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HAMILTON COUNTY

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

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	County of Hamilton Department or Board	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
Passed through the Ohio Department of Education:				
Nutrition Cluster:				
School Breakfast Program	Juvenile Court	10.553	069690	\$63,847
National School Lunch Program	Juvenile Court	10.555	069690	<u>119,514</u>
National School Lunch Program	Developmental Disabilities Services	10.555	067231	23,933
Total for CFDA 10.555				<u>143,447</u>
Total Ohio Department of Education—Nutrition Cluster				<u>207,294</u>
Passed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services:				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Job and Family Services	10.561	G-1415-11-5365	<u>4,327,700</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				<u>4,534,994</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Direct Programs:				
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	Planning and Development	14.218		<u>2,260,244</u>
Emergency Solutions Grants Program	Planning and Development	14.231		<u>290,413</u>
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	Planning and Development	14.264		<u>80,440</u>
Home Investment Partnerships Program	Planning and Development	14.239		839,324
Passed through the City of Cincinnati:				
Home Investment Partnerships Program	Planning and Development	14.239	45X2014-033	<u>329,084</u>
Total for CFDA 14.239				<u>1,168,408</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				<u>3,799,505</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
Direct Programs:				
	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board			
Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program	Board	16.585		<u>\$70,710</u>
DNA Backlog Reduction Program	Coroner	16.741		<u>183,408</u>
Equitable Sharing Program	Sheriff	16.922		<u>1,859</u>
Passed through the Ohio Department of Youth Services:				
Juvenile Accountability Block Grants	Juvenile Court	16.523	2011-JB-011-A054S	<u>24,961</u>
Passed through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services:				
Project Safe Neighborhoods	Administrator	16.609	2012-PS-PSN-421	<u>70,036</u>
Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program	Coroner	16.742	2012-PC-NFS-7803	5,344
Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program	Coroner	16.742	2013-PC-NFS-7803	18,663
Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program	Coroner	16.742	2014-PC-NFS-7803	850
Total for CFDA 16.742				<u>24,857</u>
Passed through the City of Cincinnati:				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	Pretrial Services	16.738	2011-DJ-BX-3278	9,263
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	Pretrial Services	16.738	2012-DJ-BX-0145	51,955
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	Pretrial Services	16.738	2013-DJ-BX-0194	54,931
Total for CFDA 16.738				<u>116,149</u>
Total U.S. Department of Justice				<u>491,980</u>

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR				
Passed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services:				
Workforce Investment Act Cluster:				
WIA Adult Program	Job and Family Services	17.258	G-1415-15-0301	
Program				\$1,630,314
Administrative				32,910
Total				<u>1,663,224</u>
WIA Youth Activities	Job and Family Services	17.259	G-1415-15-0301	
Program				1,539,782
Administrative				152,293
Total				<u>1,692,075</u>
WIA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	Job and Family Services	17.278	G-1415-15-0301	
Program				2,080,716
Administrative				193,138
Total				<u>2,273,854</u>
Total Ohio Department of Job and Family Services—Workforce Investment Act Cluster				<u>5,629,153</u>
WIA Dislocated Workers	Job and Family Services	17.277	G-1415-15-0301	
Total U.S. Department of Labor				<u>5,834,401</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
Passed through the Ohio Department of Transportation:				
Highway Planning and Construction	Stadia	20.205	PID86444	2,209,896
Highway Planning and Construction	Stadia	20.205	PID90848	326,612
Highway Planning and Construction	Engineer	20.205	PID82662	893,025
Highway Planning and Construction	Engineer	20.205	PID92742	0
Total for CFDA 20.205				<u>3,429,533</u>
Passed through the Ohio Department of Public Safety:				
State and Community Highway Safety	Sheriff	20.600	STEP-2015-31-00-00-00563-00	3,652
State and Community Highway Safety	Sheriff	20.600	HVEO-2014-31-00-00-00356-00	26,380
Total for CFDA 20.600				<u>30,032</u>
National Priority Safety Programs	Sheriff	20.616	IDEP-2015-31-00-00-00593-00	10,919
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				<u>3,470,484</u>
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
Direct Programs:				
Air Pollution Control Program Support	Environmental Services	66.001		658,381
Surveys, Studies, Research, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Special Purpose Activities Relating to the Clean Air Act	Environmental Services	66.034		273,350
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				<u>931,731</u>

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
Passed through Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development:				
Adult Education—Basic Grants to States	Sheriff	84.002	2004077	<u>\$98,843</u>
Passed through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections:				
Title I State Agency Program for Neglected and Delinquent Children and Youth	Sheriff	84.013	2015-T1-ED-0009	4,500
Title I State Agency Program for Neglected and Delinquent Children and Youth	Sheriff	84.013	2014-T1-ED-0009	<u>4,000</u>
Total for CFDA 84.013				<u>8,500</u>
Passed through the Ohio Department of Education:				
Special Education—Grants to States	Developmental Disabilities Services	84.027	067231	<u>221,557</u>
Passed through Hamilton County Family Children First Council:				
Special Education-Grants for Infants and Families	Developmental Disabilities Services	84.181	129733	386,508
Special Education-Grants for Infants and Families	Developmental Disabilities Services	84.181	129553	<u>381,290</u>
Total for CFDA 84.181				<u>767,798</u>
Passed through the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission:				
Rehabilitation Services Demonstration and Training Programs	Developmental Disabilities Services	84.235	3100012	<u>156,184</u>
Passed through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services:				
Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	84.412	99-0031-RTTT-C-14-1779	42,163
Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	84.412	99-0031-RTTT-C-15-1779	<u>29,981</u>
Total for CFDA 84.412				<u>72,144</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education				<u>1,325,026</u>
U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION				
Passed through the Ohio Secretary of State:				
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments	Board of Elections	90.401	06-SOS-HAVA	<u>22,084</u>
Total U.S. Election Assistance Commission				<u>22,084</u>

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	County of Hamilton Department or Board	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
Direct Programs:				
Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED)	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.104		\$639,014
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services—Projects of Regional and National Significance	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.243		327,839
Passed through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services:				
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services—Projects of Regional and National Significance	Pretrial Services	93.243	VET-14-100-08-001	158,020
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services—Projects of Regional and National Significance	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.243	31-12864-SPFSIG-P-14-1191	81,606
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services—Projects of Regional and National Significance	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.243	31-12864-SPFSIG-P-15-1191	5,001
Total for CFDA 93.243				<u>572,466</u>
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.150	31-0031-PATH-T-15-1578	80,310
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.150	PATH 14-100-20-005	154,985
Total for CFDA 93.150				<u>235,295</u>
Passed through the Ohio Secretary of State:				
Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities—Grants to States	Board of Elections	93.617	06-SOS-HHS	18,746
Passed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services:				
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	Job and Family Services	93.556	G-1415-11-5365	491,638
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Job and Family Services	93.558	G-1415-15-0301	977,684
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Job and Family Services	93.558	G-1415-11-5365	10,221,743
Total for CFDA 93.558				<u>11,199,427</u>
Child Support Enforcement	Job and Family Services	93.563	G-1415-11-5365	6,342,683
Refugee and Entrant Assistance—State Administered Programs	Job and Family Services	93.566	G-1415-11-5365	211,713
Child Care and Development Block Grant	Job and Family Services	93.575	G-1415-11-5365	2,177,328
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	Job and Family Services	93.590	G-1415-11-5365	2,100
Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs	Job and Family Services	93.597	G-1415-09-0557	40,922
Children's Justice Grants to States	Job and Family Services	93.643	G-1415-11-5365	1,552
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	Job and Family Services	93.645	G-1415-11-5365	364,389
Foster Care—Title IV-E	Job and Family Services	93.658	G-1415-11-5365	22,473,755
Foster Care—Title IV-E	Juvenile Court	93.658	G-1415-06-0206	2,552,045
Total for CFDA 93.658				<u>25,025,800</u>

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<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>County of Hamilton Department or Board</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Passed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (continued):				
Adoption Assistance	Job and Family Services	93.659	G-1415-11-5365	\$5,077,739
Social Services Block Grant	Job and Family Services	93.667	G-1415-11-5365	8,291,877
Passed through the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities:				
Social Services Block Grant	Developmental Disabilities Services	93.667	3100012	548,906
Passed through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services:				
Social Services Block Grant	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.667	14-3A70 335612 4221C	287,252
Social Services Block Grant	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.667	15-3A70 335612 4221C	283,252
Total for CFDA 93.667				<u>9,411,287</u>
Passed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services:				
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	Job and Family Services	93.674	G-1415-11-5365	492,543
Children's Health Insurance Program	Job and Family Services	93.767	G-1415-11-5365	4,587
Medical Assistance Program	Job and Family Services	93.778	G-1415-11-5365	7,931,848
Passed through the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities:				
Medical Assistance Program	Developmental Disabilities Services	93.778	3100012	1,580,484
Total for CFDA 93.778				<u>9,512,332</u>
Passed through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services:				
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.958	BG-14-430-08-09	12,829
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.958	99-0031-EXOFFEND-C-15-15009	12,500
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.958	14-3A90 335614 4221C Base	810,919
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.958	15-3A90 335614 4221C BG	1,100
Total for CFDA 93.958				<u>837,348</u>

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	County of Hamilton Department or Board	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Expenditures
Passed through the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services:				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.959	FY13: 2080I, 2000C, 2050C	\$73,494
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.959	FY14: 2050C	2,161,974
Passed through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services:				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.959	FY14: 2000C, 2030E, 2030M, 2080I	894,108
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.959	31-1036-CFRO-T-14-0138	50,988
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.959	31-13864-CMMCO-P-14-8992	25,655
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.959	31-10136-TASC-T-14-0728	339,466
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.959	31-1036-UMADAOP-P-14-9149	149,328
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	93.959	31-1349-WOMEN-T-14-9046, 31-1358-WOMEN-T-14-9030, 31-1358-WOMEN-T-14-9036, 31-1367-WOMEN-T-14-9048, 31-2996-WOMEN-T-14-8992	919,068
Total for CFDA 93.959				<u>4,614,081</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				<u>77,272,990</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				
Direct Program:				
Homeland Security Biowatch Program	Environmental Services	97.091		<u>245,629</u>
Passed through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency:				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	Emergency Management Agency	97.042	EMW-2013-EP-00060-S01	108,827
Emergency Management Performance Grants	Emergency Management Agency	97.042	EMW-2014-EP-00064	137,103
Total for CFDA 97.042				<u>245,930</u>
Homeland Security Grant Program	Emergency Management Agency	97.067	EMW-2011-SS-00070	2,768,232
Homeland Security Grant Program	Emergency Management Agency	97.067	EMW-2012-SS-00001	226,899
Homeland Security Grant Program	Emergency Management Agency	97.067	EMW-2013-SS-00120	238,774
Homeland Security Grant Program	Emergency Management Agency	97.067	EMW-2014-SS-00101-S01	107,961
Total for CFDA 97.067				<u>3,341,866</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				<u>3,833,425</u>
Total Federal Expenditures				<u>\$101,516,620</u>

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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

- A. Significant Accounting Policies:** The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures (the Schedule) reports the County of Hamilton's federal award programs' disbursements. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.
- B. Subrecipients:** Certain federal awards are passed through to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients) by the County. As note A describes, the County reports expenditures of federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash. The table below identifies the total amount of federal assistance per federal program that is provided to subrecipients by the County:

Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Amounts Provided to Subrecipients
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218	\$ 964,158
Emergency Solutions Grants Program	14.231	290,413
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	201,934
Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program	16.585	68,513
WIA Youth Activities	17.259	1,395,678
Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge	84.412	72,144
Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED)	93.104	528,027
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	93.150	235,295
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services— Projects of Regional and National Significance	93.243	408,050
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	4,050,730
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	570,504
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	93.958	837,348
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	4,614,081
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	1,652,624

The County has certain compliance requirements regarding its subrecipients, such as monitoring them 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 awards' performance goals.

- C. Child Nutrition Cluster:** Cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are commingled with the State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, it is assumed federal monies are spent first.
- D. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Revolving Loan Programs:** The County has a revolving loan fund program to provide low-interest loans to eligible persons to rehabilitate homes. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted money for these loans to the County. When issued, these loans and administrative costs were recorded as disbursements on the Schedule. These loans are collateralized by home mortgages. We have liens on all properties and receive proof of homeowners' insurance annually to ensure that they are still owner-occupied homes. This program was discontinued, and no new loans were processed in 2014. Activity in the revolving loan fund during 2014 is as follows:

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES
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	CFDA 14.218	CFDA 14.239
Beginning loans receivable balances as of January 1, 2014		
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	\$271,363	
HOME Investment Partnerships Program		\$ 16,331
Loan principal repaid	(46,425)	(1,486)
Ending loans receivable balances as of December 31, 2014	\$224,938	\$ 14,845
 Administrative costs expended during 2014	 \$ 2,100	 \$ 348

The table above reports gross loans receivable. Of the loans receivable as of December 31, 2014, the County estimates \$23,268 to be delinquent (more than 30 days past due).

- E. Matching Requirements:** Certain federal programs require the County to contribute nonfederal funds (matching funds) to support the federally funded programs. The County has met its matching requirements (some occurred in 2015). The Schedule does not include expenditures of nonfederal matching funds.

- F. Cost Report Settlement:** During the calendar year, the County received notice of a liability owed to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODODD) for the Medicaid program (CFDA #93.778) in the amount of \$15,179. This Cost Report liability was for settlement of the difference between the statewide payment rate and the rate calculated based upon actual expenditures for Medicaid services. This liability is not listed on the County's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards since the underlying expenses occurred in prior reporting periods and the liability was invoiced by ODODD.

- G. Medicaid Administrative Claim (MAC) Reconciliation:** During the calendar year, the County received a payment for a MAC Reconciliation of calendar years 2011 and 2012 MAC payments from ODODD for the Medicaid Program (CFDA #93.778) in the amount of \$2,903. The MAC Reconciliation payment was to correct manual data entry errors of the Medicaid Eligibility Rates from Excel into the new RMTS system. This revenue is not listed on the County's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards since the underlying expenses occurred in prior reporting periods.

- H. Transfers between Federal Programs:** During 2014, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, on the County's behalf, made allowable transfers of \$4,586,514 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (93.558) program to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) (93.667) program. The Schedule shows the County spent \$11,199,427 on the TANF program. The amount reported for the TANF program on the Schedule excludes the amount transferred to the SSBG program. The amount transferred to the SSBG program is included as SSBG expenditures when disbursed. The following table shows the gross amount drawn for the TANF program during 2014 and the amount transferred to the Social Services Block Grant program.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$ 15,785,941
Transfer to Social Services Block Grant	(4,586,514)
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$ 11,199,427



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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

Hamilton County
138 East Court Street
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To the Board of County Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hamilton County, Ohio, (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Entity's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2015, which was qualified due to material misstatements of the assets, liabilities, and fund balances presented in the governmental fund statements for the Public Assistance Fund, the Health and Human Services Levies Fund, and the Other Governmental Funds for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. We noted other auditors audited the financial statements of the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (included in the Health and Human Services Levies Fund and Other Governmental Funds opinion units). This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that those auditors separately reported.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness and a significant deficiency.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Entity's financial statements. We consider finding 2014-002 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of internal control deficiencies less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider finding 2014-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2014-001 and 2014-002.

Entity's Response to Findings

The County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the County's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

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



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

December 1, 2015



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

Hamilton County
138 East Court Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Board of County Commissioners:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

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

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

The County's basic financial statements include the operations of Metropolitan Sewer District, which received \$16,954,558 in federal awards which is not included in the County's Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our audit of Federal awards, described below, did not include the operations of Metropolitan Sewer District because the department engaged the Auditor of State to separately audit its Federal award programs in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Medicaid

As described in finding 2014-005 in the accompanying schedule of findings, the County did not comply with requirements regarding special test and provisions applicable to its Medicaid major federal program. Compliance with this requirement is necessary, in our opinion, for the County to comply with requirements applicable to this program.

Qualified Opinion on Medicaid

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion on Medicaid* paragraph, Hamilton County complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its Medicaid program for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, Hamilton County complied in all material respects with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect 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, 2014.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which OMB Circular A-133 requires us to report, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2014-003 and 2014-004. These findings did not require us to modify our compliance opinion on each major federal program.

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program's compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2014-003 through 2014-005 to be material weaknesses.

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

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

Report on Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have also 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 Hamilton County, Ohio, (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2015, which we modified due to material misstatements of the assets, liabilities, and fund balances presented in the governmental fund statements for the Public Assistance Fund, the Health and Human Services Levies Fund, and the Other Governmental Funds at December 31, 2014. We also noted that other auditors audited the financial statements of the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (included in the Health and Human Services Levies Fund and Other Governmental Funds opinion units as described in our opinion on the County's financial statements). The report does not include the results of other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that those auditors separately reported.

