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**WASHINGTON COUNTY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of County Commissioners:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Washington County, Ohio (County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Washington County, Ohio as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund, Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax Fund, Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund, County Home Fund, and Job and Family Services Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, during 2023, the County restated the Net Position at December 31, 2022 for the Governmental Activities and General Fund due to the identification of an understatement of Loans Receivable in the prior period. In addition, during 2023, the County restated the Net Position at December 31, 2022 for the Custodial Fund due to the identification of an understatement of Accounts Receivable. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedules for Infrastructure Assets Accounted for Using the Modified Approach, and Schedules of Net Pension (Asset) and Other Post-Employment Benefit Liabilities (Assets) and Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefit Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic

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

Supplementary information

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

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2025, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 27, 2025

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
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The discussion and analysis of Washington County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased \$13,079,574. Net position of governmental activities increased \$10,358,385 from 2022. Net position of the business-type activity increased \$2,721,189 from 2022.
- At the end of the current year, the County reported \$204,833,977 in net position for governmental activities and \$16,388,537 in net position for the business-type activities.
- At the end of the current year, the County's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$49,529,124, a \$6,315,776 decrease from the prior year.

Using This Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the County as a financial whole or as an entire operating entity.

The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole County, presenting an aggregate view of the County's finances as well as a longer-term view of those assets. Major fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the County's most significant funds. Non-major funds are presented separately from major funds in total and in one column.

County-Wide Financial Statements

The County-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

While this document contains information about the funds used by the County to provide services to our citizens, the view of the County as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2023?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the County's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The statement of activities presents information showing how the County's net position changed during the current year. These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting method used by private sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into consideration all of the current year's revenues and expenses, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

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The change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the County as a whole, the financial position of the County has improved or diminished. However, in evaluating the overall position of the County, nonfinancial information such as changes in the County's tax base and the condition of the County's capital assets will also need to be evaluated.

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

Governmental Activities - Most of the County's programs and services are reported here, including general government, public safety, public works, health, human services, and economic development and assistance. These services are funded primarily by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.

Business-Type Activities - These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all or most of the cost of the services provided. The County's Sewer system is reported here.

Component Units - The County's financial statements include financial data of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (See Note 24). This component unit is described in the notes to the financial statements. Component units are separate and may buy, sell, lease, and mortgage property in their own name and can sue or be sued in their own name.

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 projects. 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 statements provide detailed information about the County's major funds. Based on the restriction on the use of moneys, the County has established many funds that account for the multitude of services provided to our residents. The County's major governmental funds are the General Fund; the Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax, Board of Developmental Disabilities, County Home, and Job and Family Services Special Revenue Funds; and the County Building Energy Capital Projects Fund.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements. Most of the County's basic services are reported in these funds that focus on how money flows into and out of the funds and the year end balances available for spending. These funds are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting that measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general government operations and the basic services being provided, along with the financial resources available.

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

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

Proprietary Funds - The County maintains one proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements. The County uses an enterprise fund to account for the Sewer Fund operations.

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

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

Other Information - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents required supplementary information relating to the modified approach to reporting infrastructure.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Table 1 provides a summary of the County's net position for 2023 compared to 2022:

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Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activity		Totals	
	2023	Restated 2022	2023	Restated 2022	2023	2022
Assets						
Current and Other Assets	\$74,510,974	\$88,171,292	\$2,880,554	\$7,255,686	\$77,391,528	\$95,426,978
Net Pension Asset	311,497	473,186	3,314	0	314,811	473,186
Net OPEB Asset	68,723	4,376,369	0	0	68,723	4,376,369
Capital Assets, Net	189,846,030	173,130,299	18,747,234	14,805,260	208,593,264	187,935,559
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>264,737,224</u>	<u>266,151,146</u>	<u>21,631,102</u>	<u>22,060,946</u>	<u>286,368,326</u>	<u>288,212,092</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources						
Pension	18,864,881	5,545,645	354,020	0	19,218,901	5,545,645
OPEB	2,757,823	93,119	30,124	0	2,787,947	93,119
Asset Retirement Obligations	0	0	89,424	80,062	89,424	80,062
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>21,622,704</u>	<u>5,638,764</u>	<u>473,568</u>	<u>80,062</u>	<u>22,096,272</u>	<u>5,718,826</u>
Liabilities						
Current and Other Liabilities	5,867,564	5,121,693	1,051,821	4,121,800	6,919,385	9,243,493
Long-Term Liabilities:						
Due Within One Year	1,007,288	1,131,473	104,657	100,770	1,111,945	1,232,243
Due Within More Than One Year:						
Net Pension Liability	43,921,857	12,890,578	459,160	0	44,381,017	12,890,578
Net OPEB Liability	910,302	0	9,684	0	919,986	0
Other Amounts	14,098,132	14,842,453	4,083,586	4,251,090	18,181,718	19,093,543
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>65,805,143</u>	<u>33,986,197</u>	<u>5,708,908</u>	<u>8,473,660</u>	<u>71,514,051</u>	<u>42,459,857</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Property Taxes	14,945,312	14,803,803	0	0	14,945,312	14,803,803
Pension	317,074	15,097,413	4,031	0	321,105	15,097,413
OPEB	359,862	4,530,463	3,194	0	363,056	4,530,463
Leases	98,560	106,510	0	0	98,560	106,510
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>15,720,808</u>	<u>34,538,189</u>	<u>7,225</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,728,033</u>	<u>34,538,189</u>
Net Position						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	174,346,666	167,337,918	13,908,748	9,326,850	188,255,414	176,664,768
Restricted	31,636,127	33,735,535	3,314	0	31,639,441	33,735,535
Unrestricted (Deficits)	(1,148,816)	2,192,071	2,476,475	4,340,498	1,327,659	6,532,569
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$204,833,977</u>	<u>\$203,265,524</u>	<u>\$16,388,537</u>	<u>\$13,667,348</u>	<u>\$221,222,514</u>	<u>\$216,932,872</u>

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the County at December 31, 2023. GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the “employment exchange” – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the County is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

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In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the County's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability (asset) and net OPEB (asset) liability, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As mentioned previously, net position increased in 2023. Overall total assets increased. In the governmental activities, net capital assets increased from the prior year primarily due to construction in progress. One project from prior years was completed, while the County Energy Project is ongoing. Intergovernmental receivable decreased due to revenues from the state and other government agencies increasing. Materials and supplies inventory increased due to the inventory levels in most departments increasing for 2023. The prepaid items decreased due to the timing in which accounts were paid within the year. Leases receivable decreases each year and permissive MVL tax receivable decreased in relation to the amount that is collected. Property tax receivable increased in relation to the increase in County-wide valuations. Accounts receivable increased mainly due to the OneOhio Opioid settlement that is new in 2023. In 2023, the net pension asset and a net OPEB decreased. Deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB increased largely due to the reported pension amount pursuant to GASB Statement 68.

Continuing with Governmental Activities, accounts payable, leave benefits payable, accrued wages payable, intergovernmental payable, and unearned revenue all increased. Unearned revenue increased primarily due to over and under calculations in the Job and Family Services Special Revenue Fund. The contracts payable decreased due one of the projects in 2022 being completed in 2023. The accrued interest payable decreased based on the principle balances decreasing. The net pension liability and net OPEB liability increased, representing the County's proportionate share of the OPERS traditional and combined plans' unfunded benefits. As indicated above, changes in pension and OPEB benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of the net pension and OPEB liabilities/assets.

The business-type activity had a decrease in total assets mainly due to decrease in cash and cash equivalents used to fund multiple sewer projects. This decrease was offset by an increase in capital assets due to construction in progress on these projects.

Total liabilities for the business-type activity decreased in 2023, mainly due to the decreases in contracts payable, retainage payable, and accounts payable. These decreases were offset by increases to the net pension liability, net OPEB liability, and intergovernmental payables.

Deferred outflows and deferred inflows increased in the business-type activity in 2023 due to the addition GASB 68 and GASB 75. The asset retirement obligation increased in 2023 due to an addition of new assets.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for 2023 compared to 2022:

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activity		Total	
	2023	Restated 2022	2023	2022	2023	Restated 2022
Revenues						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services and Sales	\$11,071,365	\$8,334,799	\$1,135,406	\$1,285,587	\$12,206,771	\$9,620,386
Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest	21,791,024	35,879,120	0	1,255,044	21,791,024	37,134,164
Capital Grants and Contributions and Interest	6,753,172	3,143,624	3,522,649	4,608,369	10,275,821	7,751,993
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<u>39,615,561</u>	<u>47,357,543</u>	<u>4,658,055</u>	<u>7,149,000</u>	<u>44,273,616</u>	<u>54,506,543</u>
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	14,736,420	13,508,831	0	0	14,736,420	13,508,831
Permissive Sales Taxes	16,495,270	16,036,604	0	0	16,495,270	16,036,604
Lodging Taxes	64,899	67,564	0	0	64,899	67,564
Permissive MVL Tax	954,843	0	0	0	954,843	0
Intergovernmental	11,036,057	2,176,121	0	0	11,036,057	2,176,121
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	23,883	24,254	0	0	23,883	24,254
Investment Earnings and Other Interest	3,094,002	(629,511)	0	0	3,094,002	(629,511)
Gain on Sale of Assets	0	18,147	0	0	0	18,147
Miscellaneous	2,328,469	2,563,740	0	0	2,328,469	2,563,740
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>48,733,843</u>	<u>33,765,750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>48,733,843</u>	<u>33,765,750</u>
Transfers	0	(3,342,717)	0	3,342,717	0	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>88,349,404</u>	<u>77,780,576</u>	<u>4,658,055</u>	<u>10,491,717</u>	<u>93,007,459</u>	<u>88,272,293</u>
Program Expenses						
General Government:						
Legislative and Executive	9,469,194	8,615,863	0	0	9,469,194	8,615,863
Judicial	4,050,863	2,635,487	0	0	4,050,863	2,635,487
Public Safety	18,198,835	15,702,141	0	0	18,198,835	15,702,141
Public Works	7,941,553	10,250,134	0	0	7,941,553	10,250,134
Health:						
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health	2,172,524	2,638,688	0	0	2,172,524	2,638,688
Board of Developmental Disabilities	9,378,464	5,451,209	0	0	9,378,464	5,451,209
County Home	3,760,344	2,898,101	0	0	3,760,344	2,898,101
Other Health	125,899	37,668	0	0	125,899	37,668
Human Services:						
Child Support Enforcement	842,685	681,109	0	0	842,685	681,109
Children Services	6,316,246	5,926,388	0	0	6,316,246	5,926,388
Job and Family Services	9,974,121	6,979,372	0	0	9,974,121	6,979,372
Senior Services	1,364,109	71,341	0	0	1,364,109	71,341
Other Human Services	979,968	1,957,303	0	0	979,968	1,957,303
Economic Development and Assistance	2,008,087	5,103,472	0	0	2,008,087	5,103,472
Intergovernmental	848,818	1,121,027	0	0	848,818	1,121,027
Interest	559,309	247,497	0	0	559,309	247,497
Sewer	0	0	1,936,866	2,140,352	1,936,866	2,140,352
<i>Total Program Expenses</i>	<u>77,991,019</u>	<u>70,316,800</u>	<u>1,936,866</u>	<u>2,140,352</u>	<u>79,927,885</u>	<u>72,457,152</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<u>10,358,385</u>	<u>7,463,776</u>	<u>2,721,189</u>	<u>8,351,365</u>	<u>13,079,574</u>	<u>15,815,141</u>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>194,475,592</u>	<u>187,011,816</u>	<u>13,667,348</u>	<u>5,315,983</u>	<u>208,142,940</u>	<u>192,327,799</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$204,833,977</u>	<u>\$194,475,592</u>	<u>\$16,388,537</u>	<u>\$13,667,348</u>	<u>\$221,222,514</u>	<u>\$208,142,940</u>

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Governmental Activities

The operating grants, contributions, and interest category of program revenues were the largest program revenues, accounting for the majority of total governmental activities program revenues. The major recipients of intergovernmental program revenues were the Job and Family Services, Mental Health, Engineer's office, Road Projects, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Child Support Enforcement Agency, and Children Services governmental activities. This category of program revenues consists of grants, entitlements, interest earned on restricted monies, motor vehicle license taxes, and gasoline excise taxes.

Property tax revenues increased as a direct result of the timing of collections county wide. Permissive sales taxes increased as a sign of the rebounding economy from the pandemic.

The County's direct charges to users of governmental services increased in 2023 due to increased charges. These charges are for fees associated with the collection of property taxes, fines and forfeitures related to judicial activity, and licenses and permits.

Health programs for governmental activities increased and are paid primarily through property taxes and program revenues. The majority of this increase is due to the HVAC project that was funded by grants and the change in net pension and OPEB calculations.

Other major program expenses for governmental activities include human service programs, which increased in 2023 mainly due to the HVAC annex project and the change in net pension and OPEB calculation. Human services expenses are primarily for Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement, Children's Services, and Senior Services activities. These activities are mostly funded through program revenues, with a property tax levy for Senior Services and Children's Services.

Public works expenditures decreased from 2022 and are paid primarily with program revenues. The funding from other governmental granting agencies was used for numerous road and bridge projects throughout the County. The large decrease is due to a large infrastructure project in 2023 and the change in net pension and OPEB calculations.

Public safety program expenses increased. These activities are funded primarily through property and sales taxes. This change is due to the net pension and OPEB calculations.

Legislative and executive program expenses increased in 2023, these activities are the general operating and administrative functions of the County.

Business-Type Activity

The net position for business-type activities increased during 2023. Charges for services decreased in 2023 due to the timing and software changes that occurred. There were decreases in operating grants, contributions, interest, and capital grants, contributions, and interest while sewer enterprise expenses decreased due to the funding for the sewer project diminishing.

Table 3, for governmental activities, indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services. The statement of activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services, and sales, grants, and contributions offsetting those services. The net cost of services identifies the cost of those services supported by tax revenues and unrestricted intergovernmental revenues.

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Table 3
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2023	Net Cost of Services 2023	Total Cost of Services 2022	Net Cost of Services 2022
General Government:				
Legislative and Executive	\$9,469,194	\$5,444,059	\$8,615,863	\$2,680,444
Judicial	4,050,863	1,718,301	2,635,487	(3,082,921)
Public Safety	18,198,835	14,733,690	15,702,141	5,194,742
Public Works	7,941,553	(16,268)	10,250,134	(505,091)
Health:				
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health	2,172,524	(350,518)	2,638,688	1,264,915
Board of Developmental Disabilities	9,378,464	6,725,997	5,451,209	3,057,422
County Home	3,760,344	2,884,698	2,898,101	2,031,414
Other Health	125,899	(31,486)	37,668	(143,680)
Human Services:				
Child Support Enforcement	842,685	(118,737)	681,109	(89,560)
Children Services	6,316,246	3,485,217	5,926,388	2,710,581
Job and Family Services	9,974,121	1,167,303	6,979,372	(1,893,121)
Senior Services	1,364,109	660,060	71,341	(218,503)
Other Human Services	979,968	(646,717)	1,957,303	1,944,899
Economic Development and Assistance	2,008,087	1,311,732	5,103,472	511,472
Intergovernmental	848,818	848,818	1,121,027	458,815
Interest	559,309	559,309	247,497	247,497
Total Expenses	<u>\$77,991,019</u>	<u>\$38,375,458</u>	<u>\$70,316,800</u>	<u>\$14,169,325</u>

Charges for services, operating grants, and capital grants of \$39,615,561 or 50.8 percent of the total costs of services, are received and used to fund governmental activities' program expenses of the County. This large fluctuation in Net Cost of Services from 2022 to 2023 is due to changes in net pension/OPEB assets and liabilities. Remaining governmental activities expenses are funded by general revenues.

The net cost of services for health expenses demonstrates the costs of services that are not supported from state and federal resources. As such, the taxpayers have approved property tax levies for programs including the Board of Developmental Disabilities and the County Home.

The net cost of services for human services expenses demonstrates the costs of services that are not supported from state and federal resources. As such, the taxpayers have approved a property tax levies programs including Children Services and Senior Services.

The in net cost of services for public safety expenses demonstrates the costs of services that are not supported from state and federal resources. As such, the taxpayers have approved a property tax levy for the 911 system.

Financial Analysis of County Funds

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

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

As of December 31, 2023, the County's governmental funds reported a decrease from 2022. This decrease is due to expenses exceeding revenues for the County.

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the County. At the end of 2023, the unassigned fund balance was \$21,768,669, while total fund balance was \$24,007,586. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 74 percent to total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 82 percent of that same amount. The County's General Fund balance increased during 2023.

The fund balance of the Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax Special Revenue Fund decreased during 2023, due primarily to a decrease in revenues as well as increases in expenditures.

The fund balance of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Special Revenue Fund decreased during 2023, due primarily to a large increase in expenditures being offset by an increase in revenues.

The fund balance of the County Home Special Revenue Fund decreased during 2023, primarily due to increases in expenditures.

The fund balance of the County Building Energy Capital Projects Fund decreased due to a large increase in expenditures.

The fund balance of the Job and Family Services Fund decreased due to an increase in expenditures.

As of December 31, 2023, net position for the County's enterprise fund was \$16,388,537. Of that total, \$2,476,475 represents unrestricted net position.

Budgetary Highlights

The County's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Board of County Commissioners adopts a permanent annual operating budget for the County on or about January 1.

For the General Fund, actual revenue was above final estimates. Final estimated revenues were above original estimates primarily due to an increase in charges for services, fines and forfeitures, intergovernmental, and contributions and donations. Actual expenditures for the year were below final appropriations. The original appropriations were increased in legislative and executive, judicial, public works, and public safety.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The County's capital assets for governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2023, were \$208,593,264 (net of accumulated depreciation). This includes land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, infrastructure, and vehicles.

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For governmental activities, the most significant capital asset additions during 2023 was the construction in progress increase for the county building energy project. Equipment and infrastructure was added for the engineers office along with the purchase of several vehicles for the Sheriff's office.

The County uses the modified approach to present county roads and bridges (infrastructure). Disclosures about the condition assessments and maintenance costs regarding the County's infrastructure can be found in the Required Supplementary Information.

For business-type activities, construction in progress increased with the ongoing sewer project along with equipment being purchased in 2023.

Note 9 (Capital Assets) provides capital asset activity during 2023.

Debt Administration - As of December 31, 2023, the County had total governmental bonded debt outstanding of \$13,771,948. All of this debt will be repaid through governmental activities. The County's long-term governmental general obligation bonded debt decreased \$1,036,124 during 2023. Other governmental outstanding long-term debt consists of leases of \$20,695, SBITAs of \$171,351, and OPWC loans of \$784,280. The business-type activity had outstanding debt consisting of FHA Bonds of \$522,000, OPWC loans of \$385,044, and OWDA Loans of \$3,055,336.

In addition, the County's long-term obligations include compensated absences for sick leave benefits, net pension liability, and net OPEB liability. Additional information on the County's long-term obligations can be found in Note 14 of this report.

Economic Factors

The County's \$1.948 billion tax base is stable, but slightly down from the \$1.960 billion value from the prior year, due to tax exemptions. Valuations are still at record highs.

The County's permissive sales tax revenues in governmental activities increased from 2022 to 2023 with an increase of 4.7 percent on a cash basis, exceeding estimates. The cause of the better than anticipated revenues is unknown as the increases were spread across various classifications of revenues, but it is anticipated they remain stable.

