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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of County Commissioners:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ottawa 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 preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ottawa County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in cash financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, Road and Bridge, Job and Family Services, and Board of Developmental Disabilities funds thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

Accounting Basis

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the County to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Supplemental and Other Information

We audited to opine on the County's financial statements that collectively comprise its basic financial statements. The Schedule of Federal Award Expenditures presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and is also not a required part of the financial statements.

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

We applied no procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis presented on pages 5-15 of the report, and accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 24, 2015, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 24, 2015

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

The management's discussion and analysis of Ottawa 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 the management's discussion and analysis is to look at the County's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- In total, net cash position increased \$3,297,891, which represents a 7.87% increase from 2013.
- The 2014 general fund cash receipts and other financing sources of \$18,817,778 exceeded cash disbursements and other financing uses of \$17,520,363 by \$1,297,415, which represents a 39.16% increase over 2013. Of the \$17,520,363 in general fund cash disbursements, \$1,927,043 represents transfers to other funds. The 2014 general fund beginning cash balance was \$3,313,438, whereas the ending cash balance was \$4,610,853.
- The County's major governmental funds include the General, Road and Bridge, Job and Family Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities and Capital Improvement.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the County's cash basis of accounting.

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The statements are organized so the reader can understand the County as a financial whole, or, as an entire operating entity.

Report Components

The Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis 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 a greater level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the County's most significant funds, with all other non-major funds presented in total in a single column. For the County, the General fund is the most significant fund. The County's major funds are the General, Road and Bridge, Job and Family Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities and Capital Improvement.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The County has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. The County uses the cash basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the County's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

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As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the County as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis answer the question, "How did we do financially during 2014?" These statements include only net cash position using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting takes into account only the current year receipts and disbursements if the cash is actually received or paid.

These two statements report the County's net cash position and changes on a cash basis. This change in net cash position is important because it tells the reader that, for the County as a whole, the cash basis 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, sales tax receipts, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, mandated federal and state programs and other factors.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

In the Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis, the County is divided into two distinct kinds of activities.

Governmental Activities - Most of the County's programs and services are reported here, which include legislative and executive and judicial general government, human services, health, public safety, and public works. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

Business-Type Activities - These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all of the cash disbursements for the goods or services provided. The Riverview Nursing Home, Danbury Sewer Operations, Regional Water Operations, and Catawba Portage Sewer are reported as major enterprise funds and are reported as business activities.

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, Road and Bridge, Job and Family Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities and Capital Improvement funds.

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Governmental Funds

Most of the County's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the County's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer cash basis financial resources that can be readily spent to finance various County programs. Since the County is reporting on the cash basis of accounting, the only item resulting in a difference between the amount of net cash position and fund cash balances or changes in net cash position and changes in fund cash balances is the consolidation of the County's internal service fund with governmental activities. As such, reconciliations are presented between such financial statements. However, differences will be apparent when comparing gross revenues and expenses on the Fund Financial Statements to the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis due to transfers between governmental funds being eliminated for reporting in the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis.

The County's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a cash basis. The budgetary statements for the General fund and all annually budgeted major special revenue funds are presented to demonstrate the County's compliance with annually adopted budgets.

Proprietary Funds

The County maintains two types of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses enterprise funds to account for the Riverview Nursing Home, Danbury Sewer Operations, Regional Water Operations, Catawba Portage Sewer, Portage Catawba Water, Sewer District #13 Reserve, Erie Township Sewer Planning, Plasterbed Road Water and Sewer Service, Salem Reserve, Put-In-Bay Water/Wastewater Plan, Project C Water Tower South Bass Island Park, Phase II Erie Township Sewer, the Township Cold Mix Program and South Bass Island - Future Water and Sewer Extensions. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. The County uses an internal service fund to account for a health insurance program for employees of the County.

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. Agency funds are the County's only fiduciary fund type. Only the cash held at year end for the agency funds is reported.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The table below provides a summary of the County's net cash position for 2014 and 2013.

	Net Cash Position					
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	2014 Total	2013 Total
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014 Total</u>	<u>2013 Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>						
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,653,236	\$ 12,538,129	\$ 25,223,177	\$ 11,128,424	\$ 39,191,365	\$ 36,351,601
Cash in segregated accounts	159,066	27,395	189,353	930	186,461	190,283
Restricted equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	65,127	5,745,801	85,385	4,659,127	5,810,928	4,744,512
Restricted cash with fiscal agent	-	-	-	604,467	-	604,467
Total assets	<u>26,877,429</u>	<u>18,311,325</u>	<u>25,497,915</u>	<u>16,392,948</u>	<u>45,188,754</u>	<u>41,890,863</u>
<u>Net Cash Position</u>						
Restricted	17,725,484	5,745,801	18,637,677	4,659,127	23,471,285	23,296,804
Unrestricted	<u>9,151,945</u>	<u>12,565,524</u>	<u>6,860,238</u>	<u>11,733,821</u>	<u>21,717,469</u>	<u>18,594,059</u>
Total net cash position	<u>\$ 26,877,429</u>	<u>\$ 18,311,325</u>	<u>\$ 25,497,915</u>	<u>\$ 16,392,948</u>	<u>\$ 45,188,754</u>	<u>\$ 41,890,863</u>

The total net cash position of the County increased \$3,297,891. Net cash position of governmental activities increased \$1,379,514, which represents a 5.41% increase from the 2013 balance. Net cash position of business-type activities increased \$1,918,377, or 11.70% from 2013.

A portion of the County's governmental activities net cash position, \$17,725,484, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of governmental activities unrestricted net cash position of \$9,151,945 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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The table below shows the changes in net cash position for 2014 and 2013.

	Change in Net Cash Position					
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	2014 Total	2013 Total
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Receipts:						
Program receipts:						
Charges for services and sales	\$ 9,915,810	\$ 20,204,732	\$ 9,134,797	\$ 19,174,007	\$ 30,120,542	\$ 28,308,804
Operating grants and contributions	11,443,030	97,039	12,196,170	506,668	11,540,069	12,702,838
Capital grants and contributions	<u>57,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,718,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,875</u>	<u>1,718,479</u>
Total program receipts	<u>21,416,715</u>	<u>20,301,771</u>	<u>23,049,446</u>	<u>19,680,675</u>	<u>41,718,486</u>	<u>42,730,121</u>
General receipts:						
Property taxes	7,977,477	812,984	7,739,422	791,030	8,790,461	8,530,452
Sales taxes	8,011,280	-	7,046,977	-	8,011,280	7,046,977
Other local taxes	517,577	-	510,725	-	517,577	510,725
Unrestricted grants	1,415,931	-	1,605,789	-	1,415,931	1,605,789
Issuance of debt	-	128,075	3,227,364	294,755	128,075	3,522,119
Investment receipts	370,113	-	348,541	-	370,113	348,541
Miscellaneous	<u>4,037,976</u>	<u>1,030,152</u>	<u>2,806,546</u>	<u>220,728</u>	<u>5,068,128</u>	<u>3,027,274</u>
Total general receipts	<u>22,330,354</u>	<u>1,971,211</u>	<u>23,285,364</u>	<u>1,306,513</u>	<u>24,301,565</u>	<u>24,591,877</u>
Total receipts	<u>43,747,069</u>	<u>22,272,982</u>	<u>46,334,810</u>	<u>20,987,188</u>	<u>66,020,051</u>	<u>67,321,998</u>

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Change in Net Cash Position - Continued

	Governmental Activities <u>2014</u>	Business-Type Activities <u>2014</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2013</u>	Business-Type Activities <u>2013</u>	2014 <u>Total</u>	2013 <u>Total</u>
Cash Disbursements:						
General government:						
Legislative and executive	5,275,803	-	5,315,068	-	5,275,803	5,315,068
Judicial	2,997,606	-	2,906,817	-	2,997,606	2,906,817
Public safety	7,708,475	-	7,250,402	-	7,708,475	7,250,402
Public works	5,727,290	-	5,573,264	-	5,727,290	5,573,264
Health	220,552	-	268,363	-	220,552	268,363
Human services	15,856,415	-	14,714,415	-	15,856,415	14,714,415
Conservation and recreation	13,205	-	8,211	-	13,205	8,211
Economic development	810	-	779	-	810	779
Other	1,370,351	-	1,409,677	-	1,370,351	1,409,677
Capital outlay	935,872	-	2,425,086	-	935,872	2,425,086
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	1,621,683	-	1,644,249	-	1,621,683	1,644,249
Interest and fiscal charges	483,083	-	546,984	-	483,083	546,984
Bond issuance costs	-	-	80,151	-	-	80,151
Payment to refunded bond escrow	-	-	3,063,956	-	-	3,063,956
Riverview nursing home	-	10,474,220	-	10,130,301	10,474,220	10,130,301
Danbury sewer operations	-	3,068,701	-	2,753,297	3,068,701	2,753,297
Regional water operations	-	4,765,042	-	4,637,617	4,765,042	4,637,617
Catawba portage sewer	-	2,096,652	-	2,074,407	2,096,652	2,074,407
Nonmajor enterprise	-	106,400	-	451,540	106,400	451,540
Total cash disbursements	<u>42,211,145</u>	<u>20,511,015</u>	<u>45,207,422</u>	<u>20,047,162</u>	<u>62,722,160</u>	<u>65,254,584</u>
Advances	(55,333)	55,333	335,023	(335,023)	-	-
Transfers	<u>(101,077)</u>	<u>101,077</u>	<u>(431,601)</u>	<u>431,601</u>	-	-
Change in net cash position	1,379,514	1,918,377	1,030,810	1,036,604	3,297,891	2,067,414
Net cash position						
at beginning of year	<u>25,497,915</u>	<u>16,392,948</u>	<u>24,467,105</u>	<u>15,356,344</u>	<u>41,890,863</u>	<u>39,823,449</u>
Net cash position at end of year	<u>\$ 26,877,429</u>	<u>\$ 18,311,325</u>	<u>\$ 25,497,915</u>	<u>\$ 16,392,948</u>	<u>\$ 45,188,754</u>	<u>\$ 41,890,863</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental net cash position increased by \$1,379,514 in 2014 from 2013's balance due to receipts exceeding expenditures.

General government represents activities related to the governing body as well as activities that directly support County programs. In 2014, general government cash disbursements totaled \$8,273,409 or 19.60%, of total governmental activities cash disbursements. General government programs were supported by \$2,854,023 in direct charges to users and \$108,418 in operating grants and contributions.

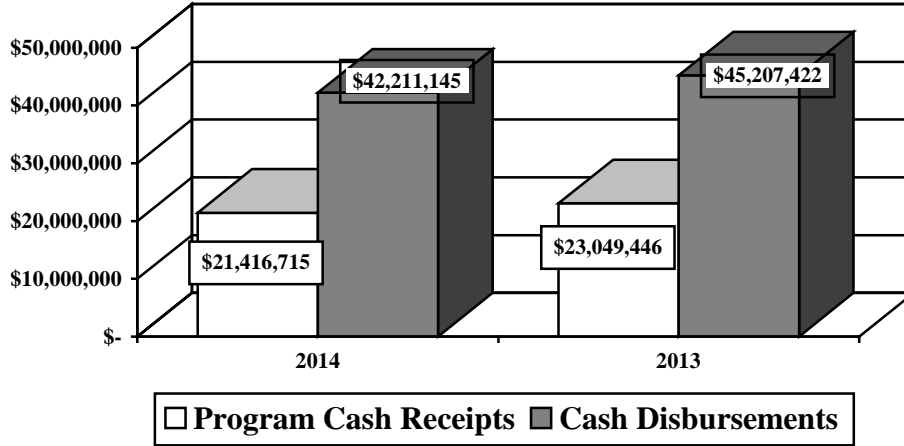
The County's human services programs accounted for \$15,856,415, or 37.56%, of total governmental activities cash disbursements. Human service programs include Public Assistance, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Child Support Enforcement, and Children Services. Human service programs are supported by \$2,897,547 in direct charges to users and \$5,758,513 in operating grants and contributions.

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The Statement of Activities - Cash Basis 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 and 2013. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax receipts and unrestricted state grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities - Program Cash Receipts vs. Total Cash Disbursements



The table below shows the changes in net cost of services for 2014 and 2013.