We conducted our audit to opine on the County's basic financial statements. We have not performed any procedures to the audited financial statements subsequent to December 1, 2015. The accompanying schedule of federal awards expenditures presents additional analysis required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule is management's responsibility, and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records management used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

December 1, 2015

HAMILTON COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505

DECEMBER 31, 2014

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Qualified - Public Assistance fund, Health and Human Services Levies fund, and Other Governmental fund opinion units. Unmodified - for all other opinion units.
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses 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)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Qualified on Special Tests and Provisions – Medicaid (JFS Only) Unmodified – Remaining Major Programs
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	Yes

(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	CFDA 93.558 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cluster CFDA 93.658 Foster Care CFDA 10.561 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program CFDA 93.778 Medicaid (Title XIX) CFDA 93.959 Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse CFDA 97.067 Homeland Security Grant Program CFDA 14.218 Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grants
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$3,000,000 Type B: > \$300,000
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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

FINDING NUMBER 2014-001

Noncompliance/Significant Deficiency

Ohio Rev. Code, § 2335.25, states that each clerk of a court of record, the sheriff, and the prosecuting attorney shall enter in a journal or cashbook, provided at the expense of the county, an accurate account of all moneys collected or received in his official capacity, on the days of the receipts, and in the order of time so received, with a minute of the date and suit, or other matter, on account of which the money was received. The cashbook shall be a public record of the office, and shall, on the expiration of the term of each such officer, be delivered to his successor in office. The clerk shall be the receiver of all moneys payable into his office, whether collected by public officers of court or tendered by other persons and, on request, shall pay the moneys to the persons entitled to receive them. The clerk of the court of common pleas or of the county court may deposit moneys payable into his office in a bank or building and loan association, as defined in section 1151.01 of the Revised Code, subject to section 131.11 of the Revised Code.

All public officials are responsible for the design and operation of a system of internal control that is adequate to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives for their respective public offices. In addition, all local public offices shall maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets, document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

The Clerk of Courts utilized zero balance accounts with Fifth Third Bank and beginning in June 2014 with US Bank to account for the activity of the separate divisions of the Court. The Clerk of Courts used nine separate sub-accounts to account for the disbursement and depository activity of the Court's separate divisions and a single master operating account that retains all of the cash. The bank automatically transfers funds to or from the master operating account at the end of each business day to offset the net activity in each zero balance sub-account. The Clerk of Courts also had a STAR Ohio account and eleven certificates of deposit. The Clerk of Courts prepares a monthly cash reconciliation for the zero balance master operating account, the STAR Ohio account, and the certificates of deposit.

**FINDING NUMBER 2014-001
(Continued)**

The Clerk of Courts Office did not complete timely bank reconciliations. The May, June and July 2014 bank reconciliations, the months related to the change in banks from Fifth Third Bank to US Bank, were not prepared until the end of February 2015. The December 2014 bank reconciliation was not prepared until the end of April 2015. The reconciliations provided for audit were not accurate or complete. The following inaccuracies were noted for the December 2014 bank reconciliation:

- The adjusted bank balance did not reconcile to the Court's cashbook balances in the Court Management System (CMS). The Court has retained amounts from prior years totaling \$946,000 that are not accounted for on any cashbook. The Clerk of Courts should work with the County to determine what amount of this variance should be remitted to the County;
- Three out of the nine sub-account reconciliations did not reconcile to an accurate CMS system balance. The Municipal Civil Court reconciliation balance was \$57,157 greater than the CMS system balance. The Municipal Civil Court Rent Escrow Division, Municipal Civil Court Trust Division and Common Pleas Court reconciliation balances were \$58,893, \$85,757 and \$1,430,411 less than the CMS system balance, respectively. In addition the Clerk of Courts prepares a combined reconciliation which includes all 9 sub-accounts and an additional account utilized as a sweep account. The total system balance presented on the Clerk of Courts combined reconciliation was \$1,270,858 greater than the actual CMS system balances;
- The bank reconciliations provided for the sub-account bank balances presented on the reconciliation for certificates of deposit compared to the amounts confirmed by the banks were overstated by \$300,000;
- Outstanding checks presented on the reconciliation were understated by \$40,570;
- Deposits in transit presented on the reconciliation were overstated by \$187;
- Reconciling items for the Common Pleas Court totaling \$16,937 related to canceled checks and declined credit card transactions were not reported on the reconciliation;
- Two of the 9 sub-accounts were reconciled to a negative cashbook balance of (\$159,523) and (\$2,776) for the Municipal Criminal Traffic Division and the Auto Title Division respectively;
- The Clerk of Courts did not present CMS system balance reports to substantiate the balances presented on the reconciliation for two of the nine sub-accounts, the Municipal Criminal Traffic Division and the Auto Title Division Passport Fees Account;
- The Clerk of Courts Office overstated their reconciled cash balance by \$3,078,385 to the County Auditor's Office for financial reporting purposes.

There was no evidence that anyone in the Clerk of Courts Office approves the monthly bank reconciliations of the various accounts under the control of the Clerk of Courts. Additionally, the Clerk of Courts Office had discrepancies in the listing of authorized signatories for nine out of the ten bank accounts with US Bank. The listing provided by the Clerk of Courts included signers not on the bank confirmation while the bank confirmation listed signers not on the Clerk of Courts listing.

Failure to approve the monthly bank reconciliation and monitor authorized signatories may result in errors or inaccuracies on the reconciliations and an inability to identify potential errors or irregularities in a timely manner.

**FINDING NUMBER 2014-001
 (Continued)**

We recommend that when preparing the bank reconciliations, the Clerk of Courts Office reconcile to the actual bank statement amounts and any variance between the court cashbook activity and the bank statement activity be investigated by the Clerk of Courts as a reconciling item. We recommend the preparers of bank reconciliations sign and date when the reconciliation is completed. We further recommend that management review and approve in writing all cash reconciliations prepared for the various accounts under the control of the Clerk of Courts.

Officials' Response:

The Clerk has discontinued using the zero balance account. Each of the Clerk's accounts is now maintaining its own balance and will be reconciled each month. The process will be in place and the monthly reconciliations will be up to date by December 31, 2015.

FINDING NUMBER 2014-002

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Rev. Code, § 5705.10 (I), requires that money paid into any fund be used only for the purposes for which such fund is established.

The December 31, 2012 audit report identified an unrecorded fund finding for adjustment, impacting the following funds:

	(amounts in 000's)			
<i>Opinion Unit</i>	<i>General</i>	<i>Public Assistance</i>	<i>HHS levies</i>	<i>Other gov funds</i>
Fund Balance	(\$1,752)	(\$35,050)	\$40,658	(\$3,856)

In October 2015, the County authorized two 20-year promissory notes to provide for the partial repayment of the required adjustments from the Public Assistance Fund to the Health and Human Services Levies Fund (Children's Services subfund) in the amount of \$10,615,000, and from the General Fund to the Public Assistance fund in the amount of \$1,752,000. The County has recorded interfund payable liabilities and interfund receivable assets in the 2014 financial statements to reflect these promissory notes.

The County has not provided sufficient evidentiary matter for audit that the remaining difference owed to the Children Services subfund (Health and Human Services Levies Fund) would meet the requirements of 5705.10(I) and could be eliminated from the original finding. Therefore, we consider the differences between the unrecorded fund adjustments reported in the 2012 audit report and the repayment amounts recorded in 2014 to be the remaining unpaid finding for adjustment.

A summary of the differences between the unrecorded fund adjustments reported in the 2012 audit report and the repayment amounts recorded in 2014 follows:

	(amounts in 000's)		
<i>Opinion Unit</i>	<i>Public Assistance</i>	<i>HHS levies</i>	<i>Other gov funds</i>
Receivable - Assets		\$30,043	
Payable - Liabilities	\$26,187		\$3,856
Fund Balance	26,187	(30,043)	3,856

The lack of evidentiary matter to verify that amounts reimbursed from restricted funds were used only for the purposes for which such fund was established resulted in a qualified opinion for the Public Assistance, Health and Human Service Levies, and Other Governmental Funds opinion units.

**FINDING NUMBER 2014-002
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We recommend that the County either authorize promissory notes for the full amounts of the finding for adjustment identified in the 2012 report, or present the appropriate evidentiary matter for audit.

Officials' Response:

Crowe Horwath LLP ("Crowe"), one of the largest public accounting, consulting and technology firms in the United States, which has also performed work for certain State of Ohio entities, has evaluated the adjustments in question and has reached conclusions as to the proper amounts of the receivables and payables that should be recorded from the Public Assistance Fund to the Health and Human Services Levies Fund (Children's Services Subfund) and from the General Fund to the Public Assistance Fund. The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, based upon the extensive work performed by Crowe and in an effort to begin to bring closure to the issues related to the above-referenced funds, authorized a promissory note in the amount of \$10,615,000 from the Public Assistance Fund to the Health and Human Services Levies Fund (Children's Services Subfund). It also authorized a promissory note in the amount of \$1,752,000 from the General Fund to the Public Assistance Fund. Work is continuing between the County, Crowe and the Ohio Auditor of State to complete recently requested analyses by the Ohio Auditor of State in relation to these adjustments.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Finding Number	2014-003
CFDA Title and Number	CFDA 93.658 Foster Care
Federal Award Number / Year	2014
Federal Agency	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Pass-Through Agency	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

OMB Circular A133, Subpart C, 310(b)(3) states the auditee shall prepare a schedule of expenditures of Federal awards for the period covered by the auditee's financial statements. At a minimum the schedule shall provide total Federal awards expended for each individual Federal program and the CFDA number or other identifying number when the CFDA information is not available. **OMB Circular A133, Subpart B, 205 (a)** defines the determination of a federal awards expended as when the activity related to the award occurs. The activity pertains to events that require the non-Federal entity to comply with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, such as: expenditure/expense transactions associated with grants. The County reports Foster Care expenditures utilizing the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) 2820 and 454 reports, however, these ODJFS reports are not limited to the period covered by the County's financial reporting period. Additionally, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) advises the County agency to utilize internal records for the determination of Protect Ohio expenditures of current capitation and prior year earned amounts for reporting in accordance with the County's schedule of expenditures of Federal awards.

Due to timing issues related to the reporting of Protect Ohio expenditures, Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services (HCJFS) included Protect Ohio expenditures that occurred in 2013 in the amount reported to the County Auditor for the County's schedule of expenditures of federal awards rather than only expenditures actually incurred during 2014. This resulted in a \$17,471,534 decrease in Protect Ohio expenditures in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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Additionally, because HCJFS utilized ODJFS 454 reports for their federal schedule reporting Protect Ohio expenditures were understated by \$5,894,345. This was prior year earned Protect Ohio reserved for local match however, the 454 reports identified all reserved Protect Ohio match as a reduction to total Protect Ohio expenditures when these are considered federal monies that should have been included in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

The 2014 schedule of expenditures of federal awards for CFDA 93.658 Foster Care was adjusted for these errors resulting in a net decrease of \$11,577,189.

We recommend the HCJFS implement internal control procedures to accurately report Protect Ohio expenditures. This includes procedures to reconcile ODJFS reports to the County Auditor's ledgers, to address timing differences to limit federal schedule amounts to those occurring during the calendar years as well as procedures to continually track unspent capitation (i.e. earned amounts) until they are expended.

Officials' Response:

Expenses for Protect Ohio funding occur when a Journal Entry (JE) or a direct expense is entered into the County's Accounting system charging it to Protect Ohio. We reported the correct amount of Protect Ohio disbursements based on when they were coded and subsequently reported via the ODJFS02820 report as Protect Ohio. The expenses that occurred in 2013 were not a federal expense until 2014 when a JE was entered into the County's accounting system classifying them as Protect Ohio. In 2013 they were paid and classified as a local expense not Federal.

On page 12 of the Auditor of the State of Ohio's Compliance Guidance for Foster Care, CFDA 93.658, it states "Per ODJFS, all grants are reported on a cash basis and should be presented likewise on the SFAE." HCJFS believes this supports our argument from above.

HCJFS also sought ODJFS technical assistance when this same finding occurred last year. The following is the email response from Donna Tucker, ODJFS Bureau Chief of County Finance and Technical Assistance:

Yes Mark. We would report for the month you claimed FFP – not when the services were provided or were paid with local funds. Let me know if this doesn't answer his question. Thanks. D

Donna Tucker, Bureau Chief
County Finance and Technical Assistance
Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services
30 E. Broad Street 37th Floor
Columbus OH 43215
614-466-6067

From: MARK MILLER [mailto:MILLEJ13@jfs.hamilton-co.org]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 9:29 AM
To: Tucker, Donna
Cc: HILES, MIKE
Subject: Question

Donna:

A general question was posed to us from our County Auditor, basically it is as follows:

Would it be true to say that the expense is recognized to be a federal expense in the period (month) in

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which we (JFS) code and report the expense on the applicable financial report under the federal funding source (IE: Title XX, Title IVE)? So it would then follow that period on the required Federal reports that you (ODJFS) file and the Federal Schedule on the local level?

For example: Payments in the Oct-Dec quarter for Out of Home Care (placement) are coded and reported as local are then re-coded and reported to ProtectOhio (Title IVE)/ Title XX in January of the following year.

Thanks
 Mark
 Mark Miller
 Chief Financial Officer
 Hamilton County JFS
 222 East Central Parkway, 7NW701
 Phone: 513-946-1354
 Fax: 513-946-2451

Auditor of State Conclusion:

OMB Circular A-133 governs how and when HCJFS is to report on the County's federal schedule. Per A-133.310(b)(3), the auditee shall also prepare a schedule of expenditures of Federal awards for the period covered by the auditee's financial statements. At a minimum the schedule shall provide total Federal awards expended for each individual Federal program and the CFDA number or other identifying number when the CFDA information is not available. A-133 section .205 (a) defines the determination of federal awards expended as when the activity related to the award occurs. The activity pertains to events that require the non-Federal entity to comply with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, such as expenditure/expense transactions associated with grants. The actual transactions occurred in 2014 and in order to be able to apply grant funds against these expenditures the HCJFS was required to comply with the laws, regulations and provisions of the grant agreement at the time of purchase; otherwise, HCJFS could not have used grant funds to pay for these expenditures. Also, the reference to the ODJFS requirement to report the SFAE on a cash basis does not support the practice of classifying cash payments as federal expenditures in a fiscal year different that when the actual expenditures were made.

Finding Number	2014-004
CFDA Title and Number	CFDA 93.658 Foster Care
Federal Award Number / Year	2014
Federal Agency	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Pass-Through Agency	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Administrative Code Section 5101:9-6-25 C(3) states the Public Children's Service Agency (PCSA) shall act to reserve the non-federal share requirement for each capitation payment within ten business days of the deposit of the capitation payment into the county children services fund by the county auditor. The PCSA may advance reserve the non-federal share requirement for projected capitation payments at its discretion. A PCSA that reserves the non-federal share requirement in

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advance for its projected capitation payments shall not reserve an additional non-federal share until the following conditions are met: (i) The aggregate total amount of the reserved non-federal share is insufficient; and (ii) The aggregate total amount cannot fully support the non-federal share requirement for the aggregate sum of capitation payments received by the PCSA during the current demonstration budget cycle. The PCSA shall act within ten days to reserve additional non-federal share funds in an amount that is at least adequate to meet the variance between the reserved amount and the required amount. ODJFS shall not view a PCSA's failure to fully reserve its non-federal share requirement within the prescribed ten business day period as a violation of this policy when the following criteria have been met: (i) The PCSA demonstrates that the failure was solely attributable to timing issues associated with the disbursement of county tax revenues due to the PCSA; and (ii) The PCSA shows that it has fully met its non-federal share requirement by the close of each demonstration budget year.

Hamilton County Job and Family Services (HCJFS) did not reserve the non-federal share requirements within 10 days for nine out of 13 (69%) monthly and closeout capitation payments deposited to the Children Services Levy fund by the County Auditor. HCJFS utilizes unspent capitation and local match from prior Protect Ohio grant years to provide for current year Protect Ohio non-federal match requirement. Therefore, the non-federal share is not being reserved till after prior year grant closeout which has been eight to 15 months after the first capitation payment has been deposited. For the remaining three months, the match was advance reserved.

As a result, the amounts included on the ODJFS reports which are utilized for federal schedule reporting inaccurately reduced Protect Ohio expenditures by \$5,894,345.

HCJFS should act to reserve the non-federal share on a monthly basis on the 2820 to comply with OAC requirements and to avoid reporting errors of federal expenditures on the County's Federal Schedule.

We recommend HCJFS establish procedures to comply with Protect Ohio matching requirements.

Officials' Response:

Starting in October 2015, HCJFS will complete a JE each and every month that moves the amount of the monthly match to the Protect Ohio subaccount.

Finding Number	2014-005
CFDA Title and Number	CFDA 93.778 Medicaid
Federal Award Number / Year	2014
Federal Agency	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Pass-Through Agency	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Noncompliance/Material Weakness

Ohio Administrative Code 5160:1-2-16 (D)(11) states in part the administrative agency shall maintain documentation in a case file for each eligible individual. The file shall consist of permanent records, either hard copy or electronically stored, containing the following information, when appropriate:

- (a) Copy of the ODM 03528, ODM 03535, or other referral forms received by the county;
- (b) Copy of correspondence received and sent;

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- (c) Documentation of agency contacts with the individual, both attempted and established;
- (d) Documentation of the MCP in which the individual is enrolled;
- (e) Information received from another county when the individual is an intercounty transfer;
- (f) Documentation of all service requests, steps taken by the administrative agency, and whether the individual received services; and
- (g) Records of transportation services provided.

The Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services (HCJFS) did not provide support to substantiate that the County was maintaining proper documentation indicating proper follow up was performed for seven of the 46 (15%) individuals reviewed that were determined to be at risk of a high risk pregnancy.

Failure of HCJFS to properly maintain documentation of their follow-up with individuals labeled with high risk pregnancies could lead to the individuals not receiving the proper services to manage the high risk pregnancy.