Various economic factors were considered in the preparation of the County's 2023 budget. Appropriate measures will continue to be taken to ensure spending is within available resources.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the County's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Matthew Livengood, Washington County Auditor, 205 Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total	Southeastern Ohio Port Authority
Assets				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$45,558,724	\$4,463,051	\$50,021,775	\$404,182
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	568,819	0	568,819	0
Investments in Segregated Accounts	0	0	0	0
Sales Taxes Receivable	2,538,366	0	2,538,366	0
Accounts Receivable	722,922	208,857	931,779	74,737
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	22,108	0	22,108	0
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Receivable	53,175	0	53,175	0
Intergovernmental Receivable	5,654,302	53,388	5,707,690	0
Internal Balances	1,900,793	(1,900,793)	0	0
Loans Receivable	105,640	0	105,640	0
Prepaid Items	470,024	2,635	472,659	1,533
Special Assessments Receivable	0	48,404	48,404	0
Property Taxes Receivable	16,083,747	0	16,083,747	0
Materials and Supplies Inventory	733,794	5,012	738,806	0
Leases Receivable	98,560	0	98,560	0
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	172,575,511	13,800,845	186,376,356	986,993
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	17,270,519	4,946,389	22,216,908	6,000
Net Pension Asset	311,497	3,314	314,811	0
Net OPEB Asset	68,723	0	68,723	0
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>264,737,224</i>	<i>21,631,102</i>	<i>286,368,326</i>	<i>1,473,445</i>
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Pension	18,864,881	354,020	19,218,901	60,127
OPEB	2,757,823	30,124	2,787,947	16,509
Asset Retirement Obligations	0	89,424	89,424	0
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>21,622,704</i>	<i>473,568</i>	<i>22,096,272</i>	<i>76,636</i>
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	1,268,800	84,620	1,353,420	19,061
Contracts Payable	847,594	876,106	1,723,700	0
Accrued Wages Payable	547,443	5,793	553,236	0
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	2,985	0	2,985	0
Accrued Payroll and Taxes	0	0	0	4,812
Leave Benefits Payable	1,899,444	18,556	1,918,000	17,678
Intergovernmental Payable	590,361	62,820	653,181	14,888
Accrued Interest Payable	2,263	3,926	6,189	0
Unearned Revenue	708,674	0	708,674	1,625
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Due Within One Year	1,007,288	104,657	1,111,945	0
Due In More Than One Year:				
Net Pension Liability	43,921,857	459,160	44,381,017	103,095
Net OPEB Liability	910,302	9,684	919,986	5,170
Other Amounts Due In More Than One Year	14,098,132	4,083,586	18,181,718	2,786
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>65,805,143</i>	<i>5,708,908</i>	<i>71,514,051</i>	<i>169,115</i>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Property Taxes	14,945,312	0	14,945,312	0
Pension	317,074	4,031	321,105	0
OPEB	359,862	3,194	363,056	1,706
Leases	98,560	0	98,560	155,556
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>\$15,720,808</i>	<i>\$7,225</i>	<i>\$15,728,033</i>	<i>\$157,262</i>

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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Net Position (Continued)
December 31, 2023

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total	Southeastern Ohio Port Authority
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$174,346,666	\$13,908,748	\$188,255,414	\$992,993
Restricted for:				
Capital Improvements	2,222,320	0	2,222,320	0
Debt Service	660,557	0	660,557	0
Road and Bridge Maintenance	7,071,368	0	7,071,368	0
Mental Health Operations	4,548,349	0	4,548,349	0
County Home Operations	3,074,646	0	3,074,646	0
Developmental Disabilities	5,030,018	0	5,030,018	0
Real Estate Assessments	2,831,812	0	2,831,812	0
Child Support Services	1,444,780	0	1,444,780	0
Urban Transportation	101,328	0	101,328	0
Disaster Services	125,985	0	125,985	0
Dog and Kennel	69,750	0	69,750	0
Court and Corrections	1,522,998	0	1,522,998	0
Sheriff Operations	772,898	0	772,898	0
911 Operations	838,756	0	838,756	0
Economic Development	520	0	520	0
Senior Services	616,314	0	616,314	0
Unclaimed Monies	322,555	0	322,555	0
Other Purposes	953	0	953	0
Pension and OPEB Plans	380,220	3,314	383,534	0
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,148,816)	2,476,475	1,327,659	230,711
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$204,833,977</u>	<u>\$16,388,537</u>	<u>\$221,222,514</u>	<u>\$1,223,704</u>

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Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Program Revenues			
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental Activities				
General Government:				
Legislative and Executive	\$9,469,194	\$3,644,424	\$380,711	\$0
Judicial	4,050,863	1,281,239	1,051,323	0
Public Safety	18,198,835	3,287,495	177,650	0
Public Works	7,941,553	341,364	863,285	6,753,172
Health:				
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health	2,172,524	1,003,852	1,519,190	0
Board of Developmental Disabilities	9,378,464	280,669	2,371,798	0
County Home	3,760,344	668,499	207,147	0
Other Health	125,899	157,385	0	0
Human Services:				
Child Support Enforcement	842,685	27,553	933,869	0
Children Services	6,316,246	1,465	2,829,564	0
Job and Family Services	9,974,121	62,473	8,744,345	0
Senior Services	1,364,109	301,474	402,575	0
Other Human Services	979,968	13,473	1,613,212	0
Economic Development and Assistance	2,008,087	0	696,355	0
Intergovernmental	848,818	0	0	0
Interest	559,309	0	0	0
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<i>77,991,019</i>	<i>11,071,365</i>	<i>21,791,024</i>	<i>6,753,172</i>
Business-Type Activity				
Sewer	1,936,866	1,135,406	0	3,522,649
<i>Total Primary Government</i>	<i>\$79,927,885</i>	<i>\$12,206,771</i>	<i>\$21,791,024</i>	<i>\$10,275,821</i>
Component Units				
Southeastern Ohio Port Authority	\$467,173	\$73,619	\$496,546	\$0

General Revenues

Property Taxes Levied for:

 General Purposes

 Board of Developmental Disabilities

 Mental Health

 County Home

 Children Services

 Senior Services

 911

Sales Taxes Levied for General Purposes

Lodging Taxes

Permissive MVL Taxes

Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs

Payments in Lieu of Taxes

Investment Earnings and Other Interest

Miscellaneous

Total General Revenues

Change in Net Position

Net Position Beginning of Year - Restated (See Notes 3 and 25)

Net Position End of Year

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
Primary Government			Component Unit
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total	Southeastern Ohio Port Authority
(\$5,444,059)	\$0	(\$5,444,059)	\$0
(1,718,301)	0	(1,718,301)	0
(14,733,690)	0	(14,733,690)	0
16,268	0	16,268	0
350,518	0	350,518	0
(6,725,997)	0	(6,725,997)	0
(2,884,698)	0	(2,884,698)	0
31,486	0	31,486	0
118,737	0	118,737	0
(3,485,217)	0	(3,485,217)	0
(1,167,303)	0	(1,167,303)	0
(660,060)	0	(660,060)	0
646,717	0	646,717	0
(1,311,732)	0	(1,311,732)	0
(848,818)	0	(848,818)	0
(559,309)	0	(559,309)	0
(38,375,458)	0	(38,375,458)	0
0	2,721,189	2,721,189	0
(38,375,458)	2,721,189	(35,654,269)	0
0	0	0	102,992
4,718,218	0	4,718,218	0
4,057,304	0	4,057,304	0
794,680	0	794,680	0
2,616,485	0	2,616,485	0
874,173	0	874,173	0
1,149,187	0	1,149,187	0
526,373	0	526,373	0
16,495,270	0	16,495,270	0
64,899	0	64,899	0
954,843	0	954,843	0
11,036,057	0	11,036,057	0
23,883	0	23,883	0
3,094,002	0	3,094,002	2,469
2,328,469	0	2,328,469	2,531
48,733,843	0	48,733,843	5,000
10,358,385	2,721,189	13,079,574	107,992
194,475,592	13,667,348	208,142,940	1,115,712
\$204,833,977	\$16,388,537	\$221,222,514	\$1,223,704

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Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

December 31, 2023

	General	Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax	Board of Developmental Disabilities	County Home	Job and Family Services	County Building Energy	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets								
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$19,015,050	\$3,802,637	\$4,891,368	\$2,873,290	\$18,819	\$1,135,250	\$13,499,755	\$45,236,169
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	12,609	0	0	0	0	0	556,210	568,819
Restricted Assets:								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	322,555	0	0	0	0	0	0	322,555
Materials and Supplies Inventory	139,549	496,165	4,549	89,020	3,090	0	1,421	733,794
Receivables:								
Property Taxes	5,044,029	0	4,655,125	2,748,183	0	0	3,636,410	16,083,747
Sales Taxes	2,538,366	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,538,366
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	0	53,175	0	0	0	0	0	53,175
Accounts	45,176	0	3,010	0	0	0	674,736	722,922
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,108	22,108
Intergovernmental	1,142,720	3,076,648	238,721	104,151	15,807	0	1,076,255	5,654,302
Loans	105,640	0	0	0	0	0	0	105,640
Leases	98,560	0	0	0	0	0	0	98,560
Interfund	2,075,391	0	1,932	0	248,819	0	18,091	2,344,233
Prepaid Items	326,572	14,486	16,741	13,070	38,049	0	61,106	470,024
Total Assets	\$30,866,217	\$7,443,111	\$9,811,446	\$5,827,714	\$324,584	\$1,135,250	\$19,546,092	\$74,954,414
Liabilities and Fund Balances								
Liabilities								
Accounts Payable	\$354,516	\$102,963	\$52,022	\$36,899	\$172,438	\$0	\$549,962	\$1,268,800
Contracts Payable	0	0	100,000	0	0	711,090	36,504	847,594
Accrued Wages Payable	276,432	35,472	47,511	46,562	94,774	0	46,692	547,443
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	2,985	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,985
Interfund Payable	1,122	836	0	0	73,879	0	367,603	443,440
Intergovernmental Payable	339,701	27,149	30,345	30,929	92,750	0	69,487	590,361
Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	0	433,248	0	275,426	708,674
Total Liabilities	974,756	166,420	229,878	114,390	867,089	711,090	1,345,674	4,409,297
Deferred Inflows of Resources								
Property Taxes	4,626,938	0	4,379,529	2,568,265	0	0	3,370,580	14,945,312
Unavailable Revenue	1,158,377	2,083,182	503,405	284,069	0	0	1,943,088	5,972,121
Leases	98,560	0	0	0	0	0	0	98,560
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,883,875	2,083,182	4,882,934	2,852,334	0	0	5,313,668	21,015,993
Fund Balances								
Nonspendable	788,676	510,651	21,290	102,090	41,139	0	62,527	1,526,373
Restricted	0	4,682,858	4,677,344	2,758,900	0	424,160	12,952,682	25,495,944
Committed	0	0	0	0	0	0	156,312	156,312
Assigned	1,450,241	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,450,241
Unassigned (Deficits)	21,768,669	0	0	0	(583,644)	0	(284,771)	20,900,254
Total Fund Balances (Deficit)	24,007,586	5,193,509	4,698,634	2,860,990	(542,505)	424,160	12,886,750	49,529,124
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$30,866,217	\$7,443,111	\$9,811,446	\$5,827,714	\$324,584	\$1,135,250	\$19,546,092	\$74,954,414

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Washington County, Ohio
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
December 31, 2023*

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$49,529,124
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*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position
are different because*

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	189,846,030
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Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Delinquent Property Taxes	1,137,915	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	22,108	
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	662,960	
Intergovernmental	4,107,826	
Charges for Services	41,312	5,972,121

The net pension liability/asset and the net OPEB liability/asset are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability/asset and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the funds:

Deferred Outflows - Pension	18,864,881	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(317,074)	
Net Pension Liability	(43,921,857)	
Net Pension Asset	311,497	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	2,757,823	
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(359,862)	
Net OPEB Liability	(910,302)	
Net OPEB Asset	68,723	(23,506,171)

Leave Benefits Payable is recognized for earned vacation benefits that are to be used within one year but is not recognized on the balance sheet until due.	(1,899,444)
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Long-term liabilities and accrued interest payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Bonds Payable	(13,711,948)	
OPWC Loans Payable	(784,280)	
Leases Payable	(20,695)	
SBITAs Payable	(171,351)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(417,146)	
Accrued Interest Payable	(2,263)	(15,107,683)

Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$204,833,977
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Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General	Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax	Board of Developmental Disabilities	County Home	Job and Family Services	County Building Energy	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues								
Property Taxes	\$4,694,632	\$0	\$4,118,268	\$2,601,330	\$0	\$0	\$3,403,345	\$14,817,575
Sales Taxes	16,495,270	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,495,270
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,807	23,807
Lodging Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	64,899	64,899
Permissive MVL Taxes	0	954,843	0	0	0	0	0	954,843
Charges for Services	3,751,935	305,252	200,212	668,499	0	0	1,755,769	6,681,667
Licenses and Permits	8,915	0	0	0	0	0	193,992	202,907
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	103,754	36,112	0	0	0	0	2,855,554	2,995,420
Intergovernmental	11,019,213	6,569,865	2,291,875	205,703	8,744,345	0	10,593,286	39,424,287
Investment Earnings and Other Interest	3,094,972	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,094,972
Rent	455,347	0	0	0	0	0	47,784	503,131
Contributions and Donations	17,871	0	8,418	0	0	0	5,000	31,289
Lease	7,950	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,950
Miscellaneous	1,533,748	116,242	131,209	97,663	135,075	0	314,532	2,328,469
Total Revenues	41,183,607	7,982,314	6,749,982	3,573,195	8,879,420	0	19,257,968	87,626,486
Expenditures								
Current:								
General Government:								
Legislative and Executive	7,589,755	0	0	0	0	0	1,028,966	8,618,721
Judicial	2,610,822	0	0	0	0	0	1,249,069	3,859,891
Public Safety	14,456,352	0	0	0	0	0	3,541,192	17,997,544
Public Works	3,371,348	9,793,002	0	0	0	0	23,807	13,188,157
Health:								
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,140,210	2,140,210
Board of Developmental Disabilities	0	0	9,218,829	0	0	0	0	9,218,829
County Home	0	0	0	3,627,578	0	0	0	3,627,578
Other Health	89,090	0	0	0	0	0	280,215	369,305
Human Services:								
Child Support Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0	0	798,019	798,019
Children Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,191,413	6,191,413
Job and Family Services	0	0	0	0	9,583,622	0	0	9,583,622
Senior Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,360,196	1,360,196
Other Human Services	913,073	0	0	0	0	0	20,121	933,194
Economic Development and Assistance	162,098	0	0	0	0	0	1,845,989	2,008,087
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	10,265,770	1,531,759	11,797,529
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0	0	0	848,818	848,818
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement	37,624	112,004	44,556	0	2,972	0	1,023,713	1,220,869
Interest	2,277	2,834	2,321	0	10	0	553,969	561,411
Total Expenditures	29,232,439	9,907,840	9,265,706	3,627,578	9,586,604	10,265,770	22,437,456	94,323,393
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	11,951,168	(1,925,526)	(2,515,724)	(54,383)	(707,184)	(10,265,770)	(3,179,488)	(6,696,907)
Other Financing Sources (Use)								
Proceeds of OPWC Loans	0	175,000	0	0	0	0	0	175,000
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	48,431	0	1,569	0	0	0	0	50,000
Inception of SBITA	0	19,747	136,384	0	0	0	0	156,131
Transfers In	0	84,376	0	0	180,777	23,034	4,340,632	4,628,819
Transfers Out	(4,628,819)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(4,628,819)
Total Other Financing Sources (Use)	(4,580,388)	279,123	137,953	0	180,777	23,034	4,340,632	381,131
Net Change in Fund Balances	7,370,780	(1,646,403)	(2,377,771)	(54,383)	(526,407)	(10,242,736)	1,161,144	(6,315,776)
Fund Balances (Deficit) Beginning of Year - Restated (See Note 3)	16,636,806	6,839,912	7,076,405	2,915,373	(16,098)	10,666,896	11,725,606	55,844,900
Fund Balances (Deficit) End of Year	\$24,007,586	\$5,193,509	\$4,698,634	\$2,860,990	(\$542,505)	\$424,160	\$12,886,750	\$49,529,124

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Washington County, Ohio
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (\$6,315,776)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation/amortization in the current period:

Capital Asset Additions	18,378,879	
Current Year Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(1,598,655)</u>	16,780,224

Governmental funds only report the disposal of assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the amount of the loss on the disposal of assets:

Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	(50,000)	
Loss on the Disposal of Capital Assets	<u>(14,493)</u>	(64,493)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the fund:

Delinquent Property Taxes	(81,155)	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	76	
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	662,960	
Intergovernmental	123,707	
Charges for Services	37,354	
Rent	<u>(20,024)</u>	722,918

Repayments of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities:

General Obligation Bonds Payable	1,022,357	
USDA Bond Payable	12,500	
OPWC Loans Payable	93,052	
Leases Payable	25,244	
SBITA Payable	<u>67,716</u>	1,220,869

Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds, but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of activities. Premiums and discounts are reported as revenues and expenditures when the debt is first issued; however, these amounts are deferred and amortized on the statement of activities:

Bond Premium Amortization	2,047	
Accrued Interest Payable	835	
Amortization of Discount	<u>(780)</u>	2,102

Bond proceeds are other financing sources in the governmental funds, but the issuance increases the long-term liabilities on the statement of activities. (175,000)

The inception of SBITA is reported as an other financing source in the governmental funds, but increases long-term liabilities on the statement of net position. (156,131)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds:

Leave Benefits Payable	(157,793)	
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>(22,499)</u>	(180,292)

Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows:

Pension	3,574,198	
OPEB	<u>42,017</u>	3,616,215

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB liability are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities:

Pension	(6,667,591)	
OPEB	<u>1,575,340</u>	<u>(5,092,251)</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$10,358,385

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Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$2,595,900	\$2,595,900	\$4,676,367	\$2,080,467
Sales Taxes	15,258,323	15,258,323	16,660,954	1,402,631
Charges for Services	3,271,293	3,575,553	3,740,552	164,999
Licenses and Permits	10,450	10,450	8,915	(1,535)
Fines and Forfeitures	93,149	113,149	102,740	(10,409)
Intergovernmental	2,266,636	2,274,636	2,415,379	140,743
Interest	750,240	750,240	2,210,254	1,460,014
Rent	756,014	756,014	477,720	(278,294)
Contributions and Donations	0	17,850	17,871	21
Miscellaneous	1,155,213	1,431,813	1,524,390	92,577
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>26,157,218</u>	<u>26,783,928</u>	<u>31,835,142</u>	<u>5,051,214</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General Government:				
Legislative and Executive	9,240,637	11,052,454	8,150,086	2,902,368
Judicial	2,754,633	2,829,553	2,601,040	228,513
Public Safety	13,768,382	13,861,308	14,623,239	(761,931)
Public Works	2,749,036	3,677,740	3,664,800	12,940
Health	286,923	286,923	74,998	211,925
Human Services	894,810	932,940	914,507	18,433
Economic Development and Assistance	159,460	161,647	158,351	3,296
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirements	37,624	37,624	37,624	0
Interest	2,277	2,277	2,277	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>29,893,782</u>	<u>32,842,466</u>	<u>30,226,922</u>	<u>2,615,544</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(3,736,564)</u>	<u>(6,058,538)</u>	<u>1,608,220</u>	<u>7,666,758</u>
Other Financing Sources (Use)				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	26,248	26,248	48,431	22,183
Advance In	1,600,000	1,850,000	315,961	(1,534,039)
Transfers Out	(2,925,250)	(4,270,972)	(4,628,819)	(357,847)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Use)</i>	<u>(1,299,002)</u>	<u>(2,394,724)</u>	<u>(4,264,427)</u>	<u>(1,869,703)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(5,035,566)</u>	<u>(8,453,262)</u>	<u>(2,656,207)</u>	<u>5,797,055</u>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>18,576,820</u>	<u>18,576,820</u>	<u>18,576,820</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated</i>	<u>1,723,634</u>	<u>1,723,634</u>	<u>1,723,634</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$15,264,888</u>	<u>\$11,847,192</u>	<u>\$17,644,247</u>	<u>\$5,797,055</u>

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Washington County, Ohio
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

	Budgeted Amounts			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
Permissive MVL Taxes	\$790,000	\$972,588	\$972,588	\$0
Charges for Services	45,000	288,390	305,252	16,862
Fines and Forfeitures	40,000	40,000	37,049	(2,951)
Intergovernmental	5,600,000	6,553,912	6,558,243	4,331
Miscellaneous	10,000	116,242	116,242	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>6,485,000</u>	<u>7,971,132</u>	<u>7,989,374</u>	<u>18,242</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public Works	7,858,849	12,077,356	11,253,730	823,626
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	89,236	114,005	112,004	2,001
Interest	2,439	2,834	2,834	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>7,950,524</u>	<u>12,194,195</u>	<u>11,368,568</u>	<u>825,627</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Under Expenditures</i>	<u>(1,465,524)</u>	<u>(4,223,063)</u>	<u>(3,379,194)</u>	<u>843,869</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Proceeds of OPWC Loan	0	175,000	175,000	0
Transfers In	50,000	84,376	84,376	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources</i>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>259,376</u>	<u>259,376</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(1,415,524)</u>	<u>(3,963,687)</u>	<u>(3,119,818)</u>	<u>843,869</u>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>4,086,340</u>	<u>4,086,340</u>	<u>4,086,340</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated</i>	<u>1,415,524</u>	<u>1,415,524</u>	<u>1,415,524</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$4,086,340</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,538,177</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,382,046</u></u>	<u><u>\$843,869</u></u>

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Washington County, Ohio
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$3,992,250	\$3,992,250	\$4,093,846	\$101,596
Charges for Services	167,000	167,000	203,791	36,791
Intergovernmental	1,647,870	1,647,870	2,285,833	637,963
Contributions and Donations	5,000	5,000	8,418	3,418
Miscellaneous	146,000	146,000	131,209	(14,791)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>5,958,120</u>	<u>5,958,120</u>	<u>6,723,097</u>	<u>764,977</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Health	9,723,255	10,999,262	9,208,444	1,790,818
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	0	44,556	44,556	0
Interest	0	2,321	2,321	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>9,723,255</u>	<u>11,046,139</u>	<u>9,255,321</u>	<u>1,790,818</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Under Expenditures</i>	<u>(3,765,135)</u>	<u>(5,088,019)</u>	<u>(2,532,224)</u>	<u>(1,025,841)</u>
Other Financing Source				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	1,569	1,569
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(3,765,135)</u>	<u>(5,088,019)</u>	<u>(2,530,655)</u>	<u>(1,024,272)</u>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>6,901,967</u>	<u>6,901,967</u>	<u>6,901,967</u>	<u>0</u>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	160,065	160,065	160,065	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$3,296,897</u>	<u>\$1,974,013</u>	<u>\$4,531,377</u>	<u>(\$1,024,272)</u>

