#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

**Basic Financial Statements** 

Year Ended December 31, 2014

With Independent Auditors' Report





Board of Commissioners Carroll County 119 South Lisbon, Suite 203 Carrollton, Ohio 44615

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of Carroll County, prepared by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., for the audit period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Carroll County is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

August 21, 2015



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of County Commissioners Carroll County, Ohio:

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Carroll County, Ohio (the "County"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, 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 the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of Carroll Hills Industries, Inc. which represent 100% of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Carroll Hills Industries, Inc., is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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www.cshco.com p. 513.241.3111 f. 513.241.1212 An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Carroll County, Ohio as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund, County Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund, and County Home Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 15, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 is presented for purposes of additional analysis, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 June 26, 2015 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio June 26, 2015

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

The management's discussion and analysis of Carroll County's (the "County") financial performance provides an overall review of the County's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- The total net position of the County increased \$6,513,805. Net position of governmental activities increased \$2,624,889, which represents a 5.80% increase over fiscal year 2013. Net position of business-type activities increased \$3,888,916, which represents a 33.11% increase from fiscal year 2013. Included in the business-type activities is a change in the estimated liability for landfill post closure costs of approximately \$2.25 million.
- ➤ General revenues accounted for \$10,927,611 or 41.23% of total governmental activities revenue. Program specific revenues accounted for \$15,577,840 or 58.77% of total governmental activities revenue.
- The County had \$23,716,974 in expenses related to governmental activities; program specific charges for services, grants or contributions of \$15,577,840 partially covered these expenses. The County also had general revenues (primarily taxes) of \$10,927,611 to provide for these programs.
- The County's major governmental funds are the general fund, motor vehicle and gas tax fund, county board of developmental disabilities (the "county board of DD") fund, and the county home fund. The general fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$9,400,700 in 2014. The expenditures and other financing uses of the general fund totaled \$8,354,086 in 2014. The general fund balance increased \$1,046,614 from 2013 to 2014.
- The motor vehicle and gas tax fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$3,625,238 and expenditures of \$3,577,805 in 2014. The motor vehicle and gas tax fund balance increased \$47,433 from 2013 to 2014
- The county board of DD, a County major fund, had revenues of \$4,514,523 and expenditures of \$4,084,348 in 2014. The county board of DD fund balance increased \$430,175 from 2013 to 2014.
- The county home fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$1,880,481 and expenditures of \$1,772,634 in 2014. The county home fund balance increased \$107,847 from 2013 to 2014.
- The County's major enterprise funds are the sewer fund, Atwood Lodge Properties fund and the landfill fund. Net position for the sewer enterprise fund decreased in 2014 by \$196,032 or 5.76%. Net position for the Atwood Lodge Properties enterprise fund increased in 2014 by \$1,107,585 or 8.57%. The net position for the landfill enterprise fund increased in 2014 by \$2,977,363 or 65.06%.
- In the general fund, the total actual revenues and other financing sources remained the same as the final budget and actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$285,121 lower than the amount in the final budget.

#### **Using this 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.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

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 nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the County, there are four 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

While this document contains a large number of funds used by the County to provide programs and activities, the view of the County as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did the County perform financially during 2014?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This 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, required educational programs 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.

The County's statement of net position and statement of activities can be found on pages 16-18 of this report.

#### 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, motor vehicle and gas tax, county board of developmental disabilities (county board of DD), and county home. The analysis of the County's major governmental and proprietary funds begins on page 11.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### 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 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. The basic governmental funds financial statements can be found on pages 19-28 of this report.

#### **Proprietary Funds**

The County maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses enterprise funds to account for its sewer, Atwood lodge properties, and sanitary landfill operations. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 29-31 of this report.

#### 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. The basic fiduciary fund financial statement can be found on page 32 of this report.

#### Notes to the Basic 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. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 33-73 of this report.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

The statement of net position provides the perspective of the County as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the County's net position for 2014 compared to 2013.

			Net P	osition		
			(restated)			(restated)
	Governmental Activities 2014	Business-type Activities 2014	Governmental Activities 2013	Business-type Activities 2013	2014 Total	2013 Total
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<u>Assets</u>						
Current and other assets	\$ 24,418,761	\$ 2,940,034	\$ 23,621,664	\$ 1,066,913	\$ 27,358,795	\$ 24,688,577
Capital assets, net	30,971,379	17,280,024	29,834,206	18,326,391	48,251,403	48,160,597
Total assets	55,390,140	20,220,058	53,455,870	19,393,304	75,610,198	72,849,174
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Long-term liabilities outstanding	1,755,717	4,521,498	1,534,306	7,574,109	6,277,215	9,108,415
Other liabilities	919,591	62,768	1,361,960	72,319	982,359	1,434,279
Total liabilities	2,675,308	4,584,266	2,896,266	7,646,428	7,259,574	10,542,694
<u>Deferred inflows</u>	4,865,000		4,815,000		4,865,000	4,815,000
Net Position						
Net investment in capital assets	30,203,211	14,494,524	29,285,686	15,469,391	44,697,735	44,755,077
Restricted	11,066,282	28,970	10,873,763	28,970	11,095,252	10,902,733
Unrestricted (deficit)	6,580,339	1,112,298	5,585,155	(3,751,485)	7,692,637	1,833,670
Total net position (deficit)	\$ 47,849,832	\$ 15,635,792	\$ 45,744,604	\$ 11,746,876	\$ 63,485,624	\$ 57,491,480

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2014, the County's assets exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$63,485,624. This amounts to \$47,849,832 in governmental activities and \$15,635,792 in business-type activities.

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the County's net position. At year-end, capital assets represented 63.82% of total governmental and business-type assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, infrastructure and construction in progress. The net investment in capital assets at December 31, 2014 was \$44,697,735. The increase in capital assets was due to additions to the county's roadways and bridges. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources 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, 2014, the County is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net position for both governmental activities and business-type activities.

Total liabilities at December 31, 2014 were \$7,259,574. This is a decrease of \$3,283,120 from 2013. Governmental long-term liabilities outstanding increased by \$221,411 and other liabilities decreased \$442,369 from the prior year due to the addition of new capital leases and a decrease in accrued wages respectively. Business-type long term liabilities decreased \$3,052,611 from 2013 mainly because of the change in the estimated closure and post-closure costs for the landfill.

A portion of the County's net position, \$11,095,252 or 17.48%, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is a balance of \$7,692,637. The table below shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **Change in Net Position**

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	G	overnmental Activities 2014	В	usiness-type Activities 2014	G	(restated) overnmental Activities 2013		asiness-type Activities 2013	_	2014 Total	_	2013 Total
Program revenues: Charges for services and sales	\$	4,789,789	\$	804,534	\$	4,795,618	\$	756,471	\$	5,594,323	\$	5,552,089
Operating grants and contributions		9,296,733		563,688		9,018,237		120,000		9,860,421		9,138,237
Capital grants and contributions		1,491,318		-		19,715,642		-		1,491,318		19,715,642
Total program revenues		15,577,840		1,368,222		33,529,497		876,471		16,946,062		34,405,968
General revenues:												
Property taxes		5,024,433		_		4,676,163		-		5,024,433		4,676,163
Sales tax		3,975,922		_		3,375,603		_		3,975,922		3,375,603
Unrestricted grants		1,150,603		-		1,426,818		-		1,150,603		1,426,818
Oil and gas lease		142,277		2,006,084		22,216		-		2,148,361		22,216
Investment earnings		15,803		2,012		22,021		659		17,815		22,680
Other		618,573		45,185		726,334		25,413		663,758		751,747
Total general revenues	_	10,927,611	_	2,053,281		10,249,155		26,072	_	12,980,892	_	10,275,227
Total revenues	_	26,505,451	_	3,421,503	_	43,778,652	_	902,543	_	29,926,954	_	44,681,195
Program Expenses:												
General government		4,990,672		-		5,130,041		-		4,990,672		5,130,041
Public safety		2,751,620		-		2,680,645		-		2,751,620		2,680,645
Public works		5,618,639		-		5,064,908		-		5,618,639		5,064,908
Health		4,395,769		-		4,598,187		-		4,395,769		4,598,187
Human services		5,337,266		-		5,213,067		-		5,337,266		5,213,067
Economic development and assistance		340,082		-		403,068		-		340,082		403,068
Urban redevelopment and housing		273,209		-		193,598		-		273,209		193,598
Other		1,916		-		21,015		-		1,916		21,015
Interest and fiscal charges		7,801		-		26,123		-		7,801		26,123
Sewer		-		1,047,763		-		943,917		1,047,763		943,917
Atwood lodge properties		-		898,499		-		1,200,521		898,499		1,200,521
Landfill			_	(2,250,087)	_			96,923	_	(2,250,087)	_	96,923
Total expenses		23,716,974	_	(303,825)		23,330,652		2,241,361	_	23,413,149	_	25,572,013
Transfers		(163,588)		163,588	_	(28,790)		28,790	_	<u> </u>	_	
Change in net position		2,624,889		3,888,916		20,419,210		(1,310,028)		6,513,805		19,109,182
Net position at beginning of year (restated)		45,224,943	_	11,746,876	_	25,325,394	_	13,056,904	_	56,971,819	_	38,382,298
Net position at end of year	\$	47,849,832	\$	15,635,792	\$	45,744,604	\$	11,746,876	\$	63,485,624	\$	57,491,480

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **Governmental Activities**

Governmental net position increased by \$2,624,889 in 2014 from 2013.

General government represents activities related to the governing body as well as activities that directly support County programs. In 2014, general government expenses totaled \$4,990,672 or 21.04% of total governmental expenses. General government programs were supported by \$2,561,548 in direct charges to users and \$39,766 in operating grants and contributions.

The County program human services, which supports the operations of the county home, public assistance, and the children services board accounted for \$5,337,266 of expenses or 22.50% of total governmental expenses of the County during 2014. These expenses were funded by \$1,138,956 in charges to users of services and \$3,050,866 in operating grants and contributions.

The County program public works, accounted for \$5,618,639 or 23.69% of total governmental expenses. Public works programs include the maintenance and construction of County roads and bridges. Public works programs are primarily supported by revenues from motor vehicle licenses and gasoline taxes. During 2014, the County received \$1,491,318 in capital contributions related to road improvements from oil fracking companies compared to the \$19,715,642 they received in 2013.

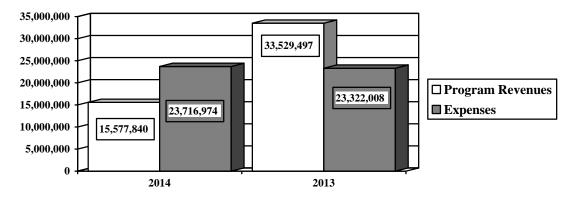
Operating grants are a large part of program revenues. The state and federal government contributed revenues of \$9,296,733 in operating grants and contributions. These revenues are restricted to a particular program or purpose. Of the total operating grants and contributions, \$3,050,866 subsidized human services programs and \$3,866,372 subsidized public works programs. Another type of program revenue, direct charges to users of governmental activities, made up \$4,789,789 of total governmental revenues. These charges for services and sales include fees for real estate transfers, licenses and permits, and fines and forfeitures related to judicial activities.

General revenues totaled \$10,927,611, and amounted to 41.23% of total revenues. These revenues primarily consist of property and sales tax revenue of \$9,000,355 or 82.36% of total general revenues in 2014. Sales tax grew from last year mainly due to an increase in general fund sales tax collected which was due to an increasingly favorable economy. The other primary source of general revenues is grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs (which includes local government assistance from the State of Ohio) making up \$1,150,603 or 10.53% of total general revenues.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

The graph below shows governmental activities program revenues and total expenses for 2014 and 2013:

## Governmental Activities – Program Revenues vs. Total Expenses



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 2014. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted state grants and entitlements.