We recommend the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services maintain proper documentation as required for individuals labeled as high risk pregnancies and follow up as necessary and document this follow up.

Officials' Response:

Starting in October 2015 tighter controls will be put into place to avoid this from occurring in the future.

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HAMILTON COUNTY

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

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain																
Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services Special Audit for the period July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2004	<p>The special audit identified findings for adjustment affecting the following opinion units related to correct fund balances for undocumented interfund transfers, and amounts incorrectly paid from special funds during the period of audit (amounts in thousands):</p> <table data-bbox="370 730 894 888"> <tr> <td>General Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$(1,752)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Assistance Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$(35,050)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health & Human Services Levies Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$40,658</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining Fund Information</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$(3,856)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Since the initial finding for adjustment, the County has provided additional information that has significantly reduced the finding for adjustment to the amount set forth above. The County is working with an independent, certified accounting firm to assist in providing additional documentation for potential further reduction of the finding for adjustment.</p>	General Fund	\$(1,752)	Public Assistance Fund	\$(35,050)	Health & Human Services Levies Fund	\$40,658	Remaining Fund Information	\$(3,856)	No	Partially corrected. County booked the following: <table data-bbox="1084 579 1479 730"> <tr> <td>General Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$(1,752)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Assistance Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,752</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health & Human Services Levies Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$(10,615)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 10,615</td> </tr> </table> Continuing work on final resolution. Reflected in audit opinion for the year ended December 31, 2014. Finding 2014-002	General Fund	\$(1,752)	Public Assistance Fund	\$ 1,752	Health & Human Services Levies Fund	\$(10,615)		\$ 10,615
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2013-001	Regarding Hamilton County Job and Family Services (HCJFS) reserving the nonfederal share of capitation payments (OAC §5101:9-6-25 C (3); CFDA 93.658 Foster Care): Nonfederal share reserve requirements were not met for 6 of twelve capitation payments.	No	Reissued, Finding 2014-004																
2013-002	Regarding HCJFS minimizing the time elapsing between receipt of IV-E waiver (Protect Ohio, CFDA 93.658 Foster Care) capitation payments and the disbursement of those funds (45CFR92 Subpart C-92.20b.7, OAC §5101:9-6-25 & 9-6-50 (B), ORC §5101.21 (C)(1)). HCJFS receives capitation revenues monthly but only disburses Protect Ohio funds in the accounting ledger after the grant closeout.	Yes	Finding no longer valid.																

2013-003	Regarding HCJFS's accurate reporting of federal awards' expenditures during the County's fiscal year for CFDA 93.658 Foster Care, due to timing and incorrect coding of local match for Protect Ohio (A-133 Subpart C 310 (b)).	No	Reissued, Finding 2014-003
2013-004	Regarding Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) benefits of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Cluster (CFDA 93.558 & 93.714): Four of 60 case files (6.7%) could not be located, and one of 60 case files (in addition to the three missing case files) did not contain a completed PRC worksheet and application.	Yes	

HAMILTON COUNTY
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (c)
FISCAL YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2014

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2014-001	The Clerk has discontinued using the zero balance account. Each of the Clerk's accounts is now maintaining its own balance and will be reconciled each month. The process will be in place and the monthly reconciliations will be up to date by 12/31/2015.	12/31/2015	Mary Couzins
2014-002	Work is continuing between the County, its outside consultant, and the Ohio Auditor of State to complete recently requested analyses by the Ohio Auditor of State in relation to these adjustments.	6/30/2016	Deb Garvey
2014-003	Expenses for Protect Ohio funding occur when a Journal Entry (JE) or a direct expense is entered into the County's Accounting system charging it to Protect Ohio. We reported the correct amount of Protect Ohio disbursements based on when they were coded and subsequently reported via the ODJFS02820 report as Protect Ohio. The expenses that occurred in 2013 were not a federal expense until 2014 when a JE was entered into the County's accounting system classifying them as Protect Ohio. In 2013 they were paid and classified as a local expense not Federal.		Mark Miller/ Mike Hiles
2014-004	HCJFS will complete a JE each and every month that moves the amount of the monthly match to the Protect Ohio subaccount.	10/2015	Mark Miller/ Mike Hiles
2014-005	Tighter controls will be put into place to avoid this occurring in the future.	10/2015	Mark Miller/ Mike Hiles

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2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

**For the year ended
December 31, 2014**

**The County of
Hamilton, Ohio**



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**2014 Comprehensive
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*For the fiscal year ended
December 31, 2014*



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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
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County of Hamilton

DUSTY RHODES
— AUDITOR —

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
138 EAST COURT STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

December 1, 2015

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Citizens of Hamilton County:

I am pleased to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the County of Hamilton for the year ended December 31, 2014. This report contains the financial and statistical data that provide a complete and full disclosure of all material financial aspects of the County.

Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 require that the County produce annual financial statements pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The responsibility for the accuracy of all data presented and its completeness and fairness of presentation rests with the County Auditor's Office and, specifically, the Department of Finance. To the best of management's knowledge, this report contains the financial statements and other financial and statistical data that provide a complete and full disclosure of all material financial aspects of the County. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the County of Hamilton's activities have been included.

This report represents the financial activity of the County in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources, and is consistent with the reporting model as promulgated by GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*.

The County of Hamilton is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with provisions of the Single Audit Act of 1984, the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-133, *Audits of State and Local Governments*. Information related to this single audit, including a schedule of federal financial assistance, the independent auditor's report on internal control and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and a schedule of findings are included in a separately issued audit report.

The basic financial statements of the County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, included in this CAFR have been audited by the Ohio Auditor of State. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

GAAP requires that management provide a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements

this letter and should be read in conjunction with it. The MD&A appears immediately after the independent auditor's report.

Reporting Entity

County of Hamilton was named for the former Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton, and was created by proclamation of Arthur St. Clair, Governor of the Northwest Territory, on January 2, 1790. The County was the second county formed in the State of Ohio, with Cincinnati as the County seat. The County is situated in the extreme southwestern corner of the State and covers an area of 407.4 square miles. The County encompasses 49 cities, villages and townships, of which Cincinnati is the largest. The County is the third largest in the State of Ohio in terms of population (802,374 per the 2010 U.S. Census). Located on the Ohio River, Hamilton County forms the core of the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Area, which also includes the counties of Brown, Butler, Clermont and Warren in Ohio; Dearborn, Franklin and Ohio Counties in Indiana; and Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton and Pendleton Counties across the river in Kentucky. The metro area has a population of 2,130,151 which makes it the 27th largest metropolitan area in the country per the 2010 U.S. Census.

The County has operated under the statutory form of government since its founding. As an agent of the State, County government serves the entire County in a variety of ways.

The County's legislative and taxing authority are vested in an elected, three-member Board of County Commissioners that is responsible for, among other things, passing resolutions, issuing bonds, adopting budgets and hiring the County Administrator. The County Administrator is responsible for carrying out the policies and resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners, and for appointing the heads of the departments under the control of the Board.

The County Auditor is also elected and serves as both the chief fiscal officer for the County and the real property assessor for all political subdivisions within the County. As chief fiscal officer, the Auditor is responsible for maintaining the County's centralized accounting, payroll and benefits systems; for preparing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; and for issuing warrants and processing payments made on behalf of County agencies. The Auditor prepares the general tax list of the County, calculates the voted and unvoted tax rates for real estate and personal property and, once collected, distributes the tax receipts to the appropriate political subdivisions and agencies within the County. As real property assessor, the Auditor is responsible for a full reappraisal of approximately 350,000 parcels of real property in the County every six years, with an interim update three years later.

The Treasurer is the custodian of County funds and is responsible for collecting all tax moneys and applying payments to the appropriate tax accounts. As specified by law, the Treasurer is also responsible for investing idle County funds.

In addition to those discussed immediately above, other elected officials serving four-year terms are the Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecutor, Recorder and Sheriff. The Court of Appeals Judges, Common Pleas Judges and the County-wide Municipal Court Judges are all elected to six-year terms.

Included in the financial statements that follow is reporting for a component unit of Hamilton County, the Convention Facilities Authority (CFA) for Hamilton County, Ohio. The CFA is a legally separate entity for which the County is financially accountable because the County appoints a voting majority of CFA's governing body and has the ability to impose its will on the CFA. The CFA was created in 2002 for the purpose of financing the Cincinnati Convention Center (now known as the Duke Energy Center) renovation and expansion. (See the notes to the financial statements for additional information about the CFA.)

The annual budget is the starting point for the County's financial planning and control. The budgeting process is primarily the province of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Initially, the County's Office of Budget and Strategic Initiatives released a General Fund forecast so that all County agencies would be aware of and prepared for the 2014 budget reductions. Prior to the County Administrator releasing a recommended budget in early October, departments had the opportunity to respond to the forecasts in work sessions with the BOCC. The BOCC typically adopts the final budget by December. If a

final budget is not adopted before January 1, the start of the County's fiscal year, then the BOCC must adopt a temporary appropriation measure, and then approve the final budget by April 1.

The appropriated budget is prepared by (1) fund, (2) agency/function and (3) appropriation level (personnel services, other expenditures and capital outlay), otherwise known as the legal level of budgetary control (the level at which agencies may not overspend appropriations). The adopted budget may be amended in one of three ways: (1) transfer of appropriations between funds, departments or appropriation levels, all of which must be approved by the BOCC; (2) additional appropriations, which also require BOCC approval; and (3) transfers within appropriated levels, which require County Administrator approval. (With regard to this latter category, however, such transfers within appropriated levels are not necessary since agencies may legally spend within their total budget for a given appropriation level without further approval.) Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for the General Fund and each annually budgeted major special revenue fund, and are included as part of the basic governmental fund financial statements. In the supplementary information section, budgetary comparisons are presented at the legal level of budgetary control for all governmental funds with legally adopted annual budgets (i.e., the General Fund, some special revenue funds and all debt service funds).

Factors Affecting Financial Condition

Local Economy

Hamilton County's economy represents a cross-section of the national economy, with a diversity that does not rely too heavily on any one sector. In 2014, Hamilton County's average unemployment rate was 5.3, and the local growth in employment outpaced the rest of the country, which has not been the case historically.

The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in their *2014 Regional Economic Outlook* report that an increasing number of positive signs indicate the economy is beginning to stabilize; however, the region's recovery from the recession continues to be modest.

Long-Term Financial Planning

The County's top revenue sources for the General Fund continue to be impacted by the slow economic recovery in the region as well as State budget pressures; however, sales tax revenue increased by 6.4% in 2014.

The original 2014 General Fund budget of \$200.3 million is structurally balanced, and reflects an increase of 2.7% from that of 2013.

General Fund revenue stagnation has had another critical implication beyond its impact on the General Fund. The BOCC has also historically relied upon the annual sales tax growth rate of 3.0% in planning to meet the County's legal and/or political obligations associated with a special 0.5% additional sales tax initiated in the late 1990s to cover the costs of ambitious riverfront redevelopment efforts, obligations that include financing debt to cover the costs of building new major league football and baseball stadiums and related infrastructure, developing "The Banks" riverfront project begun in 2008, as well as covering the costs of the continued operation of those stadia and infrastructure and a property tax credit for people who own and occupy their own homes in Hamilton County. The lack of consistent sales tax growth has resulted in a projected Sales Tax Fund deficit beginning in 2010 totaling approximately \$14 million. This deficit grows to over \$90 million in less than five years.

The BOCC addressed the 2010 deficit by using available fund balance in the Sales Tax Fund, a transfer from the Sales Tax Stabilization Fund, a transfer from the General Fund, and a reduction in project overhead costs for The Banks Riverfront Redevelopment project. In December 2009, the Commission approved a framework for permanently addressing the Sales Tax Fund deficit that includes dedicating a portion of the anticipated casino revenue beginning in 2013, anticipated lease concessions from the Cincinnati Reds and Cincinnati Bengals professional sports teams, and a new revenue stream.

In November 2012, the Commission took additional action, adopting a consensus approach to systematically address the structural imbalance in the sales tax fund. In this legislation, the Commission resolved (1) to approve a .25% increase in the permissive sales and use tax rate (subsequently approved in December 2012); (2) that the amount of the property tax rebate slated for elimination will work toward ensuring that net property taxes collected do not change (subsequent resolution in December 2012); (3) that the county Administrator is to work with the professional sports teams to gain commitments of revenue contributions and/or expense reductions; and (4) that beginning in 2014, at least \$1.5 million of casino revenue will be dedicated to economic development in high-priority sites.

While faced with the strains of the economy, the County is also trying to maintain a minimum General Fund reserve of 5.0% of ongoing General Fund expenditures, with the longer-term goal of a 15.0% reserve. The reserve balance in 2014 was approximately 13.2% of General Fund expenditures.

Major Events and Initiatives

Significant economic development activity occurred in Hamilton County in 2014. Major hospital expansions were either commenced or completed. Christ, Jewish, Children's and Mercy West Hospitals were involved. The long-term employment impact of these projects will be significant. Redevelopment projects in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood continued, drawing national attention. Riverfront development also continued with General Electric selecting The Banks for an administrative headquarters.

Another significant event dates to late 2004 when the Ohio Auditor of State and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services announced that they would conduct a special audit of Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services. Some issues from that special audit remain unresolved, and any liability related to the unresolved special audit issues has yet to be finalized. For more information on the special audit, see the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements in this report.

Acknowledgments

The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the dedicated services of the Auditor's Finance Department, as well as other Auditor staff. I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the Department who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Due credit also should be given to the County administration for their efforts to fulfill their responsibilities with regard to the operations of the County.

Sincerely,

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Dusty Rhodes
Auditor

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO ELECTED OFFICIALS

As of December 31, 2014

Board of County Commissioners

Christopher Monzel, President
Gregory P. Hartmann
Todd Portune

Dusty Rhodes
Theresa Winkler
Lakshmi K. Sammarco, M.D.
Theodore B. Hubbard
Joseph T. Deters
Wayne Coates
James C. Neil
Robert A. Goering

Auditor
Clerk of Courts
Coroner
Engineer
Prosecutor
Recorder
Sheriff
Treasurer

Ohio Court of Appeals First District

Penelope R. Cunningham, Presiding Judge
R. Patrick DeWine
Patrick T. Dinkelacker

Patrick F. Fischer
Sylvia Sieve Hendon
Lee H. Hildebrandt, Jr.

Common Pleas Court Judges

General Division

Ethna M. Cooper, Presiding Judge
Nadine L. Allen
Kim Wilson Burke
Leslie E. Ghiz
Charles J. Kubicki, Jr.
Jody M. Luebbers
Melba D. Marsh
Steven E. Martin

Jerome J. Metz, Jr.
Beth A. Myers
Norbert A. Nadel
Robert P. Ruehlman
Carl Stich Jr.
John Andrew West
Ralph E. Winkler
Robert C. Winkler

Domestic Relations Division

Susan L. Tolbert, Administrative Judge
Amy L. Searcy

Jon H. Sieve

Probate Court Division

James C. Cissell, Presiding Judge

Juvenile Court Division

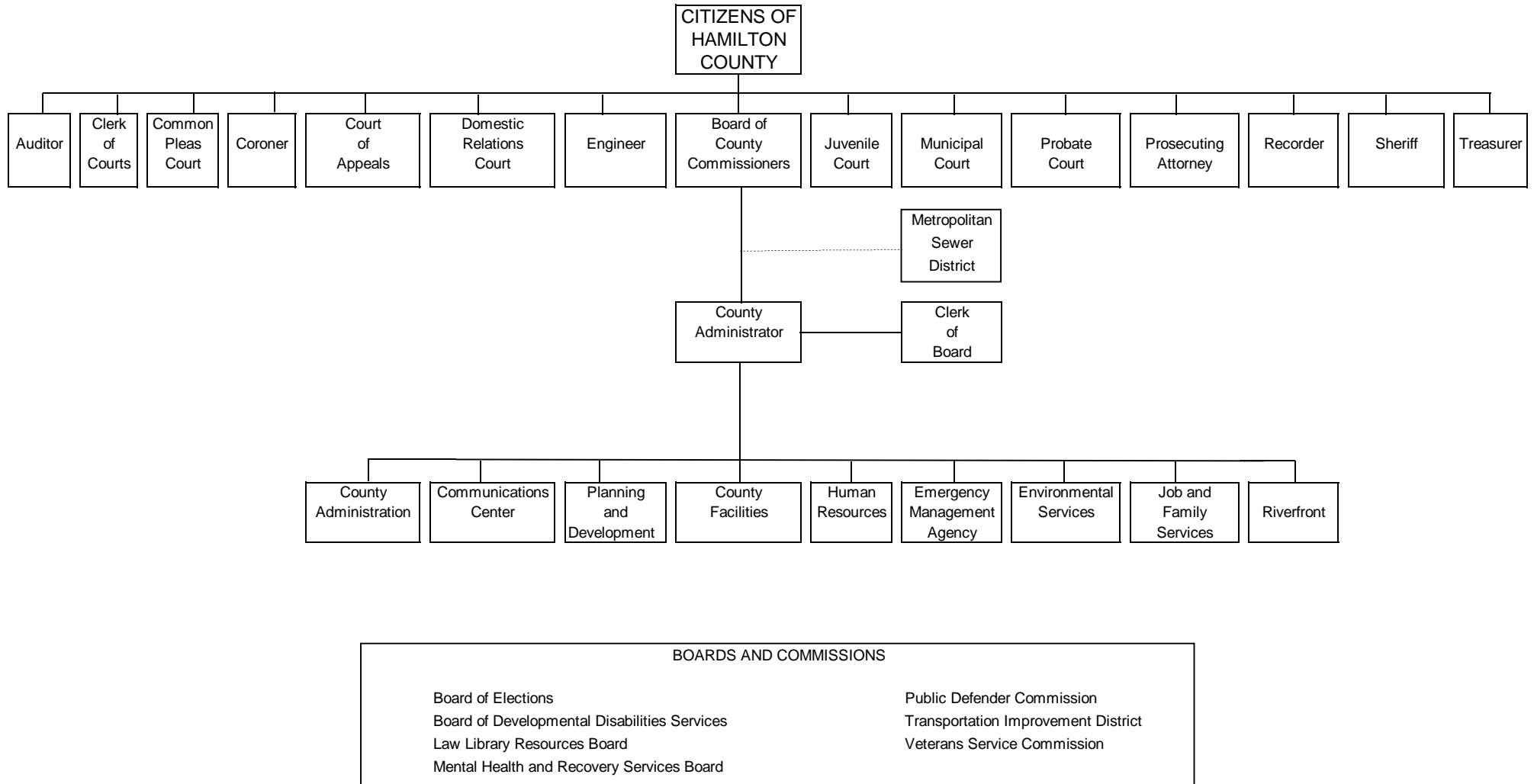
John M. Williams, Presiding Administrative Judge