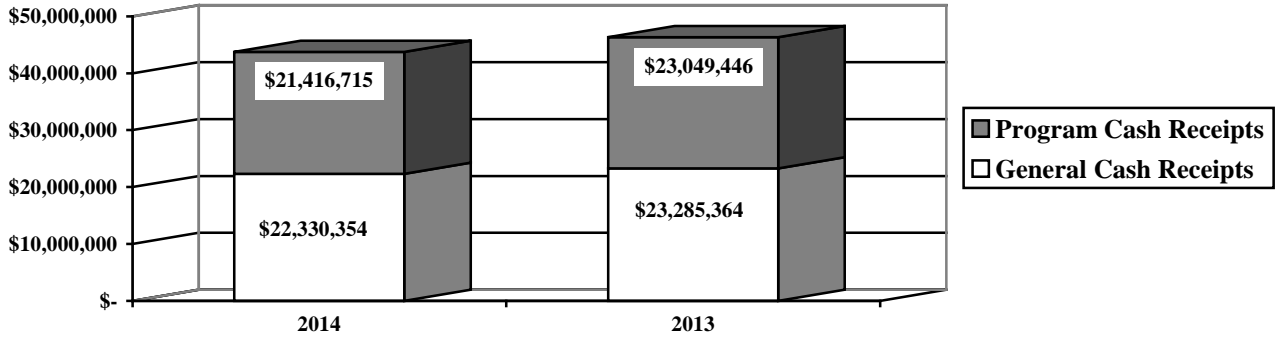
	Governmental Activities			
	Total Cost of Services 2014	Net Cost of Services 2014	Total Cost of Services 2013	Net Cost of Services 2013
Cash disbursements:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	\$ 5,275,803	\$ 3,398,771	\$ 5,315,068	\$ 3,379,333
Judicial	2,997,606	1,912,197	2,906,817	1,751,933
Public safety	7,708,475	5,025,470	7,250,402	4,829,853
Public works	5,727,290	697,832	5,573,264	353,557
Health	220,552	15,947	268,363	54,858
Human services	15,856,415	7,200,355	14,714,415	6,020,026
Conservation and recreation	13,205	4,304	8,211	2,163
Economic development	810	1	779	-
Other	1,370,351	1,300,616	1,409,677	1,409,677
Capital outlay	935,872	475,427	2,425,086	450,366
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	1,621,683	1,621,683	1,644,249	1,644,249
Interest and fiscal charges	483,083	(858,173)	546,984	(882,146)
Bond issuance costs	-	-	80,151	80,151
Payment to refunded bond escrow	-	-	3,063,956	3,063,956
Total	\$ 42,211,145	\$ 20,794,430	\$ 45,207,422	\$ 22,157,976

The dependence upon general cash receipts for governmental activities is apparent, with 49.26% of cash disbursements supported through taxes and other general cash receipts during 2014.

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Governmental Activities - General and Program Cash Receipts



Business-Type Activities

The Riverview Nursing Home, Danbury Sewer Operations, Regional Water Operations, Catawba Portage Sewer, Portage Catawba Water, Sewer District #13 Reserve, Erie Township Sewer Planning, Plasterbed Road Water and Sewer Service, Salem Reserve, Put-In-Bay Water/Wastewater Plan, Project C Water Tower South Bass Island Park, Phase II Erie Township Sewer, the Township Cold Mix Program and South Bass Island - Future Water and Sewer Extensions are the County's enterprise funds.

These programs had cash receipts (both operating and non-operating) of \$22,272,982, cash disbursements (both operating and non-operating) of \$20,511,015, advances in of \$76,162, advances out of \$20,829, transfers in of \$221,290 and transfers out of \$120,213 for 2014. The net cash position of the programs increased \$1,918,377 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 County's governmental funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting.

The County's governmental funds reported a combined fund cash balance of \$26,245,545, which is \$858,615 above last year's balance of \$25,386,930.

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The schedule below indicates the fund cash balance and the total change in fund cash balance as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

	<u>Fund Cash Balance</u> <u>December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Fund Cash Balance</u> <u>December 31, 2013</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>
Major Funds:			
General	\$ 4,610,853	\$ 3,313,438	\$ 1,297,415
Road and Bridge	4,114,299	4,158,676	(44,377)
Job and Family Services	398,730	643,927	(245,197)
Board of Developmental Disabilities	7,469,973	8,044,869	(574,896)
Capital Improvement	2,880,008	2,139,706	740,302
Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>6,771,682</u>	<u>7,086,314</u>	<u>(314,632)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 26,245,545</u>	<u>\$ 25,386,930</u>	<u>\$ 858,615</u>

General Fund

The general fund, the County's largest major fund, had cash receipts and other financing sources of \$18,817,778 in 2014. The cash disbursements and other financing uses of the general fund totaled \$17,520,363 in 2014. Of the \$17,520,363 in general fund cash disbursements, \$1,927,043 represents transfers to other funds. The general fund's cash balance increased \$1,297,415 from the 2013 balance.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the cash receipts of the general fund. Some of the prior year revenues have been reclassified to conform to current year classifications for comparability purposes.

	<u>2014</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Cash Receipts:</u>			
Taxes	\$ 11,263,398	\$ 10,210,944	10.31 %
Charges for services	2,196,877	2,329,185	(5.68) %
Licenses and permits	166,174	228,735	(27.35) %
Fines and forfeitures	441,419	434,909	1.50 %
Intergovernmental	1,415,931	1,605,789	(11.82) %
Investment income	370,113	348,541	6.19 %
Rental income	34,044	31,993	6.41 %
Reimbursements	404,301	359,555	12.44 %
Other	<u>1,808,289</u>	<u>790,176</u>	128.85 %
Total	<u>\$ 18,100,546</u>	<u>\$ 16,339,827</u>	10.78 %

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The table that follows assists in illustrating the cash disbursements of the general fund.

<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
General government:			
Legislative and executive	\$ 4,183,207	\$ 4,065,121	2.90 %
Judicial	2,575,649	2,522,575	2.10 %
Public safety	5,658,228	5,378,217	5.21 %
Public works	336,246	292,213	15.07 %
Health	80,999	41,273	96.25 %
Human services	774,827	762,956	1.56 %
Other	1,351,161	1,242,014	8.79 %
Debt service	<u>2,787</u>	<u>2,787</u>	- %
Total	<u>\$ 14,963,104</u>	<u>\$ 14,307,156</u>	4.58 %

The increase can be attributed to increases in receipts exceeding the increase in disbursement activity. Property Tax receipts and Sales Tax receipts were greater in 2014 due to improving economic conditions as well as decreases in transfers out to the Internal Service Fund. In 2013 higher than usual expenses associated with self-insurance activity accounted for in the Internal Service funds required additional transfers from the General Fund.

Road and Bridge Fund

The road and bridge fund, a major fund, had cash receipts and other financing sources of \$5,081,790 in 2014. The road and bridge fund had cash disbursements of \$5,126,167 in 2014. The road and bridge fund cash balance decreased \$44,377 from 2013 to 2014.

Job and Family Services Fund

The job and family services fund, a major fund, had cash receipts and other financing sources of \$1,987,444 and cash disbursements of \$2,232,641 in 2014. The job and family services fund cash balance decreased \$245,197 from 2013 to 2014. The decrease in fund cash balances is primarily attributable to decreases in State funding during 2014.

Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund

The Board of Developmental Disabilities fund, a major fund, had cash receipts of \$7,219,390 in 2014. The fund had cash disbursements and other financing uses of \$7,794,286 in 2014. The fund cash balance decreased \$574,896 from 2013 to 2014. The decrease in fund cash balances is primarily attributable to decreases in receipts for contracted services.

Capital Improvement Fund

The Capital Improvement fund, a major fund, had cash receipts and other financing sources of \$1,071,258 in 2014. The fund had cash disbursements of \$330,956 in 2014. The fund cash balance increased \$740,302 from 2013 to 2014. This increase can be attributed to increased transfers-in to fund courthouse repairs that had been delayed for the past several years.

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Budgeting Highlights - General Fund

The County's appropriations are prepared according to Ohio law and are based on accounting for transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The general fund is the most significant budgeted fund.

During each year the general fund budget is revised as needs arise. Records of the revisions are found in the Commissioners' Journals.

Estimated receipts and other financing sources in the original and final budget were \$17,900,426. Actual revenues and other financing sources of \$17,937,909 were \$37,483 higher than final budgeted estimates. Original appropriations of \$14,873,353 were increased to \$16,843,437 in the final budget to budget increased transfers to the Capital Improvement Fund, transfers to the Retirement Fund, and increases in personnel costs associated with increases in compensation for union and non-union employees in 2014. Actual disbursements of \$16,648,332 were \$195,105 lower than the final budget.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The County does not report capital assets in the accompanying basic financial statements, but records payments for capital assets as cash disbursements. The County had capital outlay disbursements of \$935,872 for governmental activities and \$475,460 for business-type activities during 2014.

Debt Administration

At December 31, 2014, the County had \$5,130,000 in general obligation bonds, \$6,493,675 in Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Loans, \$640,432 in Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) loans, and \$5,600 in special assessment bonds outstanding related to governmental activities. For business-type activities, there was \$7,520,000 in general obligation bonds, \$277,000 in special assessment bonds, \$1,085,014 in OPWC loans, \$1,133,942 in Ohio Water and Sewer Loans, \$1,172,863 Ohio EPA loans, and \$22,187,692 in OWDA loans outstanding at year end.

In addition, the County long-term obligations also include capital leases. For further information, regarding the County's debt, refer to Notes 8 and 9 to the basic financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The County's current population as of the 2014 census is 41,153.

The County's unemployment rate as of December 31, 2014 is 8.4%, compared to the 4.8% State average and the 5.6% national average.

These economic factors were considered in preparing the County's budgets for 2014. With the continuation of conservative budgeting practices, the County's financial position should remain strong in future years.

Contacting the County's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Lawrence Hartlaub, Ottawa County Auditor, 315 Madison St., Room 202, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash, cash equivalents, and investments . . .	\$ 26,653,236	\$ 12,538,129	\$ 39,191,365
Cash in segregated accounts	159,066	27,395	186,461
Restricted assets:			
Equity in pooled cash, cash equivalents, and investments . . .	65,127	5,745,801	5,810,928
Total assets.	<u>\$ 26,877,429</u>	<u>\$ 18,311,325</u>	<u>\$ 45,188,754</u>
Net position:			
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	60,843	-	60,843
Debt service.	28,737	-	28,737
Public safety programs	1,262,090	-	1,262,090
Public works projects	4,830,017	-	4,830,017
Health services	184,984	-	184,984
Human services programs.	8,931,658	-	8,931,658
Economic development	1,351	-	1,351
Repairs and replacements	-	1,768,961	1,768,961
Revenue bond current debt service.	-	3,927,135	3,927,135
Revenue bond future debt service	-	49,705	49,705
Other purposes	2,425,804	-	2,425,804
Unrestricted	9,151,945	12,565,524	21,717,469
Total cash position.	<u>\$ 26,877,429</u>	<u>\$ 18,311,325</u>	<u>\$ 45,188,754</u>

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Cash Disbursements	Program Cash Receipts		
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental activities:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	\$ 5,275,803	\$ 1,877,032	\$ -	\$ -
Judicial	2,997,606	976,991	108,418	-
Public safety	7,708,475	1,198,299	1,484,706	-
Public works	5,727,290	948,086	4,081,372	-
Health	220,552	204,605	-	-
Human services	15,856,415	2,897,547	5,758,513	-
Conservation and recreation	13,205	-	8,901	-
Economic development and assistance	810	809	-	-
Other	1,370,351	68,615	1,120	-
Capital outlay	935,872	402,570	-	57,875
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	1,621,683	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	483,083	1,341,256	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>42,211,145</u>	<u>9,915,810</u>	<u>11,443,030</u>	<u>57,875</u>
Business-type activities:				
Riverview nursing home	10,474,220	10,116,430	97,039	-
Danbury sewer operations	3,068,701	2,451,262	-	-
Regional water operations	4,765,042	5,361,112	-	-
Catawba portage sewer	2,096,652	2,145,046	-	-
Nonmajor enterprise funds	106,400	130,882	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>20,511,015</u>	<u>20,204,732</u>	<u>97,039</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 62,722,160</u>	<u>\$ 30,120,542</u>	<u>\$ 11,540,069</u>	<u>\$ 57,875</u>

General cash receipts, advances and transfers:

Property taxes levied for:
General purposes
Developmental disabilities human services
Senior program human services
Riverview nursing home
Sales taxes
Other local taxes
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs
Proceeds of loans
Investment receipts
Miscellaneous
Total general cash receipts
Advances
Transfers
Total general cash receipts, advances and transfers
Change in net position
Net position at beginning of year
Net position at end of year

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**Net Cash Receipts (Cash Disbursements)
and Changes in Net Position**

Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
\$ (3,398,771)	\$ -	\$ (3,398,771)
(1,912,197)	-	(1,912,197)
(5,025,470)	-	(5,025,470)
(697,832)	-	(697,832)
(15,947)	-	(15,947)
(7,200,355)	-	(7,200,355)
(4,304)	-	(4,304)
(1)	-	(1)
(1,300,616)	-	(1,300,616)
(475,427)	-	(475,427)
(1,621,683)	-	(1,621,683)
858,173	-	858,173
<u>(20,794,430)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,794,430)</u>
-	(260,751)	(260,751)
-	(617,439)	(617,439)
-	596,070	596,070
-	48,394	48,394
-	24,482	24,482
<u>-</u>	<u>(209,244)</u>	<u>(209,244)</u>
<u>(20,794,430)</u>	<u>(209,244)</u>	<u>(21,003,674)</u>
3,252,118	-	3,252,118
4,293,419	-	4,293,419
431,940	-	431,940
-	812,984	812,984
8,011,280	-	8,011,280
517,577	-	517,577
1,415,931	-	1,415,931
-	128,075	128,075
370,113	-	370,113
4,037,976	1,030,152	5,068,128
<u>22,330,354</u>	<u>1,971,211</u>	<u>24,301,565</u>
(55,333)	55,333	-
(101,077)	101,077	-
<u>22,173,944</u>	<u>2,127,621</u>	<u>24,301,565</u>
1,379,514	1,918,377	3,297,891
<u>25,497,915</u>	<u>16,392,948</u>	<u>41,890,863</u>
<u>\$ 26,877,429</u>	<u>\$ 18,311,325</u>	<u>\$ 45,188,754</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General	Road and Bridge	Job and Family Services	Board of Developmental Disabilities
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,403,407	\$ 4,114,299	\$ 398,730	\$ 7,469,973
Cash in segregated accounts.	142,319	-	-	-
Restricted assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	65,127	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,610,853</u>	<u>\$ 4,114,299</u>	<u>\$ 398,730</u>	<u>\$ 7,469,973</u>
Fund cash balances:				
Nonspendable.	\$ 65,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	4,114,299	398,730	7,469,973
Committed.	435,753	-	-	-
Assigned.	541,005	-	-	-
Unassigned.	3,568,968	-	-	-
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 4,610,853</u>	<u>\$ 4,114,299</u>	<u>\$ 398,730</u>	<u>\$ 7,469,973</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Capital Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 2,880,008	\$ 6,754,935	\$ 26,021,352
-	16,747	159,066
-	-	65,127
<u>\$ 2,880,008</u>	<u>\$ 6,771,682</u>	<u>\$ 26,245,545</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,127
-	5,742,482	17,725,484
2,880,008	1,029,200	4,344,961
-	-	541,005
-	-	3,568,968
<u>\$ 2,880,008</u>	<u>\$ 6,771,682</u>	<u>\$ 26,245,545</u>