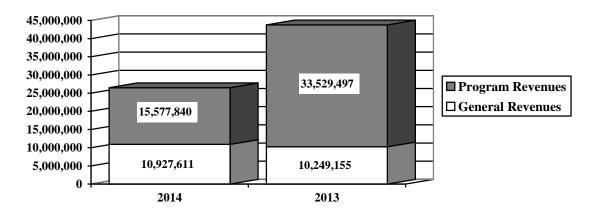
65.68% of expenses were supported through program revenues during 2014. This reiterates the dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities with 34.32% of expenses supported through taxes and other general revenues during 2014.

	Governmental Activities							
	T	otal Cost of Services 2014	N	Vet Cost of Services 2014		(restated) otal Cost of Services 2013		(restated) Net Cost of Services 2013
Program Expenses:								
General government	\$	4,990,672	\$	2,389,358	\$	5,130,041	\$	2,563,900
Public safety		2,751,620		2,151,867		2,680,645		1,923,162
Public works		5,618,639		(58,126)		5,064,908		(18,872,428)
Health		4,395,769		2,315,805		4,589,543		2,755,066
Human services		5,337,266		1,147,444		5,213,067		1,350,290
Economic development and assistance		340,082		156,400		403,068		54,124
Urban redevelopment and housing		273,209		26,669		193,598		(28,741)
Other		1,916		1,916		21,015		21,015
Interest and fiscal charges		7,801		7,801		26,123	_	26,123
Total	\$	23,716,974	\$	8,139,134	\$	23,322,008	\$	(10,207,489)

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

The graph below shows governmental activities program revenues and general revenues for 2014 and 2013:

#### **Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues**



#### **Business-Type Activities**

The sewer, Atwood lodge properties, and landfill funds are the County's three major enterprise funds. For the year ended December 31, 2014, these operations had operating revenues, nonoperating revenues and transfers of \$3,585,091 and operating and nonoperating expenses of \$(303,825). The negative expenses for the year resulted from a change in the County's estimated liability for landfill post closure costs. The net position of the programs increased \$3,888,916 from 2013.

#### 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.

#### 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, unassigned 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 \$16,329,002, which is \$1,940,205 above last year's total of \$14,388,797. The schedule on the following page indicates the fund balances and the total change in fund balances as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Fund Balance December 31, 2014		(restated) and Balance amber 31, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Major Funds:					
General	\$ 5,597,964	\$	4,551,350	\$	1,046,614
Motor vehicle and gas tax	3,960,986		3,913,553		47,433
County board of DD	2,580,543		2,670,029		(89,486)
County home	220,618		112,771		107,847
Nonmajor governmental funds	 3,968,891		3,660,755	_	308,136
Total	\$ 16,329,002	\$	14,908,458	\$	1,420,544

#### General Fund

The general fund, the County's primary operating fund, had revenues and other financing sources of \$9,400,700 in 2014. The expenditures and other financing uses of the general fund totaled \$8,354,086 in 2014. The general fund balance increased \$1,046,614 from 2013 to 2014. Sales tax revenue increased \$546,497 over 2013 due to increased economic activity.

#### Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund

The motor vehicle and gas tax fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$3,625,238 and expenditures of \$3,577,805 in 2014. The motor vehicle and gas tax fund balance increased \$47,433 from 2013 to 2014. Revenues decreased \$130,981 over the prior year, mainly due to donations received during 2013 that were not received in 2014. Expenditures increased \$134,149 from the prior year. This increase was due to higher spending on personnel wages.

#### County Board of Developmental Disabilities (County Board of DD)Fund

The County Board of DD fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$4,514,523 and expenditures of \$4,084,348 in 2014. The County Board of DD fund balance increased \$430,175 from 2013 to 2014. Revenues increased \$301,594 over the prior year, due mainly to additional intergovernmental grant revenue, while expenditures decreased \$202,989 from the prior year. The main reason for the decrease was due to a higher amount of expenditures on contract services and employee salaries.

#### County Home Fund

The county home fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$1,880,481 and expenditures of \$1,772,634 in 2014. The county home fund balance increased \$107,847 from 2013 to 2014. Revenues increased \$53,855 over the prior year because of an increase in real estate tax. Expenditures remained consistent with 2013 levels. This allowed the county home fund to report a positive change in fund balance in 2014.

#### 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.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

There were a few amendments made to the budget throughout the year. Original budgeted revenues were \$5,531,500 and were increased to \$8,643,758 in the final budget. The main factor of this was an increase in budgeted county sales tax due to the County's conservative budgeting of their original estimates. Actual revenues and other financing sources of \$8,643,758 remained the same as the final budgeted revenues and other financing sources. Original appropriations and other financing uses were \$7,833,005 and were increased to \$8,384,996 in the final appropriations. Actual expenditures and other financing uses of \$8,099,875 were less than final budgeted appropriations and other financing uses by \$285,121. There were no individually significant variances between budgeted and actual expenditures.

#### **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 Administratio**

#### Capital Assets

At the end of 2014, the County had \$48,251,403 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure. Of this total, \$30,971,379 was reported in governmental activities and \$17,280,024 was reported in business-type activities. See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for detail. The following table shows fiscal 2014 balances compared to 2013:

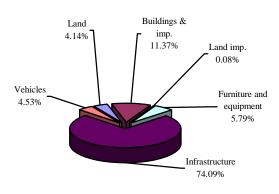
### Capital Assets at December 31 (Net of Depreciation)

	Governmen	tal Activities	Business-Ty	pe Activities	To	Total			
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013			
Land	\$ 1,281,910	\$ 1,281,910	\$ 1,532,300	\$ 1,532,300	\$ 2,814,210	\$ 2,814,210			
Construction in progress	-	147,285	-	-	-	147,285			
Land improvements	25,293	14,493	216,393	242,630	241,686	257,123			
Building and improvements	3,520,676	3,430,915	9,258,215	9,786,781	12,778,891	13,217,696			
Furniture and equipment	1,794,506	1,361,210	948,466	1,286,076	2,742,972	2,647,286			
Vehicles	1,402,929	1,136,468	-	-	1,402,929	1,136,468			
Infrastructure	22,946,065	22,461,925	-	-	22,946,065	22,461,925			
Sewer lines			5,324,650	5,478,604	5,324,650	5,478,604			
Total	\$ 30,971,379	\$ 29,834,206	\$ 17,280,024	\$ 18,326,391	\$ 48,251,403	\$ 48,160,597			

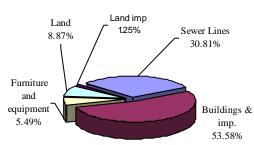
## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

The following graphs show the breakdown of governmental and business-type capital assets by category for 2014 and 2013.

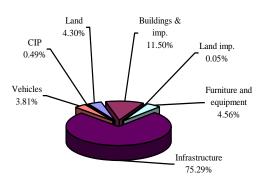
Capital Assets - Governmental Activities 2014



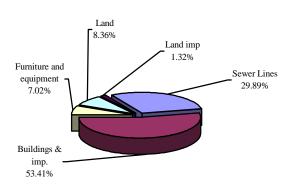
Capital Assets - Business-Type Activities 2014



Capital Assets - Governmental Activities 2013



**Capital Assets - Business-Type Activities 2013** 



#### **Debt Administration**

The County had the following long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities 2013		
General obligation bonds OWDA loan Other loans and judgements payable Capital lease obligations	\$ 362,800 68,176 5,000 337,192	\$ 370,800 68,176 13,202 106,342		
Total long-term debt	\$ 773,168	\$ 558,520		

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Business-Type Activities 2014	Business-Type Activities 2013		
Revenue bonds	\$ 2,785,500	\$ 2,857,000		
Total long-term debt	\$ 2,785,500	\$ 2,857,000		

See Note 12 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 following economic factors were taken into consideration in preparing the budget for 2015:

The County's unemployment rate is currently 6.3%, compared to the 5.4% state average and the 5.6% national average.

With the continuation of conservative budgeting practices, the County's financial position should remain stable for the coming year.

#### 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 Lynn Fairclough, Carroll County Auditor, 119 Public Square, Carrollton, OH 44615-1495.

### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Primary Government								
	Governmental		Business-type					Component	
		Activities		Activities		Total		Unit	
Assets:									
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,424,335	\$	2,785,316	\$	17,209,651	\$	191,830	
Cash in segregated accounts		540,938		62,889		603,827		-	
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):									
Sales taxes		1,048,564		-		1,048,564		-	
Property and other taxes		5,054,822		-		5,054,822		-	
Accounts		114,542		62,859		177,401		17,931	
Due from other governments		2,657,058		-		2,657,058		-	
Accrued interest		1,332		-		1,332		-	
Loans		28,737		-		28,737		-	
Materials and supplies inventory		434,386		-		434,386		-	
Prepayments		114,047		-		114,047		-	
Restricted assets:									
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents .		_		28,970		28,970		-	
Capital assets:									
Land		1,281,910		1,532,300		2,814,210		-	
Depreciable capital assets, net		29,689,469		15,747,724		45,437,193		595,232	
Total capital assets, net	-	30,971,379		17,280,024	-	48,251,403		595,232	
Total assets	-	55,390,140		20,220,058	-	75,610,198		804,993	
	-				-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable		418,590		22,183		440,773		2,556	
Contracts payable		21,300		-		21,300		-	
Accrued wages and benefits payable		180,230		2,951		183,181		6,302	
Due to other governments		263,245		5,082		268,327		-	
Accrued interest payable		3,844		32,552		36,396		-	
Amount to be repaid to claimants		32,382		-		32,382		-	
Unearned revenue		-		-		-		98,388	
Long-term liabilities:									
Due within one year		227,614		139,240		366,854		15,066	
Due in more than one year		1,528,103		4,382,258		5,910,361		120,524	
Total liabilities		2,675,308		4,584,266	-	7,259,574		242,836	
Deferred inflows of resources:									
Property and other taxes levied									
for the next fiscal year		4,865,000				4,865,000			
Net position:									
Net investment in capital assets		30,203,211		14,494,524		44,697,735		-	
Restricted for:									
Debt service		-		28,970		28,970		-	
Public works projects		5,036,053		-		5,036,053		-	
Human services programs		1,267,237		-		1,267,237		-	
Other purposes		4,762,992		-		4,762,992		-	
Unrestricted		6,580,339		1,112,298		7,692,637		562,157	
Total net position	\$	47,849,832	\$	15,635,792	\$	63,485,624	\$	562,157	

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

				Prog	ram Revenues		
			harges for		rating Grants	Car	ital Grants
	Expenses		ices and Sales	_	Contributions		Contributions
Governmental activities:	 <u> </u>	501	icos una sures	-	<u> </u>		
General government:							
Legislative and executive	\$ 3,748,026	\$	2,132,156	\$	_	\$	-
Judicial	1,242,646		429,392		39,766		_
Public safety	2,751,620		330,034		269,719		_
Public works	5,618,639		319,075		3,866,372		1,491,318
Health	4,395,769		440,176		1,639,788		-
Human services	5,337,266		1,138,956		3,050,866		_
Economic development and assistance.	340,082		-		183,682		_
Urban development and housing	273,209		_		246,540		_
Other	1,916		_		-		_
Interest and fiscal charges	7,801		_		_		_
Total governmental activities	 23,716,974	-	4,789,789	-	9,296,733	-	1,491,318
	 20,710,571		.,,,,,,,,		,, <u>=</u> ,0,,00	-	1,151,616
Business-type activities:							
Sewer	1,047,763		804,534		-		-
Atwood Lodge Properties	898,499		-		_		-
Landfill	 (2,250,087)		-		563,688		
Total business-type activities	 (303,825)		804,534	-	563,688		
Total primary government	\$ 23,413,149	\$	5,594,323	\$	9,860,421	\$	1,491,318
Component Unit:							
Carroll Hills Industries, Inc	\$ 636,158	\$	121,004	\$	521,149		
		Gen	eral revenues:				
			operty taxes levi	ed for			
			General purposes				
			Human services				
			Human services		-		
			Public works - R		-		
			les taxes		•		
			ants and entitler				
			o specific progra				
			l and gas lease r				
			vestment earning				
			iscellaneous				
			l general revenu				
			sfers				
		Tota	l general revenu	es and	ransfers		
			nge in net position				
			-				
		Net	position at begi	nning (	n year (restate	u)	• • • •