Hamilton County Municipal Court

Melissa A. Powers, Presiding Judge
Lisa C. Allen
Richard A. Bernat
Theodore N. Berry
Bernard A. Bouchard
Cheryl D. Grant
Bradley J. Greenberg

Dwane K. Mallory
William L. Mallory
Russell J. Mock II
Fanon A. Rucker
Heather S. Russell
Megan Shanahan
Tyrone K. Yates

ORGANIZATION CHART COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO



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**Financial
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**The County of
Hamilton, Ohio**

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Dave Yost • Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Hamilton County
138 East Court Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Board of County Commissioners:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hamilton County, Ohio (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, which represent 11 percent of the expenditures and revenues of the Health and Human Services Levies Fund, and eight percent and 10 percent of the expenditures and revenues respectively, of the Other Governmental Funds opinion units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amount included for the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, is based solely on the report of other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Summary of Opinions

Opinion Unit	Type of Opinion
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Business-Type Activities	Unmodified
Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit	Unmodified
General Fund	Unmodified
Public Assistance Fund	Qualified
Health and Human Services Levies Fund	Qualified
Other Governmental Funds	Qualified
Metropolitan Sewer District Fund	Unmodified
Paul Brown Stadium Fund	Unmodified
Baseball Stadium Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Enterprise Information	Unmodified

Basis for Qualified Opinions on Major Governmental Funds Public Assistance, Health and Human Services Levies, and Other Governmental Funds Opinion Units

The December 31, 2012 audit report identified an unrecorded fund finding for adjustment, impacting the following funds:

	(amounts in 000's)			
Opinion Unit	General	Public Assistance	HHS levies	Other gov funds
Fund Balance	(\$1,752)	(\$35,050)	\$40,658	(\$3,856)

In October 2015, the County authorized two 20-year promissory notes to provide for the partial repayment of the required adjustments from the Public Assistance Fund to the Health and Human Services Levies Fund (Children's Services subfund) in the amount of \$10,615,000, and from the General Fund to the Public Assistance fund in the amount of \$1,752,000. The County has recorded interfund payable liabilities and interfund receivable assets in the 2014 financial statements to reflect these promissory notes; however, these amounts were less than the required adjustments at December 31, 2012. The County has not provided evidentiary matter for audit examination of specific transactions to justify a reduction in interfund payable liabilities and interfund receivable assets, therefore the difference is considered to be still outstanding and material to the opinion units.

The following table summarizes the differences between the unrecorded fund adjustments reported in the 2012 audit report and the repayment amounts recorded in 2014 follows:

	(amounts in 000's)		
Opinion Unit	Public Assistance	HHS levies	Other gov funds
Receivable - Assets		\$30,043	
Payable - Liabilities	\$26,187		\$3,856
Fund Balance	26,187	(30,043)	3,856

Qualified Opinions

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinions on Major Governmental Funds Public Assistance, Health and Human Services Levies, and Other Governmental Funds Opinion Units* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Public Assistance, Health and Human Services Levies, and Other Governmental Funds Opinion Units Hamilton County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, the General Fund, Metropolitan Sewer District Fund, Paul Brown Stadium Fund, Baseball Stadium Fund, and the aggregate remaining Enterprise fund information of Hamilton County, Ohio as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in its financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General, Public Assistance, and Health and Human Services Levies funds thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary and Other Information

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

The introductory section, the financial section's combining statements, individual fund statements and schedules, and the statistical section information present additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The statements and schedules are management's responsibility, and derive from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, except for statements and schedules presenting the Public Assistance Fund, the Health and Human Services Levies Fund, and the Other Governmental Funds opinion unit this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

We did not subject the introductory section and statistical section information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 1, 2015, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Government's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

December 1, 2015

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
UNAUDITED**

The discussion and analysis of Hamilton County's financial performance provides an overall review of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to present a narrative overview of the County's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the transmittal letter, at the front of this report, and the County's financial statements and notes, which follow this section, to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- ❑ The net position of the County as of December 31, 2014, was \$1,674.4 million. Of the \$668.5 million in total net position of governmental activities, unrestricted net position of \$40.9 million may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- ❑ Unrestricted net position in business-type activities was \$436.4 million as of December 31, 2014.
- ❑ In total, net position increased \$125.3 million in 2014. Net position of governmental activities increased \$39.1 million. Net position of business-type activities increased \$86.2 million.
- ❑ The revenues of the governmental activities were \$709.4 million; \$342.0 million was from program revenues, and \$367.4 million was from general revenues. During this same period, expenses related to the governmental activities were \$664.8 million. The largest category of expenses was for health-related purposes in the amount of \$185.6 million.
- ❑ The 2014 revenues of the business-type activities were \$407.9 million—\$297.4 million from program revenues and \$110.5 million from general revenues. Expenses related to the business-type activities were \$327.2 million. The largest expenses were in the operations of Metropolitan Sewer District in the amount of \$219.6 million.
- ❑ General revenues accounted for \$477.9 million of total revenues for 2014. Program-specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants and contributions accounted for \$639.4 million of total revenues of \$1,117.3 million in 2014.
- ❑ As of December 31, 2014, the County's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$384.3 million, an increase of \$24.9 million compared to 2013. Approximately 12% of this combined fund balance (\$46.9 million) is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).
- ❑ The fund balance of the County's General Fund increased \$1.6 million in 2014.
- ❑ Unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$52.4 million in 2014, compared to \$56.5 million in 2013, a change of 7%. This unassigned fund balance represents 26% of General Fund expenditures and other financing uses.
- ❑ Total long-term liabilities in business-type activities decreased \$33.8 million due to MSD's defeasance of prior-year bond issuances.

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USING THIS COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

The discussion and analysis in this section is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements include three components: (1) the government-wide financial statements, (2) the fund financial statements and (3) the notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information that further explains and supports information in the basic financial statements.

1. The government-wide financial statements—the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities—are designed to provide both long-term and short-term information about the County's overall financial status.
2. The fund financial statements report detailed financial information about individual parts of the County's operations. All of the funds of the County can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds. The most significant funds—major funds—are presented in separate columns on the fund financial statements. All other funds—nonmajor funds—are presented in total in one column.
3. The financial statement notes provide more detailed data and explanations for some financial statement information.

REPORTING HAMILTON COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Government-Wide Financial Statements

This document contains information about the separate funds used by Hamilton County to account for services and programs provided to our citizens. Additionally, the review of the County as a financial whole assesses all financial transactions and measures the County's financial position and liquidity. The government-wide financial statements—the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities—are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's finances.

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report both long-term and short-term information about the County's overall financial status using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the method of accounting used by private-sector companies.

- **Statement of Net Position.** The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the County's assets, liabilities and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference between all elements reported as net position. This statement provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to County creditors (liabilities), and supplies the basis for evaluating the County's capital structure, for computing the rates of return and for assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the County.

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- **Statement of Activities.** The Statement of Activities provides information about all of the County's current-year revenues and expenses, and measures the success of the County's operations over the past year. Use of the accrual basis of accounting for financial reporting means all current-year revenues and expenses are reported regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two government-wide statements report the County's net position and the change in net position. The change is important because it tells the reader whether, for the County as a whole, the financial position has improved or diminished. In evaluating the overall position of the County, nonfinancial information—such as changes in the County's tax or employment base, the condition of County capital assets, changing economic conditions, population and customer growth, and new or changed rules and regulations—also need to be considered.

All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the Statement of Activities for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, County functions are divided into the following two distinct kinds of activities:

- ◆ **Governmental Activities**—Most of the County's programs and services mandated by State statute are reported as governmental activities, including general government, judicial, public safety, social services, health, public works, environmental control, economic development, and recreational activities. These services are funded primarily by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.
- ◆ **Business-Type Activities**—Most of the County's programs or services intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges are reported as business-type activities. The County charges fees to recoup the cost of operations and capital expenses associated with these activities.

The separately audited financial statements of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD), the County-owned sewer district operated by the City of Cincinnati under a management contract, have been included in this report as a proprietary enterprise fund with appropriate note disclosure.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the County itself (known as the primary government) but also any component units, if applicable. Component units are legally separate entities for which the primary government is financially accountable. For 2014, the Convention Facilities Authority (CFA) is a discretely presented component unit, and its financial data is reported on the government-wide statements.

The Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (TID) is reported as a blended component unit. Even though the TID is a legally separate entity, it is reported as if it were part of the County because its governing board is substantively the same as that of the County. The TID is reported as part of the nonmajor governmental funds.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in this report immediately following this narrative.

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REPORTING HAMILTON COUNTY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Based on restrictions on the use of moneys, the County maintains many funds that account for the multitude of services provided to its citizens.

The fund financial statements report detailed financial information about individual parts of the County's operations, focusing on the County's most significant funds—major funds. Major funds are presented in separate columns on the fund financial statements, with all nonmajor funds presented in total in one column.

Governmental Funds, Proprietary Funds and Fiduciary Funds

All of the funds of the County can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses of spendable resources (cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out), as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Governmental fund statements explain how services were financed in the short term, as well as what dollars remain for future spending. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the governmental funds provide reconciliations to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The County maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the Balance Sheet and in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund, the Public Assistance fund and the Health and Human Services Levies fund, all of which are considered to be major governmental funds. Data from the other nonmajor governmental funds, which include special revenue, debt service and capital projects funds, are combined into a single, aggregate presentation. Individual fund data for each of the nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements in the supplementary information section of this report.

The County is required by Ohio law to adopt budgets for the General Fund, special revenue funds and debt service funds. A budgetary comparison statement for the General Fund and each annually budgeted major special revenue fund has been provided as part of the basic governmental fund financial statements. In the supplementary information, budgetary

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comparisons are presented at the legal level of budgetary control for all governmental funds with legally adopted annual budgets.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found in this report immediately following the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary Funds. Proprietary fund statements present both short-term and long-term financial information about County operations financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business. On the Statement of Fund Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The final required statement for proprietary funds is the Statement of Cash Flows. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments and net changes in cash and cash equivalents resulting from operations, investing and financing activities. This statement provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for and what was the change in the cash balance during the reporting period.

Generally, the purpose of a proprietary fund is to provide a service or product to operating units within the reporting entity (the County) or to the public at a reasonable cost. Proprietary funds may also be used where the Board of County Commissioners has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability. The County charges fees to recoup the cost of operations and capital expenses associated with these activities.

The County maintains two different types of proprietary funds: enterprise funds and internal service funds.

- ❖ **Enterprise Funds.** Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County maintains eight enterprise funds: the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) fund, to account for sewer services provided to County residents; the Paul Brown Stadium fund, to account for the operations of the Bengals football stadium; the Baseball Stadium fund, to account for the operations of the Great American Ball Park and the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum; the Riverfront Development fund, to account for various construction projects (including parking) located between the stadia; the Main Street Parking Garage fund, to account for the operations of the Main Street Parking Garage; the Sales Tax Stabilization fund, to account for revenue to be used as a contingency account for future debt service payments; the Rotary fund, to track the cost of various activities of the Sheriff's Department within the County; and the Communications Center fund, to account for the financial activity relating to 911 services for Hamilton County.

Financial information is presented separately in the proprietary funds financial statements for the Metropolitan Sewer District fund, the Paul Brown Stadium fund and the Baseball Stadium fund, all of which are considered to be major enterprise funds. All other nonmajor enterprise funds are combined in total in one column.

- ❖ **Internal Service Funds.** Internal service funds are used to accumulate and allocate costs internally between the County's various functions, or to account for operations that provide services to County departments, agencies or other governments on a cost-reimbursement basis. Because the services provided by the County's governmental internal service funds—the Workers' Compensation Reserve fund, the Auditor's

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Computer Center fund, and the Medical Self-Insurance fund—benefit governmental functions, they have been included with governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found in this report immediately following the basic governmental fund financial statements.

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

The basic fiduciary fund financial statement can be found in this report immediately following the basic proprietary fund financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data that is essential to a full understanding of the information provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The notes to the financial statements can be found in this report immediately following the basic fiduciary fund financial statement.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents individual fund data for each of the nonmajor governmental funds, nonmajor enterprise funds, internal service funds and certain required supplementary information that is provided in the form of Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements and Schedules.

The supplementary information section can be found in this report immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Hamilton County's financial statements comply with the reporting model required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. A comparative analysis of current-year and prior-year financial data is included in this report.

Net Position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the County's financial health. At the end of 2014, Hamilton County was able to report positive balances in all categories of net position for the County as a whole and for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

Hamilton County's assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by \$1,674.4 million in 2014. This represents \$668.5 million in governmental activities and \$1,005.9 million in business-type activities.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the County's net position for fiscal year 2014, as compared to 2013.

Table 1
HAMILTON COUNTY'S NET POSITION
(In Millions)

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2014	2013*	2014	2013*	2014	2013*
ASSETS						
Current and Other Assets	\$ 760.8	\$ 724.4	\$ 647.1	\$ 615.1	\$1,407.9	\$1,339.5
Capital Assets, Net	326.7	342.9	2,075.1	2,062.1	2,401.8	2,405.0
TOTAL ASSETS	1,087.5	1,067.3	2,722.2	2,677.2	3,809.7	3,744.5
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred Charge on Refunding	0.1	0.4	34.9	22.4	35.0	22.8
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	0.1	0.4	34.9	22.4	35.0	22.8
LIABILITIES						
Current and Other Liabilities	76.6	83.6	44.0	51.9	120.6	135.5
Long-Term Liabilities						
Due Within One Year	13.5	16.3	89.7	78.2	103.2	94.5
Due in More Than One Year	92.5	101.1	1,617.5	1,649.8	1,710.0	1,750.9
TOTAL LIABILITIES	182.6	201.0	1,751.2	1,779.9	1,933.8	1,980.9
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Property Taxes Not Levied to Finance Current Year Operations	236.5	237.3	-	-	236.5	237.3
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	236.5	237.3	-	-	236.5	237.3
NET POSITION						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	273.5	279.3	561.1	501.2	834.6	780.5
Restricted for:						
Debt Service	5.9	5.8	8.4	8.4	14.3	14.2
Capital Projects	-	1.7	-	-	-	1.7
Special Revenue Funds	348.2	305.1	-	-	348.2	305.1
Unrestricted	40.9	37.5	436.4	410.1	477.3	447.6
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 668.5	\$ 629.4	\$1,005.9	\$ 919.7	\$1,674.4	\$1,549.1

*As restated due to the special audit finding for adjustment (governmental activities) and the implementation of MSD's new capital asset system (business-type activities). (See note II B in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.)

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By far, the largest portion of the County's net position, \$834.6 million, reflects its investment in capital assets, which includes property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets, net of accumulated depreciation and less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the County's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. Restricted net position was \$354.1 million of governmental activities and \$8.4 million of business-type activities in 2014. The remaining net position is unrestricted and may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors and for business-type activities. Unrestricted assets were \$40.9 million of governmental activities and \$436.4 million of business-type activities in 2014.

Changes in Net Position

Hamilton County's total revenues were \$1,117.3 million. Various taxes make up 37% of the County's revenue. Another 36% of the County's revenue comes from fees charged for services, and 23% is state and federal aid.

Overall expenses in governmental activities were down \$11.4 million in 2014 versus the prior year. Revenues were up by \$42.9 million, resulting in an increase in governmental net position of \$44.6 million excluding transfers.

Table 2 below provides a summary of the County's revenues and expenses—the changes in net position—for fiscal year 2014.