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Washington County, Ohio
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
County Home Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$2,252,388	\$2,252,388	\$2,591,001	\$338,613
Charges for Services	550,435	550,435	668,499	118,064
Intergovernmental	200,700	200,700	205,703	5,003
Miscellaneous	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>97,663</u>	<u>78,663</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	3,022,523	3,022,523	3,562,866	540,343
Expenditures				
Current:				
Health	<u>4,382,897</u>	<u>4,395,677</u>	<u>3,676,278</u>	<u>719,399</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(1,360,374)	(1,373,154)	(113,412)	1,259,742
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	2,783,272	2,783,272	2,783,272	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>114,206</u>	<u>114,206</u>	<u>114,206</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$1,537,104</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,524,324</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,784,066</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,259,742</u></u>

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Washington County, Ohio
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)
Job and Family Services Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$8,830,467	\$9,449,111	\$9,091,757	(\$357,354)
Miscellaneous	<u>71,343</u>	<u>71,343</u>	<u>119,268</u>	<u>47,925</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>8,901,810</u>	<u>9,520,454</u>	<u>9,211,025</u>	<u>(309,429)</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Human Services	9,075,196	9,741,645	9,466,080	275,565
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	2,972	2,972	2,972	0
Interest	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>9,078,178</u>	<u>9,744,627</u>	<u>9,469,062</u>	<u>275,565</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Under Expenditures</i>	(176,368)	(224,173)	(258,037)	(33,864)
Other Financing Source				
Transfers In	<u>176,368</u>	<u>176,368</u>	<u>180,777</u>	<u>4,409</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	(47,805)	(77,260)	(29,455)
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>90,847</u>	<u>90,847</u>	<u>90,847</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$90,847</u></u>	<u><u>\$43,042</u></u>	<u><u>\$13,587</u></u>	<u><u>(\$29,455)</u></u>

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Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund
December 31, 2023

	Sewer Enterprise Fund
Assets	
Current Assets:	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,463,051
Receivables:	
Accounts	208,857
Intergovernmental Receivable	53,388
Prepaid Items	2,635
Materials and Supplies Inventory	5,012
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>4,732,943</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted Assets:	
Special Assessments Receivable	48,404
Net Pension Asset	3,314
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	13,800,845
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	4,946,389
<i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i>	<u>18,798,952</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>23,531,895</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension	354,020
OPEB	30,124
Asset Retirement Obligations	89,424
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>473,568</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	84,620
Contracts Payable	876,106
Accrued Wages Payable	5,793
Leave Benefits Payable	18,556
Intergovernmental Payable	62,820
Accrued Interest Payable	3,926
Interfund Payable	1,900,793
Current Portion of General Obligation Bonds Payable	26,000
Current Portion of OWDA Loans Payable	67,114
Current Portion of OPWC Loans Payable	11,543
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>3,057,271</u>
Long-Term Liabilities (Net of Current Portion):	
Compensated Absences Payable	863
General Obligation Bonds Payable	496,000
OWDA Loans Payable	2,988,222
OPWC Loans Payable	373,501
Asset Retirement Obligations	225,000
Net Pension Liability	459,160
Net OPEB Liability	9,684
<i>Total Long-Term Liabilities</i>	<u>4,552,430</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>7,609,701</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension	4,031
OPEB	3,194
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>7,225</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	13,908,748
Restricted for Pension Asset Plan	3,314
Unrestricted	2,476,475
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$16,388,537</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Sewer Enterprise Fund
Operating Revenues	
Charges for Services	<u>\$1,135,406</u>
Operating Expenses	
Personal Services	236,533
Fringe Benefits	145,931
Contractual Services	917,101
Materials and Supplies	316,802
Depreciation	<u>264,023</u>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>1,880,390</u>
<i>Operating Loss</i>	(744,984)
Non-Operating Expense	
Interest	<u>(56,476)</u>
<i>Loss Before Contributions</i>	(801,460)
Capital Contributions from Grants	<u>3,522,649</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	2,721,189
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>13,667,348</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$16,388,537</u></u>

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Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Sewer Enterprise Fund
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Customers	\$1,183,885
Cash Payments for Employee Services and Benefits	(282,716)
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	<u>(1,311,615)</u>
<i>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</i>	<u>(410,446)</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Special Assessments	603
Capital Grants	3,469,261
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(7,203,474)
Proceeds from OWDA Loan	1,976,662
Principal Paid on Debt	(2,155,138)
Interest Paid on Debt	<u>(56,645)</u>
<i>Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities</i>	<u>(3,968,731)</u>
<i>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	(4,379,177)
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year</i>	<u>8,842,228</u>
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$4,463,051</u></u>
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	
Operating Loss	(\$744,984)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation	264,023
Changes in Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	49,164
Increase in Prepaid Items	(1,433)
Deferred Outflows - Pension	191,558
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	19,971
Increase in Deferred Outflows - Asset Retirement Obligations	5,638
Increase in Materials and Supplies Inventory	216
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(117,792)
Increase in Accrued Wages Payable	1,680
Increase in Vacation Benefits Payable	7,355
Decrease in Compensated Absences Payable	(141)
Decrease in Intergovernmental Payable	36,424
Net Pension Liability	(19,509)
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(508)
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(66,192)
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(36,709)
Increase in Interfund Payable	<u>793</u>
<i>Net Cash Used for Operating Activities</i>	<u><u>(\$410,446)</u></u>

Noncash Capital Financing Transactions

The Sewer Enterprise Fund reflects a net decrease in capital asset additions in the amount of \$2,997,477 resulting from the recognition of contracts payables and retainage payables.

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Washington County, Ohio
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Custodial Funds
December 31, 2023

Assets

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,417,974
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	1,366,467
Investments in Segregated Accounts	30,434
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental	1,054,600
Accounts	3,686,600
Property Taxes	69,249,581
Special Assessments	<u>107,514</u>

<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>78,913,170</u>
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	10,586
Intergovernmental Payable	<u>1,453</u>

<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>12,039</u>
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Deferred Inflows of Resources

Property Taxes	<u>66,986,909</u>
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Net Position

Restricted for Individuals, Organizations and Other Governments	<u><u>\$11,914,222</u></u>
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Custodial Funds
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Additions

Intergovernmental	\$10,122,474
Amounts Received as Fiscal Agent	4,242,144
Licenses, Permits and Fees Collected for Other Governments	23,703
Fines and Forfeitures Collected for Other Governments	14,055,434
Property Tax Collections for Other Governments	82,837,535
Interest and Other Investment Income	128
Contributions from Individuals	915,449
Amounts Received for Others	1,046,004
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<i>Total Additions</i>	<i>113,242,871</i>

Deductions

Distributions to the State of Ohio	14,046,288
Distributions of State Funds to Other Governments	10,251,650
Distributions as Fiscal Agent	4,812,035
Licenses, Permits and Fees Distributions to Other Governments	3,650
Fines and Forfeitures Distributions to Other Governments	27,725
Property Tax Distributions to Other Governments	82,544,526
Distributions to Individuals	1,872,221
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<i>Total Deductions</i>	<i>113,558,095</i>

<i>Decrease in Fiduciary Net Position</i>	<i>(315,224)</i>
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<i>Net Position Beginning of Year - Restated (See Note 3)</i>	<i>12,229,446</i>
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<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<i>\$11,914,222</i>
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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 1 - REPORTING ENTITY

Washington County, Ohio (the County), was created July 26, 1778, by Governor Arthur St. Clair. The County was the first county formed in the Northwest Territory and is composed of twenty-two townships. The County is governed by a board of three County Commissioners elected by the voters of the County. An elected County Auditor serves as chief fiscal officer. In addition, there are seven other elected administrative officials. These officials are: County Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, and Sheriff. Also elected are two Common Pleas Court Judges and a Probate and Juvenile Court Judge. The County Commissioners serve as the budget and taxing authority, contracting body, and the chief administrators of public services for the County.

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

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the County. For Washington County, this includes the Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Board, and all departments and activities that are directly operated by the elected County Officials.

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

Discretely Presented Component Units

Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (the Authority) was created during 2003, pursuant to Sections 4582.202 through 4582.58, inclusive, of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of promoting the manufacturing, commerce, distribution, and research and development interest of Southeastern Ohio, including rendering financial and other assistance to such enterprises situated in the region and to induce the location in Southeastern Ohio of other manufacturing, commerce, distribution, and research entities; to purchase, subdivide, sell, and lease real property in Southeastern Ohio; and erect or repair any building or improvement for the use of any manufacturing, commerce, distribution, or research and development enterprise in Southeastern Ohio. The Authority's Board of Directors consists of the number of Directors it deems necessary. They are appointed by the Washington County Commissioners. The County assumes the responsibility to provide financial support to the Authority and has guaranteed the debt of the Authority; therefore, it is included as a discretely presented component unit. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from the Authority in Marietta, Ohio.

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The following potential component units have been excluded from the County's financial statements:

Washington County Career Center
Washington County Agricultural Society
Washington County Historical Society
Washington State College of Ohio
Washington County Cooperative Extension
Marietta Tourist and Convention Bureau
Washington County Law Library

In the case of the separate agencies, boards, and commissions listed below, the County serves as fiscal agent but is not financially accountable for their operations. Accordingly, the activity of the following districts and agencies is presented as custodial funds within the County's financial statements:

Washington County General Health District The District is governed by the Board of Health which oversees the operation of the District and is elected by a regional advisory council composed of township trustees, mayors of participating municipalities, and one County Commissioner. The council adopts its own budget and operates autonomously from the County. Funding is based on a rate per taxable valuation, along with state and federal grants applied for by the District.

Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District The Soil and Water Conservation District is statutorily created as a separate and distinct political subdivision of the State. The five supervisors of the Soil and Water Conservation District are elected officials authorized to contract and sue on behalf of the District. The supervisors adopt their own budget, authorize District expenditures, hire and fire staff, and do not rely on the County to finance deficits.

The County is associated with certain organizations which are defined as jointly governed organizations and insurance purchasing pools. These organizations are presented in Notes 20 and 22 to the Basic Financial Statements. The organizations are:

Buckeye Hills Regional Council
Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District
Washington-Morgan Community Action Corporation
Washington County Family and Children First Council
Wood, Washington, and Wirt Planning Commission
Buckeye Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D)
Mid-East Ohio Regional Council (MEORC)
Ohio Valley Employment Resource (OVER)
Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council
County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSAs)
County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio, Inc. (CEBCO)

The County is associated with the Washington County Public Library, which is classified as a related organization. Additional information concerning the related organization is presented in Note 21.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

A. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements During the year, the County segregates transactions related to certain County functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the County at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Internal service funds are combined and the totals are presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

B. 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 typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following are the County's major governmental funds:

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General Fund The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the County for any purpose, provided it is expended and transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax Fund This fund accounts for revenue derived from motor vehicle licenses, gasoline taxes, grants, permissive sales taxes, and interest. Expenditures in this fund are restricted by state law to County road and bridge repair/improvements programs.

Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund This fund accounts for the operation of a school and the costs of administering a sheltered workshop for the developmentally disabled residents of the County. Revenue sources are federal and state grant monies and a county-wide property tax levy.

County Home Fund This fund accounts for property tax revenues and other resources used to finance the operation of the County Home.

Job and Family Services Fund This fund accounts for various federal and state grants as well as transfers from the General Fund used to provide public assistance to general relief recipients and to pay their providers of medical assistance and certain public social services.

County Building Energy Fund This fund accounts for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, repairing, renovating, replacing, and improving county facilities.

Proprietary Funds Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service. The County has no internal service funds.

Enterprise Fund Enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The following is a description of the County's Enterprise Fund:

Sewer Fund This fund accounts for sanitary sewer services provided to County individual and commercial users. The costs of providing these services are financed primarily through user charges.

Fiduciary Funds Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial 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. Custodial funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

The County's fiduciary funds are all custodial funds. Custodial funds are used to account for assets held by the County as fiscal agent for the Board of Health and other districts and entities; for various taxes, assessments, fines, and fees collected for the benefit of and distributed to other governments; and, for State shared resources received from the State and distributed to other local governments.

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C. Measurement Focus

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

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

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary and fiduciary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. In fiduciary funds, a liability to the beneficiaries of fiduciary activity is recognized when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. Fiduciary fund liabilities other than those to beneficiaries are recognized using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the County finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities. Fiduciary funds present a statement of changes in fiduciary net position which reports additions to and deductions from investment trust, private purpose trust funds, and custodial funds.

D. Basis of Accounting

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

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include sales taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the period in which the taxable sale takes place. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the County must provide local

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resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year end: sales tax (See Note 8), interest, federal and state grants and subsidies, state-levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle license fees and gasoline taxes), fees, and rentals.

Unearned revenue represents amounts under the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not yet been met because such amounts have not yet been earned.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the County, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for asset retirement obligations, pension, and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to asset retirement obligations is originally measured at the amount of the corresponding liability. This amount is expensed in a systematic and rational manner over the tangible asset's useful life. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 11 and 12.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the County, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, pension, OPEB, leases, and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2023, but which were levied to finance 2024 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and governmental fund financial statements. The deferred inflow for leases is related to leases receivable and is being recognized as lease revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the County, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes; payments in lieu of taxes; intergovernmental grants; fines, forfeitures, and settlements; and charges for services. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance to Net Position of Governmental Activities are found on page 21. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 11 and 12)

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

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

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E. Budgetary Process

All funds, except custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the County Commissioners may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the County Commissioners' authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the County Commissioners. The legal level of control has been established by County Commissioners at the fund, program, department, and object level.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the County Auditor. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the final amended certificate of estimated resources issued during 2023 upon which the final appropriations were based.

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 appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the County Commissioners during the year.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the County Treasurer is pooled. Cash balances, except cash held by a fiscal agent or held in segregated accounts, are pooled and invested in short-term investments in order to provide improved cash management. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the County's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Various departments within the County have segregated bank accounts for monies held separate from the County's central bank account. These accounts are presented as "Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts" since they are not required to be deposited with the County Treasurer.

During 2023, investments were limited to STAR Ohio, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, corporate notes, and federal agency securities, which are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices.

Investment procedures are restricted by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. County policy requires interest earned on investments to be credited to the General Fund except where there is a legal requirement or there are bond proceeds for capital improvements. Investment Earnings/Interest Revenue in the General Fund during 2023 amounted to \$3,094,972, which includes \$2,006,157 assigned from other County funds.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the County are considered to be cash equivalents.

STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio) is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool*

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Participants. The County measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2023, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice for deposits and withdrawals of \$100 million or more is appreciated. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day.

G. Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

H. 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 the creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the County are reported as restricted. Special assessments receivable are also presented as restricted assets as their use is limited by the authorizing statute. Restricted assets in the enterprise fund represents amounts held in trust by the pension plan for future benefits.

I. Receivables and Payables

Receivables and payables are recorded on the County's financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined material and substantiated not only by supporting documentation, but also, by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and in the case of receivables, collectability.

Using these criteria, the County has elected to not record child support arrearages. These amounts, while potentially significant, are not considered measurable, and because collections are often significantly in arrears, the County is unable to determine a reasonable value.

J. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2023, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

K. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans or interfund services provided and used are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns of the statement of net position, except for any net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances.

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L. Capital Assets

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

All capital assets (except for intangible right-to-use lease assets and subscription assets which are discussed below) are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The County was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of infrastructure by back trending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the infrastructure to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land, general infrastructure, and construction in process. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity
	Estimated Lives	Estimated Lives
Land Improvements	40-100 Years	n/a
Buildings and Improvements	40-100 Years	40-100 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 Years	5-10 Years
Furniture and Fixtures	5-20 Years	n/a
Vehicles	8 Years	8 Years
Business-Type Infrastructure	N/A	40 Years
Intangible Right to Use Buildings and Improvements	40-100 Years	40-100 Years
Intangible Right to Use		

The County is reporting intangible right to use assets related to assets and subscription assets. These lease assets include leased buildings and improvements and equipment and represent nonfinancial assets which are being utilized for a period of time through leases from another entity. Subscription assets represent intangible right to use assets related to the use of another party's IT software. These intangible right to use are being amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

The County's infrastructure consists of County roads and bridges, certain culverts, and sewer systems. The County reports infrastructure acquired prior to December 31, 1980.

County road and bridges (infrastructure reported in the Governmental activities column of the statement of net position) are presented using the modified approach and therefore these assets are not depreciated. In addition, expenditures made by the County to preserve existing roads or bridges are expensed rather than capitalized. Only expenditures for additions or improvements are capitalized. Additional disclosures about the condition assessments and maintenance cost regarding the County's roads and bridges appear in the Required Supplementary Information.

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M. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable the County will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The liability for vacation benefits is recorded as "leave benefits payable", rather than long term liabilities, as the balances are to be used by the employees in the year following the year benefits are earned.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the County has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employee wage rates at year end taking into consideration any limits specified in the County's termination policy. The County records a liability for accumulated, unused sick leave for employees of the County between ten and twenty-five years of service, depending on historical departmental termination payments.

On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as a liability and expenditures to the extent of payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the account, "Matured Compensated Absences Payable" in the fund from which the employees will be paid. The remaining portion of the liability is not reported.

N. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

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

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits. Bonds, leases, subscription payable, and long-term loans are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

O. 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 category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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

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Enabling legislation authorizes the County to assess, levy, charge, or otherwise mandates payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation. Legal enforceability means that the County can be compelled by an external party, such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary to use resources created by enabling legislation only for the purposes specific by the 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 County Commissioners. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Commission removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by County Commissioners, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. 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 or 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 the County Commissioners or a County official delegated that authority by resolution or by State Statute. State statute authorizes the County Auditor to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

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 used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

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

P. Net Position

Net Position represents the difference between all other elements in the statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The County applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for OneOhio Opioid Settlement Monies. Restricted Net Position for Pension Asset Plan represents the corresponding restricted asset amounts held in trust by the pension plans for future benefits.

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Q. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the County, these revenues are charges for services for wastewater treatment. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that are the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating.

R. Internal Activity

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. Transfers between governmental activities are eliminated. Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one program to another or within the same program are eliminated on the statement of activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

S. Bond Premiums and Discounts

Bond discounts and premiums are amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond discounts are presented as a reduction of the face amount of bonds payable. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds. On the government fund financial statements, bond premiums and bond discounts are recognized in the period in which bonds are issued. Under Ohio law, premiums on the original issuance of debt are to be deposited to the bond retirement fund to be used for debt retirement and are precluded from being applied to the project fund. Ohio law does allow premiums on refunding debt to be used as part of the payment to the bond escrow agent.

T. Pension/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

U. 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 and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The County did not have any extraordinary or special items in 2023.

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V. Estimates

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

W. Leases

The County serves as both lessee and lessor in various noncancellable leases which are accounted for as follows:

Lessee At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset. Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Lessor At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

The County is reporting Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) for various noncancellable IT software contracts. At the commencement of the subscription term, the County initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of the subscription payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for subscription payments made at the commencement of the subscription term, plus certain initial implementation costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT asset. Subscription assets are reported with other capital assets and subscription payables are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

NOTE 3 - CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR BALANCES

For 2023, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 94, Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements; GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements; and GASB Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022. GASB Statement 94 improves financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). This Statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements (APAs). The County did not have any arrangements that met the GASB 94 definition of a PPP or an APA.

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GASB Statement 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). These changes were incorporated in the County's 2023 financial statements. The County recognized \$82,936 in subscriptions payable at January 1, 2023, which was offset by the subscription asset.

GASB Statement 99 addresses various issues including items related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs. The requirements related to PPPs and SBITAs were incorporated with the corresponding GASB 94 and GASB 96 changes identified above.

For 2023, the County also implemented the guidance in GASB's Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, Implementation Guidance Update—2021 (other than question 5.1).