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

	Tet (Expense)				
G	overnmental	Business-type			Component
	Activities	Activities		Total	Unit
\$	(1,615,870)	\$ -	\$	(1,615,870)	\$ -
-	(773,488)	-	-	(773,488)	-
	(2,151,867)	-		(2,151,867)	-
	58,126	-		58,126	_
	(2,315,805)	_		(2,315,805)	-
	(1,147,444)	-		(1,147,444)	-
	(156,400)	-		(156,400)	-
	(26,669)	-		(26,669)	-
	(1,916)	-		(1,916)	-
	(7,801)	-		(7,801)	-
	(8,139,134)	-		(8,139,134)	-
	-	(243,229)		(243,229)	_
	-	(898,499)		(898,499)	-
	-	2,813,775		2,813,775	-
	-	1,672,047		1,672,047	
	(8,139,134)	1,672,047		(6,467,087)	-
	_	-		_	5,995
	1,751,274	_		1,751,274	_
	2,325,029	_		2,325,029	_
	728,372	-		728,372	-
	219,758	-		219,758	-
	3,975,922	-		3,975,922	-
	1 150 500			1 150 602	
	1,150,603	2.006.004		1,150,603	-
	142,277	2,006,084		2,148,361	-
	15,803	2,012		17,815	-
	618,573	45,185	-	663,758	
	10,927,611	2,053,281		12,980,892	-
	(163,588)	163,588			
	10,764,023	2,216,869		12,980,892	
	2,624,889	3,888,916		6,513,805	5,995
	45,224,943	11,746,876		56,971,819	556,162
\$	47,849,832	\$ 15,635,792	\$	63,485,624	\$ 562,157

#### BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2014

				Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax		ounty Board of DD	County Home	
Assets:								
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,760,049	\$	3,132,384	\$	2,091,543	\$	265,396
Cash in segregated accounts		16,859		-		521,104		2,975
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):								
Sales taxes		1,048,564		-		-		-
Property and other taxes		1,706,947		-		2,204,380		914,159
Accounts		28,909		2,143		7,308		28,823
Due from other governments		514,857		1,815,989		203,648		45,000
Accrued interest		1,332		-		-		-
Interfund loans		93,222		-		-		-
Due from other funds		-		_		_		_
Loans receivable		_		_		_		_
Prepayments		96,293		598		1,306		1,060
Materials and supplies inventory		6,790		418,857		-		-
Total assets	\$	8,273,822	\$	5,369,971	\$	5,029,289	\$	1,257,413
Total assets	Ψ	0,273,022	Ψ	3,307,771	Ψ	3,027,207	Ψ	1,237,413
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	\$	118,044	\$	141,395	\$	27,459	\$	15,168
Contracts payable		-		-		-		-
Accrued wages and benefits		30,630		14,745		57,785		33,542
Due to other governments		74,007		27,688		59,122		28,926
Interfund loans payable		_		_		_		_
Due to other funds		_		_		_		_
Amount to be repaid to claimants		32,382		_		_		_
Total liabilities		255,063		183,828		144,366		77,636
Deferred inflows of resources:								
Property and other taxes levied								
for the next fiscal year		1,650,000		-		2,125,000		890,000
Sales tax revenue not available		357,029		-		-		-
Delinquent property tax revenue not available		56,947		-		79,380		24,159
Accrued interest not available		1,332		-		-		-
Intergovernmental revenue not available		355,487		1,225,157		100,000		45,000
Total deferred inflows of resources		2,420,795		1,225,157		2,304,380		959,159
Fund balances:								
		120 (15		410.455		1 206		1.060
Nonspendable		129,615		419,455		1,306		1,060
Restricted		-		3,541,531		2,579,237		219,558
Committed		48,591		-		-		-
Assigned		2,643,936		-		-		-
Unassigned (deficit)		2,775,822						
Total fund balances		5,597,964		3,960,986		2,580,543		220,618
Total liabilities, deferred inflows								
of resources and fund balances	\$	8,273,822	\$	5,369,971	\$	5,029,289	\$	1,257,413

	Nonmajor overnmental Funds	Total Governmenta Funds				
\$	4,174,963	\$	14,424,335			
Ф	4,174,903	Ф	540,938			
	_		340,730			
	-		1,048,564			
	229,336		5,054,822			
	47,359		114,542			
	77,564		2,657,058			
	-		1,332			
	-		93,222			
	2,292		2,292			
	28,737		28,737			
	14,790		114,047			
	8,739		434,386			
\$	4,583,780	\$	24,514,275			
\$	116,524	\$	418,590			
	21,300		21,300			
	43,528		180,230			
	73,502		263,245			
	93,222		93,222			
	2,292		2,292			
	350,368		32,382 1,011,261			
	330,308		1,011,201			
	200,000		4,865,000			
	-		357,029			
	29,336		189,822			
	35,185		1,332 1,760,829			
	264,521		7,174,012			
	201,321		7,171,012			
	50.044		<02 F02			
	52,266		603,702			
	3,485,757		9,826,083			
	528,559		577,150			
	(07.601)		2,643,936			
	(97,691)		2,678,131			
	3,968,891		16,329,002			
\$	4,583,780	\$	24,514,275			



## RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 31, 2014

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 16,329,002
Amounts reported for governmental activities on the		
statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial		
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		30,971,379
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period		
expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Delinquent property and other taxes receivable	\$ 189,822	
Sales tax receivable	357,029	
Intergovernmental receivable	1,760,829	
Accrued interest receivable	1,332	
Total		2,309,012
Accrued interest payable on long-term bonds is not due and payable in the		
current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.		(3,844)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and		
payable in the current period and therefore are not reported		
in the funds.		
General obligation bonds payable	(362,800)	
OWDA loans payable	(68,176)	
Compensated absences payable	(982,549)	
Capital leases payable	(337,192)	
Judgements payable	(5,000)	
Total		 (1,755,717)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 47,849,832

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

		General	Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax	C	ounty Board of DD	County Home
Revenues:		_				
Property and other taxes	\$	1,751,612	\$ -	\$	2,309,784	\$ 728,437
Sales taxes		3,944,885	-		-	-
Charges for services		1,619,268	-		313,315	1,041,784
Licenses and permits		43,353	-		-	-
Fines and forfeitures		66,014	40,138		-	-
Intergovernmental		1,058,406	3,558,474		1,889,969	100,023
Investment income		18,880	4,665		1,455	-
Rental income		4,800	-		-	-
Contributions and donations		-	-		-	1,700
Oil and gas lease		142,277	-		-	-
Other		470,048	21,961			 8,537
Total revenues	_	9,119,543	3,625,238		4,514,523	 1,880,481
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government:		2 450 115				
Legislative and executive		3,458,115	-		-	-
Judicial		1,075,389	-		-	-
Public safety		2,207,101	2 577 005		-	-
Public works		116,186	3,577,805		-	-
Health		114,691	-		4,084,348	1.770.604
Human services		244,893	-		-	1,772,634
Economic development and assistance		109,450	-		-	-
Urban development and housing		-	-		-	-
Capital outlay		281,122	-		-	-
Other		-	-		-	-
Debt service:						
Principal retirement		65,129	-		-	-
Interest and fiscal charges		23,210				 
Total expenditures		7,695,286	3,577,805		4,084,348	 1,772,634
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over (under) expenditures		1,424,257	47,433		430,175	 107,847
Other financing sources (uses):						
Capital lease transaction		281,122	-		-	-
Transfers in		35	-		-	-
Transfers (out)		(658,800)				 
Total other financing sources (uses)		(377,643)				 
Net change in fund balances		1,046,614	47,433		430,175	107,847
Fund balances at beginning of year (restated) .		4,551,350	3,913,553		2,150,368	 112,771
Fund balances at end of year	\$	5,597,964	\$ 3,960,986	\$	2,580,543	\$ 220,618

Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 219,908	\$ 5,009,741
-	3,944,885
1,525,652	4,500,019
18,820	62,173
30,686	136,838
4,488,141	11,095,013
26	25,026
-	4,800
6,810	8,510
-	142,277
203,986	704,532
6,494,029	25,633,814
432,345	3,890,460
164,292	1,239,681
583,480	2,790,581
865,476	4,559,467
139,194	4,338,233
3,333,449	5,350,976
228,868	338,318
273,209	273,209
657,245	938,367
1,916	1,916
1,345	66,474
251	23,461
6,681,070	23,811,143
(187,041)	1,822,671
	201.122
405.010	281,122
495,212	495,247
(35)	(658,835)
495,177	117,534
308,136	1,940,205
3,660,755	14,388,797
\$ 3,968,891	\$ 16,329,002

# 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, 2014

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 1,940,205
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense in the current period. Capital asset additions  Current year depreciation  Total	\$ 2,959,426 (1,758,465)	1,200,961
Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal.		(63,788)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.  Property and other taxes Sales tax Intergovernmental Accrued interest Total	14,692 31,037 (262,333) (3,077)	(219,681)
Repayment of long-term debt, such as bonds, loans, and capital lease obligations is an expenditure in the governmental funds,but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement net position.		66,474
Capital lease transactions are recorded as an other financing source in the funds; however, in the statement of activities, they are not reported as revenues as they increase liabilities on the statement of net position.		(281,122)
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds and loans, whereas in governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due.		15,660
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.		 (33,820)
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ 2,624,889

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) GENERAL FUND

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budgetee	d Amounts		Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)		
Revenues:						
Property and other taxes	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,759,261	\$ 1,759,261	\$ -		
Sales taxes	2,000,000	3,818,652	3,818,652	-		
Charges for services	1,004,800	1,374,082	1,374,082	-		
Licenses and permits	6,400	43,353	43,353	-		
Fines and forfeitures	61,000	70,364	70,364	-		
Intergovernmental	650,000	1,065,598	1,065,598	-		
Investment income	9,000	18,880	18,880	-		
Rental income	4,800	4,800	4,800	-		
Other	195,500	363,264	363,264			
Total revenues	5,531,500	8,518,254	8,518,254			
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government:						
Legislative and executive	3,288,476	3,520,215	3,294,946	225,269		
Judicial	1,125,830	1,205,167	1,119,926	85,241		
Public safety	2,192,993	2,347,533	2,297,802	49,731		
Public works	119,353	127,764	127,054	710		
Health	107,360	114,926	114,721	205		
Human services	278,409	298,028	281,359	16,669		
Economic development and assistance	102,245	109,450	109,450	-		
Total expenditures	7,214,666	7,723,083	7,345,258	377,825		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over (under) expenditures	(1,683,166)	795,171	1,172,996	377,825		
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in	-	34,116	34,116	-		
Transfers out	(618,339)	(661,913)	(661,395)	518		
Advances in	-	91,388	91,388	-		
Advances out	-	_	(93,222)	(93,222)		
Total other financing sources (uses)	(618,339)	(536,409)	(629,113)	(92,704)		
Net change in fund balance	(2,301,505)	258,762	543,883	285,121		
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,443,180	2,443,180	2,443,180	_		
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	129,133	129,133	129,133			
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 270,808	\$ 2,831,075	\$ 3,116,196	\$ 285,121		