Table 2
HAMILTON COUNTY'S CHANGES IN NET POSITION
(In Millions)

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2014	2013	2014	2013*	2014	2013*
REVENUES						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$109.7	\$113.9	\$287.7	\$279.1	\$397.4	\$393.0
Operating Grants and Contributions	231.7	195.4	-	-	231.7	195.4
Capital Grants and Contributions	0.6	0.6	9.7	14.9	10.3	15.5
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	235.1	228.7	-	-	235.1	228.7
Sales and Use Taxes	81.2	77.9	59.80	56.0	141.0	133.9
Other Taxes	35.4	33.3	-	-	35.4	33.3
Grants and Entitlements	11.3	11.3	-	-	11.3	11.3
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	3.7	3.7	42.5	4.2	46.2	7.9
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	-	0.5	-	0.5
Other	.7	1.7	8.2	9.1	8.9	10.8
TOTAL REVENUES	709.4	666.5	407.9	363.8	1,117.3	1,030.3

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EXPENSES

Program Expenses:

General Government	\$ 68.1	\$ 82.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68.1	\$ 82.0
Judicial	94.3	89.5	-	-	94.3	89.5
Public Safety	104.5	101.2	-	-	104.5	101.2
Social Services	143.1	146.2	-	-	143.1	146.2
Health	185.6	189.6	-	-	185.6	189.6
Public Works	43.0	41.0	-	-	43.0	41.0
Environmental Control	6.9	5.9	-	-	6.9	5.9
Economic Development	9.0	8.9	-	-	9.0	8.9
Parks and Recreation	7.2	8.2	-	-	7.2	8.2
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3.1	3.7	-	-	3.1	3.7
Metropolitan Sewer District	-	-	219.6	245.3	219.6	245.3
Paul Brown Stadium	-	-	44.3	44.6	44.3	44.6
Baseball Stadium	-	-	30.3	29.7	30.3	29.7
Riverfront Development	-	-	14.9	15.0	14.9	15.0
Main Street Parking Garage	-	-	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Rotary Funds	-	-	9.8	8.9	9.8	8.9
Communications Center	-	-	7.4	6.7	7.4	6.7
Total Program Expenses	664.8	676.2	327.2	351.0	992.0	1,027.2
Indirect Expenses Allocation	3.4	3.2	-	-	3.4	3.2
Indirect Expenses Reimbursement	(3.4)	(3.2)	-	-	(3.4)	(3.2)
TOTAL EXPENSES	664.8	676.2	327.2	351.0	992.0	1,027.2
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position Before Transfers	44.6	(9.7)	80.7	12.8	125.3	3.1
Transfers	(5.5)	(5.9)	5.5	5.9	-	-
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	39.1	(15.6)	86.2	18.7	125.3	3.1
NET POSITION—BEGINNING OF YEAR	629.4	645.0	919.7	901.0	1,549.1	1,546.0
NET POSITION—END OF YEAR	\$668.5	\$629.4	\$1,005.9	\$919.7	\$1,674.4	\$1,549.1

*As restated due to the implementation of MSD's new capital asset system.

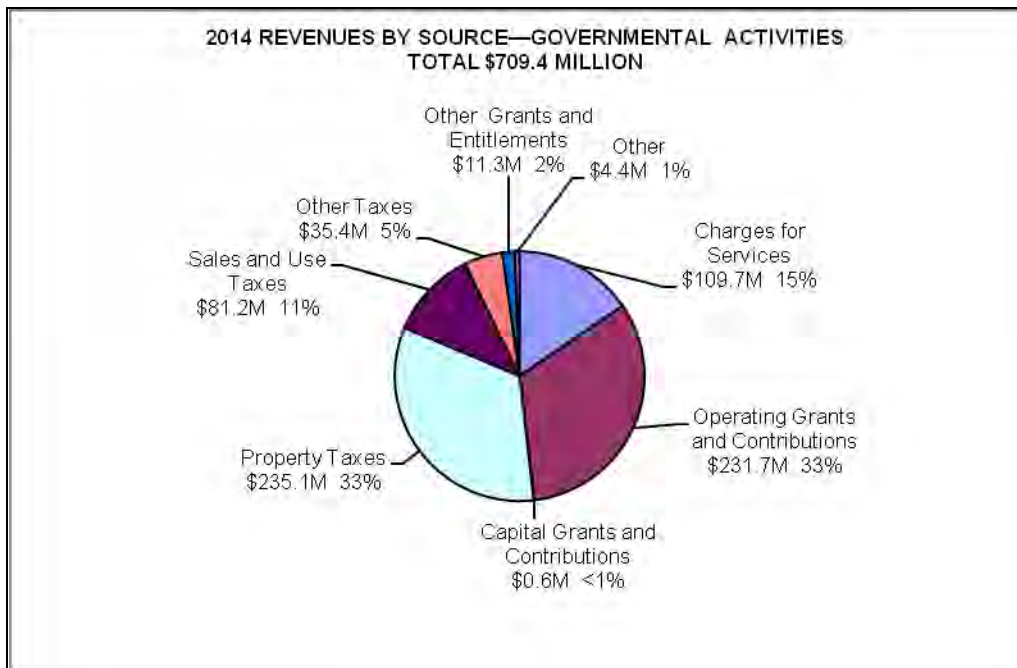
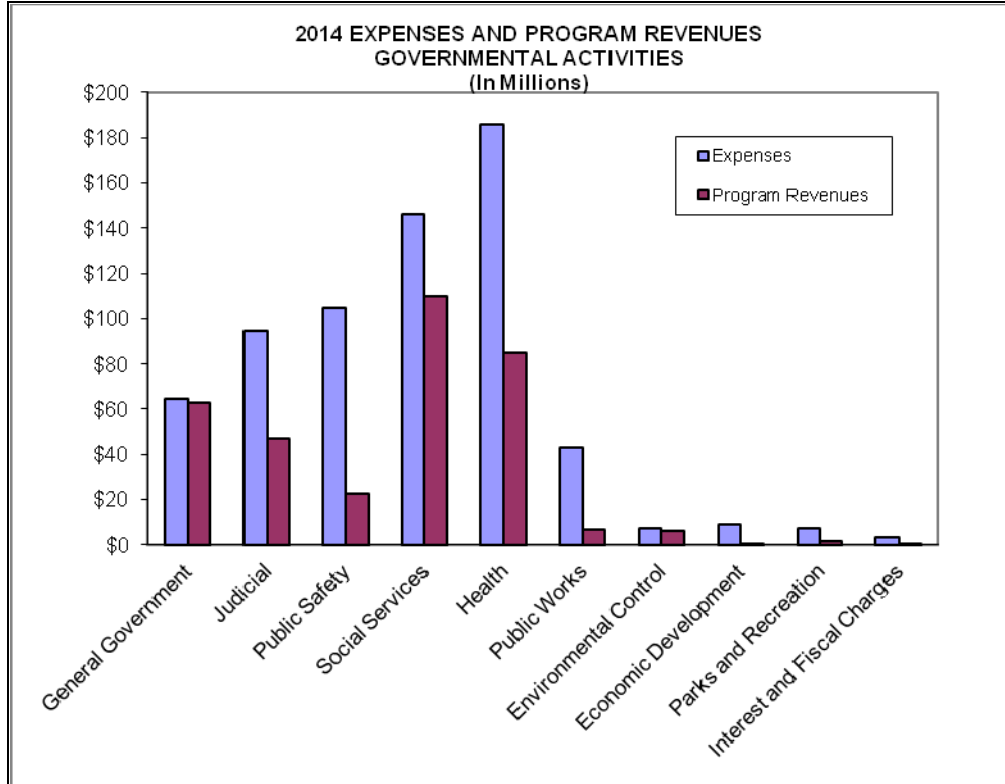
Governmental Activities. Governmental activities increased Hamilton County's net position by \$39.1 million (6% increase compared to 2013's net position).

The most significant change over 2013 was in revenues. In total, governmental revenues increased \$42.9 million, with 85% of the increase (\$36.3 million) being in operating grants and contributions. The largest portion of that increase is attributable to a \$25.1 million accrual for revenue related to real estate tax settlements, for which there was no offsetting accrual for 2013. Combined, grant revenues (\$243.6 million) was the largest category of governmental revenues in 2014.

Tax revenue accounts were \$351.7 million, which was 50% of the \$709.4 million total revenue for governmental activities. Taxes overall increased from 2013. While property tax had the largest dollar increase (\$6.4 million), sales tax had the greatest percentage increase (4%). This reflects the trend that began in late 2012 and has continued due to the gradual improvement in the economy.

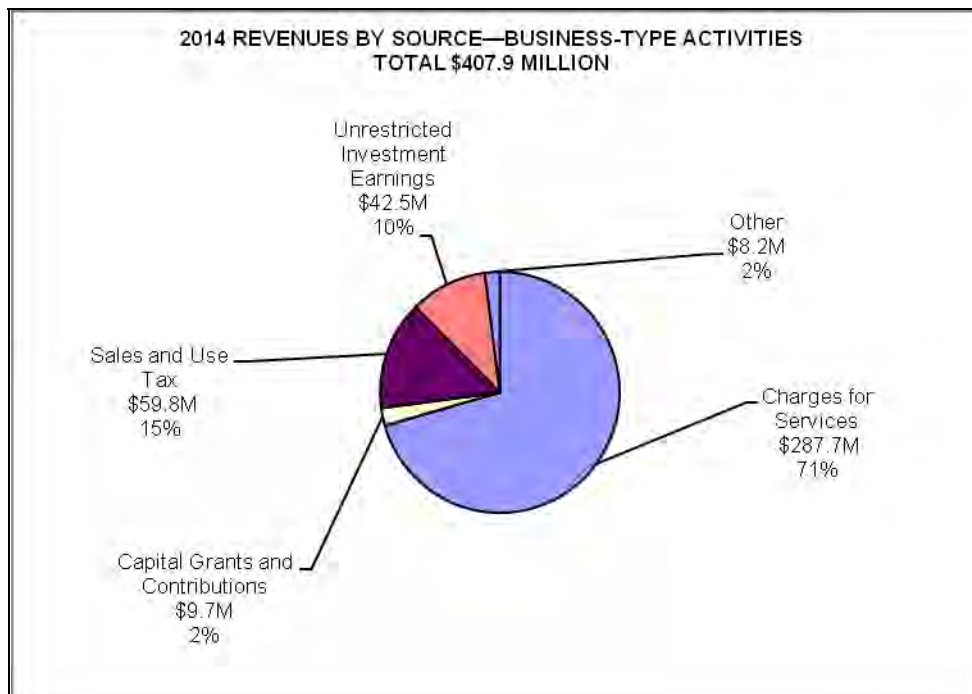
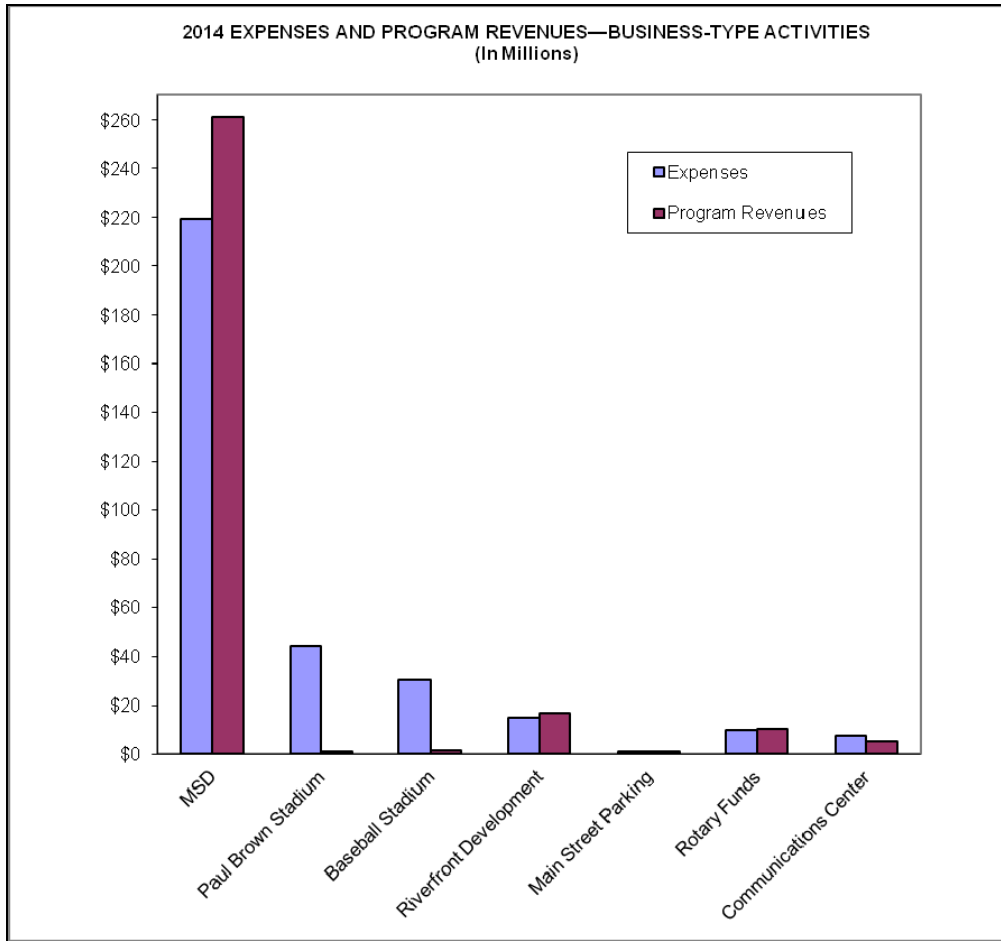
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Total expenses of the County's governmental activities were \$664.8 million in 2014. The health category accounts for \$185.6 million (28%) of the total expenses for governmental activities. Social services was the next largest program within the County, accounting for \$143.1 million (22%) of total expenses for governmental activities for the year.



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Business-Type Activities. Business-type activities increased Hamilton County's net position by \$86.2 million, or 9%, in 2014.



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The County's direct charges to users of County business-type services, charges for services, were \$287.7 million or 71% of business-type activities' revenues in 2014. A significant portion of these charges, \$257.5 million, were Metropolitan Sewer District sewer service charges and surcharges that will provide for necessary operating expenses, annual debt support, support of the District's capital program and the satisfaction of bond covenants. The other major revenue source in 2014 was sales and use tax revenues of \$59.8 million.

Overall expenses of the County's business-type activities were \$327.2 million. Metropolitan Sewer District accounted for \$219.6 million (67%) of the total expenses for business-type activities in 2014. Paul Brown Stadium accounted for the next largest amount of business-type expenses at \$44.3 million (14%) of the 2014 total.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

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

Governmental Funds

The focus of Hamilton County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the County's net resources available for discretionary use as they represent the portion of fund balance that has not yet been limited to use for a particular purpose by either an external party, the County itself, or a group or individual that has been delegated authority to assign resources for use for particular purposes by the County commissioners.

As the County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$384.3. Approximately 12% of this amount (\$46.9 million) constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is either nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned to indicate that it is (1) not in spendable form (\$3.9 million); (2) legally required to be maintained intact (\$5.2 million); (3) restricted for particular purposes (\$303.2 million); (4) committed for particular purposes (\$8.6 million), or (5) assigned for particular purposes (\$16.5 million).

General Fund. The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County, available for any authorized purpose and used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. In 2014, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$52.4 million, while total fund balance was \$78.0 million. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. In 2014, unassigned fund balance represents approximately 26% of the total General Fund expenditures and other financing uses, while total fund balance represents 38% of that same amount.

The fund balance of the County's General Fund increased \$1.6 million during 2014, with both revenues and expenditures remaining essentially even with those of 2013.

Public Assistance Fund and Health and Human Services Levies Fund. The Public Assistance fund and the Health and Human Services Levies fund, major special revenue funds used to account for specific governmental revenues, require separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action and account for expenditures for specified purposes.

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Public Assistance Fund. The Public Assistance fund, an annually budgeted special revenue fund, is used to account for revenue from the federal, state and county governments and for expenditures used to provide services to eligible County residents. The fund balance of the Public Assistance fund increased by \$1.0 million in 2014. The \$3.2 million increase in revenues was mostly due to the timing of the federal grant drawdowns.

Health and Human Services Levies Fund. The Health and Human Services Levies fund, an annually budgeted special revenue fund, is used to account for the revenue from health and human services levies. Levies and expenditures are determined by policies of the Board of County Commissioners. The fund balance of the County's Health and Human Services Levies fund increased by \$25.7 million in 2014. Some of the contributing factors: Property tax collections increased \$2.8 million due to an improving economy. Health expenditures decreased \$3.9 million due to the State being the payor for more services that were now Medicaid eligible due to the expansion of the eligibility level. Timing differences between accruals in 2014 versus 2013 resulted in an increase to intergovernmental revenue of \$6.2 million. Similarly, the change in expenditure accruals resulted in \$2.0 less in Social Services expenditures. Another \$2.8 million reduction in Social Services expenditures was due to fewer internal reimbursements between Job and Family Services funds in 2014.

Other Governmental Funds. The fund balances of Other Governmental Funds—Nonmajor Governmental Funds—decreased by \$3.4 million during 2014, with no significant change in either revenues or expenditures.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary enterprise funds provide the same type of information reported in the government-wide financial statements as business-type activities, but in more detail.

Metropolitan Sewer District Fund, Paul Brown Stadium Fund and Baseball Stadium Fund. The Metropolitan Sewer District fund, the Paul Brown Stadium fund and the Baseball Stadium fund are major enterprise funds. The expenses (including depreciation) of providing goods and services primarily or solely to the general public are financed or recovered mainly through fees and user charges.

*Metropolitan Sewer District Fund.** The Metropolitan Sewer District fund is used to account for County-provided sewer services to residential, commercial and industrial users in Hamilton County. Sewer charges are the major revenue source for financing operations and maintenance for the sewer system.