The County's loan receivables were understated along with unearned revenue at December 31, 2022. Restated amounts to fund balance and net position follows:

	<u>General</u>
Fund Balance December 31, 2022	\$25,315,257
Adjustments for	
Loans Receivable	111,481
Unearned Revenue	<u>(8,789,932)</u>
Restated Fund Balance December 31, 2022	<u>\$16,636,806</u>

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net Position December 31, 2022	\$203,154,043
Adjustments for	
Loans Receivable	111,481
Unearned Revenue	<u>(8,789,932)</u>
Restated Net Position December 31, 2022	<u>\$194,475,592</u>

Accounts receivable were understated in the prior year in the custodial funds. Restated amounts for the custodial funds are as follows:

	<u>Custodial</u>
Net Position December 31, 2022	\$11,407,245
Adjustment for	
Accounts Receivable	<u>822,201</u>
Restated Net Position December 31, 2022	<u>\$12,229,446</u>

NOTE 4 - FUND DEFICITS

The following funds had deficit fund balances as of December 31, 2023:

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Major Fund:	
Job and Family Services	\$542,505
Special Revenue Funds:	
Belpre Outpost Sewer & Water Project	107,147
CDBG	82,199
Children Services	95,425

These deficits are the result of the recognition of payables in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as well as short-term interfund loans from the General Fund needed for operations until the receipt of grant monies. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

NOTE 5 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balances on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis) for the General and major special revenue funds are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than restricted, committed, or assigned fund balance (GAAP).
4. Unrecorded cash and interest, segregated accounts, and prepaid items are reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis) but not on the budgetary basis.
5. Cash that is held by the custodial funds on behalf of County funds on a budget basis are allocated and reported on the balance sheet (GAAP basis) in the appropriate County fund.
6. The fair market value adjustment is the amount recorded to bring investments to market value on the balance sheet (GAAP basis) that is not recorded on the budgetary (Cash basis)

Adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations at the end of the year on the Budget basis to the GAAP basis are as follows:

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	Net Change in Fund Balances General and Major Special Revenue Funds				
	General	Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax	Board of Developmental Disabilities	County Home	Job and Family Services
GAAP Basis	\$7,370,780	(\$1,646,403)	(\$2,377,771)	(\$54,383)	(\$526,407)
Net Adjustment for					
Revenue Accruals	(8,440,021)	(12,687)	(138,847)	11,935	311,507
Beginning of the Year:					
Unrecorded Cash	55,507	0	0	0	20,098
Cash in Segregated Accounts	12,475	0	0	83,505	0
Unreported Interest	118,321	0	0	0	0
Fair Market Value	(1,639,025)	0	0	0	0
Custodial Fund					
Cash Allocation	112,316	0	96,121	60,855	0
Prepaid Items	401,435	33,146	14,410	15,676	39,721
End of the Year:					
Unrecorded Cash	(72,911)	0	0	0	0
Cash in Segregated Accounts	(12,609)	0	0	(95,440)	0
Unreported Interest	(148,098)	0	0	0	0
Fair Market Value	796,161	0	0	0	0
Custodial Fund					
Cash Allocation	(130,581)	0	(120,543)	(71,184)	0
Prepaid Items	(326,572)	(14,486)	(16,741)	(16,741)	(38,049)
Net Adjustment for					
Expenditure Accruals	209,897	(58,797)	252,164	(29,595)	121,102
Advances In	315,961	0	0	0	0
Encumbrances	(1,279,243)	(1,420,591)	(239,448)	(18,040)	(5,232)
Budget Basis	<u>(\$2,656,207)</u>	<u>(\$3,119,818)</u>	<u>(\$2,530,655)</u>	<u>(\$113,412)</u>	<u>(\$77,260)</u>

NOTE 6 - 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 with certain limitations in the following securities provided the County has filed a written investment policy with the Ohio Auditor of State:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, 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 and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

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3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided 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 the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of this state or the political subdivisions of this state, provided the bonds or other obligations of political subdivisions mature within ten years from the date of settlement;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts, in eligible institutions pursuant to ORC sections 135.32;
6. 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 or consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) above; commercial paper as described in ORC section 135.143 (6); and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided these investments 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 simultaneously exchange either securities or cash, equal value for equal value, within certain limitations;
9. Up to forty percent of the County's average portfolio, if training requirements have been met 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, which are rated in the highest classification established by two nationally recognized standard rating services, which do not exceed ten percent of the value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation, which mature within 270 days after purchase, and the investment in commercial paper notes of a single issuer shall not exceed the aggregate five percent of interim monies available for investment at the time of purchase.
 - b. Bankers acceptances of banks that are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation and that mature not later than 180 days after purchase.
10. Up to fifteen percent of the County's average portfolio in notes issued by U.S. corporations or by depository institutions doing business under authority granted by the U.S. or any state provided the notes are rated in the three highest categories by at least two nationally recognized standard rating services at the time of purchase and the notes mature not later than three years after purchase;
11. A current unpaid or delinquent tax line of credit, provided certain conditions are met related to a County land reutilization corporation organized under ORC Chapter 1724; and,
12. Up to two 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, subject to certain limitations. All interest and principal shall be denominated and payable in United States funds.

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Reverse repurchase agreements, investments in derivatives, and investments in stripped principal or interest obligations that are not issued or guaranteed by the United States, are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of settlement, 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. 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.

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, or by the financial institutions participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

At year end, the County had \$2,000 in undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Investments As of December 31, 2023, the County had the following investments:

Measurement/Investment	Measurement Amount	Maturity	Standard & Poor's Rating	Percent of Total Investments
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share:				
STAROhio	\$15,073,295	Average 46.4 days	AAAm	32.10
Fair Value - Level Two Inputs				
Municipal Bonds	795,872	Less than five years	AA-	1.69
U.S. Treasury Bonds	10,838,044	Less than five years	AA+	23.08
Commercial Papers	4,558,208	Less than five years	A1-P1	9.71
Federal National Mortgage Association Note	3,188,436	Less than five years	AAA	6.79
Federal Home Loan Bank Note	5,336,136	Less than five years	AAA	11.36
Federal Farm Credit Bonds	5,046,545	Less than five years	AAA	10.75
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Notes	299,448	Less than five years	AAA	0.64
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	1,827,041	Less than five years	n/a	3.89
Total Investments	<u>\$46,963,025</u>			

The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The above chart identifies the County's recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2023. All of the County's investments are valued using quoted market prices (Level 2 inputs).

Interest Rate Risk The County's investment policy does not address interest rate risk. State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the County, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. The intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity.

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Credit Risk The security underlying the repurchase agreement, the federal national mortgage association notes, federal home loan corporation notes and the federal home loan bank notes both carry a rating of Aaa by (Moody's). The County has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in State statutes. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization and that the money market mutual fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

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 County has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial credit 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 Concentration of credit risk is defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as having five percent or more invested in the securities of a single issuer. The County places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables consisted primarily of property taxes, sales taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, intergovernmental receivables arising from entitlements and shared revenues, leases, loans, and accounts (billings for user charged services and Opioid settlement monies). All receivables, except for delinquent property taxes and leases, are expected to be collected within one year. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year.

A. Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the County. Property tax revenue received during 2023 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2022 taxes.

2023 real property taxes were levied after October 1, 2023, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2023 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2024.

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 tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2023 public utility property taxes which became a lien December 31, 2022, are levied after October 1, 2023, and are collected in 2024 with real property taxes.

The full tax rate for all County operations for the year ended December 31, 2022, was \$10.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility tangible property upon which 2023 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

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Real Property	\$1,531,326,420
Public Utility Personal Property	<u>416,173,740</u>
Total	<u><u>\$1,947,500,160</u></u>

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 collection and distribution of taxes for all subdivisions within the County, excluding the County itself, is accounted for through custodial funds. The amount of the County's tax collections is accounted for within the applicable funds. Property taxes receivable represents real and public utility taxes and outstanding delinquencies which were measurable as of December 31, 2023, and for which there was an enforceable legal claim. In governmental funds, the portion of the receivable not levied to finance 2023 operations is offset to deferred inflows of resources – property taxes. On the accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on the modified accrual basis the revenue has been reported as deferred inflows of resources – unavailable revenue.

B. Tax Increment Financing Receivable

The County entered into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with Broughton Commercial Properties, LLC during 2017 for infrastructure improvements. To encourage these improvements, the company was granted an exemption from paying any property taxes on the new construction; however, payments in lieu of taxes are made to the County each year in an amount equal to the real property taxes that otherwise would have been due. The County is not able to record a receivable for the entire amount for all payments because the payments are based upon project collections. These payments are being used to finance the above improvements and will continue until the earlier of 20 years or until the revenue in lieu of taxes equals or exceeds the cost of improvements. A receivable in the amount of \$22,108 has been recorded in the State Route 821 TIF Fund.

C. OneOhio Opioid Settlement Monies

During 2021, Ohio reached an agreement with the three largest distributors of opioids. Subsequently, settlements have been reached with other distributors. As contingencies related to timing and measurement are resolved, a receivable will be reported in accompanying financial statements as a part of accounts receivable. As a participating subdivision, the County reported \$667,825 as a receivable related to opioid settlement monies in the OneOhio Special Revenue Fund in the accompanying financial statements. Collections of these settlement monies are expected to extend through 2038 with \$76,923 expected to be collected in 2024.

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D. Intergovernmental Receivables

Governmental Activities	<u>Amounts</u>
Gas Excise Tax	\$1,872,270
Motor Vehicle License Tax	1,201,829
Homestead and Rollback	582,764
Casino Tax	415,631
Local Government	378,910
Child Support Enforcement Grants and Subsidies	269,630
Federal Child Support	160,899
BJA Drug Court Grant	154,925
Child Support State Match	132,298
Children Services Grant and Subsidies	109,199
Miscellaneous	91,058
T-CAP Grant	63,720
PSI Grant	49,560
Election Expense	41,312
Special Education Idea Part-B	41,294
Residential Public Infrastructure Grant	36,504
Senior Center Grant	24,989
Early Childhood Special Education	13,877
Title XX-Social Service BDD Grant	7,388
Governmental Emergency Education Relief	<u>6,245</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>5,654,302</u>
Business-Type Activities	
Ohio Water Development Authority	<u>53,388</u>
Total Intergovernmental Receivable	<u><u>\$5,707,690</u></u>

E. Special Assessments Receivable

In prior years, special assessments were assessed for the partial repayment of business-type activities debt. These special assessments relating to the payment of debt are not expected to be fully collected within one year. The amount not scheduled for collection during the subsequent year is \$48,404.

F. Leases Receivables

The County is reporting leases receivable of \$98,560 in the General Fund at December 31, 2023. These amounts represent the discounted future lease payments. This discount is being amortized using the interest method. For 2023, the County recognized lease revenue of \$7,950 and interest revenue of \$5,548 in the General Fund related to lease payments received. These lease revenue amounts exclude short-term leases. A description of the County's leasing arrangements is as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Asset</u>	Lease Commencement <u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>	Lease Ending <u>Date</u>
Chase Bank	ATM	2018	12	2030
Southeastern Ohio Broadband	Tower	2022	60	2082
Southeastern Ohio Port Authority	Office	2021	2	2023

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A summary of future lease revenue is as follows:

Year	General	
	Principal	Interest
2024	\$4,193	\$5,207
2025	4,466	4,934
2026	5,114	4,636
2027	5,632	4,293
2028	5,999	3,926
2029-2033	25,283	12,377
2034-2038	1,558	10,442
2039-2043	1,944	10,056
2044-2048	2,425	9,575
2049-2053	3,025	8,975
2054-2058	3,773	8,227
2059-2063	4,707	7,293
2064-2068	5,872	6,128
2069-2073	7,325	4,675
2074-2078	9,137	2,863
2079-2082	8,108	691
	<u>\$98,560</u>	<u>\$104,299</u>

NOTE 8 - PERMISSIVE SALES AND USE TAX

In 1983, the County Commissioners, by resolution, imposed a one percent tax on all retail sales made in the County and on the storage, use, or consumption in the County of tangible personal property, including automobiles, not subject to the sales tax. At the November 1989 general election, an additional one-half percent tax was approved by the voters of the County. Vendor collections of the tax are paid to the State Treasurer by the twenty-third day of the month following collection. The State Tax Commissioner certifies to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) the amount of the tax to be returned to the County. The Tax Commissioner's certification must be made within forty-five days after the end of each month. The Tax Commissioner shall then, on or before the twentieth day of the month in which certification is made, provide for payment to the County. A receivable is recognized at year end for amounts that will be received from sales which occurred during 2023.

NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

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	Restated Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2023
Governmental Activities				
<i>Nondepreciable/amortized Capital Assets</i>				
Land	\$1,221,124	\$0	\$0	\$1,221,124
Infrastructure	152,178,626	5,880,722	(468,836)	157,590,512
Construction in Progress	5,837,110	10,265,339	(2,338,574)	13,763,875
<i>Total Nondepreciable/amortized Capital Assets</i>	159,236,860	16,146,061	(2,807,410)	172,575,511
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets</i>				
<i>Tangible Assets</i>				
Land Improvements	811,130	0	0	811,130
Buildings and Improvements	25,846,290	2,983,390	0	28,829,680
Machinery and Equipment	9,977,454	607,123	(121,795)	10,462,782
Furniture and Fixtures	1,796,748	0	0	1,796,748
Vehicles	8,423,273	1,293,584	(324,559)	9,392,298
<i>Total Tangible Assets</i>	46,854,895	4,884,097	(446,354)	51,292,638
<i>Intangible Right to Use Lease Assets</i>				
Intangible Right to Use - Buildings and Improvements	42,184	0	(25,244)	16,940
Intangible Right to Use - Machinery and Equipment	15,638	0	0	15,638
<i>Total Lease Assets</i>	57,822	0	(25,244)	32,578
<i>Subscription Assets</i>				
Intangible Right to Use - Software	188,477	156,131	0	344,608
<i>Total Intangible Assets</i>	246,299	156,131	(25,244)	377,186
<i>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</i>	47,101,194	5,040,228	(471,598)	51,669,824
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>				
<i>Depreciation</i>				
Land Improvements	(789,314)	(19,364)	0	(808,678)
Buildings and Improvements	(16,390,711)	(573,910)	0	(16,964,621)
Machinery and Equipment	(8,046,885)	(386,859)	111,899	(8,321,845)
Furniture and Fixtures	(1,401,546)	(57,434)	0	(1,458,980)
Vehicles	(6,461,875)	(468,128)	269,962	(6,660,041)
<i>Total Depreciation</i>	(33,090,331)	(1,505,695)	381,861	(34,214,165)
<i>Amortization</i>				
<i>Intangible Right to Use Lease Assets</i>				
Intangible Right to Use - Buildings and Improvements	(1,725)	(20,915)	25,244	2,604
Intangible Right to Use - Machinery and Equipment	(10,158)	(4,329)	0	(14,487)
<i>Total Lease Assets</i>	(11,883)	(25,244)	25,244	(11,883)
<i>Subscription Assets</i>				
Intangible Right to Use - Software	(105,541)	(67,716)	0	(173,257)
<i>Total Intangible Assets</i>	(117,424)	(92,960)	25,244	(185,140)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>	(33,207,755)	(1,598,655)	407,105	(34,399,305)
<i>Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</i>	13,893,439	3,441,573	(64,493)	17,270,519
<i>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</i>	\$173,130,299	\$19,587,634	(\$2,871,903)	\$189,846,030

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* Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Amortization</u>	<u>Total</u>	
General Government:				
Legislative and Executive	\$236,365	\$0	\$236,365	
Judicial	25,167	37,622	62,789	
Public Safety	588,213	0	588,213	
Public Works	328,786	6,452	335,238	
Health:				
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health	2,974	0	2,974	
Board of Developmental Disabilities	95,112	44,557	139,669	
County Home	48,207	0	48,207	
Other Health	12,959	0	12,959	
Human Services:				
Child Support Enforcement	574	0	574	
Children Services	104,187	1,357	105,544	
Job and Family Services	38,524	2,972	41,496	
Other Human Services	24,627	0	24,627	
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$1,505,695</u>	<u>\$92,960</u>	<u>\$1,598,655</u>	
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>12/31/2022</u>			<u>12/31/2023</u>
Business-Type Activities				
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i>				
Land	\$379,120	\$0	\$0	\$379,120
Construction in Progress	9,303,488	4,118,237	0	13,421,725
<i>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i>	<u>9,682,608</u>	<u>4,118,237</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,800,845</u>
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets</i>				
<i>Tangible Assets</i>				
Buildings and Improvements	616,181	0	0	616,181
Machinery and Equipment	512,314	87,760	0	600,074
Vehicles	65,341	0	0	65,341
Infrastructure	9,624,227	0	0	9,624,227
<i>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</i>	<u>10,818,063</u>	<u>87,760</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,905,823</u>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>				
<i>Depreciation</i>				
Buildings and Improvements	(508,763)	(24,468)	0	(533,231)
Machinery and Equipment	(472,545)	(5,098)	0	(477,643)
Vehicles	(56,109)	(4,902)	0	(61,011)
Infrastructure	(4,657,994)	(229,555)	0	(4,887,549)
<i>Total Depreciation</i>	<u>(5,695,411)</u>	<u>(264,023)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,959,434)</u>
<i>Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</i>	<u>5,122,652</u>	<u>(176,263)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,946,389</u>
<i>Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net</i>	<u>\$14,805,260</u>	<u>\$3,941,974</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$18,747,234</u>

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; employee injuries; and natural disasters. During 2023, the County contracted with the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSAs), an insurance purchasing pool (see Note 22), for liability,

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auto, and crime insurance. CORSA, a non-profit corporation sponsored by the County Commissioners of Ohio, was created to provide affordable liability, property, casualty, and crime insurance coverage for its members and was established May 12, 1987. Coverage provided by the program and applicable deductibles are as follows:

	<u>Coverage Limits Aggregate</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
General Liability	\$1,000,000 each occurrence	\$2,500
Law Enforcement Liability	1,000,000 each occurrence	2,500
Automobile Liability	1,000,000 each occurrence	2,500
Errors and Omissions Liability	1,000,000/1,000,000	2,500
Blanket Buildings and Personal Property	153,182,053	2,500
Equipment Breakdown	1,000,000	2,500
Crime	1,000,000	2,500
Professional Liability	1,000,000	2,500
Medical Professional Liability	3,000,000	2,500

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three years. There has been no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

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

Note 11 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability (Asset)/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

The net pension liability (asset) and the net OPEB liability (asset) reported on the statement of net position represent liabilities to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively. Pensions/OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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

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

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GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a *net pension/OPEB asset* or a long-term *net pension/OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *intergovernmental payable*. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 12 for the required OPEB disclosures.

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description – County employees, other than certified teachers, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select the Combined Plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. 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.

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

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

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Group A Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	Group B 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Group C Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35
Public Safety	Public Safety	Public Safety
Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25

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

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment. The options for Public Safety and Law Enforcement permit early retirement under qualifying circumstances as early as age 48 with a reduced benefit.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

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

	<u>State and Local</u>		<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>
	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>Combined</u>		
2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates				
Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Employee *	10.0 %	10.0 %	**	***
2023 Actual Contribution Rates				
Employer:				
Pension ****	14.0 %	12.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits ***	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>	<u>14.0 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>	<u>10.0 %</u>	<u>12.0 %</u>	<u>13.0 %</u>

* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

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

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

**** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate is funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined within the constraints of statutory limits for each division and expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

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For 2023, the County's contractually required contribution was \$3,464,645 for the traditional plan, \$77,533 for the combined plan, and \$96,940 for the member-directed plan. Of these amounts, \$354,349 is reported as an intergovernmental payable for the traditional plan, \$7,765 for the combined plan, and \$9,739 for the member-directed plan. The Special Funding Situation's contractually required contribution to OPERS was \$0. There also is no intergovernmental payable as all of these employees retired during 2021.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent upon a determination by its actuary that it was necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Effective July 1, 2022, an ad-hoc COLA of 3 percent of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2023 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2018. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 34 years of service credit at any age.

Eligibility changes for DB Plan members who retire with actuarially reduced benefits will be phased in until August 1, 2023, when retirement eligibility will be five years of qualifying service credit and age 60, or 30 years of service credit regardless of age.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 11.09 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 2.91 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

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

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

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

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The 2023 employer and employee contribution rate of 14 percent was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For 2023, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The County's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$69,306 for 2023. Of this amount, \$1,491 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability (asset) for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the net pension liability for STRS was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of the respective measurement dates. The County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) was based on the County's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	Special Funding Situation	STRS	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/Asset:					
Current Measurement Date	0.147664200%	0.133570000%	0.000000000%	0.003533550%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.137868300%	0.120096900%	0.000110000%	0.003985170%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.009795900%	0.013473100%	-0.000110000%	-0.000451620%	
					Total
Proportionate Share of the:					
Net Pension Liability	\$43,620,069	\$0	\$0	\$760,948	\$44,381,017
Net Pension Asset	0	(314,811)	0	0	(314,811)
Pension Expense	6,935,886	38,756	(139,033)	(24,875)	6,810,734

2023 pension expense for the member-directed defined contribution plan was \$96,940. The aggregate pension expense for all pension plans was \$6,907,674 for 2023.

At December 31, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,448,875	\$19,354	\$27,743	\$1,495,972
Changes of assumptions	460,815	20,842	62,668	544,325
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	12,433,090	114,731	0	12,547,821
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,034,356	15,319	0	1,049,675
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,464,645	77,533	38,930	3,581,108
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$18,841,781</u>	<u>\$247,779</u>	<u>\$129,341</u>	<u>\$19,218,901</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$44,982	\$1,689	\$46,671
Changes of assumptions	0	0	47,171	47,171
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	0	2,281	2,281
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,445	38,276	181,261	224,982
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$5,445</u>	<u>\$83,258</u>	<u>\$232,402</u>	<u>\$321,105</u>

\$3,581,108 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a increase to the net pension asset in 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	STRS	Total
Year Ending December 31:				
2024	\$2,382,945	\$1,718	(\$91,662)	\$2,293,001
2025	3,238,488	18,166	(83,359)	3,173,295
2026	3,659,665	26,345	56,347	3,742,357
2027	6,090,593	46,369	(23,317)	6,113,645
2028	0	(2,413)	0	(2,413)
Thereafter	0	(3,197)	0	(3,197)
Total	<u>\$15,371,691</u>	<u>\$86,988</u>	<u>(\$141,991)</u>	<u>\$15,316,688</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

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

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, using the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67:

	<u>OPERS Traditional Plan</u>	<u>OPERS Combined Plan</u>
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	2.75 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.0 percent, simple	3.0 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.0 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple	3.0 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent	6.9 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170 percent of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 12.1 percent for 2022.