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Total governmental fund balances	\$ 26,245,545
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position - cash basis are different because:</i>	
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the cost of insurance to individual funds. The assets of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets - cash basis.	<u>631,884</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 26,877,429</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>General</u>	<u>Road and Bridge</u>	<u>Job and Family Services</u>	<u>Board of Developmental Disabilities</u>
Cash receipts:				
Property taxes	\$ 3,252,118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,293,419
Sales taxes	8,011,280	-	-	-
Other local taxes	-	471,200	-	41,916
Charges for services	2,196,877	773,375	-	1,288,378
Licenses and permits	166,174	10,850	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	441,419	17,083	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,415,931	3,730,336	1,417,633	1,513,767
Special assessments	-	-	-	-
Investment income	370,113	-	-	-
Rental income	34,044	-	-	-
Reimbursements	404,301	-	99,561	-
Davis Besse Lease Agreement	-	-	-	-
First Energy Public Radio Agreement	-	-	-	-
Other	1,808,289	11,612	73,113	81,910
Total cash receipts	<u>18,100,546</u>	<u>5,014,456</u>	<u>1,590,307</u>	<u>7,219,390</u>
Cash disbursements:				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	4,183,207	-	-	-
Judicial	2,575,649	-	-	-
Public safety	5,658,228	-	-	-
Public works	336,246	5,073,123	-	-
Health	80,999	-	-	-
Human services	774,827	-	2,232,641	7,571,181
Conservation and recreation	-	-	-	-
Economic development and assistance	-	-	-	-
Other	1,351,161	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	2,583	53,044	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	204	-	-	-
Total cash disbursements	<u>14,963,104</u>	<u>5,126,167</u>	<u>2,232,641</u>	<u>7,571,181</u>
Excess (deficiency) of cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	<u>3,137,442</u>	<u>(111,711)</u>	<u>(642,334)</u>	<u>(351,791)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Sale of capital assets	16,508	53,354	-	-
Other financing sources	-	-	-	-
Advances in	521,121	-	-	-
Advances out	(630,216)	-	-	-
Transfers in	179,603	13,980	397,137	-
Transfers out	(1,927,043)	-	-	(223,105)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,840,027)</u>	<u>67,334</u>	<u>397,137</u>	<u>(223,105)</u>
Net change in fund balance - cash basis	1,297,415	(44,377)	(245,197)	(574,896)
Fund balance - cash basis, January 1	<u>3,313,438</u>	<u>4,158,676</u>	<u>643,927</u>	<u>8,044,869</u>
Fund balance - cash basis, December 31	<u>\$ 4,610,853</u>	<u>\$ 4,114,299</u>	<u>\$ 398,730</u>	<u>\$ 7,469,973</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<u>Capital Improvement</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ 431,940	\$ 7,977,477
-	-	8,011,280
-	4,461	517,577
-	2,857,669	7,116,299
-	224,471	401,495
-	12,682	471,184
-	4,839,169	12,916,836
-	1,447,868	1,447,868
-	-	370,113
71,258	-	105,302
-	274,101	777,963
-	177,326	177,326
-	199,602	199,602
-	1,180,499	3,155,423
<u>71,258</u>	<u>11,649,788</u>	<u>43,645,745</u>
-	1,173,490	5,356,697
-	479,917	3,055,566
-	2,179,606	7,837,834
-	371,522	5,780,891
-	143,808	224,807
-	5,420,252	15,998,901
-	13,205	13,205
-	810	810
-	69,522	1,420,683
330,956	604,916	935,872
-	1,566,056	1,621,683
-	482,879	483,083
<u>330,956</u>	<u>12,505,983</u>	<u>42,730,032</u>
<u>(259,698)</u>	<u>(856,195)</u>	<u>915,713</u>
-	-	69,862
-	31,462	31,462
-	554,055	1,075,176
-	(500,293)	(1,130,509)
1,000,000	1,189,595	2,780,315
-	(733,256)	(2,883,404)
<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>541,563</u>	<u>(57,098)</u>
740,302	(314,632)	858,615
<u>2,139,706</u>	<u>7,086,314</u>	<u>25,386,930</u>
<u>\$ 2,880,008</u>	<u>\$ 6,771,682</u>	<u>\$ 26,245,545</u>

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - CASH BASIS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Net change in fund balance - cash basis - total governmental funds \$ 858,615

*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement
of activities - cash basis are different because:*

The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs
of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the government-wide
statement of activities - cash basis. Governmental fund disbursements
and the related internal service fund receipts are eliminated. The total
change in net position of the internal service fund is allocated among
the governmental activities.

520,899

Change in net position of governmental activities

\$ 1,379,514

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive</u>
				<u>(Negative)</u>
Budgetary basis receipts:				
Property taxes	\$ 3,131,000	\$ 3,131,000	\$ 3,252,118	\$ 121,118
Sales taxes	6,650,000	6,650,000	8,011,280	1,361,280
Charges for services	1,762,165	1,762,165	1,710,992	(51,173)
Licenses and permits.	153,300	153,300	166,174	12,874
Fines and forfeitures.	433,900	433,900	441,419	7,519
Intergovernmental	1,350,150	1,350,150	1,415,931	65,781
Investment income	200,000	200,000	370,113	170,113
Rental income	35,000	35,000	34,044	(956)
Reimbursements.	402,366	402,366	404,301	1,935
Other	3,672,545	3,672,545	344,987	(3,327,558)
Total budgetary basis receipts	<u>17,790,426</u>	<u>17,790,426</u>	<u>16,151,359</u>	<u>(1,639,067)</u>
Budgetary basis disbursements:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	4,396,314	4,408,896	4,289,875	119,021
Judicial.	2,407,052	2,493,648	2,435,194	58,454
Public safety	5,540,301	5,806,348	5,607,112	199,236
Public works	331,888	358,214	354,785	3,429
Health	74,388	109,388	90,050	19,338
Human services	763,875	865,606	849,774	15,832
Other	358,923	358,923	358,923	-
Total budgetary basis disbursements.	<u>13,872,741</u>	<u>14,401,023</u>	<u>13,985,713</u>	<u>415,310</u>
Excess of budgetary basis receipts over budgetary basis disbursements	<u>3,917,685</u>	<u>3,389,403</u>	<u>2,165,646</u>	<u>(1,223,757)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	100,000	100,000	277,548	177,548
Transfers out.	(1,000,612)	(2,442,414)	(2,032,317)	410,097
Advances in	-	-	1,492,494	1,492,494
Advances out	-	-	(630,302)	(630,302)
Sale of capital assets.	10,000	10,000	16,508	6,508
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(890,612)</u>	<u>(2,332,414)</u>	<u>(876,069)</u>	<u>1,456,345</u>
Net change in fund balance - cash basis	3,027,073	1,056,989	1,289,577	232,588
Fund balance, January 1	<u>1,422,933</u>	<u>1,422,933</u>	<u>1,422,933</u>	<u>-</u>
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	<u>329,434</u>	<u>329,434</u>	<u>329,434</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, December 31	<u>\$ 4,779,440</u>	<u>\$ 2,809,356</u>	<u>\$ 3,041,944</u>	<u>\$ 232,588</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BUDGETARY BASIS
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Budgetary basis receipts:				
Other local taxes	\$ 425,000	\$ 425,000	\$ 471,200	\$ 46,200
Charges for services	1,166,500	1,166,500	773,375	(393,125)
Licenses and permits	4,000	4,000	10,850	6,850
Fines and forfeitures	10,000	10,000	17,083	7,083
Intergovernmental	3,525,000	3,525,000	3,730,336	205,336
Other	-	-	11,612	11,612
Total budgetary basis receipts	<u>5,130,500</u>	<u>5,130,500</u>	<u>5,014,456</u>	<u>(116,044)</u>
Budgetary basis disbursements:				
Current:				
Public works	8,660,656	8,659,383	5,110,013	3,549,370
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	56,296	56,296	53,044	3,252
Total budgetary basis disbursements	<u>8,716,952</u>	<u>8,715,679</u>	<u>5,163,057</u>	<u>3,552,622</u>
Excess of budgetary basis disbursements over budgetary basis receipts	<u>(3,586,452)</u>	<u>(3,585,179)</u>	<u>(148,601)</u>	<u>3,436,578</u>
Other financing sources:				
Sale of capital assets	-	-	53,354	53,354
Transfers in	20,000	20,000	13,980	(6,020)
Total other financing sources	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>67,334</u>	<u>47,334</u>
Net change in fund balance - cash basis	(3,566,452)	(3,565,179)	(81,267)	3,483,912
Fund balance, January 1	3,861,940	3,861,940	3,861,940	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	296,736	296,736	296,736	-
Fund balance, December 31	<u>\$ 592,224</u>	<u>\$ 593,497</u>	<u>\$ 4,077,409</u>	<u>\$ 3,483,912</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BUDGETARY BASIS
JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Budgetary basis receipts:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,407,866	\$ 2,407,866	\$ 1,417,633	\$ (990,233)
Reimbursements.	80,000	80,000	99,561	19,561
Other	<u>30,500</u>	<u>30,500</u>	<u>73,113</u>	<u>42,613</u>
Total budgetary basis receipts.	<u>2,518,366</u>	<u>2,518,366</u>	<u>1,590,307</u>	<u>(928,059)</u>
Budgetary basis disbursements:				
Current:				
Human services	2,964,189	2,964,300	2,275,063	689,237
Total budgetary basis disbursements	<u>2,964,189</u>	<u>2,964,300</u>	<u>2,275,063</u>	<u>689,237</u>
Excess of budgetary basis disbursements over budgetary basis receipts.	<u>(445,823)</u>	<u>(445,934)</u>	<u>(684,756)</u>	<u>(238,822)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	<u>468,489</u>	<u>468,489</u>	<u>397,137</u>	<u>(71,352)</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>468,489</u>	<u>468,489</u>	<u>397,137</u>	<u>(71,352)</u>
Net change in fund balance - cash basis	22,666	22,555	(287,619)	(310,174)
Fund balance, January 1	625,656	625,656	625,656	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	<u>18,271</u>	<u>18,271</u>	<u>18,271</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, December 31	<u>\$ 666,593</u>	<u>\$ 666,482</u>	<u>\$ 356,308</u>	<u>\$ (310,174)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BUDGETARY BASIS
BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Budgetary basis receipts:				
Property taxes	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 4,293,419	\$ 193,419
Other local taxes.	40,000	40,000	41,916	1,916
Charges for services.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,288,378	288,378
Intergovernmental.	2,605,000	2,605,000	1,513,767	(1,091,233)
Other	17,600	17,600	81,910	64,310
Total budgetary basis receipts	<u>7,762,600</u>	<u>7,762,600</u>	<u>7,219,390</u>	<u>(543,210)</u>
Budgetary basis disbursements:				
Current:				
Human services	8,059,345	8,250,516	7,986,305	264,211
Total budgetary basis disbursements	<u>8,059,345</u>	<u>8,250,516</u>	<u>7,986,305</u>	<u>264,211</u>
Excess of budgetary basis disbursements over budgetary basis receipts.	<u>(296,745)</u>	<u>(487,916)</u>	<u>(766,915)</u>	<u>(278,999)</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out.	<u>(1,975,000)</u>	<u>(1,879,105)</u>	<u>(223,105)</u>	<u>1,656,000</u>
Total other financing sources uses.	<u>(1,975,000)</u>	<u>(1,879,105)</u>	<u>(223,105)</u>	<u>1,656,000</u>
Net change in fund balance - cash basis	(2,271,745)	(2,367,021)	(990,020)	1,377,001
Fund balance, January 1	7,501,124	7,501,124	7,501,124	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	<u>543,745</u>	<u>543,745</u>	<u>543,745</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, December 31	<u>\$ 5,773,124</u>	<u>\$ 5,677,848</u>	<u>\$ 7,054,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,377,001</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Riverview Nursing Home	Danbury Sewer Operations	Regional Water Operations	Catawba Portage Sewer
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,671,990	\$ 1,896,919	\$ 7,162,416	\$ 1,662,498
Cash in segregated accounts	3,554	-	-	23,841
Restricted assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	-	3,211,492	-	2,534,309
Total assets.	<u>\$ 1,675,544</u>	<u>\$ 5,108,411</u>	<u>\$ 7,162,416</u>	<u>\$ 4,220,648</u>
Net position:				
Restricted for:				
Repairs and replacements	-	1,501,866	-	267,095
Revenue bond current debt service. . .	-	1,709,626	-	2,217,509
Revenue bond future debt service . . .	-	-	-	49,705
Unrestricted	<u>1,675,544</u>	<u>1,896,919</u>	<u>7,162,416</u>	<u>1,686,339</u>
Total net position.	<u>\$ 1,675,544</u>	<u>\$ 5,108,411</u>	<u>\$ 7,162,416</u>	<u>\$ 4,220,648</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<u>Nonmajor Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund</u>
\$ 144,306	\$ 12,538,129	\$ 631,884
-	27,395	-
-	5,745,801	-
<u>\$ 144,306</u>	<u>\$ 18,311,325</u>	<u>\$ 631,884</u>
-	1,768,961	-
-	3,927,135	-
-	49,705	-
<u>144,306</u>	<u>12,565,524</u>	<u>631,884</u>
<u>\$ 144,306</u>	<u>\$ 18,311,325</u>	<u>\$ 631,884</u>