The fund assets and deferred outflows of Metropolitan Sewer District exceeded liabilities by \$908.1 million in 2014. Of that net position, 55% reflects MSD's investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used primarily in the collection and treatment of wastewater throughout the District's service area. The related debt will be repaid with resources provided by systems users through rates and fees.

Net position increased \$92.1 million in 2014. Some of the major factors that contributed to these results are as follows:

- Charges for services increased \$7.1 million primarily due to increased revenues from sewerage service charges received from rate increases.
- Operating expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization, decreased \$6.3 million mostly because of lower purchased services and other expenses.

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- Depreciation expenses decreased \$7.4 million compared to 2013, due to reclassifications of capital assets in the new software system.
- Net nonoperating revenues and expenses changed by \$50.7 million, including \$38.2 million in increased investment earnings and \$15.8 million due to the loss on capital asset retirements in 2013 but essentially none in 2014.

*Source: Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati 2014 Audited Financial Statements

Paul Brown Stadium Fund. The Paul Brown Stadium fund is used to account for revenue received from stadium tenants and for the operation of Paul Brown Football Stadium. The fund net position of the Paul Brown Stadium fund was a negative \$80.7 million in 2014, basically unchanged from 2013.

Baseball Stadium Fund. The Baseball Stadium fund is used to account for the operations of Great American Ball Park Baseball Stadium and the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum. The fund net position of the Baseball Stadium fund was \$35.2 million, a decrease of \$7.1 million compared to 2013. The major factors contributing to the decrease in fund net position were depreciation expense and interest expense, in conjunction with minimal operating revenue offset. Revenues and expenditures are largely fixed amounts, as set forth in the ballpark lease. Operating costs are shared by the Cincinnati Reds and County sales tax.

Other Enterprise Funds. The \$143.3 million fund net position of Other Enterprise Funds (nonmajor enterprise funds) reflects only a 1% change from 2013. There were no major changes in activity compared to the prior year. For more information related to the change in net position of Other Enterprise Funds, please refer to the Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position found in this report in the section following the Notes to the Financial Statements.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The County's annual budget, the starting point for the County's financial planning and control, is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

Typically, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopts the annual operating budget for the County, including MSD, on or about the first of each year. All disbursements and transfers of cash between funds require appropriation by the County Commissioners.

The adopted budget may be amended in one of three ways: (1) transfer of appropriations between funds, departments or appropriation levels, all of which must be approved by the BOCC; (2) additional appropriations, which also require BOCC approval; and (3) transfers within appropriated levels, which require County Administrator approval. (With regard to this latter category, however, such transfers within appropriated levels are not necessary since agencies may legally spend within their total budget for a given appropriation level without further approval.) The Office of Budget and Strategic Initiatives reviews departmental requests for transfers and supplemental appropriations throughout the year and assists departments in monitoring budget activity. All budgetary amendments and supplemental appropriations made during 2014 are included in the revised budget amounts presented in the budget-to-actual comparisons.

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The final revised General Fund appropriations for 2014 were \$210.7 million. The County spent 98% of the amount appropriated in the General Fund during 2014. Expenditures in the areas of public safety and the court system combine for 74% of General Fund expenditures. The cost of employee wages and benefits continues to be the largest expenditure category, accounting for approximately 70% of expenditures.

The final revised estimated resources for the General Fund for 2014 were \$205.7 million. Actual General Fund revenues received were \$212.9 million, about 4% greater than final budgeted General Fund revenues in 2014. One of the reasons revenues exceeded expectations was the greater-than-projected sales tax collections (\$5.8 million greater than budgeted), thanks to the continued growth in local consumer purchases.

A significant change in final versus original budget occurred in the Sheriff's personnel budget, which increased \$3.4 million (7%) over original budget. While appropriations were reduced due to 45 positions being charged to the Indigent Care levy in 2014 instead of the General Fund, this reduction was more than offset by the increased appropriations needed to cover cost-of-living and other salary adjustments related to multiple union contracts.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

Hamilton County has invested \$2,401.8 million (net of accumulated depreciation) as of 2014 year-end in a broad range of capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets.

Net capital assets related to governmental activities amount to \$326.7 million. Net capital assets related to business-type activities amount to \$2,075.1 million and include \$1,440.4 million net capital assets of MSD.

Table 3 summarizes the County's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for 2014.

Table 3
**HAMILTON COUNTY'S
CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END**
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation, in Millions)

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2014	2013	2014	2013*	2014	2013*
Land and Improvements	\$ 93.9	\$ 93.8	\$ 97.5	\$ 97.5	\$ 191.4	\$ 191.3
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	81.0	86.0	753.5	784.1	834.5	870.1
Infrastructure	128.2	139.0	-	-	128.2	139.0
Sewer Laterals	-	-	691.9	689.7	691.9	689.7
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	19.5	19.1	201.3	192.5	220.8	211.6
Construction in Progress	4.1	5.1	330.9	298.2	335.0	303.3
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	\$326.7	\$343.0	\$2,075.1	\$2,062.0	\$2,401.8	\$2,405.0

*As restated due to the implementation of MSD's new capital asset system.

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Major Capital Asset Events. Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Expenses of about \$60.1 million for Metropolitan Sewer District capital improvement projects and equipment replacement (including receipt of about \$1.3 million in capital contributions) with sewer replacements and improvement projects making up about 50% of the total.*
- The change in governmental activities is attributable to net depreciation of \$16.6 with only \$0.3 change in 2014 net purchases and disposals.
- Construction of the new scoreboard at Paul Brown Stadium increased Construction in Progress by \$10.1 million.

*Source: Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati 2014 Audited Financial Statements

Five-Year Capital Plans. The Hamilton County and Metropolitan Sewer District five-year capital plans were submitted and accepted for the years 2015 through 2019.

Hamilton County Capital Improvement Plan. The 2015-2019 capital improvement plan includes \$1.9 million in approved and \$142.3 million in recommended capital improvement projects. The 12 recommended projects would be funded by the General Fund and the election capital reserve.

Metropolitan Sewer District Capital Plan. MSD finances its construction program through a combination of revenue bonds, revolving loans through the State of Ohio and cash, with the primary source being tax-exempt revenue bonds.*

*Source: Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati 2014 Audited Financial Statements

Additional information regarding the County's capital assets can be found later in this report in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-Term Obligations

Hamilton County's total long-term obligations outstanding at year-end, excluding premiums and discounts, were \$1,729.1 million (\$105.7 million related to governmental activities and \$1,623.4 million related to business-type activities). This includes liabilities for bonds, loans, capital leases, forgivable mortgages and loan, workers' compensation, compensated absences, and net pension and other post-employment obligations.

Outstanding Debt Issues. At the end of 2014, the County had a number of debt issues outstanding. These issues, excluding any unamortized discounts and premiums, included \$78.6 million of general obligation bonds, \$4.3 million of general obligation special assessment bonds, \$960.1 million of sewer revenue bonds and other obligations of MSD, \$16.4 million of parking garage adjustable rate revenue bonds, \$528.1 million of stadium sales tax bonds, and \$14.9 million in loans.

General obligation bonds and notes are backed by the full faith and credit of the government. General obligation special assessment bonds are debt for which the County is liable in the event of default by the property owners subject to the assessment. Sewer revenue bonds are backed by user charges against individual ratepayers. Sales tax bonds are backed by a lien on the receipts of an additional ½% sales tax approved by County voters in 1996.

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Table 4 provides a summary of the County's outstanding long-term bonds and loans for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

Table 4
**HAMILTON COUNTY'S
OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM BONDS AND LOANS AT YEAR-END**
(In Millions)

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
General Obligation Bonds—Unvoted	\$ 54.1	\$ 64.9	\$ 24.5	\$ 6.0	\$ 78.6	\$ 70.9
General Obligation Special Assessment Bonds	4.3	4.3	-	-	4.3	4.3
Metropolitan Sewer District Obligations	-	-	960.1	1,017.4	960.1	1,017.4
Adjustable Rate Revenue Bonds	-	-	16.4	17.3	16.4	17.3
Sales Tax Bonds	-	-	528.1	543.9	528.1	543.9
Loans	1.6	1.5	13.3	14.9	14.9	16.4
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	<u>\$ 60.0</u>	<u>\$ 70.7</u>	<u>\$1,542.4</u>	<u>\$1,599.5</u>	<u>\$1,602.4</u>	<u>\$1,670.2</u>

New Debt. During 2014, the County issued new bonds and a loan for the purposes listed below.

Governmental Activities—Long-Term Debt. Special Assessment Bonds (\$0.3 million) were issued for the purpose of constructing sewer improvements in anticipation of the collection of special assessments against the benefited properties.

Two new loans were approved in 2014 to be used to finance road improvement projects. The work on these projects has not been fully completed; therefore, the loan amounts have not been issued in full. During 2014, the amount of the loan used was \$537.

Business-Type Activities—Long-Term Debt. MSD issued \$162.7 million in Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds to defease portions of the 2003, 2005 and 2006 revenue bonds, pay the cost of issuance, permanently fund certain previous capital expenditures, and fund the new bond reserve requirements.

The County issued \$19.0 million in Riverfront Infrastructure Improvement Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and installing energy efficiency improvements for the stadia and parking garages located on the riverfront.

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Credit Ratings. The County currently obtains credit ratings on all of its bonds and maintains ratings as of 2014 as follows:

County Bonds Issued	Bond Rating			Insurer
	Moody's	Standard & Poor's (S&P)	Fitch	
General Obligation	Aa2			
MSD Revenue (Series 2003-2006)*	Aa2	AA+		MBIA
MSD Revenue (Series 2007-2010)	Aa2	AA+		
Sales Tax—Riverfront (2000B and 2006A)**	A2		A+	AMBAC***
Sales Tax—Riverfront (2011)	A2		A+	
Riverfront Parking Revenue (2001)	A3			

Sources: Hamilton County Office of Budget and Strategic Initiatives and Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati 2014 Audited Financial Statements

Ratings

Aaa (Moody's), AAA (S&P, Fitch)—prime, maximum safety
 Aa1, Aa2, Aa3 (Moody's), AA+, AA, AA- (S&P, Fitch)—high grade, high quality
 A1, A2, A3 (Moody's), A+, A, A- (S&P, Fitch)—upper medium grade

Insurers

MBIA—Municipal Bond Investors Assurance
 AMBAC—American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation

*Underlying rating is Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service and AA+ by Standard and Poor's Corporation.

**Underlying rating is A2 by Moody's Investors Service and A+ by Fitch.

***The surety provider AMBAC had its rating withdrawn by Standard & Poor's and Moody's which initially caused a non-payment default under the documentation for the sales tax bonds for which AMBAC served as a surety provider. The county filed a Material Event Notice on July 8, 2011. The non-payment default came about through no fault of the County and does not affect the ability of the County to make timely payments of its debt service obligations. In order to satisfy the debt service requirements set forth in the Trust Agreement for the County's Sales Tax Bonds, the County started to make monthly cash deposits into the debt service reserve fund for the County's Sales Tax Bonds as of August 2011 continuing through December 2012. Beginning in January 2013, the County provided a credit support instrument, initially through BBVA Compass Bank and currently through PNC Bank, National Association, in order to satisfy its obligation to fully replenish the debt service reserve fund over approximately 40 months. Since the date of the initial cash deposit into the debt service reserve fund for purposes of replenishing such fund, the County has been in compliance with the Trust Agreement governing replenishment of the debt service reserve fund.

Legal Debt Margins. The Uniform Bond Law of the State of Ohio provides that the total net indebtedness created or incurred by any county shall never exceed a sum equal to 3% of the first \$100 million or part of the tax list, plus 1½% of the tax list in excess of \$100 million and not in excess of \$300 million, plus 2½% of the tax list in excess of \$300 million. In addition, the net indebtedness created or incurred by any county without vote of the electors shall never exceed a sum equal to 1% of the tax list of the County. Contained in the Uniform Bond Law of the State of Ohio are exceptions for debt limitations. Among the kinds of debt exempted are debt issued for special assessments, sewer works, self-supported revenue bonds and jail facilities.

The total voted and unvoted non-exempt debt of the County that could be issued subject to the 3%, 1½% and 2½% limitation described above is \$455.2 million. The total County net debt subject to this limitation is \$76.9 million, leaving a borrowing capacity of \$378.3 million within the limitation from combined voted and unvoted non-exempt debt. The total County unvoted, non-exempt debt that could be issued subject to the 1% limitation is \$182.7 million. The total County debt subject to such limitation is \$76.9 million, leaving a borrowing capacity of \$105.8 million within the 1% limitation for unvoted non-exempt debt.

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Other Long-Term Obligations. The County's long-term obligations for 2014 also include compensated absences of \$40.1 million related to governmental activities and \$9.6 million related to business-type activities; forgivable loan contracts of \$4.3 million; various long-term leases for office space or equipment amounting to \$16.5 million; and workers' compensation of \$1.3 million. Additionally, MSD has reported a net pension obligation and other post-employment benefits obligation of \$59.3 million.

Interest and fiscal charges for governmental activities were \$3.1 million, less than 1% of the total expenses in 2014.

For more information regarding the County's debt, see the section of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (found later in this report) titled Long-Term Debt and Other Obligations.

ECONOMIC FACTORS, NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES, AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS*

The area's economic recovery continues to show growth and is forecast to do so again in 2015. Here are some highlights and recent trends of the region:

Positives

- #2 ranking in lowest business-operating costs in the nation (*KPMG Competitive Alternatives Study*)
- #3 ranking in U.S. for economic development projects (*Site Selection*)
- #7 ranking in the nation for quality of life (*Business Facilities Metro Ranking Report*)
- fifth most affordable, livable city in the U.S. (*money.msn.com*)
- employment growth in 2014
- declining unemployment rate
- growth in manufacturing jobs exceeds nation's
- high share of affordable homes for families earning median income
- increased percent of knowledge jobs—managers and professionals—in our labor force
- improvement in per capita income, having recovered from drop during economic downturn
- increase in residential construction
- nine Fortune 500 and five Fortune 1000 headquarter companies
- diverse workforce
- central access to customers, suppliers and purchasing power
- low cost of living

Negatives

- educational attainment of population below peer region average and well behind top-performing regions
- more people living in poverty in region than in 2010
- negative net migration (number of people moving into area annually minus number moving out) since 2010 showed positive
- population skewing older, meaning more demand on health and public services and greater burden on labor pool to support higher costs to community
- drop in available labor pool
- gross domestic product growth but slower than the nation's

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For 2015 the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a total budget of \$1,076.9 million. General Fund appropriations are \$201.8 million, a \$1.5 million increase, less than 1%, from the 2014 budget. While a slight increase from the 2014 budget, the 2015 budget is still below actual 2014 expenses. General Fund employee positions are estimated to increase by 16.3 positions from the 2014 budget as a result of 17 Court of Common Pleas positions returning to the General Fund from restricted funds, offset by small variations in other General Fund departments.

Revenues for 2015 are budgeted at a modest increase (less than 2%) from the 2014 budget. The 2015 budget is much less dependent on onetime sources, and largely maintains the 2014 budget's cautious approach to revenue growth.

The total 2015 budget for the County's restricted funds is \$875.1 million, a \$22.5 million decrease from 2014's original appropriations.

The Board of County Commissioners approved a 6% sewerage rate increase for MSD effective January 2015.

Bonds issued to date in 2015 are as follows: (1) Various Purpose Improvement and Refunding General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$25,230; (2) Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds, issued by MSD, for \$52,520; (3) Taxable Limited Tax General Obligation Improvement Bonds in the amount of \$21,880; and (4) Taxable Special Assessment General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$169.

The County entered into a capital lease in January 2015 in the amount of \$7.5 million. In September, an addition to the lease was issued for \$0.2 million.

There are pending matters related to the special audit of Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services that could have a material effect on the County's net position. Please see more about the special audit in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (note VI I).