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

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determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized below:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)</u>
Fixed Income	22.00%	2.62%
Domestic Equities	22.00	4.60
Real Estate	13.00	3.27
Private Equity	15.00	7.53
International Equities	21.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	5.00	3.27
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the current year was 6.9 percent for the traditional plan and the combined plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for the traditional pension plan, combined plan and member-directed plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9 percent, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.9 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.90%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.90%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.90%)</u>
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)			
OPERS Traditional Plan	\$65,341,409	\$43,620,069	\$25,551,813
OPERS Combined Plan	(\$164,291)	(314,811)	(434,103)

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation are presented below:

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	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	From 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent based on service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.0 percent, effective July 1, 2017

Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disable Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation *</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return **</u>
Domestic Equity	26.00%	6.60%
International Equity	22.00	6.80
Alternatives	19.00	7.38
Fixed Income	22.00	1.75
Real Estate	10.00	5.75
Liquidity Reserves	<u>1.00</u>	1.00
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

** 10 year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent, and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position

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was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

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

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,170,169	\$760,948	\$414,858

Note 12 - Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See Note 11 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description – The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. Medicare-enrolled retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice selected with the assistance of an OPERS vendor. Non-Medicare retirees have converted to an arrangement similar to the Medicare-enrolled retirees, and are no longer participating in OPERS provided self-insured group plans.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to traditional pension plan and combined plan benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

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Medicare Retirees Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Non-Medicare Retirees Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;

Group B 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;

Group C 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,

A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit.

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022, who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

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

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Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and beginning July 1, 2022, there was a two percent allocation to health care for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2022 was 4.0 percent; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The County's contractually required contribution was \$42,464 for 2023. Of this amount, \$4,262 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Health care premiums were reduced by a Medicare Part B premium credit beginning in 2023. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the year ended December 31, 2023, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

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OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. For STRS, the net OPEB asset was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB asset was determined by an independent actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the County's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	OPERS			
	Contributions made by the County	Special Funding Situation	STRS	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset				
Current Measurement Date	0.14590955%	0.00000000%	0.00353355%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.13632660%	0.00010300%	0.00398517%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.00958295%	-0.00010300%	-0.00045162%	
Proportionate Share of the:				Total
Net OPEB Liability	\$919,986	\$0	\$0	\$919,986
Net OPEB Asset	0	0	(68,723)	(68,723)
OPEB Expense	(1,565,946)	(19,599)	(6,594)	(1,592,139)

At December 31, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPERS	STRS	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$107	\$107
Changes of assumptions	898,573	10,124	908,697
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on retirement investments	1,827,127	123	1,827,250
Changes in proportionate Share and difference between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	6,751	2,678	9,429
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	42,464	0	42,464
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$2,774,915</u>	<u>\$13,032</u>	<u>\$2,787,947</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$229,481	\$10,482	\$239,963
Changes of assumptions	73,938	45,342	119,280
Changes in Proportionate Share and Difference between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	3,813	3,813
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$303,419</u>	<u>\$59,637</u>	<u>\$363,056</u>

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\$42,464 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability or an increase of the net OPEB asset in 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	OPERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending December 31:			
2024	\$306,102	(\$23,175)	\$282,927
2025	670,520	(9,097)	661,423
2026	569,756	(3,290)	566,466
2027	882,654	(4,400)	878,254
2028	0	(3,993)	(3,993)
Thereafter	0	(2,650)	(2,650)
Total	<u>\$2,429,032</u>	<u>(\$46,605)</u>	<u>\$2,382,427</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

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

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022. The actuarial valuation used the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Wage Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases,	2.75 to 10.75 percent
	including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate	5.22 percent
Prior Year Single Discount Rate	6.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	4.05 percent
Prior Year Municipal Bond Rate	1.84 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.5 percent, initial
	3.50 percent, ultimate in 2036
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170 percent of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described

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tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, if any contribution are made into the plans, the contributions are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made. Health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was 15.6 percent for 2022.

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	34.00%	2.56%
Domestic Equities	26.00	4.60
Real Estate Investment Trust	7.00	4.70
International Equities	25.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	6.00	1.84
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 5.22 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2022; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 6 percent. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 4.05 percent

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(Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index"). The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2054. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2054, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 5.22 percent, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.22 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (6.22 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.22%)	Current Discount Rate (5.22%)	1% Increase (6.22%)
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$3,131,219	\$919,986	(\$904,639)

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability or asset. The following table presents the net OPEB liability or asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability or asset if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2023 is 5.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$862,325	\$919,986	\$984,889

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation are presented below:

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	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent	Varies by service from 2.5 percent to 8.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3 percent	3 percent
Discount Rate of Return	7.00 percent	7.00 percent
Health Care Cost Trends		
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	7.50 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Medicare	-10.94 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	-68.78 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	-11.95 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	9.00 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate
Medicare	1.33 percent initial 4.14 percent ultimate	-5.47 percent initial 3.94 percent ultimate

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

Healthy retirees post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110 percent for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95 percent for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

The STRS health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 11.

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00 percent was applied to all periods of projected health care costs to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00 percent, as well as what the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00 percent)

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or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$58,165)	(\$68,723)	(\$77,917)

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(\$78,344)	(\$68,723)	(\$57,134)

NOTE 13 - OTHER EMPLOYER BENEFITS

A. Deferred Compensation Plan

Washington County employees and elected officials may participate in a state-wide deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457 offered by the State of Ohio. Participation is on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. The plan permits deferral of compensation until future years. According to the plan, the deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

B. Compensated Absences

County employees follow various personnel policies as established by the County Commissioners, union agreements, or departmental mandates. Some employees of the Board of Developmental Disabilities, Engineer, Job and Family Services, Children Services, and Child Support Enforcement departments are represented by union agreements. Employees of Mental Health, Job and Family Services (non-union), Sheriff, Engineer (non-union), Board of Developmental Disabilities (non-union), Children's Services (non-union), and County Home departments follow their own departmental policies. All other County employees follow the Commissioners policy.

Each employee accrues 4.6 hours of sick time for each two week pay period worked. Accrual continues during periods of approved paid leave. Unused sick leave is cumulative without limit. Job and Family Services, the Board of Developmental Disabilities (union employees), and Child Support Enforcement employees earn annual leave based on their length of service and can be converted to extended illness leave at the rate of three days credit for each two days of unused leave converted. Upon retirement, with 10 years of service with the County, the State, or any of its political subdivisions, all employees, except for Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement (union), and Children Services (hired prior to July 3, 2013) are paid 25% of their sick leave up to a maximum of 240 hours. Board of Developmental Disabilities non-union employees, with 10 years of service with the County, are paid 50% of their sick leave up to a maximum of 480 hours. Board of Developmental Disabilities union employees are paid 25% of their annual leave balance not to exceed 480 hours. Children's Services employees hired prior to July 3, 2013, with 10 years of service with the County, are paid 100% of their sick balances that they had accrued at June 22, 2013. In addition to each employee's June 22, 2013 sick leave balance, they are paid 25% of the value of the sick leave accrued but unused between June 23, 2013 and the time of retirement or 240 hours; the lessor of the two numbers. The maximum of such payment shall not exceed 1,000 hours. Child Support Enforcement union employees are paid their total hours times 2/3 times 50% of the final rate of pay up to

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a maximum of 500 hours. Job and Family Services employees are paid their total hours times 2/3 times 50% of the final rate of pay up to a maximum of three times the employee's annual leave entitlement.

Unused vacation time and compensatory time are paid to a terminated employee at varying rates depending on length of service and department policy.

C. Insurance Benefits

During 2023, the County participated with the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio, Inc. (CEBCO) (a risk-sharing pool – see Note 21). CEBCO charges a fixed premium per month per enrolled employee. The premiums, along with an administrative charge, are paid into each participating County funds and, in turn, the premiums are paid to CEBCO. Premiums charged by CEBCO are based upon the County's claims experience. An excess coverage policy covers annual individual claims in excess of \$100,000 with an unlimited maximum. CEBCO retains liability for claims that exceed the expected losses and charged premiums.

The County provides employee medical/surgical benefits to employees, except Washington County Highway and Washington County Sheriff's Department, through Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The plan has \$1,500 single and \$3,000 family deductible limits. Except for employees of the Mental Health, Soldiers Relief, and Health Department, the County pays 80 percent of the total monthly premium for both single and family coverage. The County pays 100 percent for both single and family coverage for employees of the Mental Health Department and Soldiers Relief. The County pays 81 percent for both single and family coverage for employees of the Health Department. Premiums are paid from the same funds that pay the employee's salaries.

The County provides employee life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to employees, except for life insurance for Board of Developmental Disabilities, through Dearborn National in the amount of \$10,000 each employee and \$30,000 for management employees.

Dental insurance is provided to employees of the Department of Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency, and the Children Services Board. Vision insurance is provided to employees of the Department of Job and Family Services and the Child Support Enforcement Agency. Dental insurance is provided to employees of the Board of Developmental Disabilities through CBA Benefit Services.

NOTE 14 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in the County's long-term obligations during the year consisted of the following:

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	Original Issue Amount	Restated Principal Outstanding 12/31/22	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding 12/31/23	Amounts Due within One Year
Governmental Activities:						
General Obligation Bonds:						
2011 - Various Purpose Refunding Bonds:						
Term - 3.60%	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$190,000	\$60,000
Bond Premium		4,755	0	1,241	3,514	0
Bond Discount		(2,988)	0	(780)	(2,208)	0
2012 - Capital Facilities Jail Refunding Bonds:						
Serial - 1%-2.50%	2,055,000	245,000	0	245,000	0	0
Bond Premium		806	0	806	0	0
Total Refunding Bonds		497,573	0	306,267	191,306	60,000
2020 USDA Bonds from						
Direct Borrowing - 2.25%	132,600	108,400	0	12,500	95,900	12,800
2023 USDA Bonds from						
Direct Borrowing - 2.25%	175,000	0	175,000	0	175,000	15,900
2022 County Facilities Bonds - 3.95%	14,200,000	13,967,099	0	717,357	13,249,742	746,211
Total General Obligation Bonds		14,573,072	175,000	1,036,124	13,711,948	834,911
OPWC Loans:						
<i>From Direct Borrowings:</i>						
2021 - Base Stabilization and						
Resurfacing - 0%	400,000	360,000	0	40,000	320,000	20,000
2022 - CR-9, 20 and 333 Resurfacing - 0%	131,934	118,740	0	13,193	105,547	6,597
2022 - CR-3,30,348 and 446 Resurfacing - 0%	398,592	398,592	0	39,859	358,733	19,930
Total OPWC Loans		877,332	0	93,052	784,280	46,527
Net Pension Liability:						
OPERS		12,004,670	31,156,239	0	43,160,909	0
STRS		885,908	0	124,960	760,948	0
Total Net Pension Liability		12,890,578	31,156,239	124,960	43,921,857	0
Net OPEB Liability - OPERS		0	910,302	0	910,302	0
Leases		45,939	0	25,244	20,695	20,695
SBITAs		82,936	156,131	67,716	171,351	69,629
Compensated Absences - Sick Leave		394,647	50,271	27,772	417,146	35,526
Total Governmental Activities		\$28,864,504	\$32,447,943	\$1,374,868	\$59,937,579	\$1,007,288

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	Original Issue Amount	Principal Outstanding 12/31/22	Additions	Deductions	Principal Outstanding 12/31/23	Amounts Due within One Year
Business-Type Activities:						
General Obligation Bonds:						
<i>From Direct Placements:</i>						
1997 - FHA Sewer - 4.5%	\$873,000	\$546,000	\$0	\$24,000	\$522,000	\$26,000
OPWC Loans:						
<i>From Direct Borrowings:</i>						
2011 - Barlow Vincent Sanitary System Improvements Loan - 0%	168,053	92,430	0	8,403	84,027	4,201
2012 - Woodlawn Acres Sewer Improvements Loan - 0%	440,512	315,700	0	14,683	301,017	7,342
Total OPWC Loans						
From Direct Borrowings		408,130	0	23,086	385,044	11,543
OWDA Loans:						
<i>From Direct Borrowings:</i>						
2004 - OWDA Sewer Loan - 3.41%	283,227	28,499	0	18,838	9,661	9,661
2009 - OWDA Riverview Sewer Rehabilitation Loan - 1.50%	283,024	108,808	0	14,856	93,952	7,512
2010 - OWDA Lift Station and Sewer Improvements Loan - 1.50%	227,595	105,086	0	11,681	93,405	5,907
2011 - OWDA Devola Lift Station and Improvements Loan - 3.20%	1,510,999	798,940	0	77,925	721,015	39,899
2019 - OWDA Terri Lane Pump Station Replecement Loan - 2.92%	195,273	168,731	0	8,090	160,641	4,135
2020 - OWDA Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvement Loan - 0%	2,622,354	1,976,662	0	1,976,662	0	0
2023 - OWDA Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvement Loan - 0%	3,000,000	0	1,976,662	0	1,976,662	0
Total OWDA Loans						
From Direct Borrowings		3,186,726	1,976,662	2,108,052	3,055,336	67,114
Net Pension Liability - OPERS		0	459,160	0	459,160	0
Net OPEB Liability - OPERS		0	9,684	0	9,684	0
Compensated Absences - Sick Leave		1,004	0	141	863	0
Asset Retirement Obligations		210,000	15,000	0	225,000	0
Total Business-Type Activities		\$4,351,860	\$2,460,506	\$2,155,279	\$4,657,087	\$104,657

A. Governmental Activities

The 2011 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds are unvoted and are being retired from the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund with rental payments received from the Job and Family Services Special Revenue Fund and transfers from the General Fund. The 2012 Capital Facilities Jail Refunding Bonds are unvoted and were retired from the Bond Retirement Debt Service Fund with general property tax revenues. The USDA bonds and the 2022 County Facilities Bonds will be paid from property taxes. The OPWC loans are unvoted and will be retired from the Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax Special Revenue Fund. The leases are being paid for by the General Fund. Compensated absences for sick leave liabilities will be paid from the General Fund and the Mental Health, Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency, Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax, County Home, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Children Services, Dog and Kennel, 911, Court Corrections, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Real Estate Assessment Special Revenue

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Funds, and Sewer Enterprise Fund. There are no repayment schedules for the net pension liabilities. However, employer pension contributions are made from the following funds: the General Fund and the Mental Health, Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency, Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax, County Home, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Dog and Kennel, 911, Court Corrections, Sheriff, Disaster Services, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Real Estate Assessment Special Revenue Funds, and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

2011 Refunding Bonds:

On November 11, 2011, the County issued refunding bonds of \$1,670,000 consisting of \$1,195,000 in serial bonds and \$475,000 in term bonds. The final payment on the serial bonds occurred during 2018. The bonds were sold at a premium and discount of \$18,605 and \$11,690, respectively, and will be amortized over the term of the bonds. These bonds were issued to refund various purpose general obligation bonds. The refunded bonds have been called and fully repaid.

The bonds maturing on December 1, 2026, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in part by lot pursuant to the terms of the mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements of the Authorizing Legislation, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on December 1 of the year shown in, and according to, the following schedule:

Year	Amount
2024	\$60,000
2025	65,000
2026	65,000

Term bonds redeemed by other than mandatory redemption, or purchased for cancellation, may be credited against the applicable mandatory redemption requirement for the corresponding Term Bonds.

2012 Refunding Bonds:

On April 11, 2012, the County issued refunding bonds of \$2,180,000 consisting of \$2,055,000 in serial bonds and \$125,000 in term bonds. The final payment on the term bonds occurred during 2014. The refunding bonds matured on December 1, 2023. These bonds were issued to advance refund part of the 2004 Capital Facilities Jail Bonds. The advance refunded portion of the bonds, as well as the unamortized premium and discount of these advance refunded bonds, were removed from the financial statements of the County. The refunded bonds were retired in 2014.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the general obligation bonds outstanding at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Various Purpose Refunding Bonds		
	Term		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$60,000	\$6,480	\$66,480
2025	65,000	3,510	68,510
2026	65,000	3,510	68,510
	<u>\$190,000</u>	<u>\$13,500</u>	<u>\$203,500</u>

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USDA Bonds:

During 2020, the County entered into a direct borrowing bond agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of \$132,600 at 2.25 percent interest for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Engineers department. Principal payments are due July 1 of each year through 2030.

During 2023, the County entered into a direct borrowing bond agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of \$175,000 at 2.25 percent interest for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Engineers department. Principal payments are due February 1 of each year through 2033.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the direct borrowing general obligation bonds outstanding at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	USDA Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$28,700	\$5,816	\$34,516
2025	29,300	5,260	34,560
2026	30,000	4,612	34,612
2027	30,600	3,958	14,974
2028	31,300	3,290	14,974
2029-2033	121,000	6,937	127,937
	<u>\$270,900</u>	<u>\$29,873</u>	<u>\$261,573</u>

2022 County Facilities Bonds:

During 2022, the county issued bonds in the amount of \$14,200,000 for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, repairing, renovating, replacing, and improving County facilities. At a rate of 3.95 percent interest, the bond will mature in 2037. Principal and interest requirement to retire the direct borrowing general obligation bonds outstanding at December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$746,211	\$509,954	\$1,256,165
2025	776,227	479,936	1,256,163
2026	807,449	448,716	1,256,165
2027	839,926	416,236	1,256,162
2028	873,710	382,451	1,256,161
2029-2033	4,924,842	1,355,971	6,280,813
2034-2037	4,281,377	324,557	4,605,934
	<u>\$13,249,742</u>	<u>\$3,917,821</u>	<u>\$17,167,563</u>

OPWC Loans:

The County has entered into contractual agreements for road improvements from OPWC. Under the terms of these agreements, OPWC will reimburse, advance, or directly pay the construction costs of the approved projects. OPWC will capitalize administrative costs and construction interest and add them to the total amount of the final loans.

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During 2021, the County entered into a loan with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) in the amount of \$400,000 at zero percent interest for the purpose of base stabilization and resurfacing of certain county roads. Principal payments are due January 1 and July 1 of each year through 2032.

During 2022, the County entered into two loans with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) in the amount of \$131,934 and \$398,592, respectively, at zero percent interest for the purpose of resurfacing of certain county roads. Principal payments are due January 1 and July 1 of each year through 2033.

The County's outstanding OPWC loans from direct borrowings related to governmental activities contain provisions that in the event of default (1) OPWC may apply late fees of 8 percent per year, (2) loans more than 60 days late will be turned over to the Attorney General's office for collection, and as provided by law, OPWC may require that each payment be taken from the County's share of the county undivided local government fund, and (3) the outstanding amounts shall, at OPWC's option, become immediately due and payable.

Principal requirements to retire the OPWC loans outstanding at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>OPWC Loans Principal</u>
2024	\$46,257
2025	93,054
2026	93,054
2027	93,054
2028	93,054
2029-2033	<u>365,807</u>
	<u>\$784,280</u>

Leases and Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements:

The County has outstanding agreement, to lease copiers and office space, and also has various outstanding contracts to use of a SBITA vendor's IT software contracts. The future lease/subscription payments were discounted based on the interest rate implicit in the lease or using the County's incremental borrowing rate. This discount is being amortized using the interest method over the life of the lease/subscription. These leases will be paid from the General Fund and subscriptions will be paid from the General Fund and the Board of Developmental Disabilities and Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax Special Revenue Funds. A summary of the principal and interest amounts for the remaining leases and SBITAs follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$90,324	\$3,219	\$93,543
2025	71,568	1,611	73,179
2026	19,466	603	20,069
2027	10,688	214	10,902
	<u>\$192,046</u>	<u>\$5,647</u>	<u>\$197,693</u>

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B. Business-Type Activity

General Obligation Bonds:

In 1997, the County issued General Obligation Bonds through direct placement with Farmers' Home Administration payable from the Sewer Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$873,000, for improvements to the County's sewer system. The bonds mature in 2037 and will be repaid through user fees. Principal and interest requirements to retire the County's general obligation bonds outstanding at December 31, 2023, are:

Year Ended December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$26,000	\$23,554	\$49,554
2025	27,000	22,320	49,320
2026	28,500	21,105	49,605
2027	30,000	19,823	49,823
2028	32,000	18,523	50,523
2029-2033	187,000	69,267	256,267
2034-2037	191,500	22,151	213,651
Total	<u>\$522,000</u>	<u>\$196,743</u>	<u>\$718,743</u>

OPWC Loans:

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) related to the 2011 Barlow Vincent Sanitary System Improvements loan will be repaid using operating revenues of the sewer district. The 2012 Woodlawn Acres will be repaid using revenue from a special assessment assessed upon property owners. In the event of default of the property owners, the County would pay the loan using the operating revenues of the sewer district. The loans are recorded in the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

The County's outstanding OPWC loans from direct borrowings contain provisions that in the event of default (1) OPWC may apply late fees of 8 percent per year, (2) loans more than 60 days late will be turned over to the Attorney General's office for collection, and as provided by law, OPWC may require that such payment be taken from the County's share of the county undivided local government fund, and (3) the outstanding amounts shall, at OPWC's option, become immediately due and payable.

Principal requirements to maturity for OPWC loans from direct borrowings are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Principal
2024	\$11,543
2025	23,087
2026	23,087
2027	23,087
2028	23,087
2029-2033	119,631
2034-2038	73,418
2039-2043	73,419
2044	14,685
Total	<u>\$385,044</u>

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OWDA:

The 2004 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Sewer Loan relates to a project for engineering design of various sewer projects. The loan is payable solely from net revenues along with a onetime charge of \$1,000 per household to the residents in the Oxbow area. The loan is payable through 2024.

The 2009 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Riverview Sewer Rehabilitation Loan relates to the rehabilitation of sewer lines in the Riverview Community. The County has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements. The loan is payable through 2030.