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) MOTOR VEHICLE AND GAS TAX FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts							Variance with	
	Original Final		Final	Actual		Final Budget Positive			
Revenues:									
Intergovernmental	\$	3,556,500	\$	3,632,969	\$	3,632,969	\$	-	
Fines and forfeitures		30,000		41,100		41,100		-	
Investment income		-		4,665		4,665		-	
Other				22,461		22,461			
Total revenues		3,586,500		3,701,195		3,701,195		-	
Expenditures: Current:									
Public works		4,294,978		4,294,978		4,094,324		200,654	
Net change in fund balance		(708,478)		(593,783)		(393,129)		200,654	
Fund balance at beginning of year		2,686,857		2,686,857		2,686,857		-	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated		522,098		522,098		522,098			
Fund balance at end of year	\$	2,500,477	\$	2,615,172	\$	2,815,826	\$	200,654	

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>						Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original			Final		Actual		Negative)	
Revenues:									
Property and other taxes	\$	1,925,000	\$	2,305,385	\$	2,305,385	\$	-	
Charges for services		400,000		323,233		323,233		-	
Intergovernmental		1,502,500		1,845,291		1,845,291			
Total revenues		3,827,500		4,473,909		4,473,909			
Expenditures:									
Current:									
Health		4,418,104		4,563,669		4,223,381		340,288	
Net change in fund balance		(590,604)		(89,760)		250,528		340,288	
Fund balance at beginning of year		1,634,349		1,634,349		1,634,349		-	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated		81,004		81,004		81,004			
Fund balance at end of year	\$	1,124,749	\$	1,625,593	\$	1,965,881	\$	340,288	

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) COUNTY HOME

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>						Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original			Final		Actual	(Negative)		
Revenues:									
Property and other taxes	\$	800,000	\$	787,289	\$	731,607	\$	(55,682)	
Charges for services		1,000,000		984,111		1,015,161		31,050	
Intergovernmental		90,000		88,570		100,023		11,453	
Contributions and donations		-		-		1,700		1,700	
Other		1,000		984		14,163		13,179	
Total revenues		1,891,000		1,860,954		1,862,654		1,700	
Expenditures: Current:									
Human services		1,898,566		1,990,725		1,845,204		145,521	
Net change in fund balance		(7,566)		(129,771)		17,450		147,221	
Fund balance at beginning of year		154,017		154,017		154,017		-	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated		49,807		49,807		49,807			
Fund balance at end of year	\$	196,258	\$	74,053	\$	221,274	\$	147,221	

#### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2014

**Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds** Atwood Lodge **Properties** Landfill Sewer Total Assets: Current assets: \$ \$ Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . 511,318 2,164,768 109,230 \$ 2,785,316 62,889 Cash in segregated accounts . . . . . . . . . 62,889 Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles): 62,859 62,859 637.066 2.164.768 109.230 2.911.064 Noncurrent assets: Restricted assets: Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents. 28,970 28,970 Capital assets: 7,500 1,524,800 1,532,300 Depreciable capital assets, net. . . . . . . 5,411,687 10,336,037 15,747,724 Total capital assets, net. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5,419,187 11,860,837 17,280,024 Total noncurrent assets . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5,448,157 11,860,837 17,308,994 6,085,223 14,025,605 109,230 20,220,058 Liabilities: Current liabilities: Accounts payable. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 21,319 864 22,183 Accrued wages and benefits payable . . . . . 2,951 2,951 Due to other governments . . . . . . . . . . 5,082 5,082 Accrued interest payable . . . . . . . . . . . . 32.552 32.552 Compensated absences payable - current. . . . 12,440 12,440 Estimated liability for landfill closure costs . . 52,000 52,000 Revenue bonds payable - current. . . . . . . 74,800 74,800 Total current liabilities . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 52,864 149,144 202,008 Long-term liabilities: Compensated absences payable . . . . . . . 16,128 16,128 Revenue bonds payable . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,710,700 2,710,700 Estimated accrued liability for landfill closure and post closure costs . . . . . . 1,655,430 1,655,430 2,726,828 Total long-term liabilities . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,655,430 4,382,258 2,875,972 1,708,294 4,584,266 **Net position:** Net investment in capital assets. . . . . . . . . 2,633,687 11,860,837 14,494,524 28,970 28,970 Unrestricted (deficit) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 546,594 2,164,768 (1,599,064)1,112,298 Total net position (deficit) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3,209,251 14,025,605 (1,599,064)15,635,792

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

**Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds Atwood Lodge Properties** Landfill **Total** Sewer **Operating revenues:** \$ \$ 804,534 \$ \$ 804,534 Charges for services . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,006,084 2,006,084 Oil and gas lease payments . . . . . . . . . 45,185 45,185 Total operating revenues. . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,006,084 849,719 2,855,803 **Operating expenses:** Personal services . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 361,261 361,261 203.535 20,972 224,507 Contract services. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Materials and supplies. . . . . . . . . . . . 84,108 15,047 99,155 Depreciation. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 250,861 852,630 1,103,491 Landfill closure and post-closure costs . . . (2,250,087)(2,250,087)19,959 9,850 29,809 919,724 898,499 (2,250,087)(431,864) Total operating expenses. . . . . . . . . . . . . Operating income (loss) . . . . . . . . . . . . (70,005)1,107,585 2,250,087 3,287,667 Nonoperating revenues (expenses): Interest and fiscal charges . . . . . . . . . (128,039)(128,039)Interest income. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,012 2,012 Intergovernmental . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 563,688 563,688 Total nonoperating revenues (expenses) . . . . (126,027) 563,688 437,661 1,107,585 Income (loss) before transfer in. . . . . . . . (196,032)2,813,775 3,725,328 163,588 163,588 (196,032)1,107,585 2,977,363 3,888,916 Net position (deficit) at beginning of year . . 12,918,020 3,405,283 (4,576,427)11,746,876

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(1,599,064)

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15,635,792

Net position (deficit) at end of year . . . . .

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

**Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds** Atwood Lodge **Properties** Landfill Sewer **Total** Cash flows from operating activities: \$ \$ \$ \$ Cash received from charges for services . . . . . . . 796,188 796,188 45,185 2,006,084 Cash received from other operations . . . . . . . . . . . 2,051,269 (357,216)Cash payments for personal services. . . . . . . . . (357,249)(33)Cash payments for contractual services . . . . . . . (202,830)(20,972)(746,545)(970,347)Cash payments for materials and supplies . . . . . . (88.481)(15.047)(103.528)Cash payments for other expenses . . . . . . . . . . . . (19,959)(29,809)(9,850)Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities . . . 172,887 1,960,182 (746,545)1,386,524 Cash flows from noncapital financing activities: 563,688 563,688 Cash received from transfers in . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 163,588 163,588 Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities . . 727,276 727,276 Cash flows from capital and related financing activities: Acquisition of capital assets . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (39,715)(11,124)(50,839)Principal payments on revenue bonds . . . . . . . . . (71,500)(71,500)(128.698)(128.698)Net cash used in capital and related financing activities . (239,913)(11.124)(251,037)Cash flows from investing activities: 2,012 2,012 Interest received . . . . . . . 2,012 2,012 Net cash provided by investing activities . . . . . . . . . (65,014)1,949,058 (19,269)1,864,775 Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents. . . . 668,191 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year . . . . 215,710 128,499 1,012,400 Cash and cash equivalents at end of year . . . . . . . . 603,177 2,164,768 109,230 2,877,175 Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: Operating income (loss) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ (70,005)1,107,585 2,250,087 \$ 3,287,667 Adjustments: 250,861 852,630 1,103,491 Changes in assets and liabilities: Increase in accounts receivable. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (8,346)(8,346)Decrease in landfill closure and post-closure care liability . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (2,995,069)(2.995.069)(3.668)(1.563)(5.231)Decrease in accrued wages and benefits . . . . . . . . (8,286)(8,286)Decrease in due to other governments . . . . . . . . . . (1,627)(33)(1,660)Increase in compensated absences payable. . . . . . . . 13,958 13,958 Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities . . . . . 172,887 1,960,182 (746,545)1,386,524

#### **Noncash Transactions:**

During 2014, Sewer fund purchased \$6,285 in capital assets on account.

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# STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FIDUCIARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Agency	
Assets:		_
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,667,334
Cash in segregated accounts		235,557
Receivables:		
Property and other taxes		23,729,814
Accounts		46,082
Special assessments		212,130
Intergovernmental		1,307,194
Total assets	\$	30,198,111
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$	4,441
Accrued wages and benefits		2,990
Due to other governments		753,057
Deposits held and due to others		29,437,623
Total liabilities	\$	30,198,111

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#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY

Carroll County, Ohio (the "County"), was created in 1812. The County is governed by a board of three commissioners elected by the voters of the County. The County Commissioners serve as the taxing authority, the contracting body, and the chief administrators of public services for the County. Other officials elected by the voters of the County that manage various segments of the County's operations are: the County Auditor, County Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, a Common Pleas Court Judge, a Probate Court Judge and a County Municipal Court Judge.

#### 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:

#### BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

<u>Emergency Management Agency (EMA)</u> - The financial activities of the EMA will be blended into the County's financial statements. The County Commissioners appoint a majority of the Board members and finance the operations of the EMA. The operations of the EMA are accounted for in the general fund. Capital assets and long-term obligations associated with the EMA are reflected in the statement of net position.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

<u>Carroll County Economic Development Council (Council)</u> - The Council's Board is comprised of the Carroll County Commissioners which appoint an Advisory Committee to oversee the operations of the Council. The Council is not legally separate from the County and, therefore, its financial activities are blended with that of the County. The operations of the Council are accounted for as a separate nonmajor governmental fund.

<u>Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC)</u> - The LEPC consists of an eleven to fifteen member Board. The Board, which oversees the operations of the LEPC, is recommended by the County Commissioners and appointed by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). The members consist of County officials, a fire enforcement representative and representatives from County agencies, Red Cross, emergency medical services, a legal representative and a township trustee.

The LEPC receives its funding strictly through grant money received from the SERC to be used for the purpose of developing, preparing, reviewing, exercising or revising chemical emergency response and preparedness plans and awareness and education programs in the County. The approval of the County Commissioners is required for most major expenditures to be made. The operations of the LEPC are accounted for as a separate nonmajor governmental fund. Capital assets and long-term obligations associated with these operations are reflected in the statement of net position.

#### DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT

<u>Carroll Hills Industries</u>, <u>Inc. (Industries)</u> - The Industries is a legally separate, nonprofit corporation, served by a self-appointing board of trustees. The Industries, under a contractual agreement with the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities (County Board DD), provides sheltered employment for adults with developmental disabilities in the County. The Carroll County Board of DD provides the Industries with certain personnel, salaries, transportation, equipment (except that used directly in the production of goods or rendering of services), staff to administer and supervise training programs, and other funds as necessary for the operation of the Industries. Based on the significant services and resources provided by the County to the Industries and the Industries sole purpose of providing assistance to developmentally disabled adults of the County, the Industries is reflected as a component unit of the County. It is reported separately to emphasize that it is legally separate from the County. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from the Carroll Hills Industries, Inc., Carrollton, Ohio.

#### RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Carroll County Public Library (Library)</u> - The Library is statutorily created as a separate and distinct political subdivision of the State. Four trustees of the Library are appointed by the County Commissioners and three trustees are appointed by the Judge of Common Pleas court. The Board of Library trustees is a body politic and corporate, capable of suing and being sued, contracting, acquiring, holding, possessing, and disposing of real and personal property, and of exercising such other powers and privileges as are conferred upon them by law. The Library Board approves their own budget and then sends a copy to the County budget commission. The County serves as the taxing authority for the Library, but the Library is not considered part of the County. The trustees adopt their own appropriations, hire and fire their own staff, authorize Library expenditures and do not rely on the County to finance deficits.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

<u>Carroll County Airport Authority (Authority)</u> - The Authority is a separate legal entity from the County. The County appoints a voting majority of the Authority's Board, but is not "accountable" for its operations. The Authority is not fiscally dependent upon the County nor is there a financial benefit/burden relationship.

#### EXCLUDED POTENTIAL COMPONENT UNITS

As counties are structured in Ohio, the County Auditor and County Treasurer, respectively, serve as fiscal officer and custodian of funds for various agencies, boards, and commissions. As fiscal officer, the County Auditor certifies the availability of cash and appropriations prior to the processing of payments and purchases. As the custodian of all public funds, the County Treasurer invests 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 and custodian, but is not accountable; therefore the operations of the following PCU's have been excluded from the County's basic financial statements, but the funds held on behalf of these PCU's in the County Treasury are included in the agency funds.

Carroll County Board of Health Soil and Water Conservation District Carroll County Regional Planning Commission

Information in the notes to the basic financial statements is applicable to the primary government. When information is provided relative to the component unit, it is specifically identified.

#### JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

<u>County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA)</u> - CORSA is jointly governed by sixty-one counties 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 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.

Each member has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the CORSA 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.

<u>Mid East Ohio Regional Council of Governments (MEORC)</u> - MEORC is a jointly governed organization which serves eighteen counties in Ohio. MEORC provides services to the developmentally disabled residents in the participating counties. MEORC is made up of the superintendents of each county's Board of Developmental Disabilities. Revenues are generated by fees and State grants. Continued existence of MEORC is not dependent on the County's continued participation. The County has no equity interest in, or financial responsibility for the MEORC. MEORC has no outstanding debt. During 2014, Carroll County paid \$64,784 to MEORC for services.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### JOINT VENTURES WITHOUT EQUITY INTEREST

<u>Multi-County Juvenile Attention System</u> (Attention System) - The Attention System, a six county operation, provides services to Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne Counties. The Attention System consists of four group homes, four detention facilities, one treatment center and one shelter care facility. The Board of Trustees consists of three members from each County, with the exception of Stark County which has four members. Two members from each county are appointed by a Judge from that county (three from Stark County), and one member from each county is a County Commissioner. A Superintendent of the Attention System is appointed by the Board of Trustees. State grant monies are applied for from the Ohio Department of Youth Services and received by the Board of Trustees. Other revenues consist of County contributions based on prior year's usage and County population, and donations from organizations.

Policies are outlined by State guidelines, as well as the Board of Trustees of the Attention System.

The County cannot significantly influence operations, the Board has sole budgetary authority, the Board controls surpluses and deficits and the County is not legally or morally obligated for any debt. In 2014, the County contributed \$181,000 to the Attention System. Complete financial statements for the Attention System can be obtained from Melissa Clark, Director of Administrative Services of Multi-County Juvenile Attention System, 815 Faircrest St. S.W., Canton, Ohio 44706.

<u>Carroll/Columbiana/Harrison Solid Waste Management District (Solid Waste District)</u> - The Solid Waste District is a three county district. The twenty-one-member committee consists of the County Health Commissioner, or his appointee; the chairman of the County Commissioners, or his appointee; a member of the County Trustees Association; the Mayor of the largest municipality, or his appointee; two members of the public at large; and a representative of the generators of waste or an appointee, from each of the three counties.

The plan for the Solid Waste District has been in effect for approximately five years. The committee has thus far been financed through a portion of the tipping/disposal fees from the landfills, as well as from grant monies. Complete financial statements for the Solid Waste District can be obtained from their office located at 618B Canton Road N.W., Carrollton, Ohio 44615.

Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties (ADAMH Board) - The ADAMH Board is a two County non-profit corporation whose general purpose is to provide leadership in planning for and supporting community-based alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services in cooperation with public and private resources with emphasis on the development of prevention and early intervention programming, while respecting, protecting and advocating for the rights of persons as consumers of alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services. The Board of Trustees of the ADAMH Board consists of eighteen members. Four members are appointed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and four members are appointed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. The remaining members are appointed by the County Commissioners of Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties in the same proportion as each County's population bears to the total population of the two counties combined.

Tuscarawas County acts as the fiscal agent for the ADAMH Board. The Board receives tax revenue from Tuscarawas County and receives federal and State funding grant monies which are applied for and received by the Board of Trustees.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The County cannot significantly influence operations of the ADAMH Board. The Board has sole budgetary authority and controls surpluses and deficits and the County is not legally or morally obligated for the Board's debt. The ADAMH Board will not be included as part of Carroll County. Due to the ongoing financial relationship of the County to the ADAMH Board, it will be disclosed as a joint venture without equity interest in the County's financial statements. Complete financial statements from the ADAMH Board can be obtained from their office located at P.O. Box 6217, 1260 Monroe Street N.W., Suite 27N, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663.

#### **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 statements distinguish between those activities of the County that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the County at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the County's governmental activities and for the single business-type activity of the County. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. The policy of the County is to not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. 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. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. 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 - During the year, the County segregates transactions related to certain County functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the County at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

# 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.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses 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 paid. The difference between governmental fund assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following are the County's major governmental funds:

<u>General fund</u> - 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.

<u>Motor vehicle and gas tax fund</u> - This fund accounts for and reports monies received by the County for State gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees that are restricted for County road and bridge maintenance, construction and improvements.

<u>County Board of Developmental Disabilities (County Board of DD) fund</u> - This fund accounts for and reports financial resources received from countywide property tax levy and federal and State grants that are restricted for use in the operation of a school and the costs of administering a workshop for the developmentally disabled.

<u>County home fund</u> - This fund accounts for and reports financial resources received from a countywide tax levy, Medicare and charges for services that are restricted to providing room, board and care of the indigent elderly population of the County.

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 fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The County's only proprietary funds are enterprise funds which are used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The County has presented the following major enterprise funds:

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

<u>Atwood Lodge Properties</u> - This fund accounts for the maintenance and monitoring operations of the Atwood Lodge and associated Golf Course.

<u>Landfill</u> - This fund accounts for the maintenance and monitoring functions of the sanitary landfill.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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. The County's only fiduciary funds are agency funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The County's agency funds account for assets held by the County for political subdivisions in which the County acts as fiscal agent and for taxes, State-levied shared revenues and fines and forfeitures collected and distributed to other political subdivisions.

#### D. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the County are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are generally 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 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 financial statements for governmental funds.

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

#### E. Basis of Accounting

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

**Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions** - Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, are recorded on the full 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 County, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year end.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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 (See Note 7). Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). 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 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, interest, federal and State grants and subsidies, State-levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle license fees and gasoline taxes), fees and rentals.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources** - A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the County that is applicable to a future reporting period. A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the County that is applicable to a future reporting period.

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2014, but which were levied to finance 2015 operations, have been recorded as deferred inflows of resources on both the government-wide and fund financial statements. Sales taxes, accrued interest and special assessments not received within the available period, grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met, and delinquent property taxes due at December 31, 2014, are recorded as deferred inflows of resources on the governmental fund financial statements. On the governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as deferred inflows of resources.

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.

### F. Budgetary Data

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the Tax Budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

All funds, other than agency funds, are required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the object level within each department. Budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of the County Commissioners.

Budgetary information for Carroll Hill Industries (a discretely presented component unit of the County) is not reported because it is not included in the entity for which the "appropriated budget" is adopted and separate budgetary financial records are not maintained.

**Tax Budget** - A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year. The purpose of the Tax Budget is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

**Estimated Resources** - The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy the full amount of authorized property tax rates and reviews revenue estimates. The Commission certifies its actions to the County by September 1. As part of this certification, the County receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund.

On or about January 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include unencumbered fund balances at December 31. Further amendments may be made during the year if the County Auditor determines that revenue to be collected will be greater than or less than the prior estimates and the Budget Commission find the revised estimates to be reasonable. The amounts set forth in the budgetary statements represent estimates from the original and final amended certificate issued during 2014.

Appropriations - A temporary appropriation resolution to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual Appropriation Resolution must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation resolution may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The County legally adopted several supplemental appropriations during the year. The original budget and all budgetary amendments and supplemental appropriations necessary during 2014 are included in the final budget amounts in the budget-to-actual comparisons.

**Lapsing of Appropriations** - At the close of each year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding year and is not reappropriated.

#### G. 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 cash equivalents" on the basic financial statements.

Investments in nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, are reported at cost.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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 2014 amounted to \$18,880 which includes \$13,098 assigned from other County funds.

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

For presentation on the basic financial statements, 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.

An analysis of the County's investment account at year end is provided in Note 4.

#### H. Materials and Supplies Inventory

On government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at cost. 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.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

# 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 recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The County maintains its capitalization threshold at \$1,000. 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.

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.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives	Estimated Lives
Land improvements	10 - 40 years	N/A
Buildings and improvements	5 - 40 years	40 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 100 years	5 - 20 years
Infrastructure	4 - 60 years	50 years
Vehicles	5 - 30 years	N/A

Interest is capitalized on proprietary fund assets acquired with tax-exempt debt. The County's policy is to not 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.

#### 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 or retirement. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination (severance) payments. A liability for sick leave is based on the sick leave accumulated at December 31, 2014, 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 total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at December 31, 2014, and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus applicable additional salary related payments.

County employees earn vacation at varying rates ranging from two to five weeks per year. Sick leave is accumulated at the rate of 4.6 hours per 80 hours worked. Vacation and sick leave are accumulated on an hours worked basis. Vacation pay is vested after one year and sick pay upon eligibility for retirement. Accumulated vacation cannot exceed three times the annual accumulation rate for an employee.

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

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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. Prepayments

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2014, are recorded as prepayments 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 in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though they are a component of net current assets.

#### L. 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 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 loans are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

#### M. 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.

Outstanding advances between funds are reported as "interfund loans receivable/payable" and "due from/to other funds". 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". The County had no "internal balances" at December 31, 2014.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### N. 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:

<u>Nonspendable</u> - 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.

<u>Restricted</u> - 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.

<u>Committed</u> - 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.

<u>Assigned</u> - 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.

<u>Unassigned</u> - 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.

#### O. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the proprietary funds. For the County, these revenues are charges for services for the sewer operations and other revenues related to the Atwood Lodge Properties fund and Landfill fund. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or service that is the primary activity of the fund. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### P. Restricted Assets

Certain cash and cash equivalents are classified as restricted cash on the financial statements because their use is limited by debt covenants. Restricted cash balances have been reported also as restricted net position since they are not available for general operating use.

#### Q. Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital in governmental fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of capital assets, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. During fiscal year 2014, the County received a capital contribution of capital assets in the form of road improvements. These contributed capital assets are reported as a capital contribution in the statement of activities.

#### R. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. The net position component "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 its use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes consists primarily of programs to enhance the security of persons and property and the community environment.

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

#### S. 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.

### NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

#### A. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2014, the County has implemented GASB Statement No. 69, "<u>Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations</u>" and GASB Statement No. 70, "<u>Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees</u>".

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations. The Statement improves the decision usefulness of financial reporting by requiring that disclosures be made by governments about combination arrangements in which they engage and for disposals of government operations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 69 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

GASB Statement No. 70 improves the recognition, measurement, and disclosures for state and local governments that have extended or received financial guarantees that are nonexchange transactions. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 70 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

#### **B.** Deficit Fund Balances/Net Position

The following funds had deficit fund balances/net position as of December 31, 2014:

Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>Deficit</u>
MOFD grant phase III	\$ 6,948
Selective traffic enforcement	1,086
Impaired driving enforcement	2,304
EMA	74,821
HMG	6,513
VOCA	6,019
Major enterprise fund	
Landfill	1,599,064

These funds complied with State law, which does not permit a cash basis deficit at year end. 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. The deficit net position in the Landfill enterprise fund resulted from the reporting of a \$1,707,430 liability for estimated closure and post closure care costs.