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES
IN NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Riverview Nursing Home	Danbury Sewer Operations	Regional Water Operations	Catawba Portage Sewer
Operating receipts:				
Charges for services	\$ 10,116,430	\$ 2,451,262	\$ 5,308,567	\$ 2,090,319
Tap-in fees.	-	-	-	-
Other.	211,769	623,740	111,056	62,129
Total operating receipts.	10,328,199	3,075,002	5,419,623	2,152,448
Operating disbursements:				
Personal services	6,427,063	762,337	1,484,963	761,449
Contract services	2,266,037	185,803	708,205	254,446
Materials and supplies	841,796	228,968	218,711	232,556
Capital outlay.	283,425	15,497	10,194	166,344
Claims	-	-	-	-
Other	165,107	688,949	187,569	121,508
Total operating disbursements.	9,983,428	1,881,554	2,609,642	1,536,303
Operating receipts over operating disbursements	344,771	1,193,448	2,809,981	616,145
Nonoperating receipts (disbursements):				
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	(465,000)	(990,757)	(1,595,049)	(293,730)
Interest and fiscal charges.	(25,792)	(196,390)	(560,351)	(266,619)
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	128,075
Intergovernmental receipts	97,039	-	-	-
Property tax receipts.	812,984	-	-	-
Special assessment receipts	-	-	52,545	54,727
Advances in	64,538	10,725	-	-
Advances out	(1,933)	(11,000)	-	-
Other nonoperating revenues	-	79	18,936	2,442
Total nonoperating receipts (disbursements).	481,836	(1,187,343)	(2,083,919)	(375,105)
Net receipts over disbursements before transfers	826,607	6,105	726,062	241,040
Transfers in.	4,032	139,946	43,827	33,030
Transfers out	-	-	(102,699)	-
Change in net position.	830,639	146,051	667,190	274,070
Net position at beginning of year	844,905	4,962,360	6,495,226	3,946,578
Net position at end of year	\$ 1,675,544	\$ 5,108,411	\$ 7,162,416	\$ 4,220,648

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
\$ -	\$ 19,966,578	\$ 6,144,522
7,000	7,000	-
-	1,008,694	220
<u>7,000</u>	<u>20,982,272</u>	<u>6,144,742</u>
597	9,436,409	-
-	3,414,491	728,144
-	1,522,031	-
-	475,460	-
-	-	4,897,711
<u>4</u>	<u>1,163,137</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>601</u>	<u>16,011,528</u>	<u>5,625,855</u>
<u>6,399</u>	<u>4,970,744</u>	<u>518,887</u>
(84,414)	(3,428,950)	-
(21,385)	(1,070,537)	-
-	128,075	-
-	97,039	-
-	812,984	-
123,882	231,154	-
899	76,162	-
(7,896)	(20,829)	-
<u>1</u>	<u>21,458</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>11,087</u>	<u>(3,153,444)</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>17,486</u>	<u>1,817,300</u>	<u>518,887</u>
455	221,290	2,012
<u>(17,514)</u>	<u>(120,213)</u>	<u>-</u>
427	1,918,377	520,899
<u>143,879</u>	<u>16,392,948</u>	<u>110,985</u>
<u>\$ 144,306</u>	<u>\$ 18,311,325</u>	<u>\$ 631,884</u>

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
AGENCY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,831,607
Cash in segregated accounts	<u>677,583</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,509,190</u>
Net position:	
Unrestricted.	<u>\$ 7,509,190</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

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

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY

Ottawa County, Ohio (the "County"), was created in 1840. The County is governed by a board of three commissioners elected by the voters of the County. Other officials elected by the voters of the County that manage various segments of the County's operations are the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, a Common Pleas Court Judge, a Municipal Court Judge, and a Probate/Juvenile Court Judge.

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

The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements of the County are not misleading.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the County are presented on a cash basis of accounting, as discussed further in section D. Basis of Accounting in this note disclosure. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting.

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", and as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units", and GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity Omnibus and Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34". The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements are not misleading. The primary government includes all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and component units for which the County and the County Commissioners are "accountable". Accountability was evaluated based on financial accountability, and 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.

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

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

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

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

POTENTIAL COMPONENT UNIT NOT REPORTED

Riverview Industries, Inc. - Riverview Industries is a legally separate, not-for-profit corporation served by a self-appointing board of trustees. Riverview Industries, under a contractual agreement with the Ottawa County Department of Development Disabilities (DD), provides sheltered employment for mentally retarded or handicapped adults in Ottawa County. The Ottawa County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides Riverview Industries with all expenses and personnel for the operation of Riverview Industries including staff 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 Riverview Industries. It has been determined that excluding Riverview Industries as a component unit would not have a significant impact on the County's financials. Riverview Industries operates on a fiscal year ending December 31. Financial information for Riverview Industries can be obtained from James Frederick, 8200 West State Route 163, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449.

POTENTIAL COMPONENT UNITS REPORTED AS AGENCY FUNDS

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

Ottawa County Soil and Water Conservation District
Ottawa County District Board of Health
Ottawa County Family and Children First Council
Ottawa County Law Library

The County participates in several joint ventures, a jointly governed organization, and an insurance pool as follows:

JOINT VENTURES

Joint Solid Waste District

The Joint Solid Waste District (the "District") is a joint venture between Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca Counties. The joint venture was formed to make disposal of waste in the three-county area more comprehensive in terms of recycling, incinerating, and waste disposal.

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

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

The District is governed and operated by the three counties. Each of the counties has contractual obligations with the District and shares in the equity of the District based on the percentages of population within the three counties. In the event of dissolution of the District, all members will share in net obligations or asset liquidations in a ratio proportionate to their percentages of population within the member counties at the time of dissolution. The District does not have any outstanding debt.

The District consists of a nine-member board of directors, comprised of the three commissioners from each county, who are responsible for the District's financial matters. Each county's degree of control over the District is limited to its representation on the board of directors. The District operates autonomously from the County, the County has no financial responsibility from the operations of the District, and the County does not subsidize the District in any way. The District has not accumulated significant financial resources nor is it experiencing fiscal stress that may cause an additional financial benefit to or burden on the County in the future.

The District's sole revenue source is derived from a waste disposal fee for in-district and out-of-district waste. A sixteen-member policy committee, consisting of five members from each county and one at-large member appointed by the board of directors, is responsible for preparing the solid waste management plan of the District in conjunction with a sixteen-member Technical Advisory Council (members appointed by the policy committee). As of December 31, 2014, the County's equity interest in the Joint Solid Waste District was \$915,620. Financial information can be obtained from Jerri Miller, Sandusky County Auditor, 100 North Park Avenue, Fremont, Ohio, 43420.

Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties

The MHRB is a governmental joint venture between Erie and Ottawa Counties. It provides mental health education, consultation, training, and referral services to the public. The organization is controlled by a board whose membership consists of seventeen members. Eight members are appointed by the Board of the Erie County Commissioners, three members are appointed by the Board of the Ottawa County Commissioners, three members are appointed by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, and three members are appointed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health. Fiscal matters are handled by the Erie County Auditor. Financial statements for the MHRB are available, upon request, from: Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties, 416 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870.

Regional Airport Authority

The Regional Airport Authority (the "Airport Authority") is a joint venture between Ottawa and Erie Counties. The Airport Authority was formed to provide maintenance of runways and taxiways at the Airport facility. The Airport Authority operates under the direction of a seven-member board of trustees. Three members are appointed by the County Commissioners in each county. The seventh member is appointed at large by the other six. The members serve without compensation as outlined in Section 308.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The continued existence of the Airport Authority is dependent upon Ottawa County's participation. The Airport Authority has not accumulated significant financial resources nor is the Airport Authority experiencing fiscal stress that may cause an additional financial benefit to or burden on the County in the future. During 2014, the County provided \$30,000 for airport operations. Financial information for the Airport Authority can be obtained from Valerie Gregory, Secretary, 3255 East State Road, Port Clinton, Ohio, 43452.

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

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

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

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

Ottawa County Regional Planning Commission

The County participates in the Ottawa County Regional Planning Commission (the "Commission"), which is a statutorily created political subdivision of the State. The Commission is jointly governed among Ottawa County, the City of Port Clinton, seven villages, and twelve townships within the County. Each member's control over the operation of the Commission is limited to its representation on the Commission. The Commission makes studies, maps, plans, recommendations, and reports concerning the physical, environmental, social, economic, and governmental characteristics, functions, and services of the County. In 2014, the County contributed \$83,124 to the Regional Planning Commission.

INSURANCE POOL

County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA)

The County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. is a jointly governed organization among 65 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 Corporation are managed by an elected board of not more than nine directors. 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 Directors.

The County's payment to CORSA for insurance in 2014 was \$325,937, which included a credit given to the County for its proportional share of a distribution from member equity. CORSA's net position as of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2014 was \$68,944,108. CORSA's audited financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio in Columbus, Ohio.

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

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

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

B. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

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

The financial statements for governmental funds are a statement of assets and fund balances – cash basis, and a statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances – cash basis which reports on the sources (i.e., receipts and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., disbursements and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

The financial statements for proprietary funds are a statement of net position - cash basis, and a statements of receipts, disbursements and changes in net position – cash basis which presents increases (i.e., receipts) and decreases (i.e., disbursements) in net position.

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

The financial statement for the agency funds is a statement of fiduciary net position-cash basis.

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

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

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

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.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the County 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 purpose for which they may or must be used. The following are the County's major governmental funds:

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for all activities of the County not required to be included in another fund. The general fund cash balance is available to the County for any purpose provided it is disbursed or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund accounts for monies derived from gasoline taxes and the sale of motor vehicle licenses. Disbursements are restricted by State law to county road and bridge repair/improvement programs.

Job and Family Services Fund - This fund accounts for federal, state and local monies used to provide general relief and to pay providers of medical assistance and social services.

Ottawa County Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund - This fund accounts for a county-wide tax levy and federal and state grants that are used for developing and implementing programs for developmentally disabled citizens.

Capital Improvement Fund - This fund is used to account for transactions related to the acquiring, constructing or improving of capital assets.

Other governmental funds of the County are used to account for (a) financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities; (b) for the accumulation of resources for, and the repayment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs; and, (c) for grants and other resources, the use of which is restricted or committed to a particular purpose.

OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO

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

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

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

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

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

Riverview Nursing Home Fund - This fund accounts for the daily operations of the County nursing home. Receipts are generated from resident fees and charges for services and are used to pay other agencies for services, to fund the daily costs of operations, and to provide services to the residents such as laundry, transportation, personal care items, and incidental medical supplies.

Danbury Sewer Operations Fund - This fund accounts for sanitary sewer services provided to individuals and commercial users in Danbury Township and the Village of Marblehead.

Regional Water Operations Fund - This fund accounts for water services provided to individuals and commercial users in Bay, Catawba, Danbury, Erie, Harris, Portage, and Salem Townships, the City of Port Clinton, and the Village of Oak Harbor.

Catawba Portage Sewer Fund - This fund accounts for sanitary sewer services provided to individuals and commercial users in portions of Catawba and Portage Townships.

Internal Service Fund - Internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the County on a cost-reimbursement basis. The County's internal service fund accounts for monies received for the activities of the self insurance program for employee health benefits.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

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

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

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the County's financial records and reported in the basic financial statements when cash is received, rather than when earned. Disbursements are recorded in the County's financial records and reported in the basic financial statements when cash is paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as receivables and revenues for goods and services provided and billed but not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses/expenditures (such as payables and expenses/expenditures for goods and services received but not yet paid, and accrued liabilities and expenses/expenditures) are not reported in these basic financial statements.

E. Budgetary Data

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the alternate tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The alternate tax budget indicates the projected receipts and disbursements for those funds receiving tax monies. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the County Commissioners may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the County Commissioners' authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the County Commissioners. The legal level of control has been established by the County Commissioners at the fund, department, and object levels for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the County Auditor. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the County Commissioners.

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

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

F. Cash and Investments

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

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

During 2014, investments were limited to federal agency securities, money market mutual funds, certificates of deposits, and the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). On the cash basis of accounting, investments are reported at cost.