The 2010 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Lift Station and Sewer Improvements Loan relates to the rehabilitation of sewer lines for the Oxbow Sanitary Sewer System. The County has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements. The loan is payable through 2031.

The 2011 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Devola Lift Station and Improvements Loan relates to the rehabilitation of sewer lines for the Devola Sanitary Sewer System. The County has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements. The loan is payable through 2032.

The 2019 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Terri Lane Pump Station Replacement Loan relates to the replacement of sewer pumps at the Terri Lane Pump Station. The County has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements. The loan is payable through 2039.

The 2020 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvement Loan relates to the addition of sewer pumps in Devola. The County has agreed to set utility rates sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements. The amount drawn on the loan in 2022 was \$1,976,662. The loan was never fully drawn; therefore, no amortization schedule exists. This loan was paid in full in 2023 with the 2023 Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvement Loan. The loan has not been fully drawn or finalized; therefore, no amortization schedule is set.

The County's outstanding OWDA loans from direct borrowings contain provisions that in an event of default (1) the amount of such default shall bear interest at the default rate from the due date until the date of payment, (2) if any of the charges have not been paid within 30 days, in addition to the interest calculated at the default rate, a late charge of 1 percent on the amount of each default shall also be paid to the OWDA, and (3) for each additional 30 days during which the charges remain unpaid, the County shall continue to pay an additional late charge of 1 percent on the amount of the default until such charges are paid.

The County has pledged future customer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$5,500,118 (original issue amount) in OWDA loans issued from 2004 to 2023. Proceeds from these loans provided financing for various sewer projects. The loans are payable solely from customer net revenues and are payable through 2039. Net revenues include operating revenues received by the sewer utility less operating expenses other than depreciation expense. Annual principal and interest payments on the loans as compared to net future revenues are not estimable but are expected to be less than net revenues in each year the loans are outstanding. However, during 2023 the principal and interest payments on the loans were \$2,140,133, net revenues were (\$480,961) and total revenues were \$1,135,406. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the loans is \$3,201,925.

The following is a summary of the County's future annual principal and interest requirements to retire the loans, except the Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvement Loan:

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<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$67,114	\$14,998	\$82,112
2025	117,314	26,843	144,157
2026	120,606	23,714	144,320
2027	123,997	20,494	144,491
2028	127,491	17,172	144,663
2029-2033	452,606	35,156	487,762
2034-2038	56,864	7,934	64,798
2039	12,682	278	12,960
Total	<u>\$1,078,674</u>	<u>\$146,589</u>	<u>\$1,225,263</u>

Asset Retirement Obligations:

The County will pay the asset retirement obligations (ARO) from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. For additional information related to the ARO, see Note 15.

Compensated Absences:

The County will pay compensated absences from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

C. Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that the net general obligation debt of the County, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed one percent of the total valuation of the County. The Code further provides that the total shall never exceed a sum equal to three percent of the first \$100,000,000 of the assessed valuation, plus one and one-half percent of such valuation in excess of \$100,000,000 and not in excess of \$300,000,000, plus two and one-half percent of such valuation in excess of \$300,000,000. The County's total debt margin was \$32,814,042 and the unvoted debt margin was \$5,101,540 at December 31, 2023.

NOTE 15- ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Governmental Accounting Standard Board's (GASB) Statement No. 83, Certain Asset Retirement Obligations, provides guidance related to asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset.

Ohio Revised Code Section 6111.44 requires the County to submit any changes to their sewerage system to the Ohio EPA for approval. Through this review process, the County would be responsible to address any public safety issues associated with their waste water treatment facilities. Engineers associated with the County's sewer improvement projects estimate these public safety issues to include removing/filling any tankage, cleaning/removing certain equipment, and backfilling certain exposed areas. This asset retirement obligation (ARO) of \$225,000 associated with the County waste water treatment facilities was estimated by the County's contracted engineers. The useful life of these facilities is 40 years.

NOTE 16 - SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

A. Contractual Commitments

As of December 31, 2023, the County had a contractual purchase commitment as follows:

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Project	Purchase Commitment	Amount Paid as of 12/31/2023	Amount Remaining on Contract
County Building Energy Fund:			
Phase 1 County Annex	\$14,188,034	\$13,763,875	\$424,159
Residential Public Infrastructure Fund:			
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District	1,210,766	967,064	243,702
Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$15,398,800</u>	<u>\$14,730,939</u>	<u>\$667,861</u>
Sewer Fund:			
Devola Sewer Improvements	<u>\$14,586,246</u>	<u>\$13,421,725</u>	<u>\$1,164,521</u>

B. Encumbrances

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the amount of encumbrances expected to be honored upon performance by the vendor in the next year were as follows:

Governmental Funds:	
General	\$1,279,243
Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax	1,420,591
Board of Developmental Disabilities	239,448
County Home	18,040
Job and Family Services	5,232
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>2,081,416</u>
Total Governmental Funds	5,043,970
Enterprise Fund:	
Sewer	<u>6,367,526</u>
Total	<u>\$11,411,496</u>

NOTE 17 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

Interfund balances, as of December 31, 2023, consist of the following individual interfund receivables and payables:

	Interfund Receivable				
Interfund Payable	General	Board of Developmental Disabilities	Job and Family Services	Other Nonmajor Governmental	Total
Major Funds:					
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,122	\$0	\$1,122
Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax	0		0	836	836
Job and Family Services	73,879		0	0	73,879
Sewer Enterprise Fund	1,900,793		0	0	1,900,793
Other Nonmajor Funds	100,719	1,932	247,697	17,255	367,603
	<u>\$2,075,391</u>	<u>\$1,932</u>	<u>\$248,819</u>	<u>\$18,091</u>	<u>\$2,344,233</u>

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The interfund receivables/payables are due to lags between the dates interfund goods and services are provided, transactions were recorded in the accounting system, and payments between funds were made. Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2023, consisted of the following:

Transfer In					
<u>Transfer Out</u> <u>Major Fund:</u>	<u>Major Funds</u>				<u>Total</u>
	Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax	Job and Family Services	County Building Energy	Other Nonmajor Funds	
General Fund	\$84,376	\$180,777	\$23,034	\$4,340,632	\$4,628,819

Transfers were used to move revenues from the fund that Statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that Statute or budget requires to expend them and to use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Transfers from the Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax Special Revenue Fund were made as part of the local share costs for various road projects.

NOTE 18 - FUND BALANCES

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 the resources in the government funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

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Fund Balances	General	Motor Vehicle and Gasoline Tax	Board of Developmental Disabilities	County Home	Job and Family Services	County Building Energy	Other Governmental Funds
<u>Nonspendable:</u>							
Inventory	\$139,549	\$496,165	\$4,549	\$89,020	\$3,090	\$0	\$1,421
Prepaid Items	326,572	14,486	16,741	13,070	38,049	0	61,106
Unclaimed monies	322,555	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>788,676</u>	<u>510,651</u>	<u>21,290</u>	<u>102,090</u>	<u>41,139</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>62,527</u>
<u>Restricted for:</u>							
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	424,160	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	662,820
Road and Bridge Maintenance	0	4,682,858	0	0	0	0	210,006
Mental Health Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,829,837
County Home Operations	0	0	0	2,758,900	0	0	0
Developmental Disabilities	0	0	4,677,344	0	0	0	0
Real Estate Assessments	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,844,882
Court Computer Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	831,268
Child Support Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	934,912
Urban Transportation	0	0	0	0	0	0	96,498
Board of Elections	0	0	0	0	0	0	374
Disaster Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	117,444
Dog and Kennel	0	0	0	0	0	0	69,360
Marriage Licenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	579
Court and Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,311,395
Sheriff Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	767,366
911 Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	816,177
Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	520
Senior Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	459,244
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,682,858</u>	<u>4,677,344</u>	<u>2,758,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>424,160</u>	<u>12,952,682</u>
<u>Committed to:</u>							
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	94,720
Background Investigations	0	0	0	0	0	0	61,592
<i>Total Committed</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>156,312</u>
<u>Assigned to:</u>							
2024 Appropriations	455,916	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchases on Order	994,325	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>1,450,241</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Unassigned (Deficit):</u>	<u>21,768,669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(583,644)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(284,771)</u>
Total Fund Balances (Deficit)	<u>\$24,007,586</u>	<u>\$5,193,509</u>	<u>\$4,698,634</u>	<u>\$2,860,990</u>	<u>(\$542,505)</u>	<u>\$424,160</u>	<u>\$12,886,750</u>

NOTE 19 - COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During 2023, the County received COVID-19 funding. The County will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.

NOTE 20 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Buckeye Hills Regional Council

The Buckeye Hills Regional Council serves as the Area Agency on Aging for Washington, Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, and Perry Counties. The Council was created to foster a cooperative effort in regional planning, programming, and implementing plans and programs. The Council is governed by a fifteen member board of directors. The board is composed of one County Commissioner from each county, one member from the City of Athens Council, one member from the City of Marietta

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Council, four at-large members appointed from the ten government members, and one member from the minority sector. The board has total control over budgeting, personnel, and all other financial matters. The Council administers County Community Development Block Grant and Transportation Improvement Program monies. During 2023, the Council received \$54,285 in administrative fees from Washington County. The continued existence of the Council is not dependent on the County's continued participation and no equity interest exists.

B. Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District

The County is a member of the Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District which consists of Washington, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, and Noble Counties. The purpose of the District is to make disposal of waste in the six-county area more comprehensive in terms of recycling, incinerating, and land filling. The District provides for management strategies and local government funding on behalf of the participating counties regarding contractual arrangements with private solid waste disposal facilities, which would assure continued access to adequate disposal for the District. The District was created in 1989 as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

The Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District is governed and operated through three groups. An eighteen-member board of directors, composed of the three Commissioners from each County, is responsible for the District's financial matters. Financial records were maintained by Muskingum County until May 1993 at which time Noble County assumed the responsibility. The District's sole revenue source is a waste disposal fee for in-district and out-of-district waste. Although the County contributed amounts to the District at the time of its creation, no contributions were received from the County in 2023. No future contributions by the County are anticipated. A thirty-one member policy committee composed of five members from each county and one at-large member appointed by the policy committee, is responsible for preparing the solid waste management plan of the District in conjunction with a Technical Advisory Council whose members are appointed by the Policy Committee. Continued existence of the District is not dependent on the County's continued participation, no equity interest exists, and no debt is outstanding.

C. Washington-Morgan Community Action Corporation

The Community Action Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties is operated as a non-profit organization formed to provide various programs in Washington and Morgan Counties. Currently, the Corporation administers the Family Service and Outreach Program, the Community Action Bus Line (CABL), the Child Development Program, the Senior Nutrition Program, Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Program, the Home Weatherization Assistance and Energy Program, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program, Housing and Urban Development Section 8 Existing Housing Voucher/Certificate Program, and various other state and federal programs. The Corporation is the direct recipient of the federal and state monies. The Corporation is governed by a fifteen member council. The council is composed of the Mayor of the City of Marietta, the Mayor of the City of Belpre, the Washington County Recorder, one Barlow Township Trustee, one Commissioner from Morgan County, five lower income representatives, and five private sector representatives from Washington and Morgan Counties selected by outreach workers. Currently, the Corporation, by contract with the City of Marietta and Washington and Morgan Counties, provides administrative services to these governments in specific programs. The continued existence of the Corporation is not dependent on the County's continued participation and no equity interest exists.

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D. Washington County Family and Children First Council

The Washington County Family and Children First Council provide services to multi-need youth in Washington County. Members of the Council include the Washington County Health Department, the Regional Office of Youth Services, the Washington County Juvenile Court, the Washington County Mental Health Board, Washington County Children Services, the General Health District, a representative from the City of Marietta Health Department, and a representative of the Washington County School Districts. The operation of the Council is controlled by an advisory committee which consists of a representative from each agency. In 2023, the County contributed \$234,507.

E. Wood, Washington, and Wirt Planning Commission

The Wood, Washington, and Wirt Planning Commission was created to fulfill the requirements governing urban transportation planning under the Federal Highway Administration and Urban Mass Transportation Administration program regulations in Wood, Washington, and Wirt Counties. The Commission was formed pursuant to West Virginia Code Sections and Ohio Revised Code Section 713.30 and serves as a form of a regional planning commission. The Commission is composed of representatives from county and City governments and a cross section of members from the community appointed by the governmental units. Currently, the Commission has eight governmental representatives and one Washington County Commissioner serves on the Commission. Revenues are derived from Federal Highway and Federal Transportation Administration Grants distributed by the States of Ohio and West Virginia. Local governments contribute a ten percent local match. In 2023, the County contributed \$9,126 to the Commission. The continued existence of the Commission is not dependent on the County's continued participation and no equity interest exists.

F. Buckeye Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D)

RC&D is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit entity, serving a nine county region in southeastern Ohio including Athens, Belmont, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, and Washington Counties. The Council was created to identify and solve problems in rural communities including human, economic, natural resources and environmental issues. The RC&D is sponsored by the Boards of County Commissioners and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the nine counties, along with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District and the Rush Creek Conservancy District. The governing body of RC&D is the Executive Council, made up of 29 members that include three representatives from each county and one representative from each conservancy district. The Executive Council exercises total control over the operations of RC&D including budgetary, appropriating, contracting and designating management. Each participant's degree of control is limited to its representation on the Executive Council. During 2023, the Council did not receive administrative fees from Washington County. The continued existence of the District is not dependent on the County's continued participation and no equity interest exists.

G. Mid-East Ohio Regional Council (MEORC)

The Mid-East Ohio Regional Council is a council of governments created pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167. Participating counties include Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Fairfield, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jefferson, Knox, Licking, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Tuscarawas, and Washington Counties. MEORC was created to provide the best possible services to persons with developmental disabilities in their respective counties. Each county has representation on the MEORC board. Member counties have a contract between its county BDD board and the MEORC for MEORC to provide supported living services or housing to eligible persons in the member counties. To obtain financial information, write to the Mid-East Ohio Regional Council, Cathy Henthorn, who serves as Director of Financial Operations, 1 Avalon Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050.

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H. Ohio Valley Employment Resource (OVER)

The Ohio Valley Employment Resource (OVER) is a jointly governed organization whereby the three county commissioners from Monroe, Morgan, Noble, and Washington Counties serve on the governing board. OVER was formed for the purpose of creating and providing employment and training programs in response to local need, a part of which is implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, P.L. 113-128. The continued existence of OVER is not dependent upon the County's continued participation and no equity interest or debt exists.

I. Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council

The Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund is a jointly governed organization whereby up to two County Prevention Specialists may be appointed by the Washington County Commissioners to sit on the council. Currently, Washington County has one appointee. The Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council is the state's sole public funding source dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. Each regional council is directed by a regional prevention coordinator or coordinating entity and led by county prevention specialists. The continued existence of the Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council is not dependent upon the County's continued participation and no equity interest or debt exists.

NOTE 21 - RELATED ORGANIZATION

The Washington County Public Library is statutorily created as a separate and distinct political subdivision of the State governed by a board of trustees consisting of seven members. The Washington County Commissioners appoint three members and the Court of Common Pleas appoints the remaining members. The County made no contributions to the Public Library. The board of trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel, and does not depend on the County for operational subsidies. Although the County does serve as the taxing authority of the Library, this is strictly a ministerial function. Once the board of trustees has determined that a levy is necessary, its amount, and its duration, the County must place the levy before the voters. The Library may issue debt or the County may provide facilities for the Library through the issuance of debt if the voters agree.

NOTE 22 - INSURANCE PURCHASING POOLS

A. County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA)

The County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA) is a public entity shared risk pool among sixty-six counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio non-profit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverages provided by CORSA. These coverages include comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance, and public officials' errors and omissions liability insurance.

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the Corporation are managed by an elected board of not more than nine trustees. Only county commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the board. No county may have more than one representative on the board at any time. Each member county's control over the budgeting and financing of CORSA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the board of trustees. CORSA has issued certificates of participation in order to provide adequate cash reserves. The certificates are secured by the member counties' obligations to make coverage payments to CORSA. The participating counties have no responsibility for the payment of the certificates. The County does not have an equity interest in or a financial responsibility for CORSA. Any additional premium or contribution amounts and estimates of losses are not reasonably determinable. The County's payment for insurance to CORSA in 2023 was \$322,519.

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B. County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio, Inc. (CEBCO)

The County participates in the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio, Inc. (CEBCO), an Ohio not-for-profit corporation, and insurance purchasing pool with membership open to Ohio political subdivisions, to collectively pool resources to purchase employee benefits. The County pays, on a monthly basis the annual actuarially determined funding rate. Components of the funding rate include the claims fund contribution, incurred but not reported claims, a claims contingency reserve fund, as well as the fixed cost of the consortium.

The business and affairs of the consortium are governed by a board composed of representatives of counties that participate in the program. Two thirds of the directors are County Commissioners of the member Counties and one third are employees of member Counties. Each member of the consortium is entitled to one vote. At all times one director is required to be a member of the board of directors of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and another is required to be a board member of the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc.

Upon withdrawal from the Consortium, the County will be responsible for paying the funding rates and assessments, if any, that were applicable during the term of the agreement and shall remain responsible for any assessments made by the board for one or more years of the County's participation in CEBCO.

NOTE 23 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A. Federal and State 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 terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the County Commissioners believe such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

B. Litigation

Lawsuits are pending against the County. Based upon information provided by the County, any potential liability and effect on the financial statements, if any, is not determinable at this time.

NOTE 24 - SOUTHEASTERN OHIO PORT AUTHORITY

A. Reporting Entity

The Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, Washington County, (the Authority), was created during 2003 by the Washington County Commissioners pursuant to Sections 4582.202 through 4582.58, inclusive of the Ohio Revised Code, for the purpose of promoting the manufacturing, commerce, distribution, research, and development interests of Southeastern Ohio, including rendering financial and other assistance to such enterprises situated in the region. Other purposes include inducing the location in Southeastern Ohio of other manufacturing, commerce, distribution, and research entities to purchase, subdivide, sell, and lease real property in Southeastern Ohio. The Authority also strives to erect or repair any building or improvement for the use of any manufacturing, commerce, distribution, or research and development enterprise in Southeastern Ohio.

The Authority's Board of Directors consists of the number of Directors it deems necessary, and they are appointed by the Washington County Commissioners. As such, it is considered a discretely presented component unit of Washington County. Currently, fourteen Directors serve on the Board.

The Authority's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority is financially accountable.

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B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Authority have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard – setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the Authority’s accounting policies are described below.

Basis of Presentation

The Authority’s financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

Measurement Focus

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the Authority are included on the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

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

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the Authority, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB). The deferred outflows of resources related to these items are explained in Notes F and G.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the Authority,

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deferred inflows of resources consist of pension, OPEB, and leases, and are reported on the statement of net position.

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

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that the Authority's Board of Directors prepare an annual budget.

Appropriations Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund and function level, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Directors must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments.

Estimated Resources Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1.

Encumbrances The Ohio Revised Code requires the Authority to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are cancelled and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash assets are maintained in non-interest bearing and interest-bearing checking and money market accounts.

The Authority held investments with the Marietta Community Foundation at December 31, 2023.

Receivables and Payables

Receivables and payables are recorded on the Authority's financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined material and substantiated not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and, in the case of receivables, collectability.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2023, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. All capital assets are depreciated, except land. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over five years of the useful lives for machinery and equipment and over 50 years for buildings.

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Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The liability for vacation benefits is recorded as "leave benefits payable", rather than long term liabilities, as the balances are to be used by employees in the year following the year in which the benefit was earned.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the Authority has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employee wage rates at year end taking into consideration any limits specified in the Authority's termination policy. The Authority records a liability for accumulated, unused sick leave for all employees when they start working per the Authority's employee policy.

Pension/OPEB

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

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings and liabilities used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Authority does not have restricted net position.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the Authority. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of the Authority. Revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as non-operating.

Estimates

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

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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 management and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The Authority did not have any extraordinary or special items in 2023.

C. Deposits and Investments

State statutes classify monies held by the Port Authority into three categories.

1. Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the Port Authority Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or that can be withdrawn on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.
2. Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Port Authority has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.
3. Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of the Port Authority's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Bills, Bonds, Notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
4. Time certificates of deposits or savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
5. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio;

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6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio);
7. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met; and
8. Written repurchase agreements in the securities described in (1) or (2) provided 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 the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payments for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Deposits Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Authority will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$250,000 of the Authority's total bank balances of \$368,645 were covered by the FDIC. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the Authority to a successful claim by the FDIC.

The Authority has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the Authority and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or

Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

The Authority's financial institution participates in OPCS. Deposits are insured by the FDIC or collateralized through OPCS.

D. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

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	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2023
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$956,144	\$21,041	\$0	\$977,185
Construction in Progress	9,808	0	0	9,808
Total Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	965,952	21,041	0	986,993
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Machinery and Equipment	8,870	0	0	8,870
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	8,870	0	0	8,870
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Machinery and Equipment	(2,870)	0	0	(2,870)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(2,870)	0	0	(2,870)
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	6,000	0	0	6,000
Capital Assets, Net	\$971,952	\$21,041	\$0	\$992,993

E. Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority contracts with Peoples Insurance Agency who, on behalf of the Authority, negotiates property and casualty insurance coverage with Cincinnati Insurance Company and CNA Insurance Company for management and professional insurance coverage. The following lists the coverage limits and deductibles:

Property (\$500 Deductible):	
Contents	\$50,000
Crime (\$250 Deductible):	
Employee Dishonesty/Forgery or Alteration	50,000
General Liability:	
Each Occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	2,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	1,000,000
Hired and Non-owned Auto Liability	1,000,000
Fire Damage Limit	100,000
Medical Expense Limit	5,000
Directors & Officers Liability:	
Each Occurrence	1,000,000
Scheduled Retention	2,500/5,000

Bond Coverage for the Secretary/Treasurer is included in Government Organization and Management Liability Insurance Policy.