#### C. Prior Period Adjustment

The December 31, 2013 fund balance for the County's Board of DD governmental fund and net position for the governmental activities have been restated to include the County's cash balance held by MEORC. This amount is reported as "cash in segregated accounts" on the financial statements. The effect of the restatement is to increase fund balance of the County Board of DD fund and net position of governmental activities, as previously reported, by \$519,661.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

State statutes classify monies held by the County into two categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must 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:

- 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;
- 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;
- 5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (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;
- 6. The State Treasurer's investment pool State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
- 7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
- 8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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 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.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)**

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 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 Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

#### A. Cash in Segregated Accounts

At year-end, the County had \$839,384 cash and cash equivalents deposited separate from the County's internal investment pool. This amount is included in the amount of "Deposits with Financial Institutions" below.

#### **B.** Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of all County deposits was \$22,745,339. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2014, \$21,744,949 of the County's bank balance of \$23,332,890 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$1,587,941 was covered by the FDIC.

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. As permitted by Ohio Revised Code, the County's deposits are collateralized by a pool of eligible securities deposited with Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the Federal Reserve System in the name of the depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all public deposits held by the depository. The County has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all the statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the County to a successful claim by the FDIC.

#### C. Investments

At December 31, 2014, the County had no investments.

#### D. Reconciliation of Deposits and Investments to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of deposits and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of December 31, 2014:

Deposits and investments per note		
Carrying amount of deposits	\$	22,745,339
Cash and investments per statement of net position		
Governmental activities	\$	14,965,273
Business-type activities		2,877,175
Agency funds	_	4,902,891
Total	\$	22,745,339

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

**A.** Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2014, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

Transfers	from	general	fund	to:	
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Landfill fund	163,588
Nonmajor governmental funds	495,212

Transfers from nonmajor governmental funds to:

General fund	35
Total	\$ 658,835

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. These transfers were made in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16. Nonmajor governmental funds transferred \$35 to the general fund in order to close out a grant program and transfer residual cash to the general fund.

Transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting on the statement of activities.

**B.** Interfund loans consisted of the following at December 31, 2014, as reported on the fund financial statements:

Receivable fund	Payable fund	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 93,222

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.

**C.** Due from/to other funds consisted of the following at December 31, 2014, as reported on the fund financial statements:

Receivable fund	Payable fund	<u>Amount</u>
Nonmajor governmental fund	Nonmajor governmental fund	\$ 2,292

Amounts due from/to other funds represent amounts owed between funds for goods or services provided. The balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that payments between the funds are made. Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **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. 2014 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2013, are levied after October 1, 2014, and are collected in 2015 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. The County Auditor periodically remits to the County its portion of the taxes collected. 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, 2014 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 2014 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by a 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 for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$11.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2014 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

#### Real Property

Total Assessed Value	\$ 617,238,300
Public Utility Personal Property	57,120,420
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral	83,052,680
Residential/Agricultural	\$ 477,065,200

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 7 - PERMISSIVE SALES AND USE TAX

In 1985, the County Commissioners by resolution imposed a one percent tax on all retail sales, except sales of motor vehicles, made in the County, and on the storage, use, or consumption in the County of tangible personal property, including automobiles, 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 the month of collection. In 2006, this tax was approved as a permanent tax by the voters of the County.

Proceeds of the sales and use tax are credited to the general fund. A receivable is recognized on the fund statements at year end for amounts that will be received from sales which occurred during 2014 and amounts that are measurable and available at year end are accrued as revenue. Sales and use tax revenue for 2014 amounted to \$3,944,885 in the general fund.

#### **NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2014, consisted of accounts (billings for user charged services, including unbilled utility services); sales taxes; accrued interest; amounts due from other governments including grants, entitlements, shared revenues, and property taxes. All receivables are considered collectible in full and within one year, except for property taxes which, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year, and loans which are repaid over several years.

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

# **Governmental activities:**

Sales taxes	\$1,048,564
Property and other taxes	5,054,822
Accounts	114,542
Due from other governments	2,657,058
Accrued interest	1,332
Loans	28,737

# **Business-type activities:**

Accounts 62,859

Receivables recorded on the County's financial statements are recorded to the extent the amounts are determined material and substantiated, not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation and collectability. Using these criteria, the County has elected to not record child support arrearages in the agency funds. These amounts, while potentially significant, are not considered measurable and, because collections are often significantly in arrears, the County is unable to determine a reasonable value.

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

# **NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Governmental activities capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 follows:

	Balance			Balance
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	12/31/13	Additions	<b>Deductions</b>	12/31/14
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,281,910	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,281,910
Construction in progress	147,285		(147,285)	
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	1,429,195		(147,285)	1,281,910
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Land improvements	230,735	12,370	-	243,105
Building and improvements	15,231,963	278,249	(8,171)	15,502,041
Furniture and equipment	5,384,976	778,571	(425,921)	5,737,626
Vehicles	4,769,046	455,809	(170,901)	5,053,954
Infrastructure	47,307,818	1,581,712		48,889,530
Total capital assets, being depreciated	72,924,538	3,106,711	(604,993)	75,426,256
Less: accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	(216,242)	(1,570)	-	(217,812)
Building and improvements	(11,801,048)	(185,032)	4,715	(11,981,365)
Furniture and equipment	(4,023,766)	(300,056)	380,702	(3,943,120)
Vehicles	(3,632,578)	(174,235)	155,788	(3,651,025)
Infrastructure	(24,845,893)	(1,097,572)	-	(25,943,465)
Total accumulated depreciation	(44,519,527)	(1,758,465)	541,205	(45,736,787)
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	28,405,011	1,348,246	(63,788)	29,689,469
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 29,834,206	\$ 1,348,246	\$ (211,073)	\$ 30,971,379

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

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Legislative and executive	\$	203,673
Judicial		25,111
Public safety		119,408
Public works		1,246,132
Health		132,211
Human services		31,259
Economic development		671
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	1,758,465

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

# **NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)**

Business-type activities capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 follows:

Business-type activities:	Balance 12/31/13	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance 12/31/14
Capital assets, not being depreciated: Land	\$ 1,532,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,532,300
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	1,532,300			1,532,300
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Land improvements	262,371	-	-	262,371
Buildings and improvements	10,948,926	6,924	-	10,955,850
Machinery and equipment	2,473,500	4,200	-	2,477,700
Sewer lines	10,026,978	46,000		10,072,978
Total capital assets, being depreciated	23,711,775	57,124		23,768,899
Less: accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	(19,741)	(26,237)	-	(45,978)
Buildings and improvements	(1,162,145)	(535,490)	-	(1,697,635)
Machinery and equipment	(1,187,424)	(341,810)	-	(1,529,234)
Sewer lines	(4,548,374)	(199,954)		(4,748,328)
Total accumulated depreciation	(6,917,684)	(1,103,491)		(8,021,175)
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	16,794,091	(1,046,367)		15,747,724
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 18,326,391	\$ (1,046,367)	\$ -	\$ 17,280,024

Depreciation expense was charged to enterprise funds as follows:

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Sewer	\$ 250,861
Atwood Lodge Properties	 852,630
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	\$ 1,103,491

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

The County has entered into capitalized leases obligations for the acquisition of equipment, including new leases during 2014 for copiers and vehicles. These leases meet the criteria of a capital lease, which defines a capital lease as one which transfers 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 on the budgetary statements.

Governmental activities capital assets consisting of equipment have been capitalized in the amount of \$746,989. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Principal payments in 2014 totaled \$48,927 in the general fund, and \$1,345 in nonmajor governmental funds.

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2014:

Year	
Ending December 31,	Amount
2015	\$ 106,496
2016	101,855
2017	60,534
2018	46,865
2019	43,413
Total minimum lease payment	359,163
Less: amount representing interest	(21,971)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 337,192

#### NOTE 11 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Vacation and sick leave accumulated by governmental fund type employees has been recorded in the statement of net position. Vacation and sick leave earned by proprietary funds type employees is expensed when earned.

Upon termination of County service, fully vested employees are entitled to a percentage of their accumulated sick leave based on their years of service not to exceed 30 days and all accumulated vacation. At December 31, 2014, benefits for vacation leave for governmental fund type employees totaled \$710,952 and benefits for sick leave totaled \$271,597. For proprietary fund types, benefits for vacation leave totaled \$12,440 and benefits for sick leave totaled \$16,128.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

#### A. Governmental Activities Long-Term Obligations

The following activity occurred in the County's governmental long-term obligations during 2014:

Governmental activities:	Issue Date	Maturity  Date	Balance 12/31/13	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/14	Amount Due in One Year
General obligation bonds: County Building 4.25%	10/15/2009	10/1/2039	\$ 370,800	<u>\$</u> -	\$ (8,000)	\$ 362,800	\$ 8,500
Total general obligation bonds			370,800		(8,000)	362,800	8,500
Loans:							
OWDA #5250	7/30/2009	N/A	68,176			68,176	
Total loans			68,176			68,176	
Other long-term obligations:							
Capital leases			106,342	281,122	(50,272)	337,192	97,472
Compensated absences			975,786	137,014	(130,251)	982,549	116,642
Other loans payable			3,202	-	(3,202)	-	-
Judgments payable			10,000		(5,000)	5,000	5,000
Total other							
long-term obligations			1,095,330	418,136	(188,725)	1,324,741	219,114
Total governmental activities			\$ 1,534,306	\$ 418,136	\$ (196,725)	\$ 1,755,717	\$ 227,614

<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>: The general obligation bonds are supported by the full faith and credit of the County. The bonds were issued to provide resources for building renovations and improvements including energy conservation measures. These bonds are being retired through rental charges and other County operating sources. The County Building bond is being retired from the general fund.

<u>OWDA Loans Payable</u>: The County has entered into debt financing arrangements through the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to fund construction of upgrading personal septic systems throughout the County. The amounts due to the OWDA are payable solely from the general permanent improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The loan agreement functions similar to a line-of-credit agreement. At December 31, 2014, the County has outstanding borrowings of \$68,176. The loan was not closed out as of December 31, 2014 and future debt service principal and interest requirements for the loan are not available.

<u>Capital Leases</u>: Capital lease obligations represent leases entered into for the acquisition of equipment and vehicles. The capital lease obligations will be paid from the fund that maintains custody of the related asset. See Note 10 for further detail.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 12 - LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

<u>Compensated Absences</u>: Sick leave and vacation benefits are presented net of actual increases and decreases because of the practicality of determining these values. The benefits will be paid from the fund from which the person is paid, which, for the County, is primarily the general fund, the public assistance fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), the motor vehicle and gas tax fund, the County Board of DD fund and the bureau support administration fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

<u>Other Loans Payable</u>: Other loans payable represent loans entered into by the County to purchase capital asset items including a new vehicle and a new security system. Principal and interest on these loans are paid from the general fund.

<u>Judgments Payable</u>: On January 26, 2006, the County entered into a repayment agreement to fulfill all settlement requirements in connection with the bankruptcy judgment of Norris Equipment. The judgement payable is being paid from the general fund. See Note 17.