The County has invested funds in STAR Ohio during 2014. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's shares price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2014.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Interest receipts credited to the general fund during 2014 amounted to \$370,113, which includes \$319,290 assigned from other County funds.

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool of the County are considered to be cash equivalents.

G. Inventories of Materials and Supplies

On the cash basis of accounting, inventories of materials and supplies are recorded as disbursements when purchased. These items are not reported as assets in the basic financial statements.

H. Capital Assets

On the cash basis of accounting, acquisitions of capital assets are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reported as assets in the basic financial statements.

I. Prepaid Items

On the cash basis of accounting, payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2014 are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reported as assets in the basic financial statements.

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

J. Loss on Advance Refunding

On the cash basis of accounting, for advance refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is recorded as a reduction of disbursement when the transaction occurs. This amount is not reported as a reduction of a liability in the basic financial statements.

K. Compensated Absences

On the cash basis of accounting, compensated absences consisting of vacation leave and sick leave are not accrued as a liability and are recorded as disbursements when paid. These amounts are not reported as liabilities in the basic financial statements.

L. Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

M. Long-term Obligations

On the cash basis of accounting, issuances of debt are recorded as receipts and debt service payments of principal and interest are recorded as disbursements when these transactions occur. Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are not reported as liabilities in the basic financial statements.

N. Interfund Transactions

During the normal course of operations, the County has numerous transactions between funds. Transfers represent the movement of resources from the fund receiving those resources to the fund through which those resources will be disbursed and are recorded as other financing sources and uses in governmental funds and as transfers in proprietary funds. Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

On the cash basis of accounting, advances are reported as other financing sources and uses in governmental funds and as nonoperating receipts and disbursements in proprietary funds. Exchange transactions between funds are recorded as receipts in the fund providing the goods or services and as disbursements in the fund receiving the goods or services.

O. Operating Receipts and Disbursements

Operating receipts are those receipts that are generated directly from the primary activities of the proprietary funds. For the County, these receipts are charges for services for the County nursing home, water and sewer services, and charges for health care premiums in the internal service fund. Operating disbursements are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activities of the proprietary funds. All receipts and disbursements not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating.

P. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. As of December 31, 2014, there was no net position restricted by enabling legislation.

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

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

Q. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Restricted assets in the enterprise funds represent certain resources which are segregated from other resources of the County to comply with various covenants established by bond financing agreements. These assets are generally held in separate accounts of the County or by a trustee. The various covenants place restrictions on the use of these resources, require minimum balances to be maintained in certain accounts, and establish annual amounts to be accumulated for specific purposes.

R. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the County administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The County had no extraordinary or special items during 2014.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

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

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. Compliance

Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (B) requires the County to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the County prepared its financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying financial statements omit assets, liabilities, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The County can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the County.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Monies held by the County are classified by State statute into two categories. Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the County treasury. Active 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 provided a written investment policy has been filed with the Ohio Auditor of State:

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

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

9. Up to twenty-five percent of the County's average portfolio in either of the following:
 - a. Commercial paper notes in entities incorporated under the laws of Ohio or any other State that have assets exceeding five hundred million dollars rated at the time of purchase, which are rated in the highest qualification established by two nationally recognized standard rating services, which do not exceed 10 percent of the value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation and which mature within two hundred seventy days after purchase;
 - b. Bankers acceptances eligible for purchase by the federal reserve system and which mature within one hundred eighty days after purchase;
10. Up to 15 percent of the County's average portfolio in notes issued by United States corporations or by depository institutions that are doing business under authority granted by the United States provided that the notes are rated in the second highest or higher category by at least two nationally recognized standard rating services at the time of purchase and the notes mature within two years from the date of purchase;
11. No-load money market mutual funds rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service consisting exclusively of obligations guaranteed by the United States, securities issued by a federal government agency or instrumentality, and/or highly rated commercial paper; and,
12. Up to 1 percent of the County's average portfolio in debt interests rated at the time of purchase in the three highest categories by two nationally recognized standard rating services and issued by foreign nations diplomatically recognized by the United States government.

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

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

At year-end, the County had \$11,668 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the financial statements of the County as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

B. Cash in Segregated Accounts

At year-end, the County deposited \$864,044 in accounts separate from the County's internal investment pool. The balances in these depository accounts are included in "deposits with financial institutions" below.

C. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of all County deposits was \$18,462,515. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2014, \$1,469,609 of the County's bank balance of \$19,183,608 was covered by the FDIC, while \$17,713,999 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the County. 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 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.

D. Investments

As of December 31, 2014, the County had the following investments and maturities:

Investment type	Amount	Investment Maturities				
		6 months or less	7 - 12 months	13 - 18 months	19 - 24 months	More than 24 months
FHLMC	\$ 5,756,373	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,756,373
FHLB	5,012,500	-	-	-	-	5,012,500
FNMA	21,411,559	-	-	-	-	21,411,559
Mutual funds	2,003,000	2,003,000	-	-	-	-
STAR Ohio	40,329	40,329	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 34,223,761	\$ 2,043,329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,180,432

The weighted average maturity of investments at December 31, 2014 is 2.88 years.

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

Credit Risk: The County's investments were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAM money market rating. STAR Ohio must maintain the highest letter or numerical rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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

Concentration of Credit Risk: The County places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the County at December 31, 2014:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
FHLMC	\$ 5,756,373	16.82
FHLB	5,012,500	14.65
FNMA	21,411,559	62.56
Mutual funds	2,003,000	5.85
STAR Ohio	<u>40,329</u>	<u>0.12</u>
Total	<u>\$ 34,223,761</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

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

Cash and investments per note disclosure

Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 18,462,515
Investments	34,223,761
Cash on hand	<u>11,668</u>
Total	<u>\$ 52,697,944</u>

Cash and investments per statement of net position

Governmental activities	\$ 26,877,429
Business-type activities	18,311,325
Agency funds	<u>7,509,190</u>
Total	<u>\$ 52,697,944</u>

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A. Transfers for the year ended December 31, 2014 consisted of the following, as reported in the fund financial statements:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>Major governmental funds:</u>		
General	\$ 179,603	\$ 1,927,043
Road and bridge	13,980	-
Job and family services	397,137	-
Board of developmental disabilities	-	223,105
Capital improvements	1,000,000	-
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>1,189,595</u>	<u>733,256</u>
Total governmental funds	<u>2,780,315</u>	<u>2,883,404</u>
<u>Major enterprise funds:</u>		
Riverview nursing home	4,032	-
Danbury sewer operations	139,946	-
Regional water operations	43,827	102,699
Catawba portage sewer	33,030	-
Nonmajor enterprise funds	<u>455</u>	<u>17,514</u>
Total enterprise funds	<u>221,290</u>	<u>120,213</u>
Internal service fund	<u>2,012</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,003,617</u>	<u>\$ 3,003,617</u>

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - (Continued)

Transfers are used to (1) move receipts from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to disburse 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 receipts collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

- B.** Advances for the year ended December 31, 2014 consisted of the following, as reported in the fund financial statements:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Advances In</u>	<u>Advances Out</u>
<u>Major governmental funds:</u>		
General	\$ 521,121	\$ 630,216
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>554,055</u>	<u>500,293</u>
Total governmental funds	<u>1,075,176</u>	<u>1,130,509</u>
<u>Major enterprise funds:</u>		
Riverview nursing home	64,538	1,933
Danbury sewer operations	10,725	11,000
Nonmajor enterprise funds	<u>899</u>	<u>7,896</u>
Total enterprise funds	<u>76,162</u>	<u>20,829</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,151,338</u>	<u>\$ 1,151,338</u>

These advances will be repaid in the next year as resources become available. Advances between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting on the government-wide statement of net position.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility 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 proceeding 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.

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County. The County Auditor periodically remits to the taxing districts their portion of the taxes collected.

The full tax rate for all County operations for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$7.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2015 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

<u>Real Property</u>	
Residential/Agricultural	\$ 1,340,172,980
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral	248,081,700
<u>Public Utility</u>	
Real	730,100
Personal	<u>147,876,460</u>
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$ 1,736,861,240</u>

NOTE 7 - PERMISSIVE SALES AND USE TAX

The County Commissioners, by resolution, imposed a 1% percent tax on all retail sales made in the County, except sales of motor vehicles, and on the storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property in the County, including motor vehicles not subject to the sales tax. Vendor collections of the tax are paid to the State Treasurer by the twenty-third day of the month following collection. The State Tax Commissioner certifies, to the State Auditor, the amount of the tax to be returned to the County. The Tax Commissioner's certification must be made within forty-five days after the end of each month. On July 1, 2013, the County added an additional 0.25% permanent sales tax.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligation activity for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 was as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/14</u>	<u>Amount Due In One Year</u>
<u>General Obligation Bonds:</u>						
2003 County / City Complex (original amount \$1,385,000)	3.63%	\$ 95,000	\$ -	\$ (95,000)	\$ -	\$ -
2003 Industrial Park Improvements (original amount \$510,000)	3.64	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-
2003 Airport Improvements (original amount \$695,000)	3.63	35,000	-	(35,000)	-	-
2003 Community Resource Center (original amount \$3,060,000)	4.18	105,000	-	(105,000)	-	-
2003 Port Authority Improvements (original amount \$605,000)	3.19	50,000	-	(50,000)	-	-
2003 Airport Improvements (original amount \$465,000)	3.96	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-
2013 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds (original amount \$3,140,000)	1.00-4.00	3,110,000	-	(40,000)	3,070,000	430,000
2006 Board of DD Facility Bonds (original amount \$2,020,000)	4.00-4.40	1,490,000	-	(90,000)	1,400,000	90,000
2006 Riverview Industries Building (original amount \$950,000)	4.00-4.40	<u>700,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>660,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total General Obligation Bonds		<u>5,655,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(525,000)</u>	<u>5,130,000</u>	<u>565,000</u>

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<u>Governmental Activities (continued):</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/14</u>	<u>Amount Due In One Year</u>
<u>Special Assessment Bonds:</u>						
1995 Gypsum Sewer (original amount \$112,769)	4.50	\$ 11,300	\$ -	\$ (5,700)	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600
Total Special Assessment Bonds		<u>11,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,700)</u>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>5,600</u>
<u>OWDA Loans:</u>						
1998 Dani-Donn (original amount \$47,710)	5.54	18,537	-	(2,979)	15,558	3,144
1999 Perryview Estates (original amount \$127,826)	6.13	59,185	-	(7,664)	51,521	8,141
1999 Regional Water (original amount \$17,942,681)	4.02	<u>7,451,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,024,713)</u>	<u>6,426,596</u>	<u>1,066,321</u>
Total OWDA Loans		<u>7,529,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,035,356)</u>	<u>6,493,675</u>	<u>1,077,606</u>
<u>OPWC Loans:</u>						
2007 Port Clinton Eastern Road (original amount \$157,431)	0.00	114,136	-	(7,871)	106,265	7,872
2007 Port Clinton Eastern Road (original amount \$382,692)	0.00	277,453	-	(19,134)	258,319	19,135
2009 Lemon Road Bridge Replacement (original amount \$152,891)	0.00	117,217	-	(10,193)	107,024	10,193
2012 Toussaint East Road CR 93 Reconstruction (original amount \$125,937)	0.00	119,640	-	(12,594)	107,046	12,594
2013 Fremont Road Reconstruction (original amount \$65,030)	0.00	<u>65,030</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,252)</u>	<u>61,778</u>	<u>6,503</u>
Total OPWC Loans		<u>693,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(53,044)</u>	<u>640,432</u>	<u>56,297</u>
<u>Other Long-Term Obligations:</u>						
Capital Leases		<u>3,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,583)</u>	<u>1,139</u>	<u>1,139</u>
Total Other Long-Term Obligations		<u>3,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,583)</u>	<u>1,139</u>	<u>1,139</u>
Total Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 13,892,529</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,621,683)</u>	<u>\$ 12,270,846</u>	<u>\$ 1,705,642</u>

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/14</u>	<u>Amount Due In One Year</u>
<u>General Obligation Bonds:</u>						
2011 Catawaba Portage Sanitary Sewer (original amount \$1,440,000)	1.30-3.70	\$ 1,075,000	\$ -	\$ (95,000)	\$ 980,000	\$ 105,000
2011 Regional Water System Improvement Bonds (original amount \$1,730,000)	2.50-4.875	1,565,000	-	(50,000)	1,515,000	50,000
2003 Danbury Sewer Refunding (original amount \$3,355,000)	3.30	580,000	-	(580,000)	-	-
2003 County Home Refunding (original amount \$3,650,000)	3.07	360,000	-	(360,000)	-	-
2003 Catawba Portage Sewer Station (original amount \$245,000)	3.66	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-
2006 County Home Improvements (original amount \$965,000)	4.00-4.25	330,000	-	(105,000)	225,000	110,000
2008 Catawba Portage Sewer Refunding (original amount \$5,272,000)	3.00	4,935,000	-	(135,000)	4,800,000	135,000
Total General Obligation Bonds		8,865,000	-	(1,345,000)	7,520,000	400,000
<u>Special Assessment Bonds:</u>						
2005 Sanitary Sewer Improvements (original amount \$815,000)	5.00	296,000	-	(19,000)	277,000	20,000
Total Special Assessment Bonds		296,000	-	(19,000)	277,000	20,000
<u>OWDA Loans:</u>						
1997 Danbury Sanitary Sewer (original amount \$1,246,205)	3.04	312,708	-	(74,675)	238,033	76,963
1997 Regional Water (original amount \$29,991,085)	2.00	15,034,341	-	(1,235,457)	13,798,884	1,260,166
2001 Camp Perry Western Road (original amount \$17,145)	5.74	9,663	-	(911)	8,752	964
2004 Danbury Township Wastewater (original amount \$4,632,743)	3.76	3,186,674	-	(238,807)	2,947,867	247,870
2004 Golf Lane Waterline (original amount \$69,018)	4.56	46,999	-	(3,190)	43,809	3,337