* Sources: Hamilton County, Ohio, 2015 Budget in Brief; redicincinnati.com (Regional Economic Development Initiative Cincinnati); www.regional-indicators.org; www.cincinnati-chamber.com/economicoutlook, Board of County Commissioners' meeting minutes and Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati 2014 Audited Financial Statements

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors and investors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes, 138 East Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, (513) 946-4000, or visit the Auditor's website at www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

December 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Totals	Convention Facility Authority
ASSETS				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 415,267	\$ 45,868	\$ 461,135	\$ 84,183
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	1,846	53,291	55,137	-
Accounts Receivable	6,353	77,355	83,708	-
Sales Tax Receivable	13,959	9,211	23,170	-
Interest Receivable	1,060	-	1,060	-
Intergovernmental Receivable	49,409	37	49,446	-
Real and Other Taxes Receivable	266,871	-	266,871	2,421
Internal Balances	15	(15)	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	-	1,483	1,483	1,100
Inventories	293	-	293	-
Restricted Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents Held by the City of Cincinnati:				
Construction Account	-	6,295	6,295	-
Amount to Be Transferred to Surplus Account	-	33,513	33,513	-
Held by Trustees:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	16,770	16,770	-
Investments—Held to Maturity	-	403,219	403,219	-
Special Assessments Receivable	5,769	-	5,769	-
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	97,447	428,430	525,877	-
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	229,237	1,646,601	1,875,838	-
Other Long-Term Assets	-	157	157	-
TOTAL ASSETS	1,087,526	2,722,215	3,809,741	87,704
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred Charge on Refunding	82	34,958	35,040	-
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	82	34,958	35,040	-
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	25,553	9,211	34,764	-
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	7,528	2,943	10,471	-
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	321	-	321	-
Intergovernmental Payable	2,028	107	2,135	-
Accrued Interest Payable	211	5,423	5,634	270
Construction Accounts Payable	-	9,552	9,552	-
Retainage Payable	1,059	694	1,753	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	10,386
Due to Component Unit	1,619	-	1,619	-
Unearned Revenue	28,894	16,113	45,007	-
Escheat	5,179	-	5,179	-
Estimated Future Claims	4,194	-	4,194	-
Deposits Payable for Refunded Debt	-	-	-	67,675
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Due Within One Year	13,534	89,691	103,225	2,570
Due in More Than One Year	92,512	1,617,478	1,709,990	75,503
TOTAL LIABILITIES	182,632	1,751,212	1,933,844	156,404
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Property Taxes Not Levied to Finance Current-Year Operations	236,514	-	236,514	-
Deferred Gain on Defeasance	-	-	-	2,571
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	236,514	-	236,514	2,571
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	273,507	561,056	834,563	-
Restricted for:				
Debt Service	5,933	8,454	14,387	-
Public Assistance	19,983	-	19,983	-
Health and Human Services Levies	238,083	-	238,083	-
Motor Vehicle Gas Tax	35,747	-	35,747	-
Health and Community Services Nongrants	49,964	-	49,964	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	5,000
Other Purposes	4,346	-	4,346	-
Unrestricted	40,899	436,451	477,350	(76,271)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 668,462	\$ 1,005,961	\$ 1,674,423	\$ (71,271)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

(Amounts in Thousands)

FUNCTION/PROGRAMS	Program Revenues					Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			Component Unit Convention Facility Authority
	Expenses	Indirect Expenses Allocation	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government			
						Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
Primary Government:									
Governmental Activities									
General Government	\$ 68,133	\$ (3,400)	\$ 44,309	\$ 18,324	\$ 275	\$ (1,825)	\$ -	\$ (1,825)	\$
Judicial	94,281	78	26,321	20,514	-	(47,524)	-	(47,524)	
Public Safety	104,530	60	17,123	5,174	179	(82,114)	-	(82,114)	
Social Services	143,149	2,723	5,438	104,410	-	(36,024)	-	(36,024)	
Health	185,594	50	9,534	75,232	-	(100,878)	-	(100,878)	
Public Works	42,979	191	4,156	2,679	141	(36,194)	-	(36,194)	
Environmental Control	6,889	288	2,743	3,436	-	(998)	-	(998)	
Economic Development	9,014	-	32	-	-	(8,982)	-	(8,982)	
Parks and Recreation	7,159	10	-	1,683	-	(5,486)	-	(5,486)	
Debt Service:									
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3,118	-	-	297	-	(2,821)	-	(2,821)	
Total Governmental Activities	<u>664,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,656</u>	<u>231,749</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>(322,846)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(322,846)</u>	
Business-Type Activities									
Metropolitan Sewer District	219,566	-	257,465	-	3,957	-	41,856	41,856	
Paul Brown Stadium	44,276	-	997	-	-	-	(43,279)	(43,279)	
Baseball Stadium	30,276	-	1,458	-	-	-	(28,818)	(28,818)	
Riverfront Development	14,876	-	11,322	-	5,722	-	2,168	2,168	
Main Street Parking Garage	883	-	951	-	-	-	68	68	
Rotary Funds	9,829	-	10,212	-	-	-	383	383	
Communications Center	7,367	-	5,311	-	-	-	(2,056)	(2,056)	
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>327,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>287,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,678)</u>	<u>(29,678)</u>	
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 991,919</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 397,372</u>	<u>\$ 231,749</u>	<u>\$ 10,274</u>	<u>(322,846)</u>	<u>(29,678)</u>	<u>(352,524)</u>	
Component Unit:									
Convention Facility Authority	<u>\$ 9,833</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,350</u>				<u>(8,483)</u>
General Revenues									
Property Taxes						235,070	-	235,070	-
Sales and Use Taxes						81,242	59,764	141,006	-
Hotel Occupancy Taxes						-	-	-	10,076
Other Taxes						35,356	-	35,356	-
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs						11,263	-	11,263	-
Gifts and Donations						186	-	186	-
Unrestricted Investment Earnings						3,742	42,505	46,247	-
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets						37	-	37	-
Other						497	8,162	8,659	-
Transfers						(5,508)	5,508	-	-
Total General Revenues and Transfers						<u>361,885</u>	<u>115,939</u>	<u>477,824</u>	<u>10,076</u>
Change in Net Position						<u>39,039</u>	<u>86,261</u>	<u>125,300</u>	<u>1,593</u>
Net Position—Beginning (As Restated—Note II B)						<u>629,423</u>	<u>919,700</u>	<u>1,549,123</u>	<u>(72,864)</u>
Net Position—Ending						<u>\$ 668,462</u>	<u>\$ 1,005,961</u>	<u>\$ 1,674,423</u>	<u>\$ (71,271)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	General	Public Assistance	Health and Human Services Levies	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 66,425	\$ 29,870	\$ 200,019	\$ 101,408	\$ 397,722
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	-	-	1,721	125	1,846
Accounts Receivable	4,058	14	594	1,673	6,339
Sales Tax Receivable	12,340	-	-	1,619	13,959
Interest Receivable	1,060	-	-	-	1,060
Intergovernmental Receivable	7,953	1,643	28,509	11,304	49,409
Real and Other Taxes Receivable	44,392	-	212,430	10,049	266,871
Due from Other Funds	1,420	2,246	-	71	3,737
Inventories	-	-	-	293	293
Due from Advances to Other Funds	3,625	-	-	-	3,625
Interfund Receivable	-	1,752	10,615	-	12,367
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	5,769	5,769
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 141,273	\$ 35,525	\$ 453,888	\$ 132,311	\$ 762,997
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,528	\$ 3,421	\$ 11,587	\$ 6,982	\$ 25,518
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	4,055	1,103	1,200	1,125	7,483
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	120	12	130	59	321
Intergovernmental Payable	786	218	552	466	2,022
Retainage Payable	18	-	2	1,039	1,059
Due to Component Unit	-	-	-	1,619	1,619
Due to Other Funds	12	173	2,773	764	3,722
Advances from Other Funds	-	-	-	3,625	3,625
Unearned Revenue	4,813	-	6	24,075	28,894
Interfund Payable	1,752	10,615	-	-	12,367
Escheat	5,179	-	-	-	5,179
TOTAL LIABILITIES	20,263	15,542	16,250	39,754	91,809
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Property Taxes Not Levied to Finance Current-Year Operations	36,959	-	199,555	-	236,514
Unavailable Revenue	6,028	-	36,419	7,882	50,329
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	42,987	-	235,974	7,882	286,843
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)					
Nonspendable	8,804	-	-	293	9,097
Restricted	-	19,983	201,159	82,048	303,190
Committed	302	-	505	7,804	8,611
Assigned	16,514	-	-	-	16,514
Unassigned (Deficit)	52,403	-	-	(5,470)	46,933
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	78,023	19,983	201,664	84,675	384,345
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	\$ 141,273	\$ 35,525	\$ 453,888	\$ 132,311	\$ 762,997

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET—GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

Total Governmental Funds Balances	\$	384,345
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different from the amounts reported in the governmental funds because of the following:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Capital Assets	\$ 1,254,590	
Accumulated Depreciation	(928,101)	
Total		326,489

Other long-term assets that are not available to pay for current-period expenditures are deferred in the funds but not in the governmental activities.

Property Taxes	14,629	
Grants and Other Intergovernmental Revenue	29,691	
Nongrants	240	
Special Assessments	5,769	
Total		50,329

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation, the Auditor's computer center, the Multi-County System Agencies, and medical self-insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of these internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.

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Long-term liabilities, including bonds and notes payable, loans and loan contracts, compensated absences, and accrued interest payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds but are included in governmental activities.

General Obligation Bonds and Notes	(54,112)	
Deferred Amount on Refunding	82	
Unamortized Premium	(367)	
Special Assessment Bonds	(4,304)	
Loan Contracts	(3,340)	
State Loan	(2,541)	
Compensated Absences	(39,958)	
Accrued Interest Payable	(211)	
Total		(104,751)

Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>668,462</u></u>
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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	General	Public Assistance	Health and Human Services Levies	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ 36,509	\$ -	\$ 198,711	\$ 576	\$ 235,796
Sales and Use Tax	73,081	-	-	8,161	81,242
State Shared Taxes	13,430	-	-	21,926	35,356
Charges for Services	40,258	-	400	27,899	68,557
Licenses and Permits	2,300	-	-	4,957	7,257
Fines and Forfeitures	7,797	-	-	4,821	12,618
Intergovernmental	18,116	46,731	95,210	62,784	222,841
Investment Earnings	4,230	(43)	(315)	(115)	3,757
Other	8,699	1,191	8,008	3,965	21,863
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>204,420</u>	<u>47,879</u>	<u>302,014</u>	<u>134,974</u>	<u>689,287</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General Government	34,176	-	2,281	17,844	54,301
Judicial	66,807	-	5,747	21,662	94,216
Public Safety	78,230	-	17,269	8,699	104,198
Social Services	1,459	47,541	78,446	18,424	145,870
Health	-	-	164,923	20,328	185,251
Public Works	2,808	-	-	30,190	32,998
Environmental Control	-	-	-	6,597	6,597
Economic and Community Development	1,643	-	-	7,399	9,042
Recreational Activities	-	-	7,687	-	7,687
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	5,363	5,363
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	11,369	11,369
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	2,966	2,966
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>185,123</u>	<u>47,541</u>	<u>276,353</u>	<u>150,841</u>	<u>659,858</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>19,297</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>25,661</u>	<u>(15,867)</u>	<u>29,429</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers In	1,748	681	80	13,534	16,043
Transfers Out	(19,424)	-	-	(1,929)	(21,353)
Proceeds of OPWC Loan	-	-	-	537	537
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	326	326
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	<u>(17,676)</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>12,468</u>	<u>(4,447)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,621	1,019	25,741	(3,399)	24,982
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR AS RESTATED (NOTE II B)					
	<u>76,402</u>	<u>18,964</u>	<u>175,923</u>	<u>88,074</u>	<u>359,363</u>
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 78,023</u>	<u>\$ 19,983</u>	<u>\$ 201,664</u>	<u>\$ 84,675</u>	<u>\$ 384,345</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

Net Change in Fund Balance—Total Governmental Funds \$ 24,982

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different from amounts reported in the governmental funds because of the following:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of the capital assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Capital Outlays	\$ 8,660	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(24,568)</u>	
Excess of Depreciation over Capital Outlays		(15,908)

In the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sales of capital assets increase financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, the assets sold had been capitalized previously and have book values that need to be removed. The difference between the proceeds and the book values is the gain or loss that is recognized in the Statement of Activities. The change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the net book values of the capital assets sold.

Reduction of Revenue for Proceeds Received on Sale of Capital Assets	(40)	
Gain Earned on Sale of Capital Assets	37	
Loss on Sale of Capital Assets	<u>(386)</u>	
Net Book Value of Capital Assets Sold		(389)

Property taxes that will not be collected for several months after the County's fiscal year ends, not considered to be available revenues to pay for current-period expenditures, are deferred in the governmental funds. Similarly, certain other revenues that do not provide current financial resources are deferred and not reported as revenues in the governmental funds but are included in the Statement of Activities.

Property Taxes	(676)	
Grants and Other Intergovernmental Revenue	20,312	
Nongrants	(54)	
Special Assessments	<u>(51)</u>	
Total Revenues		19,531

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Governmental funds also report premiums and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

Special Assessment Bonds Issued	(326)	
Proceeds of OPWC Loans	(538)	
Principal Retirement	<u>11,369</u>	
Total		10,505

In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in the governmental funds, interest is expensed when due.

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Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Compensated Absences Payable	46	
Amortization of Deferred Amount on Refundings	(341)	
Amortization of Premium on Bonds	154	
Amortization of Mortgages Payable and Forgiveness of Loans or Loan Contracts	<u>592</u>	
Total		451

The governmental internal services funds are used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation, the Auditor's computer center, and medical self-insurance to individual funds. The net decrease of these internal service funds are reported with governmental activities.

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 39,039

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ 35,520	\$ 35,520	\$ 36,509	\$ 989
Sales and Use Tax	68,391	68,391	74,146	5,755
State Shared Taxes	11,042	11,042	11,395	353
Charges for Services	46,098	46,098	47,628	1,530
Licenses and Permits	2,145	2,145	2,316	171
Fines and Forfeitures	7,679	7,679	7,737	58
Intergovernmental	12,864	18,364	20,088	1,724
Investment Earnings	7,980	7,980	4,953	(3,027)
Other	8,466	8,466	8,173	(293)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>200,185</u>	<u>205,685</u>	<u>212,945</u>	<u>7,260</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	49,407	50,228	47,538	2,690
Judicial	68,404	70,081	69,474	607
Public Safety	79,858	83,443	82,758	685
Social Services	1,571	1,567	1,472	95
Public Works	3,161	3,746	3,610	136
Economic and Community Development	1,649	1,649	1,641	8
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>204,050</u>	<u>210,714</u>	<u>206,493</u>	<u>4,221</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(3,865)</u>	<u>(5,029)</u>	<u>6,452</u>	<u>11,481</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	2,455	2,455	2,898	443
Advances In	-	-	192	192
Transfers Out	(14,228)	(21,280)	(20,574)	706
Advances Out	-	-	(1,012)	(1,012)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	<u>(11,773)</u>	<u>(18,825)</u>	<u>(18,496)</u>	<u>329</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(15,638)	(23,854)	(12,044)	11,810
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	48,369	48,369	48,369	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	15,518	15,518	15,518	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 48,249</u>	<u>\$ 40,033</u>	<u>\$ 51,843</u>	<u>\$ 11,810</u>

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Charges for Services	\$ 29,318	\$ 29,318	\$ 27,963	\$ (1,355)
Intergovernmental	62,319	62,319	55,976	(6,343)
Other	2,026	2,026	1,766	(260)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>93,663</u>	<u>93,663</u>	<u>85,705</u>	<u>(7,958)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Social Services	100,057	96,049	83,531	12,518
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>100,057</u>	<u>96,049</u>	<u>83,531</u>	<u>12,518</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(6,394)</u>	<u>(2,386)</u>	<u>2,174</u>	<u>4,560</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers In	681	681	681	-
Advances In	-	-	1,451	1,451
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>681</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>2,132</u>	<u>1,451</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(5,713)	(1,705)	4,306	6,011
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	8,680	8,680	8,680	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	8,139	8,139	8,139	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 11,106</u>	<u>\$ 15,114</u>	<u>\$ 21,125</u>	<u>\$ 6,011</u>

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVIES—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ 192,367	\$ 192,367	\$ 198,711	\$ 6,344
Charges for Services	4,853	4,853	7,542	2,689
Intergovernmental	84,212	85,043	92,705	7,662
Other	7,995	11,221	7,741	(3,480)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>289,427</u>	<u>293,484</u>	<u>306,699</u>	<u>13,215</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	2,822	2,822	2,822	-
Judicial	6,771	6,771	6,713	58
Public Safety	19,647	19,947	19,501	446
Social Services	106,305	123,967	96,954	27,013
Health	184,971	188,831	181,093	7,738
Recreational Activities	7,338	7,868	7,688	180
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>327,854</u>	<u>350,206</u>	<u>314,771</u>	<u>35,435</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(38,427)</u>	<u>(56,722)</u>	<u>(8,072)</u>	<u>48,650</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	-	-	2,910	2,910
Transfers Out	(553)	(3,384)	(2,830)	554
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	<u>(553)</u>	<u>(3,384)</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>3,464</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(38,980)	(60,106)	(7,992)	52,114
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	157,176	157,176	157,176	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	23,329	23,329	23,329	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 141,525</u>	<u>\$ 120,399</u>	<u>\$ 172,513</u>	<u>\$ 52,114</u>

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	Business-Type Activities—Enterprise Funds		
	Metropolitan Sewer District	Paul Brown Stadium	Baseball Stadium
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ -	\$ 12,758	\$ 4,267
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	53,018	-	260
Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents Held by Trustees	2,908	9,059	4,803
MSD Construction Account Held by the City of Cincinnati	6,295	-	-
Accounts Receivable	75,634	397	97
Sales Tax Receivable	-	6,733	2,478
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	1,483	-	-
Total Current Assets	139,338	28,947	11,905
Noncurrent Assets:			
Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments:			
Held by the City of Cincinnati:			
Amount to Be Transferred to Surplus Account	33,513	-	-
Held by Trustees:			
Investments—Held to Maturity	403,219	-	-
Total Restricted Assets	436,732	-	-
Capital Assets:			
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:			
Land and Improvements	6,481	67,916	17,685
Construction in Progress	319,389	10,131	377
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	325,870	78,047	18,062
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net:			
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	351,707	379,178	351,731
Sewer Laterals	1,083,889	-	-
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	489,492	8,786	5,782
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(810,543)	(207,572)	(151,890)
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	1,114,545	180,392	205,623
Total Capital Assets, Net	1,440,415	258,439	223,685
Other	157	-	-
Total Noncurrent Assets	1,877,304	258,439	223,685
TOTAL ASSETS	2,016,642	287,386	235,590
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Charge on Refunding	15,283	10,545	9,130
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	15,283	10,545	9,130
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 2,031,925	\$ 297,931	\$ 244,720
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,257	\$ 700	\$ 398
Construction Accounts Payable	9,552	-	-
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	2,633	49	14
Intergovernmental Payable	-	28	2
Unearned Revenue	-	8	5
Accrued Interest Payable	-	-	-
Accrued Interest Payable from Restricted Assets	2,908	1,666	774
Retainage Payable	-	380	275
Accrued Compensated Absences	3,786	7	-
Unearned Lease Rent Revenue	-	1	-
Current Portion of State Loans Payable	-	-	-
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	61,765	15,879	4,633
Estimated Future Claims	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	86,901	18,718	6,101
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Estimated Future Claims	-	-	-
Accrued Compensated Absences	4,746	311	-
Unearned Lease Rent Revenue	-	3,693	12,406
State Loans Payable	-	-	-
Long-Term Debt	972,844	355,941	190,953
Net Pension Obligation	46,819	-	-
Net Other Post Employment Benefit Obligation	12,456	-	-
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,036,865	359,945	203,359
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,123,766	378,663	209,460
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	501,260	(94,231)	37,423
Restricted for Debt Service	8,454	-	-
Unrestricted	398,445	13,499	(2,163)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 908,159	\$ (80,732)	\$ 35,260