<u>Future Debt Service Requirements:</u> The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service principal and interest requirements for governmental long-term obligations:

Year	General Obligation Bonds						
Ending December 31,	P	rincipal	_	Interest	_	Total	
2015	\$	8,500	\$	15,419	\$	23,919	
2016		8,700		15,058		23,758	
2017		9,200		14,688		23,888	
2018		9,500		14,297		23,797	
2019		10,000		13,893		23,893	
2020 - 2024		56,400		62,747		119,147	
2025 - 2029		69,500		49,690		119,190	
2030 - 2034		85,600		33,618		119,218	
2035 - 2039		105,400	_	13,809	_	119,209	
Total	\$	362,800	\$	233,219	\$	596,019	

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 12 - LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

#### B. Business-Type Activities Long-Term Obligations

The following activity occurred in the County's business-type long-term obligations during 2014:

<b>Business-type activities:</b>	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Balance 12/31/13	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/14	Amount Due in One Year
Revenue bonds Brown Township/Malvern Sewerline Improvements - 5.0%	02/07/79	02/07/19	\$ 114,600	\$ -	\$ (21,000)	\$ 93,600	\$ 22,000
Brown Township/Malvern Sewerline Improvements - 4.5%	10/01/01	10/01/41	2,566,500	-	(47,500)	2,519,000	49,700
United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development - 4.25%	12/01/03	12/01/43	175,900		(3,000)	172,900	3,100
Total revenue bonds			2,857,000		(71,500)	2,785,500	74,800
Other long-term obligations:  Compensated absences payable Estimated liability for landfill			14,610	20,444	(6,486)	28,568	12,440
closure and postclosure costs			4,702,499		(2,995,069)	1,707,430	52,000
Total other long-term obligations			4,717,109	20,444	(3,001,555)	1,735,998	64,440
Total business-type activities			\$ 7,574,109	\$ 20,444	\$ (3,073,055)	\$ 4,521,498	\$ 139,240

#### Revenue Bonds

The 1979, 2001 and 2003 revenue bonds were issued to provide resources for improvements to the Brown Township/Malvern sewerlines. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require 100 percent of net revenues. The total principal remaining to be paid on revenue bonds is \$2,785,500. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total customer net revenues was \$200,198 and \$180,856, respectively. These bonds will be retired through revenues derived from sewer operations in the sewer fund.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 12 - LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

Estimated Landfill Closure and Postclosure Costs - See Note 18 to the financial statements for detail.

<u>Future Debt Service Requirements</u>: The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service principal and interest requirements for enterprise fund obligations:

Year Ending	Revenue Bonds							
December 31,	Principa	<u> </u>	Interest	_	Total			
2015	\$ 74,8	00 \$	125,383	\$	200,183			
2016	78,1	00	121,915		200,015			
2017	81,5	00	118,294		199,794			
2018	85,1	00	114,516		199,616			
2019	63,0	00	110,571		173,571			
2020 - 2024	359,6	00	507,891		867,491			
2025 - 2029	447,9	00	419,665		867,565			
2030 - 2034	557,7	00	309,787		867,487			
2035 - 2039	694,7	00	172,947		867,647			
2040 - 2043	343,1	00	24,863		367,963			
Total	\$ 2,785,5	00 \$	2,025,832	\$	4,811,332			

#### C. Legal Debt Margin

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 \$13,568,158 at December 31, 2014 and the unvoted legal debt margin was \$5,809,583 at December 31, 2014.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT

#### A. General Insurance

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage to or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries, and natural disasters.

The County is a member of County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA) which is a shared risk pool of sixty-five counties 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.

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the CORSA 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 one 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.

The County pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of employee compensation. The rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in any category of risk. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

### **B.** Health Care Insurance

The County has elected to provide health care insurance to employees through a fully-insured program. The County purchases commercial health care insurance from the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO). The entire risk of loss transfers to the commercial insurance carrier. During 2014, the County offered a fully funded plan. The County's portion of the monthly premium under the health plan is \$394.33 for single, \$1,183.14 for family, \$868.50 for employee and spouse and \$703.72 for employee and children coverage.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 14 - PENSION PLANS**

#### A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The County participates 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 in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the Combined Plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan. While members in the State and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement (generally sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and township police) and public safety divisions exist only within the Traditional Pension Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which may be obtained by visiting <a href="https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml">https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml</a>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2014 member and employer contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. While members in the State and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the Traditional Plan. The 2014 member contribution rates were 10.00% for members in State and local classifications. Public safety and law enforcement members contributed 12.00% and 13.00%, respectively. The County's contribution rate for 2014 was 14.00%, except for those plan members in law enforcement or public safety, for whom the County's contribution was 18.10% of covered payroll.

The County's contribution rate for pension benefits for members in the Traditional Plan and Combined Plan for 2014 was 12.00%. For those plan members in law enforcement and public safety pension contributions were 16.10%. The County's required contributions for pension obligations to the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$1,470,349, \$1,389,699, and \$1,042,335, respectively; 98.12% has been contributed for 2014 and 100% has been contributed for 2013 and 2012. The remaining 2014 pension liability has been reported as due to other governments on the basic financial statements. Contributions to the Member-Directed Plan for 2014 were \$12,823 made by the County and \$9,159 made by the plan members.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 14 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

#### B. State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The County participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at <a href="https://www.strsoh.org">www.strsoh.org</a>, under "Publications".

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 9.50% of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. 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 DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of service credit; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor 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.

Funding Policy - For January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 11.00% of their annual covered salaries. For July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 12.00% of their annual covered salaries. The County was required to contribute 14.00%; 13.00% was the portion used to fund pension obligations for January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 and 14.00% was the portion used to fund pension obligations for July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 14.00% for members and 14.00% for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The County's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$44,764, \$41,529 and \$37,302, respectively; 100% has been contributed for 2014, 2013 and 2012.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 15 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

#### A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement

Plan Description - OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

To qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have ten years or more of qualifying Ohio service credit. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided 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 <a href="https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml">https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml</a>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy - The post-employment healthcare plan was established under, and is administrated 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 2014 local government employers contributed 14.00% of covered payroll (18.10% for public safety and law enforcement). 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 2014 was 2.00%.

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, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$110,317, \$104,318, and \$411,660, respectively; 98.12% has been contributed for 2014 and 100% has been contributed for 2013 and 2012. The remaining 2014 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.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 15 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued)

#### **B.** State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Plan Description - The County contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org, under "Publications" 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. From January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1.00% of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. From July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, STRS Ohio did not allocate any percentage of employer contributions to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The County's contributions for health care for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$1,658, \$3,195 and \$2,869, respectively; 100% has been contributed for 2014, 2013 and 2012.

#### **NOTE 16 - 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 and major special revenue funds 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); and,
- (e) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 16 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)**

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**

			Motor			County		
			Vehicle and		Board of		County	
	Ge	eneral fund Gas Tax fund		s Tax fund	DD fund		Ho	ome fund
Budget basis	\$	543,883	\$	(393,129)	\$	250,528	\$	17,450
Net adjustment for revenue accruals		56,225		(75,957)		40,614		17,827
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals		(181,208)		199,961		79,230		48,492
Net adjustment for other sources/uses		282,956		-		-		-
Funds budgeted elsewhere		167,619		-		-		-
Add-back year-end encumbrances		177,139	_	316,558	_	59,803		24,078
GAAP basis	\$	1,046,614	\$	47,433	\$	430,175	\$	107,847

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 unclaimed monies fund, trust fund, recorder's equipment fund, auditor's termination benefits fund and the title administration fund.

#### **NOTE 17 - CONTINGENCIES**

#### A. Grants

The County receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the County at December 31, 2014.

# B. Litigation

The County is party to legal proceedings. The County's management is of the opinion that ultimate disposition of these claims and legal proceedings will not have a material adverse effect, if any, on the financial condition of the County at December 31, 2014.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 17 - CONTINGENCIES - (Continued)**

On October 5, 1995, Norris Enterprises, Inc., Norris Equipment and Fabricating, Inc., and the Carroll County Community Improvement Corporation jointly entered into a \$900,000 promissory note with the Citizens Banking Company. On December 4, 1995, Carroll County entered into an Unconditional Limited Suretyship Agreement whereby, in the event of default by the original debtors, the County may be called upon to repay the outstanding debt obligation to a maximum of \$450,000. In November 1999, Norris Enterprises, Inc. and Norris Equipment and Fabricating, Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C.).

On January 26, 2006, a repayment agreement was reached between the County and Sky Bank in regards to the \$450,000 loan outstanding. The agreement requires the County to pay \$50,000 to Sky Bank in \$5,000 annual installments for ten years. This amount is considered a full settlement of all obligations of the County. At December 31, 2014, a liability of \$5,000 has been recorded on the government wide financial statements (See Note 12).

#### NOTE 18 - LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require that the County perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the closed landfill site for thirty years after closure. The landfill was closed in 1993. During 2014, the County reached a legal agreement with the Ohio EPA, which reduced the amount of the landfill closure costs to be paid by the County. The Village of Carrollton shares in the estimated liability disclosed. The Village and the County have pending negotiations regarding the Village's share of the liability. The estimated liability for the landfill is \$52,000 for closure costs and \$1,655,430 for post closure costs at December 31, 2014. The estimated cost of landfill closure and postclosure care expenses is based on the amount that would be paid if all materials and services required to monitor and maintain the closed landfill were acquired as of December 31, 2014. However, the actual cost of closure and post closure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

#### **NOTE 19 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION**

The Industries, a discretely presented component unit of the County, received contributions from the County for certain personnel salaries. The contributions are reflected as operating revenues in the Industries financial statements. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the contributions were \$449,334.

#### **NOTE 20 - FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS**

The Carroll County Department of Human Services (Welfare Department) distributes federal food stamps to entitled recipients within the County. The receipt and issuance of these stamps have the characteristics of federal grants. However, the Welfare Department merely acts in an intermediary capacity. Therefore, the inventory value of the stamps is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements as the only economic interest related to the stamps rest with the ultimate recipient.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 21 - CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATION**

In year 2001, the County served as an issuer of Ohio Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$3,180,000. The proceeds will be used to acquire, construct, improve and equip hospital facilities for St. John's Villa. St. John's Villa will make the principal and interest payments on the bonds. The facilities revenue bonds do not constitute a general obligation, debt or bonded indebtedness of the County. Neither is the full faith and credit or taxing power of the County pledged to make payment.

#### **NOTE 22 - OTHER COMMITMENTS**

The County utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year end, less any amounts reported as fund liabilities, 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:

	Y	Year-End	
<u>Fund</u>	Enc	Encumbrances	
General fund	\$	59,649	
Motor vehicle and gas tax		175,000	
County Board of DD		21,662	
County home		6,143	
Nonmajor governmental funds		203,578	
Total	\$	466,032	

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 23 - 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:

Fund balance	General	otor Vehicle nd Gas Tax	 ounty Board of DD	_	County Home		Nonmajor Sovernmental Funds	G	Total overnmental Funds
Nonspendable:									
Materials and supplies inventory	\$ 6,790	\$ 418,857	\$ -	\$	-	\$	8,739	\$	434,386
Prepaids	96,293	598	1,306		1,060		14,790		114,047
Unclaimed monies	26,532	-	-		-		-		26,532
Long-term loans					<u> </u>		28,737		28,737
Total nonspendable	129,615	 419,455	 1,306	_	1,060		52,266		603,702
Restricted:									
Legislative and executive	-	_	_		-		909,404		909,404
Judicial	-	_	_		-		295,387		295,387
Public safety	-	_	_		-		496,009		496,009
Public works	-	3,541,531	-		-		152,494		3,694,025
Health	-	-	2,579,237		-		31,043		2,610,280
Human services	-	-	-		219,558		1,561,467		1,781,025
Economic development and assistance	-	-	-		-		33,484		33,484
Urban development and housing	-	-	-		-		1,445		1,445
Other	<u>-</u> _	 	 <u> </u>	_	<u> </u>		5,024		5,024
Total restricted		 3,541,531	 2,579,237	_	219,558		3,485,757		9,826,083
Committed:									
Legislative and executive	31,089	-	-		-		9,556		40,645
Judicial	3,798	_	_		-		4,079		7,877
Public safety	2,023	-	-		-		422,749		424,772
Health	30	-	-		-		-		30
Capital projects	-	-	-		-		92,175		92,175
Public works	904	-	-		-		-		904
Human services	10,747	 	 <u> </u>	_	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		10,747
Total committed	48,591	 	 	_	<u> </u>	_	528,559		577,150
Assigned:									
Public safety	1,886	-	-		-		-		1,886
Public works	3,106	_	_		-		_		3,106
Human services	17,287	_	_		-		_		17,287
Subsequent year appropriations	2,621,657	-	-		-		-		2,621,657
Total assigned	2,643,936	-	-		-		-		2,643,936
Unassigned (deficit)	2,775,822	 <u> </u>	 <u>-</u>	_	<u> </u>		(97,691)		2,678,131
Total fund balances	\$ 5,597,964	\$ 3,960,986	\$ 2,580,543	\$	220,618	\$	3,968,891	\$	16,329,002

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 24 - CARROLL HILLS INDUSTRIES, INC.