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

<u>Business-Type Activities (continued):</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/14</u>	<u>Amount Due In One Year</u>
<u>OWDA Loans (continued):</u>						
2004 Water Plant Expansion (original amount \$3,065,360)	4.51%	2,709,315	-	(79,658)	2,629,657	83,290
2006 South Bass Island Waterline (original amount \$968,848)	2.00	731,322	-	(43,944)	687,378	44,828
2007 Sewer Construction (original amount \$245,936)	3.82	185,324	-	(10,720)	174,604	11,134
2008 Ductile Iron Cathode Protection (original amount \$1,216,200)	3.36	934,228	-	(48,817)	885,411	50,471
2009 Phase III Water Main Corrosion (original amount \$434,264)	3.52	274,968	-	(24,310)	250,658	13,522
2009 Phase II Erie Twp. Water & Sewer (original amount \$223,761)	4.79	190,081	-	(8,510)	181,571	8,922
2009 Sand Road Waterline Replacement (original amount \$420,319)	4.79	<u>357,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,985)</u>	<u>341,068</u>	<u>16,759</u>
Total OWDA Loans		<u>23,972,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,784,984)</u>	<u>22,187,692</u>	<u>1,818,226</u>
<u>OPWC Loans:</u>						
1994 Portage Catawba Island WWTP (original amount \$168,000)	4.00	17,711	-	(11,690)	6,021	6,021
1999 Danbury Sewer (original amount \$169,741)	0.00	50,922	-	(8,487)	42,435	8,487
1999 Allen / Clay Sanitary Sewer (original amount \$23,035)	0.00	6,911	-	(1,152)	5,759	1,152
2003 Gypsum Water Replacements (original amount \$83,933)	0.00	44,065	-	(4,196)	39,869	4,197
2003 Clay Center Sanitary Sewer (original amount \$222,352)	0.00	133,411	-	(16,676)	116,735	11,117
2004 Regional Water System Repair (original amount \$174,000)	0.00	104,400	-	(8,700)	95,700	8,700
2004 State Road Sanitary Sewer (original amount \$133,798)	0.00	83,624	-	(6,690)	76,934	6,690
2006 S.R. 269 Sanitary Sewer Main (original amount \$143,018)	0.00	96,538	-	(7,151)	89,387	7,151
2009 Phase III Erie Twp. Sewer Improvements (original amount \$238,440)	0.00	208,635	-	(11,922)	196,713	11,922
2013 SBI Langram Rd Waterline Extension (original amount \$294,755)	0.00	294,755	-	(7,369)	287,386	14,738
2014 Barnum Road Sanitary Sewer Extension (original amount \$128,075)	0.00	<u>-</u>	<u>128,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,075</u>	<u>6,404</u>
Total OPWC Loans		<u>1,040,972</u>	<u>128,075</u>	<u>(84,033)</u>	<u>1,085,014</u>	<u>86,579</u>

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

<u>Business-Type Activities (continued):</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/14</u>	<u>Amount Due In One Year</u>
<u>Ohio Water & Sewer Loans:</u>						
1991 Portage Catawba Water (original amount \$185,855)	0.00%	\$ 63,775	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,775	\$ -
1992 Danbury Sewer (original amount \$216,741)	0.00	78,042	-	-	78,042	-
1992 Catawba Portage Sewer (original amount \$28,662)	0.00	5,762	-	-	5,762	-
1999 Regional Water (original amount \$1,108,668)	0.00	901,251	-	(2,571)	898,680	-
2001 Camp Perry Western Road (original amount \$37,929)	0.00	28,436	-	-	28,436	-
2004 Clay Center (original amount \$13,128)	0.00	13,128	-	-	13,128	-
2005 State Road Sewer (original amount \$28,990)	0.00	26,022	-	(6,350)	19,672	-
2008 Allen/Clay Phase IV (original amount \$21,207)	0.00	18,026	-	-	18,026	-
2008 SBI Waterline (original amount \$8,421)	0.00	<u>8,421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,421</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Ohio Water & Sewer Loans		<u>1,142,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,921)</u>	<u>1,133,942</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>OEPA Loans:</u>						
1999 Regional Water (original amount \$3,274,564)	4.02	<u>1,359,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(187,012)</u>	<u>1,172,863</u>	<u>194,605</u>
Total OEPA Loans		<u>1,359,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(187,012)</u>	<u>1,172,863</u>	<u>194,605</u>
Total Business-Type Activities		<u>\$ 36,677,386</u>	<u>\$ 128,075</u>	<u>\$ (3,428,950)</u>	<u>\$ 33,376,511</u>	<u>\$ 2,519,410</u>

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

General Obligation Bonds

General obligation bonds are supported by the full faith and credit of Ottawa County. General obligation bonds will be paid from property tax receipts to the extent that other resources are not available to meet annual principal and interest payments.

2003 Various Improvement Bonds

On June 3, 2003, the County issued \$10,615,000 in general obligation bonds with interest rates from 3.63 percent to 4.18 percent. These bonds were issued for improvements to the County/City Complex, Industrial Park Improvement, Airport Improvement, Community Resource Center construction and Port Authority Improvements. During 2013, \$2,995,000 of the bonds were refunded through the issuance of the 2013 Various Improvement Refunding Bonds.

2006 Various Improvement Bonds

On June 28, 2006, the County issued \$3,935,000 in general obligation bonds with interest rates from 4.00 percent to 4.40 percent. These bonds were issued for constructing a new building for Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled, Riverview Industries building improvements, and various County building improvements.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2018, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2017, at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption dates in the principal amounts and in the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 145,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining principal, in the amount of \$155,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2020, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2019, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption dates in the principal amounts and in the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$ 160,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining principal, in the amount of \$165,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2022, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2021, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption dates in the principal amounts and in the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 175,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining principal, in the amount of \$180,000, is payable at stated maturity.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2024, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2023, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption dates in the principal amounts and in the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$ 190,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining principal, in the amount of \$195,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2026, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2025, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption dates in the principal amounts and in the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 205,000

Unless otherwise called for redemption, the remaining principal, in the amount of \$215,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2018 and thereafter shall be subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part, on any date, in any order of maturity as determined by the County and by lot within a maturity at the option of the County on or after December 1, 2016, at par, which is 100 percent of the face value of the bonds.

2013 Various Improvement Refunding Bonds

On September 18, 2013, the County issued \$3,140,000 in general obligation refunding bonds - Series 2013 for the purpose of refunding a portion (\$2,995,000) of the 2003 various improvement bonds. This refunded debt is considered defeased (in-substance) and accordingly, has been removed from the statement of net position.

The refunding bonds are comprised of serial bonds, par value \$2,465,000 and term bonds, par value \$675,000. The bonds bear interest rates ranging from 1.00% - 4.00%. Principal and interest payments are due on December 1 and June 1 of each year. The bonds mature on December 1, 2027.

The refunding resulted in \$236,148 in gross debt service savings.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2025, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in part on December 1, 2014, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 160,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$165,000, is payable at stated maturity.

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The bonds maturing on December 1, 2027, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in part on December 1, 2026, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2026	\$ 170,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$180,000, is payable at stated maturity.

Special Assessment Bonds

The special assessment bonds will be paid from the proceeds of the special assessments levied against those property owners who primarily benefited from the project. In the event that property owners fail to make their special assessment payments, the County is responsible for providing the resources to meet annual principal and interest payments. Special assessment debt is supported by the full faith and credit of Ottawa County.

Capital Lease Obligation

Capital lease obligations will be paid from the fund that maintains the related asset. See Note 9.

General Obligation Revenue Bonds

The general obligation revenue bonds are liabilities of the various enterprise funds and pledge their respective receipts for repayment. The bonds also pledge the full faith and credit and taxing ability of the County in the event that the enterprise funds' receipts are not sufficient to meet the principal and interest requirements.

Danbury Sanitary Sewer System Refunding Bonds

The bonds maturing on October 1, 2014, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each October 1, commencing October 1, 2014, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$ 455,000
2010	485,000
2011	510,000
2012	535,000
2013	565,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$600,000, is payable at stated maturity.

Catawba Portage Sanitary Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2022, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2022, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	\$ 115,000
2016	120,000
2017	130,000
2018	145,000
2019	145,000
2020	160,000
2021	150,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$195,000, is payable at stated maturity.

Series 2008 Refunding Bonds

On October 1, 2008, the County issued general obligation and special assessment bonds (Series 2008 Refunding Bonds) to advance refund the callable portion of the Series 1998 general obligation and special assessment bonds. This refunded debt is considered defeased (in-substance) and accordingly, has been removed from the statement of net position. The balance of the refunded Series 1998 general obligation and special assessment bonds at December 31, 2014 is \$4,800,000.

The refunding issues are comprised of general obligation and special assessment bonds, par value \$8,680,000. The interest rate on the general obligation and special assessment bonds is 3.00%. Interest payments on the bonds are due on March 1 and November 1 each year. The final maturity stated in the issues range from September 1, 2011, to September 1, 2031. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as disbursements of the general obligation bonds fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and special assessment bonds fund in the governmental funds and as disbursements of the Riverview nursing home fund, Danbury sewer operations fund, Catawba Portage sewer fund and Portage Catawba water fund (a nonmajor business-type fund) in the business-type funds.

The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$635,677.

2011 Catawaba Portage Sanitary Sewer Refunding Bonds

On June 5, 2011, the County issued \$1,440,000 in refunded general obligation bonds with interest rates from 1.3 percent to 3.7 percent. The proceeds of the bonds were used to refund \$1,655,000 of the County's outstanding 1998 Catawaba Portage Sanitary Sewer bonds. The bonds were issued for a 12 year period with final maturity at December 1, 2022.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2013, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2011, at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2011	\$ 170,000
2012	100,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$95,000, is payable at stated maturity.

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The bonds maturing on December 1, 2015, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2014, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014	\$ 95,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$105,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2017, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2016, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 105,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$110,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2019, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2018, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 125,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$125,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2022, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2020, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 130,000
2021	120,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$160,000, is payable at stated maturity.

2011 Regional Water System Improvement Bonds

On March 9, 2011, the County issued \$1,730,000 in general obligation bonds with interest rates from 2.5 percent to 4.875 percent. The proceeds of the bonds were used to pay \$1,673,100 of the County's outstanding 1999 Regional Water Development bonds. The bonds were issued for a 24 year period with final maturity at December 1, 2034.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2016, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on December 1, 2011, at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2011	\$ 65,000
2012	50,000
2013	50,000
2014	50,000
2015	50,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$55,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2021, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2017, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 55,000
2018	55,000
2019	60,000
2020	60,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$65,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2026, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2022, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 65,000
2023	70,000
2024	70,000
2025	75,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$75,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2031, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2027, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2027	\$ 80,000
2028	85,000
2029	90,000
2030	95,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$95,000, is payable at stated maturity.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2034, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on each December 1, commencing December 1, 2032, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2032	\$ 100,000
2033	105,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$110,000, is payable at stated maturity.

Ohio Water and Sewer Loans

The Ohio Water and Sewer Loans were provided to the County for the deferral of special assessment collections on agricultural land. The loan principal is being deferred as long as the land is used for agriculture purposes. If the land is ever used for other than agriculture purposes, the loan is due and payable, the special assessments are then due and collectible by the County, and the monies collected are to be remitted to the Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission (OWSRC) within one year of collection.

The loans are non-interest bearing as long as the land is used for agriculture purposes. If the land is ever used for other than agriculture purposes and the required special assessments are not remitted to OWSRC, the loans become interest bearing at an interest rate to be determined by OWSRC. Several of these loans were used for purposes outside the loan and were required to submit monies to OWSRC.

OWDA Loans

OWDA loans consist of monies owed to the Ohio Water Development Authority for various water and sewer projects. OWDA loans are payable solely from special assessments and the gross receipts of the enterprise funds.

The County has pledged future water and sewer receipts to repay OWDA loans. The loans are payable solely from water and sewer fund receipts and are payable through 2034. Annual principal and interest payments on the loans are expected to require 60.55 percent of net receipts and 28.54 percent of total receipts. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the loans is \$26,448,279. Principal and interest paid for the current year were \$2,424,012, total net receipts revenues were \$4,003,135 and total revenues were \$8,494,625.

OPWC Loans

OPWC loans consist of monies owed to the Ohio Public Works Commission for various water and sewer projects. OPWC loans are payable solely from the gross receipts of the enterprise funds.

OEPA Loan

The OEPA loan consists of monies owed to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for the Regional Water Project. The OEPA loan is payable from receipts from the Regional Water enterprise fund.