There were no significant reductions in coverage from prior years. Settlements have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three years.

The Authority pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

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F. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Net Pension Liability

The net pension asset and liability reported on the statement of net position represents an assets and a liability, respectively, to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

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

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

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

The proportionate share of each plan's excess funded or unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term net pension asset or liability on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in accrued payroll taxes on the accrual bases of accounting.

Plan Description

Plan Description - Authority employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. While members (e.g. Authority employees) may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional plan. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements,

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required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

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

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

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

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

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3 percent simple annual COLA. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20% each year. For additional information, see the Plan Statement in the OPERS ACFR.

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

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	<u>State and Local</u>
Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %
Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension ****	14.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits ****	<u>0.0</u>
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Authority's contractually required contributions for the traditional plan for 2023 were \$18,700. 100% has been contributed for 2023. Of this amount, \$1,586 is reported as accrued salaries payable.

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

The net pension asset and liability were measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension asset and liability used to calculate the net pension asset and liability were determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportions of the net pension asset and liability were based on the Authority's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>Traditional Pension Plan</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset):	\$103,095
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	0.000349%
Increase/(decrease) in % from prior proportion measurer	0.000034%
 Pension Expense	 \$26,684

At December 31, 2023, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Traditional Pension Plan
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Changes in assumptions	\$1,089
Changes in proportion and differences	7,529
Difference between expected and actual experience	3,424
Authority's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	29,385
Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>18,700</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$60,127</u></u>

\$18,700 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	Traditional Pension Plan
Year Ending December 31:	
2024	\$10,359
2025	8,026
2026	8,648
2027	<u>14,394</u>
Total	<u><u>\$41,427</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

OPERS' total pension asset and liability were determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of December 31, 2022, are presented below:

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Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability	
Actuarial Information	Traditional Pension Plan
Valuation Date	December 31, 2022
Experience Study	5 Year Period Ended December 31, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual entry age
Actuarial Assumptions :	
Investment Rate of Return	6.90%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases	2.75% to 10.75% (Includes wage inflation of 2.75%)
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	Pre - 1/7/2013 Retirees: 3.00% Simple; Post - 1/7/2013 Retirees: 3.00% Simple through 2022, then 2.05% Simple

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS- 2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

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

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a gain of 12.1% for 2022.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2022 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	22.00 %	2.62 %
Domestic Equities	22.00	4.60
Real Estate	13.00	3.27
Private Equity	15.00	7.53
International Equities	21.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	5.00	3.27
Total	100.00 %	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.9% for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the statutorily required rates as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9% percent, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.9 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9 percent) than the current rate:

Employer's Net Pension Liability	1% Decrease (6.20%)	Current Discount Rate (7.20%)	1% Increase (8.20%)
Traditional Pension Plan	\$154,433	\$103,095	\$60,391

G. Postemployment Benefits

Net OPEB Liability

OPEB is a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. OPEB are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

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

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

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

Plan Description

The Authority's employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (OPERS), which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan. OPERS maintains one health care trust, the 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust), which was established in 2014 to initially provide a funding mechanism for a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA), as the prior trust structure could not support the HRA. In March 2016, OPERS received two favorable rulings from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allowing OPERS to consolidate health care assets into the 115 Trust. The 401(h) Health Care Trust (401(h) Trust) was a pre-funded trust that provided health care funding for eligible members of the Traditional Pension Plan and the Combined Plan through December 31, 2015, when plans funded through the 401(h) Trust were terminated. The Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association Trust (VEBA Trust) accumulated funding for retiree medical accounts for participants in the Member- Directed Plan through June 30, 2016. The 401(h) Trust and the VEBA Trust were closed as of June 30, 2016 and the net positions transferred to the 115 Trust on July 1, 2016. Beginning in 2016, the 115 Trust, established under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 115, is the funding vehicle for all health care plans. The Plan is included in the report of OPERS which can be obtained by visiting www.opers.org or by calling (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 145 authorizes OPERS to offer the Plan and gives the OPERS Board of Trustees discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by OPERS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14.00% of covered payroll. For the year ended December 31, 2022, OPERS allocated 0.00% of employer contributions to post-employment health care.

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability/(asset) was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total OPEB liability/(asset) used to calculate the net OPEB liability/(asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability/(asset) was based on the Authority's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share:

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	<u>OPERS</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset):	\$5,170
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.000820%
Increase/(decrease) in % from prior proportion measurer	0.000006%
OPEB Expense	\$8,895

At December 31, 2023, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Authority's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$10,268
Changes in assumptions	5,050
Changes in proportion and differences between government contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>1,191</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$16,509</u></u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,290
Changes in assumptions	<u>416</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>\$1,706</u></u>

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

	<u>OPERS</u>
Year Ending December 31:	
2024	\$2,882
2025	3,757
2026	3,202
2027	<u>4,962</u>
Total	<u><u>\$14,803</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total OPEB Liability	
Actuarial Information	Traditional Pension Plan
Valuation Date	December 31, 2021
Rolled-forward measurement date	December 31, 2022
Experience Study	5 Year Period Ended December 31, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual entry age

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Actuarial Assumptions:	
Single Discount Rate	5.22%
Investment Rate of Return	6.00%
Municipal Bond Rate	4.05%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases	2.75% to 10.75% (Includes wage inflation of 2.75%)
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS- 2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

A single discount rate of 5.22% was used to measure the total OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2022. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on the actuarial assumed rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00% and a municipal bond rate of 4.05%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through the year 2054. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2054, the duration of the projection period through which projected health care payments are fully funded.

The following table presents the OPEB liability/(asset) calculated using the single discount rate of 5.22%, and the expected net OPEB liability/(asset) if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 4.22%	Current Discount Rate 5.22%	1% Increase 6.22%
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$17,597	\$5,170	(\$5,084)

Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability/(asset). The following table presents the net OPEB liability/(asset) calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability/(asset) if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate.

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	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$4,846	\$5,170	\$5,535

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2023 is 5.50%. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50% in the most recent valuation.

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. The System's primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2022 and the long-term expected real rates of return.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	34.00 %	2.56 %
Domestic Equities	26.00	4.60
Real Estate Investment Trust	7.00	4.70
International Equities	25.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	6.00	1.84
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was 15.6% for 2022.

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H. Other Employer Benefits

Compensated Absences

Each employee accrues 4.6 hours of sick time for each two-week pay period worked. Accrual continues during periods of approved paid leave. Unused sick leave is cumulative without limit. Upon retirement or separation of employment, employees are paid up to a maximum of 240 hours.

Unused vacation time and compensatory time are paid to a terminated employee at their rate of pay at the time of retirement as well up to 80 hours.

I. Long-Term Obligations and Other Obligations

Changes in the Port Authority's long-term obligations during the year consisted of the following:

	Balance at 12/31/22	Additions	Deductions	Balance at 12/31/23
Net Pension Liability	\$27,406	\$75,689	\$0	\$103,095
Net OPEB Liability	0	5,170	0	5,170
Sick Leave Payable	2,419	4,072	(3,705)	2,786
Total	<u>\$29,825</u>	<u>\$84,931</u>	<u>(\$3,705)</u>	<u>\$111,051</u>

Conduit Debt

Pursuant to State statute, the Authority has issued revenue bonds, hospital revenue bonds, and obtained an Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan to provide financial assistance to private sector entities for new construction or improvements. The Authority, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the debt. Accordingly, the debt is not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

During 2012, the Authority obtained Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2012. These bonds mature in various annual amounts through 2042, interest is due semiannually at rates ranging from 3% to 6%. As of December 31, 2023 there are \$118,335,000 of 2012 Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds Outstanding. The original amount issued totaled \$145,675,000.

The Authority entered into a private/public partnership with Eramet Marietta, LLC, Americas Styrenics, Solvay Advanced Polymers, and Energizer for the construction and rent of Good River Distribution, LLC. Good River Distribution, LLC, is a water production facility located across from the aforementioned industries on the banks of the Ohio River. The Good River Distribution, LLC, water production facility provides process water and fire water to the partner industries. Good River Distribution, LLC, is owned by the Authority until such time as the rent is complete.

During 2012, the Authority obtained a State Assistance Revenue Bond, Series 2012 to acquire, install, and construct a water screening, service water supply, and pumping system. The interest rate is 4.375% and the maturity date is June, 2027. As of December 31, 2023, the principal amount payable was \$1,270,000. The original issued amount totaled \$4,175,000.

During 2012, the Authority obtained a loan from the OWDA for construction, maintenance, and operation of Good River Distribution, LLC. The loan will be repaid solely by rent received from members of Good River Distribution, LLC. The maturity date is January, 2028. As of December 31, 2023, the principal amount payable was \$1,699,181. The original issued amount totaled \$6,000,000.

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During 2015, the Authority and Marietta Area Health Care obtained Hospital Facilities Improvement Bonds. The bonds were issued for the purpose of acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping, and installation of electronic medical records system as well as various improvements to the health care facilities. As of December 31, 2023 the principal amount was \$53,955,000. The original amount totaled \$60,000,000.

During 2020, the Authority obtained Series 2020 Bonds for the purpose of 1) retiring a taxable borrowing undertaken by Marietta College (the College) on an interim basis for the purpose of refunding the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Higher Educational Facility Revenue Bonds (Marietta College 2014 Project) dated November 20, 2014 (the “Reissued Bonds”), 2) refunding the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Higher Educational Facility Revenue Bonds (Marietta College 2011 Project) dated November 20, 2014 (the “2014 Refunding Bonds”) and 3) refinancing on a permanent basis certain capital expenditures for educational facilities and equipment located on the campus of the College (the “2020 Project”). These bonds mature in various annual amounts through 2035, interest is due annually at rates ranging from 2.20% to 2.99%. As of December 31, 2023, the principal amount payable was \$27,603,085. The original issued amount totaled \$33,500,000.

J. Ground Lease

The Authority acts as a lessor under a lease agreement in accordance with GASB 87, Leases. On January 15, 2021, the Authority entered into a ground lease (project site) agreement with Belpre Industrial Parkersburg Railroad, LLC (BIP). The Authority leases the project site to facilitate BIP’s construction, equipment, development, improvement, installation, and operation of railcar unloading and coal unloading facility, with associated site development. However, no capital improvements or alterations of the project site is allowable without the Authority’s express written approval. Rent of \$200,000 was paid in a lump sum on the effective date of term. The term of the ground lease will expire 10 years from the effective date. The term contains options where the ground lease can be subject to earlier termination or a renewal option in 10 year increments up to nine times for a total of 100-year period from the effective date.

During 2023, the Authority recognized lease revenue totaling \$22,222. There is no interest or discount rate associated with the lease. No receivable is due at year end since payment was made in a lump sum on the effective date of the term. Future inflows for the duration of the term are as follows:

Year Ending	Principal
2024	\$22,222
2025	22,222
2026	22,222
2027	22,222
2028	22,222
2029-2031	44,446
Total Future Receipts	<u>\$155,556</u>

K. Subsequent Events

The Authority evaluated subsequent events and transactions that occurred after the date of the statement of net position up to May 14, 2024, the date that the financial statements were issued. The Authority Council approved the creation of a non-profit entity prior to fiscal year-end. As of the date of the financial statements May 14, 2024, the official paperwork to form the entity had not been filed with the Internal Revenue Service or State of Ohio.

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Condition Assessment of the County's Infrastructure
Report Using the Modified Approach
December 31, 2023

The County reports its roads and bridges infrastructure assets using the modified approach. The following disclosures pertain to the condition assessments and budgeted versus actual expenditures for the preservation of these assets.

County Roads

The Washington County Engineer uses a pavement management system to evaluate the condition of the County's nearly 341 miles of roads considering pavement surface type, condition, traffic factors, maintenance history and professional judgment. All County Roads are rated once every two years, the system rates the condition as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Description of Condition</u>
Failed	≤30	Impassable, unsafe, needs major reconstruction
Poor	31-49	Passable, marginally safe, needs significant maintenance and repair
Fair	50-67	Average, functions as designed, needs routine maintenance and repair
Good	68-81	Safe and very suitable for its purpose, needs preventative maintenance
Very Good	82-91	Like new, no repair needed
Excellent	≥92	New, no repair needed

It is the goal of the Washington County Engineer that 90% of the County roads are rated at fair or better condition.

Bridges

Bridges are evaluated annually as required by law and following the Ohio Department of Transportation inspection and inventory guidelines. Bridges are rated by a general appraisal as follows:

<u>Bridge General</u> <u>Appraisal Rating</u>	<u>Description of Condition</u>
9	Excellent, new or like new
8	Very good, no problems
7	Good, minor deterioration of structural elements
6	Satisfactory, minor deterioration of structural elements
5	Fair, still functioning as designed, minor section loss to structural elements, non-structural deterioration
4	Poor, needs major repair or maintenance, to continue to function, load reduction may be needed.
3	Serious, needs major rehabilitation to continue to function, may need load reduction
2	Critical, not functioning as designed, load reduction, replacement needed
1	Closed

It is the goal to maintain the Washington County bridges such that 90% have general appraisals of 5 or higher.

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The following summarized the road and bridge conditions as of December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021:

Condition Category	Road Condition as of December 31,					
	2023		2022		2021	
	Percent of Roads	Percent Accumulation	Percent of Roads	Percent Accumulation	Percent of Roads	Percent Accumulation
Excellent	25%	100%	35%	100%	32%	100%
Very Good	29%	75%	19%	65%	23%	68%
Good	23%	46%	17%	46%	22%	45%
Fair	21%	23%	26%	29%	20%	23%
Poor	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Failed	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

98% of the roads were rated in 2023 as fair or better condition, exceeding the goal of 90% rated as fair or better.

Bridge General Appraisal	2023		2022		2021	
	Percent of Bridges	Percent Accumulation	Percent of Bridges	Percent Accumulation	Percent of Bridges	Percent Accumulation
9	5%	5%	5%	5%	3%	3%
8	15%	20%	14%	19%	15%	18%
7	47%	67%	48%	67%	45%	63%
6	17%	84%	18%	85%	22%	85%
5	11%	95%	11%	96%	9%	94%
4	4%	99%	3%	99%	4%	98%
3	1%	99%	1%	99%	1%	99%
2	0%	99%	0%	99%	0%	99%
1	0%	100%	0%	100%	1%	100%

95% of the bridges were rated in 2023 as having a general appraisal of 5 or greater, exceeding the stated goal of 90%

Budget versus actual expenditures for roads and bridges maintenance for the last five years is as follows:

Total Road and Bridge Maintenance Expense	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
2023	\$7,085,091	\$5,686,872	\$1,398,219
2022	\$4,663,410	\$3,385,211	\$1,278,199
2021	5,070,218	3,712,956	1,357,262
2020	4,843,745	4,120,506	723,239
2019	4,617,351	4,145,694	471,657

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Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Plan
Last Ten Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020
County's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.14766420%	0.13786830%	0.13802170%	0.13617504%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$43,620,069	\$11,995,100	\$20,438,010	\$26,915,920
County's Covered Payroll	\$20,859,792	\$20,326,520	\$18,915,086	\$18,451,161
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	209.11%	59.01%	108.05%	145.88%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%	82.17%
Special Funding Situation				
County's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.00000000%	0.00011000%	0.00099300%	0.00121250%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$0	\$9,570	\$147,042	\$240,153

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

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2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.14018112%	0.14095770%	0.15003445%	0.15129960%	0.15354432%	0.15129960%
\$38,392,766	\$22,113,531	\$34,070,272	\$26,206,999	\$18,519,161	\$18,100,875
\$17,878,693	\$18,117,319	\$18,830,509	\$15,763,276	\$18,087,866	\$17,734,513
214.74%	122.06%	180.93%	166.25%	102.38%	102.07%
74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%
0.00129100%	0.00143200%	0.00082100%			
\$353,579	\$224,654	\$186,436			

Washington County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Combined Plan
Last Six Years (1)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
County's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset	0.13357000%	0.12009690%	0.12346580%	0.13728500%	0.13377120%	0.12306480%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	(\$314,811)	\$473,186	\$356,400	\$274,821	\$149,586	\$167,529
County's Covered Payroll	\$586,821	\$577,936	\$549,843	\$586,686	\$560,221	\$509,377
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	53.65%	-81.88%	-64.82%	-46.84%	-26.70%	-32.89%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	137.14%	169.88%	157.67%	145.28%	126.64%	137.28%

(1) Amounts for the combined plan are not presented prior to 2018 as the County's participation in this plan was considered immaterial in previous years.

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

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Washington County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2020
County's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.00353355%	0.00398517%	0.00469227%	0.00472633%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$760,948	\$885,908	\$599,947	\$1,143,605
County's Covered Payroll	\$477,271	\$518,093	\$578,993	\$570,393
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	159.44%	170.99%	103.62%	200.49%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	80.00%	78.90%	87.80%	75.50%

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30th.

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Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2014
0.00537580%	0.00545511%	0.00599314%	0.00693104%	0.00749110%	0.00656247%
\$1,188,826	\$1,199,456	\$1,423,684	\$2,320,028	\$2,070,321	\$1,596,220
\$631,143	\$620,157	\$658,871	\$729,279	\$781,571	\$722,077
188.36%	193.41%	216.08%	318.13%	264.89%	221.06%
77.40%	77.30%	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%

Washington County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - OPEB Plan
Last Seven Years (1)

	2023	2022	2021	2020
County's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability /Asset	0.14590955%	0.13632660%	0.13622145%	0.13458720%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$919,986	(\$4,269,954)	(\$2,426,895)	\$18,589,991
County's Covered Payroll	\$22,186,838	\$21,655,606	\$20,092,454	\$19,629,422
County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	4.15%	-19.72%	-12.08%	94.70%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%	47.80%
Special Funding Situation				
County's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability /Asset	0.00000000%	0.00010300%	0.00092500%	0.00113100%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$0	\$3,226	\$17,691	\$156,220

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2017 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

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

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2019	2018	2017
0.13867872%	0.13837740%	0.14695550%
\$18,080,432	\$15,026,766	\$14,843,004
\$19,030,489	\$19,137,321	\$19,822,217
95.01%	78.52%	74.88%
46.33%	54.14%	54.04%
0.00120200%	0.00134000%	0.00077000%
\$156,712	\$145,514	\$135,345

Washington County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)

	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2020
County's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.03533550%	0.00398517%	0.00469227%	0.00472633%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	(\$68,723)	(\$103,189)	(\$98,931)	(\$83,065)
County's Covered Payroll	\$477,271	\$518,093	\$578,993	\$570,393
County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-14.40%	-19.92%	-17.09%	-14.56%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	168.50%	230.70%	174.70%	182.10%

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Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017
0.00537580%	0.00545511%	0.00599314%
(\$89,036)	(\$87,658)	\$233,831
\$631,143	\$620,157	\$658,871
-14.11%	-14.13%	35.49%
174.70%	176.00%	47.10%

Washington County, Ohio
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Schedule of County Contributions
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Ten Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Pension Liability - Traditional Plan				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$3,464,645	\$3,035,326	\$2,955,262	\$2,749,742
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(3,464,645)</u>	<u>(3,035,326)</u>	<u>(2,955,262)</u>	<u>(2,749,742)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
County Covered Payroll	\$23,819,888	\$20,859,792	\$20,326,520	\$18,915,086
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.55%</u>	<u>14.55%</u>	<u>14.54%</u>	<u>14.54%</u>
Net Pension Asset - Combined Plan				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$77,533	\$82,155	\$80,911	\$76,978
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(77,533)</u>	<u>(82,155)</u>	<u>(80,911)</u>	<u>(76,978)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
County Covered Payroll	\$646,108	\$586,821	\$577,936	\$549,843
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>12.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
Net OPEB Liability - OPEB Plan (1)				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$42,464	\$29,609	\$30,046	\$25,101
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(42,464)</u>	<u>(29,609)</u>	<u>(30,046)</u>	<u>(25,101)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
County Covered Payroll	\$25,369,421	\$22,186,838	\$21,655,606	\$20,092,454
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>0.17%</u>	<u>0.13%</u>	<u>0.14%</u>	<u>0.12%</u>
Special Funding Situation - Net Pension Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$2,240	\$19,583
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,240)</u>	<u>(19,583)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Special Funding Situation - Net OPEB Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

(1) The OPEB plan includes the members from the traditional plan, the combined plan, and the member directed plan. The member directed plan is a defined contribution plan; therefore, the pension side is not included above.