#### A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Nature of Operations

The organization is a sheltered workshop for mentally handicapped individuals and provides job and learning skills to its clients.

#### Method of Accounting

The organization prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### **Fund Accounting**

In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of the resources available to the organization, the accounts of the organization are maintained in accordance with the principles of "fund accounting". This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds that are in accordance with activities or objectives specified.

#### Component Unit

The organization is a component unit of another government, the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities, a component unit of Carroll County.

#### Accounts Receivable

The organization uses the allowance method of accounting for doubtful accounts. All accounts were considered to be fully collectible at December 31, 2014 and 2013. Therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded in these financial statements.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are carried at cost. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Renewals and betterments of a nature considered to materially extend the useful lives of the assets are capitalized. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the assets and related allowances for depreciation are eliminated from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income. Depreciation for financial reporting purposes is based on the following policies:

<u>Description</u>	Useful Lives	Method
Buildings	39 years	Straight line
Furniture & Fixtures	5 - 7 years	Straight line
Vehicles & Equipment	5 years	Straight line
Parking Lot	15 years	Straight line

#### **Donations**

All donations received are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by donor.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 24 - CARROLL HILLS INDUSTRIES, INC. - (Continued)**

#### Tax Status

As a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the organization is exempt from Federal and Ohio income taxes. Therefore, no provision has been made for Federal and Ohio income taxes in the accompanying financial statements.

#### Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, the organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity date of three months or less to be equivalents.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Advertising Costs**

The organization expenses the production costs of advertising the first time the advertising takes place.

#### B. Deposits with Off Balance Sheet Risk

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the organization had bank balances of \$191,830 and \$192,131, respectively. Of these bank balances, \$191,830 and \$192,131 were covered by federal depository insurance and \$0 and \$0, respectively, were uncollateralized as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

#### C. Compensated Absences

Employees of the organization do not receive paid vacation or sick time. Therefore, no accrual for compensated absences is reflected in these financial statements.

#### D. Concentration of Credit Risk

The accounts receivable balance of the organization consists of balances due from clients operating primarily in East Central Ohio.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 24 - CARROLL HILLS INDUSTRIES, INC. - (Continued)

#### E. Risk Management

The organization is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The organization carries commercial insurance to cover all risks of loss. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### F. Related Party Transactions

The organization had transactions during 2014 and 2013 with other component units of Carroll County. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the organization had accounts receivable from related party component units of \$8,466 and \$5,524, respectively.

#### G. Donated Materials and Services

The wages of certain staff personnel working at the organization are paid by the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The total wages, \$423,336 and \$427,587 for 2014 and 2013, respectively, are reflected in the organization's financial statements as grant income and salary expense.

The building from which the organization conducts its operations is donated by the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities rent free. No amounts have been recorded in the financial statements of reflect the value of this contribution.

#### H. Contingencies

The organization operates a passenger van that has been substantially funded by federal grant monies through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Under terms of the agreement, the organization must reimburse 80% (original funding ratio) of any residual fair market value of the vehicle to ODOT upon disposal.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 24 - CARROLL HILLS INDUSTRIES, INC. - (Continued)

#### I. Mortgage Payable

The organization has the following mortgage payable at December 31:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Mortgage payable, collateralized by commercial real estate, \$15,066 principal forgiven annually, with no		
interest, due in 2023.	\$ 135,590	\$ 150,656
Less: current portion	(15,066)	(15,066)
	\$ 120,524	\$ 135,590

Principal payments on the notes payable scheduled to be made are as follows for the years ending December 31:

2015	\$ 15,066
2016	15,066
2017	15,066
2018	15,066
2019	15,066
Thereafter	60,260
	\$ 135.590

#### J. Unearned Revenue - DD Board

The organization entered into an agreement with the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities under which the Board provided grant funding of \$163,980 for construction of a commercial building used as a habilitation center for mentally handicapped individuals. The property was constructed subject at a total cost of \$438,074. Per the agreement, the Board will forgive  $1/15^{th}$  of the mortgage each year.

#### **K.** Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Tax Positions

Effective January 1, 2009, generally accepted accounting principles require the Organization to evaluate the level of uncertainty related to whether tax positions taken will be sustained upon examination. Any positions taken that do not meet the more-likely-than-not threshold must be quantified and recorded as a liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying balance sheet along with any associated interest and penalties that would be payable to the taxing authorities upon examination. Interest and penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits are classified as additional income taxes in the statement of income. The Organization believes that none of the tax positions taken would materially impact the financial statements and no such liabilities have been recorded.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### NOTE 24 - CARROLL HILLS INDUSTRIES, INC. - (Continued)

In general, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for tax years before 2010.

#### L. Subsequent Events

In evaluating events that may have a material impact on the financial statements, the Organization has considered activities through June 5, 2015, the date of the financial statements were available to be released.

#### CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	FE	CASH EDERAL ERSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
PASSED THROUGH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	G-1415-11-0017	\$	231,397
PASSED THROUGH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2014		7,778
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				239,175
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program Cluster:				
FY 12 Formula Grant	14.228	B-F-12-1AJ-1		8,025
FY 13 Formula Grant FY 14 Formula Grant	14.228 14.228	B-F-13-1AJ-1 B-F-14-1AJ-1		43,640 4,500
FY 12 Chip CDBG Grant	14.228	B-C-12-1AJ-1		13,523
Total Community Development Block Grants				69,688
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	B-C-12-1AJ-2		226,463
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				296,151
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PASSED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE				
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2014 SAGE NE 087		42,782
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2015-VOCA-10201493		14,331
Total Crime Victim Assistance				57,113
ARRA - Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	16.803	2013-JG-LLE-5855		7,290
Total U.S. Department of Justice				64,403
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICES VIA AREA 16 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD				
WIA Cluster:				
WIA Adult	17.258	n/a		77,827
WIA Youth Activities WIA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.259 17.278	n/a		2,395 42,337
Total WIA Cluster	17.278	n/a		122,559
Total U.S. Department of Labor				122,559
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
State Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	PID 96361		18,495
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	RPTF 4094-034-141		101,969
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	RPTF 0010-033-132		26,722 7,007
Formula Grants for Other Than Orbanized Areas Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509 20.509	RPTF 0094-034-143 RPTF 0094-034-144		61,058
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	SECT 9SCH-005-141		156
Total Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas				196,912
PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	HVEO 2013-10-00-00-00396-00		79
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	HVEO 2014-10-00-00-00335-00		7,906
State and Community Highway Safety  Total State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	STEP-2015-10-00-00-00535-00		1,068 9,053
I van State and Community Highway Salety				7,033
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	IDEP-2015-10-00-00-00365-00		1,874
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			CONTI	226,334 VUED
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## CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ SUB GRANTOR/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBER	CASH FEDERAL DISBURSEMENTS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PASSED THROUGH THE			_
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Special Education Cluster: Special Education- Grants to States	84.027	2014	18,582
Special Education - Preschool Grants  Total Special Education Grant Cluster	84.173	2014	5,982 24,564
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	n/a	15,382
Total U.S. Department of Education			39,946
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PASSED THROUGH VARIOUS SOURCES (SEE TICKMARKS)			
{a} Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	G-1415-11-0017	12,049
{a} Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	G-1415-11-0017	849,914
{a} Child Support Enforcement	93.563	G-1415-11-0018	341,638
{a} Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	G-1415-11-0017	24,405
{a} Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	93.590	G-1415-11-0017	1,663
$\{b\}$ Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities - Grants to States	93.617	06-SOS-HHHS-10	1,795
{a} Child Welfare Services - State Grants	93.645	G-1415-11-0017	43,000
{a} Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	G-1415-11-0017	106,426
{a} Adoption Assistance	93.659	G-1415-11-0017	25,697
<ul> <li>{a} Social Services Block Grant</li> <li>{c} Social Services Block Grant</li> <li>Total Social Services Block Grant</li> </ul>	93.667 93.667	G-1314-11-0017 n/a	239,071 21,004 260,075
{a} Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1415-11-0017	13,441
{a} Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	n/a	576
<ul> <li>{a} Medical Asssistance Program</li> <li>{c} Medical Asssistance Program</li> <li>Total Medical Assistance Program</li> </ul>	93.778 93.778	G-1314-11-0017 n/a	291,120 107,620 398,740
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			2,079,419
U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE			
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments	90.401	n/a	683
<b>Total U.S. Election Assistance Commission</b>			683
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY			
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMET0024-EMPGM-240	51,548
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2011-SS-00070	24,428
<b>Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>			75,976
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$ 3,144,646

- Tickmarks:

  {a} Passed Through Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services
  {b} Passed Through Secretary of State of Ohio
  {e} Passed Through Ohio Department of Development Disabilities

Carroll County, Ohio Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2014

#### **NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") reports Carroll County, Ohio's (the "County") federal award program expenditures. The schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

#### **NOTE B - 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 C - REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The County has established a revolving loan program to provide low-interest loans to businesses to create jobs for persons from low-moderate income households. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants money for these loans to the County passed through the Ohio Department of Development. The initial loan of this money is recorded as a disbursement on this schedule. Loans repaid, including interest, are used to make additional loans. Such subsequent loans are subject to certain compliance requirements imposed by HUD, but are not included as disbursements on this schedule. These loans are collateralized by mortgages on the property.

Activity in the Community Development Block Grant revolving loan fund during 2014 is as follows:

Cash balance on hand at January 1, 2014 2014 Interest earnings 2014 Loans issued	\$ 17, (17,5	3
Cash balance on hand as of December 31, 2014	\$	2
Delinquent amounts due as of December 31, 2014	\$	-



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

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of County Commissioners Carroll County, Ohio:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Carroll County, Ohio (the "County") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2015.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio June 26, 2015



### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of County Commissioners Carroll County, Ohio:

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Carroll County, Ohio's (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

### Management's Responsibility

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

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. 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 types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio June 26, 2015 Carroll County, Ohio Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2014

#### Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditors' report issued: unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

 Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weaknesses?

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? none

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Federal Awards

Internal Control over major program:

Material weakness(es) identified?

Significant deficiency(ies) identified
 not considered to be material weak

not considered to be material weaknesses? none

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major program: unmodified

Any audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 510(a) of Circular A-133?

none

none

Identification of major program:

CFDA 93.558 – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

CFDA 93.563 – Child Support Enforcement (Title IV-D)

CFDA 93.778 - Medicaid Cluster (Title XIX)

Dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings** 

None

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None

Section IV - Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

None

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#### **CARROLL COUNTY FINANCIAL CONDITION**

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

#### **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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 3, 2015