Legal Debt Margins

The Ohio Revised Code provides that net general obligation debt of the County, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors, should not exceed 1 percent of the total assessed valuation of the County. The Ohio Revised Code further provides that the total voted and unvoted net debt of the County, less the same exempt debt, should not exceed a sum equal to 3 percent of the first \$100,000,000 of assessed valuation, plus 1.5 percent of such valuation in excess of \$100,000,000 and not in excess of \$300,000,000, plus 2.5 percent of such valuation in excess of \$300,000,000.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The assessed valuation used in determining the County's legal debt margins has been modified by House Bill 530, which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in the County's legal debt margin calculations excluded 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 effects of these debt limitations at December 31, 2014 are a legal voted debt margin of \$34,029,482 (including available funds of \$934,862) and a legal unvoted debt margin of \$15,889,848.

The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service requirements for governmental activities:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>		<u>Special Assessment Bonds</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 565,000	\$ 159,418	\$ 5,600	\$ 252
2016	495,000	149,718	-	-
2017	510,000	138,443	-	-
2018	530,000	125,125	-	-
2019	335,000	111,193	-	-
2020 - 2024	1,760,000	385,166	-	-
2025 - 2027	935,000	68,584	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 5,130,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,647</u>	<u>\$ 5,600</u>	<u>\$ 252</u>

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>OWDA Loans</u>		<u>OPWC Loans</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 1,077,606	\$ 251,636	\$ 56,297	\$ -
2016	1,121,583	207,659	56,295	-
2017	1,167,362	161,882	56,297	-
2018	1,215,011	114,232	56,296	-
2019	1,262,608	64,631	56,297	-
2020 - 2024	649,505	13,113	259,334	-
2025 - 2028	-	-	99,616	-
Total	<u>\$ 6,493,675</u>	<u>\$ 813,153</u>	<u>\$ 640,432</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>		<u>Special Assessment Bonds</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 400,000	\$ 317,771	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,233
2016	415,000	305,294	21,000	12,281
2017	310,000	291,053	22,000	11,281
2018	325,000	280,720	23,000	10,234
2019	335,000	268,885	24,000	9,139
2020 - 2024	1,925,000	1,138,148	137,000	27,561
2025 - 2029	2,395,000	678,471	30,000	1,476
2030 - 2034	1,415,000	140,169	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 7,520,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,420,511</u>	<u>\$ 277,000</u>	<u>\$ 85,205</u>

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>OWDA Loans</u>		<u>OPWC Loans</u>		<u>OEPA Loans</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 1,818,226	\$ 594,534	\$ 86,579	\$ 120	\$ 194,605	\$ 45,213
2016	1,863,971	548,789	80,558	-	202,507	37,311
2017	1,911,000	501,760	80,558	-	210,729	29,088
2018	1,875,100	454,038	80,558	-	219,286	20,532
2019	1,922,250	406,892	80,558	-	228,190	11,628
2020 - 2024	10,363,252	1,278,824	352,497	-	117,546	2,363
2025 - 2029	1,543,250	361,595	207,492	-	-	-
2030 - 2034	890,643	114,155	116,214	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 22,187,692</u>	<u>\$ 4,260,587</u>	<u>\$ 1,085,014</u>	<u>\$ 120</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,863</u>	<u>\$ 146,135</u>

Industrial Revenue Bonds

The County has issued industrial revenue bonds for the following organizations:

	<u>Amount of Issuance</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding at 12/31/14</u>
Luther Home of Mercy	\$ 5,666,072	\$ 3,940,829
Otterbein Home	85,565,000	31,875,000
Magruder Hospital	6,700,000	1,960,000

The County is not obligated in any way to pay debt and related charges on industrial revenue bonds from any of its funds, and therefore, they have been excluded entirely from the County's debt presentation. There has not been, and there is not currently, any condition of default under the bonds or the related financing documents.

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL LEASES

The County has entered into capitalized leases for equipment. Each lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments are reflected as debt service disbursements on the statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in fund cash balance for the governmental funds.

Principal payments in 2014 were \$2,583 for governmental funds.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2014.

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	<u>\$ 1,139</u>	<u>\$ 23</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,139</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General Insurance

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2014, the County contracted with County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) for liability, property and crime insurance. The CORSA program has a \$2,500 deductible. Coverages provided by CORSA are as follows:

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Liability	\$ 1,000,000
Excess Liability	10,000,000
Law Enforcement Professional Liability	1,000,000
Automobile Liability and Physical Damage:	
Liability	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorist	250,000
Public Officials Errors and Omissions	1,000,000
Ohio Stop Gap (Additional Workers' Compensation Coverage)	1,000,000
Building and Contents	
Other Property Insurance:	
Extra Expense	1,000,000
Contractors Equipment	
Valuable Papers and Records	1,000,000
Miscellaneous Floaters	
Automobile Physical Damage	Actual cash value
Flood and Earthquake	100,000,000
Comprehensive Boiler and Machinery	100,000,000
Crime	1,000,000

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

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

B. Workers Compensation

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

C. Medical Insurance

The County manages health, vision, dental, and drug card insurance for its employees on a self insured basis. A third party administrator processes the claims, which the County pays. The Self Insurance internal service fund allocates the cost of providing claims servicing and claims payments by charging a monthly premium to each individual enrolled in the health insurance program. These premiums, along with the premium the County pays for each employee enrolled in the program, are paid into the Self Insurance internal service fund. Claims and services are paid from the Self Insurance internal service fund.

Under the health insurance program, the Self Insurance internal service fund provides coverage in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. The County purchased commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided by the Self Insurance internal service fund. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in the past three years.

All funds of the County participate in the program and make payments to the Self Insurance internal service fund based on actuarial estimates of the amounts needed to pay prior and current-year claims. Claims payable is based on the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues", which requires that a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported if information prior to issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount can be reasonably estimated. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses. Claims payments for the year ended December 31, 2014 were \$4,897,711.

The changes in the cash balance of the Self Insurance internal service fund for 2014 and 2013 were:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2014	\$ 110,985	\$ 6,146,754	\$ (5,625,855)	\$ 631,884
2013	970,356	5,810,855	(6,670,226)	110,985

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NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS

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 <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, 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 \$2,519,481, \$2,628,715, and \$2,037,156, respectively; 91.88% 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/pension obligation payable on the basic financial statements. Contributions to the Member-Directed Plan for 2014 were \$77,275 made by the County and \$55,196 made by the plan members.

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NOTE 12 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

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 <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, 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 \$420,061, \$202,122, and \$794,794, respectively; 91.88% 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/pension obligation payable 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.

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NOTE 13 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances.

The statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements and changes in fund cash balance - governmental funds - cash basis - (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 cash basis are that:

- (a) 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 a reservation of fund cash balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances (cash basis); and
- (b) Some funds are included in the general fund (cash basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the net change in fund cash balance for the year on the budget basis to the cash basis for the general fund and major special revenue funds are as follows:

	Governmental Funds			
	General	Road and Bridge	Job and Family Services	Board of Developmental Disabilities
	General	Bridge	Services	Disabilities
Budget basis	\$ 1,289,577	\$ (81,267)	\$ (287,619)	\$ (990,020)
Net adjustment for cash in segregated accounts	(38,829)	-	-	-
Net adjustment for funds budgeted elsewhere	(338,914)	-	-	-
Encumbrances (budget-basis)	385,581	36,890	42,422	415,124
Cash basis	\$ 1,297,415	\$ (44,377)	\$ (245,197)	\$ (574,896)

NOTE 14 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

Several claims and lawsuits are pending against the County. In the opinion of the County Prosecutor, no liability is anticipated in excess of insurance coverage.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 15 - OTHER COMMITMENTS

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year - End Encumbrances</u>
General	\$ 393,355
Road and bridge	36,890
Job and family services	42,422
Board of developmental disabilities	415,124
Capital improvement	409,059
Other governmental	<u>911,510</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,208,360</u>

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NOTE 16 - 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	Road and Bridge	Job and Family Services	Board of DD	Capital Improvement	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:							
Unclaimed monies	\$ 65,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,127
Total nonspendable	<u>65,127</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,127</u>
Restricted:							
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	60,843	60,843
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	28,737	28,737
Public safety programs	-	-	-	-	-	1,262,090	1,262,090
Public works project	-	4,114,299	-	-	-	715,718	4,830,017
Health services	-	-	-	-	-	184,984	184,984
Human services program	-	-	398,730	7,469,973	-	1,062,955	8,931,658
Economic development	-	-	-	-	-	1,351	1,351
Other purposes	-	-	-	-	-	2,425,804	2,425,804
Total restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>4,114,299</u>	<u>398,730</u>	<u>7,469,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,742,482</u>	<u>17,725,484</u>
Committed:							
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	2,880,008	98,376	2,978,384
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	906,125	906,125
Public works project	-	-	-	-	-	24,699	24,699
Other purposes	435,753	-	-	-	-	-	435,753
Total committed	<u>435,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,880,008</u>	<u>1,029,200</u>	<u>4,344,961</u>
Assigned:							
Public safety programs	5,331	-	-	-	-	-	5,331
Other purposes	535,674	-	-	-	-	-	535,674
Total assigned	<u>541,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>541,005</u>
Unassigned	<u>3,568,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,568,968</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$4,610,853</u>	<u>\$4,114,299</u>	<u>\$ 398,730</u>	<u>\$7,469,973</u>	<u>\$ 2,880,008</u>	<u>\$ 6,771,682</u>	<u>\$26,245,545</u>

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 17 - LINE OF CREDIT AND LOAN TO REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

On March 28, 2013, the County extended the Erie-Ottawa Regional Airport Authority (the "Airport") a line of credit up to \$100,000. The proceeds of this line of credit were to be used only for the purchase of airplane and jet fuel to be sold at the Airport. The Airport agreed to pay the County the net sum of borrowing plus interest. During 2014, the Airport borrowed \$755,885 and accrued \$1,954 in interest on the outstanding line of credit. As of December 31, 2014, the Airport made \$755,885 in principal and \$2,091 in interest payments on the line of credit.

On September 24, 2013, the County extended the Airport a construction loan up to \$1,000,000. The proceeds of this loan are to be used for various construction projects at the Airport. The Airport agreed to pay the County the net sum of borrowing plus interest. During 2014, the Airport borrowed an additional \$165,358 and accrued \$2,565 in interest on the outstanding loan. As of December 31, 2014, the Airport made \$692,118 in principal and interest payments on the loan. As of June 5, 2014, the Airport has paid off the loan in full.

NOTE 18 – MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Miscellaneous receipts in the General fund consist primarily of Line of Credit and Construction Loan repayments from the Regional Airport Authority.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION
OTTAWA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Disbursements
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Development Services Agency</i>			
Community Development Block Grants	B-C-11-1CE-1	14.228	\$3,524
Community Development Block Grants	B-F-12-1CE-1		32,493
Community Development Block Grants	B-F-13-1CE-1		96,022
Community Development Block Grants	B-C-13-1CE-1		21,071
Total - Community Development Block Grants			153,110
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	B-C-13-1CE-2	14.239	26,482
HOME Revolving Loan - Housing Program	N/A		1,350
Total CFDA # 14.239			27,832
Total - Department of Housing and Urban Development			180,942
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
<i>Direct Assistance</i>			
Brownfield Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants and Cooperative Agreements	00E01066-0	66.818	142,917
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Direct Assistance</i>			
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	2010CKWX0424	16.710	200,000
<i>Passed Through Ohio Attorney General's Office</i>			
Crime Victim Assistance	2014 VAGENE 248	16.575	25,522
	2015 VAGENE 10203156		8,953
Total - Crime Victim Assistance			34,475
<i>Passed Through Drug Task Force - Erie County</i>			
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	2013-JG-A01-6718	16.738	32,807
Total - Department of Justice			267,282
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
<u>Food Assistance Employment and Training</u>			
FAET	JFSFF114	10.561	3,278
FAET	JFSCF115		6,956
FAET Participation Allowance	JFSFFP14		1,672
FAET Participation Allowance	JFSCFP15		940
Food Assistance	JFSFFB14		68,380
Food Assistance	JFSCFB15		10,435
Total - Department of Agriculture			91,661
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR			
<i>Passed Through Workforce Investment Act, Area 7</i>			
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Cluster:			
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Administration (PY 12)	S0762	17.258	336
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Administration (FY 13)	S0762		928
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Administration (PY 13)	S0762		230
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Administration (FY 14)	S0762		328
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Program (FY13)	S0762		27,667
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Program (PY13)	S0762		2,064
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Program (FY14)	S0762		85,104
Workforce Investment Act - OMJ Branding	S0762		3,633
Total - Workforce Investment Act - Adult			120,290
Workforce Investment Act - Youth Program (PY13)	S0762	17.259	117,098
Workforce Investment Act - Youth Program (PY14)	S0762		13,939
Total - Workforce Investment Act - Youth			131,037