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2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$2,680,600	\$2,596,416	\$2,448,509	\$2,357,601	\$1,974,734	\$2,264,070
(2,680,600)	(2,596,416)	(2,448,509)	(2,357,601)	(1,974,734)	(2,264,070)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$18,451,161	\$17,878,693	\$18,117,319	\$18,830,509	\$15,763,276	\$18,087,866
<u>14.53%</u>	<u>14.52%</u>	<u>13.51%</u>	<u>12.52%</u>	<u>12.53%</u>	<u>12.52%</u>
\$82,136	\$78,431	\$66,219	\$58,720	\$50,880	\$44,334
(82,136)	(78,431)	(66,219)	(58,720)	(50,880)	(44,334)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$586,686	\$560,221	\$509,377	\$489,333	\$424,000	\$369,450
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>
\$23,903	\$22,663	\$20,425	\$20,095		
(23,903)	(22,663)	(20,425)	(20,095)		
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>		
\$19,635,422	\$19,030,489	\$19,137,321	\$19,822,217		
<u>0.12%</u>	<u>0.12%</u>	<u>0.11%</u>	<u>0.10%</u>		
\$23,927	\$24,406	\$24,609	\$12,736		
(23,927)	(24,406)	(24,609)	(12,736)		
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>		
\$0	\$0	\$1,893	\$2,123		
0	0	(1,893)	(2,123)		
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>		

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Schedule of County Contributions
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
Last Ten Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net Pension Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$69,306	\$67,517	\$80,128	\$81,126
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(69,306)</u>	<u>(67,517)</u>	<u>(80,128)</u>	<u>(81,126)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
County Covered Payroll	\$495,043	\$482,264	\$572,343	\$579,471
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Net OPEB Liability/Asset				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

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<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$81,378	\$91,664	\$85,140	\$100,079	\$105,231	\$91,999
<u>(81,378)</u>	<u>(91,664)</u>	<u>(85,140)</u>	<u>(100,079)</u>	<u>(105,231)</u>	<u>(91,999)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$581,271	\$654,743	\$608,143	\$714,850	\$751,650	\$675,966
14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.61%
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,874
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,874)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.43%
14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.04%

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Changes in Assumptions – OPERS Pension– Traditional Plan

Amounts reported beginning in 2022 incorporate changes in assumptions used by OPERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in prior years are presented below:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2019 through 2021</u>	<u>2018 and 2017</u>	<u>2016 and prior</u>
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	3.25 percent	3.25 percent	3.75 percent
Future Salary Increases	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	4.25 to 10.05 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:				
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	see below	see below	see below	see below
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent	7.2 percent	7.5 percent	8 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

The assumptions related to COLA or Ad Hoc COLA for Post-January 7, 2013, Retirees are as follows:

COLA or Ad Hoc COLA, Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees:

2023	3.0 percent, simple through 2023 then 2.05 percent, simple
2022	3.0 percent, simple through 2022 then 2.05 percent, simple
2021	0.5 percent, simple through 2021 then 2.15 percent, simple
2020	1.4 percent, simple through 2020 then 2.15 percent, simple
2017 through 2019	3.0 percent, simple through 2018 then 2.15 percent, simple
2016 and prior	3.0 percent, simple through 2018 then 2.80 percent, simple 5.50 to 5.00 percent

Amounts reported beginning in 2022 use pre-retirement mortality rates based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170 percent of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all these tables.

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Amounts reported for 2017 through 2021 use mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table. For males, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015. For mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period females, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvements back to the observation period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2010. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015 for males and 2010 for females. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables.

Amounts reported for 2016 and prior use mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 20 years using Projection Scale AA. For males, 105 percent of the combined healthy male mortality rates were used. For females, 100 percent of the combined healthy female mortality rates were used. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2000 mortality table with no projections. For males 120 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used set forward two years. For females, 100 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used.

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS Pension – Combined Plan

	2022	2019	2018
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	3.25 percent	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases	2.75 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:			
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	see below	see below	see below
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent	7.2 percent	7.5 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

For 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Combined Plan had the same change in COLA or Ad Hoc COLA for Post-January 2, 2013, retirees as the Traditional Plan.

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Changes in Assumptions – OPERS OPEB

Wage Inflation:	
2023 and 2022	2.75 percent
2021 and prior	3.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases (including wage inflation):	
2023 and 2022	2.75 to 10.75 percent
2021 and prior	3.25 to 10.75 percent
Investment Return Assumption:	
Beginning in 2019	6.00 percent
2018	6.50 percent
Municipal Bond Rate:	
2023	4.05 percent
2022	1.84 percent
2021	2.00 percent
2020	2.75 percent
2019	3.71 percent
2018	3.31 percent
Single Discount Rate:	
2023	5.22 percent
2022	6.00 percent
2021	6.00 percent
2020	3.16 percent
2019	3.96 percent
2018	3.85 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate:	
2023	5.5 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2036
2022	5.5 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2034
2021	8.5 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2035
2020	10.5 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2030
2019	10.0 percent, initial 3.25 percent, ultimate in 2029

Changes in Benefit Term – STRS Pension

For 2023, Demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021.

For 2022, the Board approved a one-time 3 percent COLA effective on the anniversary of a benefit recipient's retirement date for those eligible during Fiscal Year 2023 and eliminated the age 60 requirement to receive unreduced retirement that was scheduled to go into effect August 1, 2026.

Washington County, Ohio
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Changes in Benefit Terms – OPERS OPEB

On January 15, 2020, the Board approved several changes to the health care plan offered to Medicare and non-Medicare retirees in efforts to decrease costs and increase the solvency of the health care plan. These changes are effective January 1, 2022, and include changes to base allowances and eligibility for Medicare retirees, as well as replacing OPERS-sponsored medical plans for non-Medicare retirees with monthly allowances, similar to the program for Medicare retirees. These changes are reflected in 2021.

Changes in Assumptions – STRS OPEB

For 2022, salary increase rates were updated based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2021, and were changed from age based to service based. Healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience.

For 2021, the discount rate was decreased from 7.45 percent to 7.00 percent.

For 2018, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13 percent to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45.

Changes in Benefit Terms – STRS OPEB

For 2023, healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience as well as benefit changes effective January 1, 2024.

For 2022, healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience.

For 2021, the non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022 from 2.055 percent to 2.1 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D Subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in CY 2022. The Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

For 2020, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were updated to reflect the projected fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 premium based on June 30, 2020 enrollment distribution. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2021 from 1.984 percent to 2.055 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2021. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the AMA Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

For 2019, there was no change to the claims costs process. Claim curves were trended to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, to reflect the current price renewals. The non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2020, from 1.944 percent to 1.984 percent per year of service. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2020. The Medicare subsidy percentages were adjusted effective January 1, 2021 to 2.1 percent for the Medicare plan. The Medicare Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed to January 1, 2021.

For 2018, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was increased from 1.9 percent to 1.944 percent per year of service effective January 1, 2019. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2019, and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster:				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	2023/2024	\$0	\$12,860
National School Lunch Program	10.555	2023/2024	0	22,355
COVID-19: National School Lunch Program	10.555	2023/2024	0	6,775
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			0	41,990
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
SNAP Cluster:				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	G-2223-11-7004	0	270,912
	10.561	G-2425-11-6213	0	87,628
Total SNAP Cluster			0	358,540
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Natural Resources</i>				
Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster				
Schools and Roads - Grants to States	10.665	2022	0	37,293
Total Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster			0	37,293
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			0	437,823
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Development</i>				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement	14.228	B-C-21-1CY-1	0	78,358
		B-X-21-1CY-1	0	348,257
		B-W-22-1CY-1	0	633,599
Total Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement			0	1,060,214
Home Investment Partnership Program	14.239	B-C-21-1CY-2	0	178,214
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			0	1,238,428
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Natural Resources</i>				
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	15.226	2023	0	60,384
National Forest Acquired Lands	15.438	2023	0	49,790
Total U.S. Department of Interior			0	110,174
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Attorney General's Office</i>				
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2024-VOCA-135500237	0	21,623
	16.575	2024-SVAA-135500247	0	3,040
Total Crime Victim Assistance			0	24,663
Direct from Federal Government				
Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program	16.585	2020-DC-BX-0045	124,426	124,426
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	n/a	0	3,914
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710	2020UMWX0325	0	22,048
Total U.S. Department of Justice			124,426	175,051
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR				
<i>Passed through Workforce Investment Act Area 15:</i>				
Unemployment Insurance	17.225	n/a	0	2,654
WIOA Cluster:				
WIOA Adult Program	17.258	n/a	0	358,887
WIOA Youth Activities	17.259	n/a	0	240,499
WIOA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.278	n/a	0	85,456
Total WIOA Cluster			0	684,842
Total United States Department of Labor			0	687,496

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FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
Federal Highway Administration				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	PID #112891	0	281,983
	20.205	PID #118942	0	175,709
	20.205	PID #109047	0	687,900
Total Highway Planning and Construction			0	1,145,592
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>				
Highway Safety Cluster- State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	2023	0	7,862
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608	2023	0	8,817
Subtotal Federal Highway Administration			0	1,162,271
Federal Transit Administration				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>				
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program	20.509	088-RPTF-22-0100	0	332,979
	20.509	OH-2023-X01	0	258,261
Total Formula Grants for Rural Areas			0	591,240
Subtotal Federal Transit Administration			0	591,240
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			0	1,753,511
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY				
<i>Direct from Federal Government</i>				
COVID-19: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	2023	0	8,886,925
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Development</i>				
COVID-19: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	2023	0	6,339,539
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
COVID-19: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	G-2223-11-7004	0	67,246
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>				
COVID-19: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	2022-AR-CVI-1159	0	75,861
<i>Passed through Ohio Emergency Management Agency</i>				
COVID-19: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	DPSFE270	0	204,000
<i>Passed through the Ohio Mental Health & Addition Services (OHMAS)</i>				
COVID-19: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	2022/2023	0	16,500
Total COVID-19: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds			0	15,590,071
<i>Direct from Federal Government</i>				
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032	N5MDF309LGW8	0	23,401
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			0	15,613,472
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</i>				
Special Education Cluster:				
Special Education Grants to States	84.027A	2023	0	40,656
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173A	2023	0	13,865
Total Special Education Cluster			0	54,521
COVID-19: Education Stabilization Fund- Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund	84.425C	2023	0	23,079
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</i>				
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	H181A210024	22,900	93,430
COVID-19: Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181X	H181X210024	0	24,090
Total Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families			22,900	117,520
Total U.S. Department of Education			22,900	195,120
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
Title IV-E Prevention Program	93.472	G-2223-11-7004	0	1,659

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FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program	93.556	G-2223-11-7004	0	16,050
	93.556	G-2425-11-6213	0	16,576
Total MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program			0	32,626
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (477 Cluster)	93.558	G-2021-11-6008	0	35,798
	93.558	G-2223-11-7004	235,838	2,526,522
	93.558	G-2425-11-6213	111,280	673,435
<i>Passed Through Ohio Children's Trust Fund</i>				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (477 Cluster)	93.558	G-2223-11-7004	0	3,517
	93.558	G-2425-11-6213	0	465
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Family and Children First</i>				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (477 Cluster)	93.558	G-2223-22-0448	0	29,627
	93.558	G-2425-22-0049	0	16,782
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (477 Cluster)			347,118	3,286,146
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
Child Support Services	93.563	G-2223-11-7003	0	419,932
	93.563	G-2425-11-6212	0	136,832
			0	556,764
Child Care and Development Block Grant- CCDF Cluster	93.575	G-2021-11-6008	0	339
	93.575	G-2223-11-7004	0	38,009
	93.575	G-2425-11-6213	0	20,540
			0	58,888
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Family and Children First</i>				
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-2425-06-0324	0	953
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-2223-11-7004	0	48,913
	93.645	G-2425-11-6213	0	51,274
Total Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program			0	101,140
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658	G-2223-11-7004	0	240,168
	93.658	G-2425-11-6213	0	498,111
			0	738,279
Adoption Assistance	93.659	G-2223-11-7004	0	189,381
	93.659	G-2425-11-6213	0	73,777
			0	263,158
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</i>				
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	2023/2024	0	36,364
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-2223-11-7004	0	299,415
	93.667	G-2425-11-6213	0	207,180
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</i>				
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	2023/2024	0	37,612
Total Social Services Block Grant			0	580,571
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669	G-2223-06-0531-1	0	28,935
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood	93.674	G-2223-11-7004	0	10,796
	93.674	G-2425-11-6213	0	1,060
Total John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood			0	11,856
Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program	93.747	G-2021-11-6008	0	30,211
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	G-2223-11-7004	0	233,736
	93.767	G-2425-11-6213	0	112,908
			0	346,644
Medical Assistance Program- Medicaid Cluster	93.778	G-2223-11-7004	0	666,229
	93.778	G-2425-11-6213	0	179,863
Total Medicaid Cluster			0	846,092

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<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</i>				
Opioid STR	93.788	2023	0	192,349
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</i>				
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Service	93.958	2022/2023	0	8,011
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</i>				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	2023/2024	0	185,353
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			347,118	7,268,682
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE				
<i>Direct from Federal Government</i>				
AmeriCorps Seniors Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	94.002	22SRCOH003 Yr 1 of 3	0	17,676
	94.002	22SRCOH003 Yr 2 of 3	0	43,639
Total AmeriCorps Seniors Retired and Senior Volunteer Program			0	61,315
AmeriCorps State and National	94.006	23NDCOH002	0	50,785
Total Corporation For National And Community Service (CNCS)			0	112,100
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	119291	0	38,108
	97.036	43716	0	31,781
Total Disaster Grants - Public Assistance			0	69,889
<i>Passed through Ohio Emergency Management Agency</i>				
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	EMC-2021-EP-00002	0	2,611
	97.042	EMC-2022-EP-00006	0	41,891
				44,502
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			0	114,391
Total Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$494,444	\$27,706,248

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Schedule.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS 2 CFR 200.510(b)(6) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Washington County, Ohio (the County) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the County.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The County has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - SUBRECIPIENTS

The County passes certain federal awards received from the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Education, Ohio Department of Development Disabilities, and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes, the County reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a pass-through entity, 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 E - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

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

NOTE F - 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.

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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

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To the Board of County Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Washington County, Ohio (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2025 wherein we noted the County restated the Net Position at December 31, 2022 for the Governmental Activities and General Fund due to the identification of an understatement of Loans Receivable and Unearned Revenue in the prior period. In addition, during 2023, the County restated the Net Position at December 31, 2022 for the Custodial Fund due to the identification of an understatement of Accounts Receivable. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2023-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2023-001.

County's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

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



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March 27, 2025



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

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To the Board of County Commissioners:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited Washington County, Ohio's (County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Washington County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Washington County's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Qualified Opinion on Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the *Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions* section of our report, Washington County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, AL # 21.027 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, Washington County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its other major federal programs identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified and unmodified opinions on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

As described in finding 2023-002 in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, the County did not comply with requirements regarding Reporting applicable to its Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, AL # 21.027 major federal program.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the County to comply with requirements applicable to that program.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The County's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify 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, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2023-002 to be a material weakness.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 27, 2025

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

2 CFR § 200.515

DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(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 weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified for all major programs except for Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds which we Qualified.
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	Yes
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, AL# 21.027 • Community Development Block Grants/State's Program, AL# 14.228 • Medical Cluster, AL# 93.778 	
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 831,187 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

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

FINDING NUMBER 2023-001

Noncompliance – Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16 and Material Weakness- Financial Reporting

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Cod. 1100 paragraph .101 states a governmental accounting system must make

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

FINDING NUMBER 2023-001

(Continued)

Noncompliance – Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16 and Material Weakness- Financial Reporting (Continued)

it possible both: (a) to present fairly and with full disclosure the funds and activities of the governmental unit in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and (b) to determine and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

Further, Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16 specify various requirements related to transfers between funds. Transfers may be made from the General Fund to any other fund of the subdivision with a resolution approved by a simple majority of the legislative board. However, transfers from restricted funds (funds other than the General Fund) are generally unallowable except in a few limited circumstances which are detailed in the Ohio Revised Code.

During 2021 and 2022, the County received \$10,000,000 in Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, AL# 21.027, funding pertaining to revenue loss. The County transferred these amounts to the General Fund in 2021 and 2022 as revenue loss funding may be expended on general government services up to the revenue loss amount. The County transfer of from the American Rescue Plan fund to the General fund in 2022 was not in compliance with Ohio Revised Code. In addition, revenue loss is not revenue replacement and, as such, the County was required to identify the specific expenditures charged under this category for the amounts to meet revenue recognition criteria. The County did not identify any related federal expenditures in 2021. During 2022, the County identified \$1,210,068 pertaining to this revenue loss which was included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

This resulted in the following errors in how the activity was presented:

- During 2021, the unexpended revenue in the General fund was not re-classified to Unearned Revenue on the financial statements. This resulted in an understatement of General Fund Unearned Revenue and an overstatement of General Fund Intergovernmental Revenue of \$1,294,818. As such, the ending fund balance was overstated by \$1,294,818.
- During 2022, the movement of funds from the American Rescue Plan to the General Fund should have been recorded as a reduction of Intergovernmental Revenue in the American Rescue Plan Fund rather than as an expenditure. This resulted in the overstatement of Intergovernmental Revenue and expenditures of \$8,705,182 in the American Rescue Plan Fund. Further, in the General Fund, Unearned Revenue was understated by \$8,789,932, Intergovernmental Revenue was overstated by \$7,495,114, and beginning fund balance was overstated \$1,294,818. As such, the ending fund balance was overstated by \$8,789,932.
- During 2023, the County identified all remaining expenditures to account for the revenue loss amounts received in 2021 and 2022. As such, the only identified adjustment related to the General Fund and Governmental Activities as the beginning fund balance was overstated by \$8,789,932 and Intergovernmental Revenue was understated by \$8,789,932.

In addition, Investments in Segregated accounts and Net Position Restricted for Other Purposes was overstated in the Port Authority by \$33,074 due to inclusion of activity that did not belong to the Port Authority.

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2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)

FINDING NUMBER 2023-001
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Noncompliance and Material Weakness- Financial Reporting (Continued)

These misstatements were caused by misunderstandings of the financial statement impact related to federal expenditure identification related to this federal program. As a result, significant adjustments with which the County's management agrees, were made to the financial statements and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements including a restatement of fund balance.

To ensure the County's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the County Auditor, or other designated County Official, should review the basic financial statements prior to filing those statements in the Hinkle System.

Officials' Response: See Corrective Action Plan.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

1. Reporting

Finding Number:	2023-002
Assistance Listing Number and Title:	AL # 21.027 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
Federal Award Identification Number / Year:	2023
Federal Agency:	U.S. Department of Treasury
Compliance Requirement:	Reporting
Pass-Through Entity:	N/A
Repeat Finding from Prior Audit?	No

Material Weakness and Noncompliance

2 CFR § 1000.10 gives regulatory effect to Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, set forth at 2 CFR part 200 for the Department of Treasury.

2 CFR 200.328 (b) provides that The Federal agency or pass-through entity must collect financial reports no less than annually. The Federal agency or pass-through entity may not collect financial reports more frequently than quarterly unless a specific condition has been implemented in accordance with § 200.208. To the extent practicable, the Federal agency or pass-through entity should collect financial reports in coordination with performance reports.

31 CFR 35.4(c) requires recipients, in part, during the period of performance, to provide the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury periodic reports providing detailed accounting of the uses of funds, modifications to a State or Territory's tax revenue sources, and such other information as the Secretary may require for the administration of this section.

The U.S. Department of Treasury provided supplementary information on reporting requirements in its interim final rule for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for 31 CFR Part 35 and provided further guidance in its Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guide. Metropolitan cities and counties with a population below 250,000 residents that are allocated less than \$10 million in SLFRF funding, and NEUs that are allocated less than \$10 million in SLFRF funding are required to submit Project and Expenditure Report by April 30, 2022, and then annually thereafter.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

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3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)
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FINDING NUMBER 2023-002

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Noncompliance and Material Weakness- Reporting (Continued)

The County submitted the required Project and Expenditure Report on April 10, 2023, which is within the required timeframe. However, due to the failure of existing controls, the expenditures reported did not agree to the accounting records due to \$1,210,069 identified as loss of revenue being excluded from Project and Expenditure Report. Reporting errors could adversely affect future grant awards.

Additional controls should be implemented to help ensure accuracy of the reports.

Officials' Response: See Corrective Action Plan.



MATTHEW LIVENGOOD
WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
2 CFR 200.511(b)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2022-001	Material Weakness related to financial reporting due to material audit adjustments identified.	Partially Corrected	Washington County contracts with LGS to compile its annual financial statements. LGS has agreed to coordinate more closely with the County Auditor and County Chief Financial Administrator during the compilation process to minimize revenue/expense classification errors. The County Auditor will coordinate with the County Chief Financial Administrator and State Auditors to ensure timely submission of the audit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

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MATTHEW LIVENGOOD
WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
2 CFR § 200.511(c)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Finding Number:	2023-001
Planned Corrective Action:	Washington County contracts with LGS to compile its annual financial statements. LGS has agreed to coordinate more closely with the County Auditor and County Chief Financial Administrator during the compilation process to minimize revenue/expense classification errors. The County Auditor will coordinate with the County Chief Financial Administrator and State Auditors to ensure timely submission of the audit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.
Anticipated Completion Date:	May 30, 2025
Responsible Contact Person:	Matthew Livengood, County Auditor and Ben Cowdery, Chief Financial Administrator
Finding Number:	2023-002
Planned Corrective Action:	The Chief Financial Administrator will ensure all ARPA expenditures are included on the Project and Expenditure Reports.
Anticipated Completion Date:	March 31, 2025
Responsible Contact Person:	Ben Cowdery, Chief Financial Administrator

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



WASHINGTON COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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