors noted above.

Each department should be knowledgeable of its federal programs and the related requirements. The County should implement policies and procedures, including a final review of the Schedule, to help ensure the Schedule is accurately completed. The County should also consider providing training on preparing the Schedule to its departments.

Officials' Response:

The County Auditor will work with the County Engineer's Department to ensure proper tracking of federal grants.



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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
2 CFR 200.511(b)
DECEMBER 31, 2017

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2016-001	Material weakness for failure to maintain a detailed capital asset listing.	Partially corrected. Repeated in the management letter.	The County has been working on addressing the issue and hired an appraisal firm to prepare a capital asset listing for December 31, 2017, however the County did not implement an asset tagging system to correspond with the appraisal firm's capital asset listing. The County continues to improve the capital asset tracking process.
2016-002	Material weakness over financial reporting of component unit.	Fully Corrected.	
2016-003	Significant deficiency for understatement of accounts receivable.	Partially corrected. Repeated in the management letter.	The County improved the accounts receivable process by including the portion collected from City of Fremont, but did not include delinquent account amounts. The County will continue to improve the receivable process and work with Sanitary Sewer Department and GAAP compiler to accurately report year end receivables.



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**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
2 CFR § 200.511(c)
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2017-001	The County Auditor will work with the County Engineer's Department to ensure proper tracking of on behalf payments by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Also, the County Auditor will continue to work with the appraisal firm to improve the capital asset process.	December 31, 2018	Jerri Miller, County Auditor
2017-002	The County Auditor will work with the County Engineer's Department to ensure proper tracking of federal grants.	December 31, 2018	Jerri Miller, County Auditor

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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