**FINANCIAL CONDITION
OTTAWA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Disbursements
Workforce Investment Act - Dislocated Worker Administration (FY13)	S0762	17.278	832
Workforce Investment Act - Dislocated Worker Administration (PY13)	S0762		140
Workforce Investment Act - Dislocated Worker Program (FY13)	S0762		51,275
Workforce Investment Act - Dislocated Worker Program (PY13)	S0762		10,537
Workforce Investment Act - Dislocated Worker Program (FY14)	S0762		52,882
Total - Workforce Investment Act - Dislocated Worker			<u>115,666</u>
Total - Department of Labor			<u>366,993</u>
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Emergency Management Agency</i>			
FY 13 Emergency Management Performance Grant	DPSFE199	97.042	32,042
FY 14 Emergency Management Performance Grant	DPSFE208		49,595
Total - Emergency Management Performance Grants			<u>81,637</u>
<u>Homeland Security Grant Program</u>			
FY 11 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)	DPSFE174	97.067	11,778
FY 11 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) - Marine Patrols	DPSFE177		68,340
FY 12 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) - Marine Patrols	DPSFE190		65,563
FY 13 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) - Marine Patrols	DPSFE204		31,155
FY 11 Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)	DPSFE174		14,103
Total - Homeland Security Grant Program			<u>190,939</u>
Treasury Executive Office Forfeiture Fund	MOU	97.XXX	8,274
Total - Department of Homeland Security			<u>280,850</u>
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
<u>Promoting Safe and Stable Families</u>			
Caseworker Visits	JFSFMC14	93.556	461
Caseworker Visits	JFSCMC15		462
Caseworker Visits - Admin	JFSFMC14		68
Caseworker Visits - Admin	JFSCMC15		69
ESAA Preservation	JFSFPF14		8,572
ESAA Preservation	JFSCPF15		3,451
ESAA Preservation - Operating	JFSFPF14		1,452
ESAA Preservation - Operating	JFSCPF15		1,453
ESAA Reunification	JFSFPF14		3,473
ESAA Reunification	JFSCPF15		12,186
ESAA Reunification - Operating	JFSFPF14		1,278
ESAA Reunification - Operating	JFSCPF15		1,278
Post Adoption Special	JFSOLF14		12,945
Total - Promoting Safe and Stable Families			<u>47,148</u>
<u>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</u>			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - Administration	JFSFTF14	93.558	339,675
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - Administration	JFSCTF15		99,979
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - Regular	JFSFTF14		177,375
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - Regular	JFSCTF15		120,630
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - Summer Youth	JFSFTF14		50,911
Total - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families			<u>788,570</u>
<u>Child Care and Development Block Grant Cluster</u>			
Child Care Administration	JFSFCD14	93.575	6,181
Child Care Administration	JFSccd15		2,880
Child Care Non-Administration	JFSFCD14		15,843
Child Care Non-Administration	JFSccd15		12,393
Total - Child Care and Development Block Grant			<u>37,297</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i>	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Disbursements
Program Title			
<u>Social Services Block Grant</u>			
Social Services Block Grant - Title XX-Base	JFSFSS14	93.667	127,010
Social Services Block Grant - Title XX-Transfer	JFSFTX14		158,884
Social Services Block Grant - Title XX-Transfer	JFSCTX15		19,683
Total - Social Services Block Grant			<u>305,577</u>
<u>Medicaid</u>			
Medicaid	MCDFMT14	93.778	79,855
Medicaid	MCDFMT15		11,305
Medicaid Enhanced	MCDFMT14		106,182
Medicaid Enhanced	MCDFMT15		35,219
Medicaid NET	MCDFMT14		18,315
Medicaid NET	MCDFMT15		11,098
Medicaid Child Welfare Related	MCDFMP14		531
Total - Medicaid Assistance Program			<u>262,505</u>
<u>Title IV-D - Child Support Enforcement</u>			
Title IV-D - Child Support Enforcement	JFSFCS14	93.563	218,824
Title IV-D - Child Support Enforcement	JFSFCS15		67,569
Title IV-D - Federal Incentive Expenditures	JFSOLS14		74,096
Total - Title IV-D Child Support			<u>360,489</u>
<u>Title IV-B - Child Welfare Services</u>			
Title IV-B - Child Welfare Services-Administration	JFSFCW14	93.645	2,216
Title IV-B - Child Welfare Services-Administration	JFSCCW15		2,217
Title IV-B - Child Welfare Services	JFSFCW14		22,167
Title IV-B - Child Welfare Services	JFSCCW15		7,758
Total - Title IV-B - Child Welfare Services			<u>34,358</u>
<u>Title IV-E - Foster Care</u>			
Title IV-E - Foster Care	JFSFFC14	93.658	274,770
Title IV-E - Foster Care	JFSFCF15		170,863
Title IV-E - Foster Care-Administrative and Training	JFSFFC14		20,754
Title IV-E - Foster Care-Administrative and Training	JFSFCF15		11,611
Total - Title IV-E Foster Care			<u>477,998</u>
<u>Visitation Access</u>			
Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs	JFSOLS14	93.597	19,515
Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs	JFSOLS15		27,827
Total - Visitation Access			<u>47,342</u>
<u>Title IV-E - Adoption Assistance</u>			
Title IV-E - Adoption Assistance-Administrative and Training	JFSFAA14	93.659	9,515
Title IV-E - Adoption Assistance-Administrative and Training	JFSCAA15		8,081
Non-Recurring Adoption	JFSFAA14		206
Non-Recurring Adoption	JFSCAA15		1,375
Total - Title IV-E Adoption Assistance			<u>19,177</u>
Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities - Grants to States	N/A	93.617	2,809
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	MCDFSH14	93.767	1,914
Total Passed through Ohio Job and Family Services			<u>2,385,184</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Pass Through Entity Number	Federal CFDA Number	Disbursements
Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities			
Social Services Block Grant - Title XX	N/A	93.667	34,800
Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)	N/A	93.778	79,461
<i>Total Passed through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</i>			<u>114,261</u>
Total All Social Services Block Grant - CFDA #93.667			340,377
Total All Medicaid Assistance Programs - CFDA #93.778			<u>341,966</u>
Total - Department of Health and Human Services			<u>2,499,445</u>
UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION			
Passed Through Ohio Secretary of State			
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments	N/A	90.401	<u>1,104</u>
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation			
Rural Transit Grant - Operating	114-RTPX-14-0100	20.509	702,433
Rural Transit Grant - Capital	114-RTPX-14-0100		226,752
Rural Transit Grant - Capitalized Maintenance	114-RTPX-14-0100		192,000
Total - Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas			<u>1,121,185</u>
Lime Kiln Terminal Extension	92212	20.205	57,875
Total - Highway Planning and Construction			<u>57,875</u>
New Freedom Program	NF-4062-055-141	20.521	14,041
State and Community Highway Safety	2014-392	20.600	12,179
State and Community Highway Safety	2015-511		593
Total - State and Community Highway Safety			<u>12,772</u>
National Priority Safety Programs	2015-426	20.616	970
Total - Department of Transportation			<u>1,206,843</u>
Total			<u>\$5,038,037</u>

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OTTAWA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures (the Schedule) reports Ottawa County, Ohio's (the County's) federal award programs' disbursements. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B - SUBRECIPIENTS

The County passes certain federal awards received from Workforce Investment Act, Area 7 to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note A describes, the County reports expenditures of federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash. Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule, the County provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

Program Title	CFDA Number	Amount to Subrecipients
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Cluster	17.258, 17.259, 17.278	\$ 313,895

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

NOTE C - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAMS

The County has a revolving loan fund (RLF) program to provide low-interest loans to businesses to create jobs for low to moderate income persons and also to lend money to eligible persons to rehabilitate homes. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants money for these loans to the County, passed through the Ohio Development Services Agency. The Schedule reports loans made and administrative costs as disbursements on the Schedule. Subsequent loans are subject to the same compliance requirements imposed by HUD as the initial loans.

These loans are collateralized by mortgages on the property, business assets including equipment, inventory and receivables, and personal assets.

Activity in the CDBG revolving loan fund during 2014 is as follows:

Beginning loans receivable balance as of January 1, 2014	\$480,678
Loans made	
Loan principal repaid	25,354
Ending loans receivable balance as of December 31, 2014	<u>\$455,324</u>
Cash balance on hand in the revolving loan fund as of December 31, 2014	\$517,220

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
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NOTE D – HOME REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

The County has established a revolving loan program to provide low-interest loans to low-moderate income households and to eligible persons and to rehabilitate homes. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted money for these loans to the Count, passed through the Ohio Development Services Agency. The initial loan of this money would be recorded as a disbursement on the accompanying 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 also included as disbursements on the Schedule.

These loans are collateralized by mortgages on the property. The County made new loans under this program in 2014 in the amount of \$32,899. The administrative expenditures under this program in 2014 were \$1,350 and cash balance on hand in the revolving loan fund as December 31, 2014 was \$59,587. At December 31, 2014, the gross amount of loans outstanding under this program was \$1,019,638.

NOTE E - 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 F - TRANSFERS BETWEEN FEDERAL PROGRAMS

During fiscal year 2014, the County made allowable transfers of \$178,567 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (93.558) program to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) (93.667) program. The Schedule shows the County spent approximately \$788,570 on the TANF program. The amount reported for the TANF program on the Schedule excludes the amount transferred to the SSBG program. The amount transferred to the SSBG program is included as SSBG expenditures when disbursed. The following table shows the gross amount drawn for the TANF program during fiscal year 2014 and the amount transferred to the Social Services Block Grant program.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$ 967,137
Transfer to Social Services Block Grant	<u>(178,567)</u>
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	<u>\$ 788,570</u>

NOTE G – DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MAC/WAC ADJUSTMENTS – CY 2014

During the calendar year, the County Board of Developmental Disabilities received a settlement for the 2009 Cost Report from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) for the Medicaid Program (CFDA #93.778) in the amount of \$6,106. The cost report settlement was for settlement of the difference between the statewide payment rate and the rate calculated based upon actual expenditures for Medicaid services. The revenue is not listed on the County's Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures since the underlying expenses occurred in prior reporting periods.



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

Ottawa County
315 Madison Street, Suite 103
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452-1943

To the Board of County Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ottawa County, Ohio (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 24, 2015, wherein we noted the County uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2014-001.

Entity's Response to Finding

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

Purpose of this Report

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



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 24, 2015



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Ottawa County
315 Madison Street, Suite 103
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452-1943

To the Board of County Commissioners:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Ottawa County, Ohio's (the County) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the County's major federal programs.

Management's Responsibility

The County's Management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the County's compliance for each of the County's major federal programs based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Ottawa County complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

The County's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, we cannot assure we have identified all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program's compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2014-002 to be a material weakness.

The County's responses to our internal control over compliance findings are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and / or corrective action plan. We did not audit the County's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report only describes the scope of our tests of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 24, 2015

OTTAWA COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
DECEMBER 31, 2014

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	Yes
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Child Support Enforcement (Title IV-D) – CFDA #93.563, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – CFDA #93.558, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Cluster – CFDA #17.258, 17.259, and 17.278
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

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

FINDING NUMBER 2014-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office.

Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B), which further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38, requires counties to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

For 2014, the County prepared financial statements on the cash basis of accounting. This presentation differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). There would be variances on the financial statements between the County’s accounting practice and GAAP that, while presumably material, cannot be reasonably determined at this time. The County can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the County.

We recommend the County take the necessary steps to ensure the financial report is prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Official’s Response:

Management believes reporting on a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient and does not present a higher risk for the County’s assets and debt.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

FINDING NUMBER 2014-002

Finding Number	2014-002
CFDA Title and Number	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Prevention, Retention, and Contingency – CFDA 93.558 and 93.714
Federal Award Number / Year	2014
Federal Agency	United States Department of Health and Human Services
Pass-Through Agency	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Eligibility – Material Weakness

45 CFR 92.20(3) requires non-Federal entities receiving Federal awards (i.e., auditee management) to establish and maintain internal controls designed to reasonably ensure compliance with Federal laws, regulations, and program compliance requirements.

**FINDING NUMBER 2014-002
(Continued)**

It is management's responsibility to design and implement internal control policies and procedures to reasonably ensure specific objectives will be achieved. A sound internal control structure requires procedures performed to be thoroughly documented to provide management with reasonable assurance they are being performed timely and consistently. To be effective, the performance of an internal control must be evidenced in some manner to document the control is in place and functioning as intended.

In 25% of the benefit recipient files examined the files lacked an approved application. The results of alternative audit procedures performed indicated all benefit recipients met the applicable eligibility requirements.

Without approved policies and procedures to address the review and approval of PRC applications, there is an increased risk that procedures may not be working as intended, are not consistently applied, or that management's objectives will not be achieved. Additionally, if control procedures are not performed and documented thoroughly and consistently, management is unable to provide reasonable assurance benefits are provided only to applicants meeting the eligibility requirements.

We recommend the Ottawa County Job and Family Services establish the appropriate internal control policies and procedures to ensure the supervisory approval process for all Federal grant programs are being accomplished in a timely and efficient manner.

Official's Response:

Director of the Ottawa County Job and Family Services is currently reviewing internal policies and procedures to address the supervisory approval process and ensuring any needed modifications are being incorporated.

OTTAWA COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
 OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (b)
 DECEMBER 31, 2014

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2013-001	Ohio Admin. Code §117-2-03(B) for reporting on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles.	No	Not corrected. Repeated as Finding 2014-001 in this report.

OTTAWA COUNTY

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (c)
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2014-002	Director of the Ottawa County Job and Family Services is currently reviewing internal policies and procedures to address the supervisory approval process and ensuring any needed modifications are being incorporated.	12/31/2015	Stephanie Kowal, Director, Ottawa County Job and Family Services

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
OCTOBER 13, 2015