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Business-Type Activities—Enterprise Funds		Governmental
Other Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds	Activities
		Internal Service Funds
\$ 28,843	\$ 45,868	\$ 17,545
13	53,291	-
-	16,770	-
-	6,295	-
1,227	77,355	14
-	9,211	-
37	37	-
15	15	-
-	1,483	-
<u>30,135</u>	<u>210,325</u>	<u>17,559</u>
-	33,513	-
-	403,219	-
-	436,732	-
5,465	97,547	-
986	330,883	-
<u>6,451</u>	<u>428,430</u>	<u>-</u>
224,383	1,306,999	41
-	1,083,889	-
9,080	513,140	533
(87,422)	(1,257,427)	(379)
<u>146,041</u>	<u>1,646,601</u>	<u>195</u>
<u>152,492</u>	<u>2,075,031</u>	<u>195</u>
-	157	-
152,492	2,511,920	195
<u>182,627</u>	<u>2,722,245</u>	<u>17,754</u>
-	34,958	-
-	34,958	-
<u>\$ 182,627</u>	<u>\$ 2,757,203</u>	<u>\$ 17,754</u>
\$ 1,856	\$ 9,211	\$ 35
-	9,552	-
30	30	-
247	2,943	45
77	107	6
-	13	-
21	21	-
54	5,402	-
39	694	-
41	3,834	14
-	1	-
2,107	2,107	-
1,473	83,750	-
-	-	5,186
<u>5,945</u>	<u>117,665</u>	<u>5,286</u>
-	-	268
744	5,801	150
-	16,099	-
11,203	11,203	-
21,461	1,541,199	-
-	46,819	-
-	12,456	-
<u>33,408</u>	<u>1,633,577</u>	<u>418</u>
<u>39,353</u>	<u>1,751,242</u>	<u>5,704</u>
116,604	561,056	195
-	8,454	-
26,670	436,451	11,855
<u>\$ 143,274</u>	<u>\$ 1,005,961</u>	<u>\$ 12,050</u>

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	Business-Type Activities— Enterprise Funds		
	Metropolitan Sewer District	Paul Brown Stadium	Baseball Stadium
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 632	\$ 919
Lease Rent Revenue	-	365	539
Sewerage Service Charges	237,346	-	-
Sewerage Surcharges	20,119	-	-
Other	7,746	122	102
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>265,211</u>	<u>1,119</u>	<u>1,560</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	55,487	1,658	207
Utilities, Fuel and Supplies	19,668	2,931	1,088
Purchased Services	35,707	2,626	2,733
Claims	-	-	-
Depreciation and Amortization	56,121	14,165	13,100
Other	9,156	713	396
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>176,139</u>	<u>22,093</u>	<u>17,524</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>89,072</u>	<u>(20,974)</u>	<u>(15,964)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Investment Earnings	42,558	(9)	1
Sales and Use Tax for Debt Service	-	28,821	12,900
Sales and Use Tax	-	9,234	8,697
Other Nonoperating Revenue	-	82	20
Other Nonoperating Expense	-	(6,264)	(4,645)
Interest Expense	(43,427)	(15,650)	(8,016)
(Loss) on Retirement of Capital Assets	-	(8)	(27)
Fiscal Charges on Long-Term Debt	-	(261)	(64)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(869)</u>	<u>15,945</u>	<u>8,866</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	<u>88,203</u>	<u>(5,029)</u>	<u>(7,098)</u>
Capital Contributions	3,957	-	-
Transfers In	-	4,827	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>92,160</u>	<u>(202)</u>	<u>(7,098)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION—BEGINNING AS RESTATED (NOTE II B)	<u>815,999</u>	<u>(80,530)</u>	<u>42,358</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION—ENDING	<u>\$ 908,159</u>	<u>\$ (80,732)</u>	<u>\$ 35,260</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Business-Type Activities— Enterprise Funds		Governmental Activities
Other Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Funds
\$ 27,723	\$ 29,274	\$ 41,000
73	977	-
-	237,346	-
-	20,119	-
-	7,970	-
<u>27,796</u>	<u>295,686</u>	<u>41,000</u>
14,302	71,654	1,590
710	24,397	15
6,441	47,507	3,430
-	-	35,926
8,772	92,158	38
1,663	11,928	154
<u>31,888</u>	<u>247,644</u>	<u>41,153</u>
<u>(4,092)</u>	<u>48,042</u>	<u>(153)</u>
(45)	42,505	(15)
-	41,721	-
112	18,043	-
90	192	-
(300)	(11,209)	-
(599)	(67,692)	-
(1)	(36)	-
(167)	(492)	-
<u>(910)</u>	<u>23,032</u>	<u>(15)</u>
<u>(5,002)</u>	<u>71,074</u>	<u>(168)</u>
5,920	9,877	-
2,631	7,458	-
<u>(2,148)</u>	<u>(2,148)</u>	<u>-</u>
1,401	86,261	(168)
141,873	919,700	12,218
<u>\$ 143,274</u>	<u>\$ 1,005,961</u>	<u>\$ 12,050</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
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	Business-Type Activities—Enterprise Funds		
	Metropolitan Sewer District	Paul Brown Stadium	Baseball Stadium
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash Received from Customers and Users	\$ 262,681	\$ 586	\$ 915
Lease Rent Revenue	-	-	-
Cash Received from Interfund Services Provided	-	-	-
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(58,550)	(5,556)	(3,533)
Cash Payments for Claims	-	-	-
Cash Payments for Personnel Costs	(45,514)	(1,627)	(192)
Other Operating Revenues	3,346	86	15
Other Operating Expenses	-	(612)	(396)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	161,963	(7,123)	(3,191)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Sales and Use Tax	-	9,234	8,697
Other Nonoperating Revenue	-	20	10
Other Nonoperating Expense	-	(6,264)	(4,645)
Transfers from Other Funds	-	4,827	-
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-	-
Negative Cash Balance Implicitly Financed from the General Fund	-	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-	7,817	4,062
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Sales and Use Tax for Debt Service	-	27,573	13,091
Principal Payments on Long-Term Debt	(54,820)	(10,682)	(5,128)
Interest Payments on Long-Term Debt	(41,716)	(17,095)	(8,021)
Fiscal Charges on Long-Term Debt	-	(244)	(52)
Repayment of Loan	-	(5,527)	(3,873)
MSD Loan Proceeds	2,434	-	-
Transfer into Construction Account from Trustee Investment Account	24,000	-	-
Transfer from Operating Cash to Trustee Investment Account 2013 Year	(32,048)	-	-
Transfer from Operating Cash to Trustee Investment Account	(24,000)	-	-
General Obligation Bond Proceeds	-	18,955	578
Transfer In	-	-	-
Advance from Other Fund	-	-	-
Tap-in Fees	2,855	-	-
Capital Contributions	3,957	-	-
Acquisition and Construction of Property, Plant and Equipment	(79,867)	(9,518)	(455)
Gain on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	189	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(199,016)	3,462	(3,860)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of Government Securities	1,446	-	-
Investment Earnings	1,198	(9)	1
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	2,644	(9)	1
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	(34,409)	4,147	(2,988)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	128,931	17,670	12,318
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 94,522	\$ 21,817	\$ 9,330
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 89,072	\$ (20,974)	\$ (15,964)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation and Amortization	56,121	14,165	13,100
Capital Expenses Moved to Operating	5,130	-	-
Net Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:			
Accounts Receivable	5,914	(120)	(87)
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-
Other Assets	(74)	-	-
Operating Accounts Payable	(1,535)	119	288
Accrued Payroll and Other Related Withholdings	960	(3)	13
Intergovernmental Payable	-	(17)	2
Claims Payable	-	-	-
Deferred Lease Rent Revenue	-	(321)	(539)
Deferred Revenue	-	(6)	(4)
Compensated Absences	-	34	-
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-
Estimated Future Claims	-	-	-
Net Pension Obligation	8,862	-	-
Net Other Post Employment Benefit Obligation	820	-	-
Cash Received from Customers	(1,617)	-	-
Cash in Transit	36	-	-
Accrued Payroll Change	(307)	-	-
ODWA Loan Forgiveness 2014	(841)	-	-
Capital Expenses Not Moved to Fixed Assets Fund	(578)	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 161,963	\$ (7,123)	\$ (3,191)
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ -	\$ 12,758	\$ 4,267
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	53,018	-	260
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents Held by Trustees	1,696	9,059	4,803
Construction Account Held by the City of Cincinnati	6,295	-	-
Amount to Be Transferred to Surplus Account Held by the City of Cincinnati	33,513	-	-
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 94,522	\$ 21,817	\$ 9,330
NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING TRANSACTIONS			
Structures Donated as Contributed Capital in Aid of Construction	\$ 2,182	\$ -	\$ -
Contribution of Capital Asset from Government	-	-	-
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets Paid Directly by WPCLF Loan Proceeds	16,955	-	-
Construction Accounts Payable Related to Acquisition of Capital Assets	9,552	-	-
TOTAL NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING TRANSACTIONS	\$ 28,689	\$ -	\$ -

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Business-Type Activities—Enterprise Funds		Governmental Activities	
Other Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Funds	
\$ 27,192	\$ 291,374	\$ -	
73	73	-	
-	-	41,000	
(6,956)	(74,595)	(4,337)	
-	-	(37,576)	
(14,247)	(61,580)	(1,578)	
-	3,447	1,197	
<u>(1,521)</u>	<u>(2,529)</u>	<u>(30)</u>	
<u>4,541</u>	<u>156,190</u>	<u>(1,324)</u>	
112	18,043	-	
6	36	-	
(300)	(11,209)	-	
2,030	6,857	-	
(2,148)	(2,148)	-	
30	30	-	
<u>(270)</u>	<u>11,609</u>	<u>-</u>	
-	40,664	-	
(2,935)	(73,565)	-	
(633)	(67,465)	-	
(159)	(455)	-	
-	(9,400)	-	
-	2,434	-	
-	24,000	-	
-	(32,048)	-	
-	(24,000)	-	
1,059	20,592	-	
601	601	-	
(601)	(601)	-	
-	2,855	-	
10,745	14,702	-	
(6,268)	(96,108)	(69)	
-	189	-	
<u>1,809</u>	<u>(197,605)</u>	<u>(69)</u>	
-	1,446	-	
(45)	1,145	(15)	
<u>(45)</u>	<u>2,591</u>	<u>(15)</u>	
6,035	(27,215)	(1,408)	
<u>22,821</u>	<u>181,740</u>	<u>18,953</u>	
<u>\$ 28,856</u>	<u>\$ 154,525</u>	<u>\$ 17,545</u>	
\$ (4,092)	\$ 48,042	\$ (153)	
8,772	92,158	38	
-	5,130	-	
(580)	5,127	(14)	
49	49	-	
-	(74)	-	
326	(802)	(11)	
78	1,048	3	
3	(12)	-	
-	-	4	
-	(860)	-	
-	(10)	-	
(5)	29	8	
(10)	(10)	-	
-	-	(1,199)	
-	8,862	-	
-	820	-	
-	(1,617)	-	
-	36	-	
-	(307)	-	
-	(841)	-	
-	(578)	-	
<u>\$ 4,541</u>	<u>\$ 156,190</u>	<u>\$ (1,324)</u>	
\$ 28,843	\$ 45,868	\$ 17,545	
13	53,291	-	
-	15,558	-	
-	6,295	-	
-	33,513	-	
<u>\$ 28,856</u>	<u>\$ 154,525</u>	<u>\$ 17,545</u>	
\$ -	\$ 2,182	\$ -	
198	198	-	
-	16,955	-	
-	9,552	-	
<u>\$ 198</u>	<u>\$ 28,887</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014
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	Agency
ASSETS	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 80,629
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	28,624
Real and Other Taxes Receivable	1,287,105
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,396,358
 LIABILITIES	
Intergovernmental Payable	\$ 52,207
Future Tax Collections to Be Distributed	1,287,105
Other Current Liabilities	57,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,396,358

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Hamilton County is governed by a board of 3 commissioners elected by the voters of the County. The County Commissioners serve as the County's taxing authority, its primary contracting body and the chief administrators of many of its public services. Other elected officials include the Auditor, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecutor, Recorder, Sheriff, Treasurer, 6 Court of Appeals Judges, 20 Common Pleas Court Judges and 14 County Municipal Court Judges.

A 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 Hamilton County, this includes the Board of Elections, Developmental Disabilities Services, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, the Veterans Service Commission 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 organization's governing board and (1) the County is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the County is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the County is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the County is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the County, in that the County approves the organization's budget, the issuance of its debt or the levying of its taxes.

Blended Component Unit. The Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (TID) is a body corporate and politic, organized and existing under Chapter 5540 of the Ohio Revised Code. The TID provides the opportunity to finance, construct, maintain, repair and operate roads, bridges, parking facilities and accompanying improvements within the County. It serves all the citizens of Hamilton County and is governed by a board that includes five voting and two nonvoting members. The voting members are the three County Commissioners, the County Engineer and a representative from the City of Cincinnati. The nonvoting members are appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly and by the President of the Senate of the General Assembly. Even though the TID is a legally separate entity, it is reported as if it were part of the County because its governing board is substantively the same as that of the County. The TID is reported as a separate fund in the combining statements.

Discretely Presented Component Unit. The Convention Facilities Authority (CFA) of Hamilton County, Ohio, is an up to eleven-member body corporate and politic, organized and existing under Chapter 351 of the Ohio Revised Code as amended. It is controlled by Hamilton County, which may appoint six members. The City of Cincinnati may appoint three members, and the remaining two members are from other municipalities. Each member may serve a four-year term and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The CFA was created in 2002 for the purpose of financing the renovation and expansion of the Cincinnati Convention Center, now known as the Duke Energy Center. No financial activity took place until the revenue bonds were sold in 2004. The County is considered financially accountable for the CFA because the County appoints a voting majority of the CFA's governing body and the County has the ability to impose its will on the CFA. The CFA is not, however, fiscally dependent on the County. Complete financial statements for the CFA may be obtained from the City of Cincinnati, Office of Finance and Budget, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Fiscal Agent Related Entities. As counties are structured in Ohio, the County Auditor and County Treasurer serve as fiscal officer and custodian of funds, respectively, for various non-County entities. As fiscal officer, the Auditor maintains the accounts and certifies the availability of appropriated funds prior to the processing of warrants for payment. As custodian of funds, the Treasurer invests public moneys held on deposit in the County

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treasury and redeems the Auditor's warrants. In the case of the separate districts and commissions listed below, the County Auditor and County Treasurer serve as statutory fiscal agent and custodian of funds, respectively. The County, however, is not otherwise accountable for these entities. Accordingly, only the cash for the following boards and commissions that is being held by the County Treasurer is reflected in accompanying agency funds statements:

The *Hamilton County Family and Children First Council* was formed under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37. The Council works in cooperation with several community partners to provide early intervention services for children in at-risk families. The Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services serves as administrative agent for the Council.

The *Hamilton County General Health District (Health District)* provides public health services to its residents and communities to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and promote good health. The Health District is governed by a five member Board of Health (BOH), four of whom are elected by the District Advisory Council, which consists of the President of the Board of County Commissioners, the chief executive of each municipal corporation not constituting a city health district, and the chairperson of the board of township trustees. The other BOH member is elected by the District Licensing Council, which consists of representatives of entities licensed by the Health District. The BOH appoints the Health Commissioner, and approves the budget and various resolutions including fees and operating policies. The Health Commissioner is empowered to direct the activities of the Health District, including hiring and adjusting employee wages, approving grant budgets and executing contracts. The Health District is responsible for its own fiscal management and undergoes an annual financial audit. The Health District is dependent on the County to provide facilities, legal counsel and custodianship over its funds.

The *Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission* serves the Board of County Commissioners by providing advisory planning services to the unincorporated areas (12 townships) of the County. It also serves 37 County municipalities that are members of the Commission and pay annual fees. The Commission itself is made up of 7 representatives: 4 township representatives appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, 1 municipality representative appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, 1 municipal planning commission representative elected by municipal planning commissions and 1 City of Cincinnati representative appointed by the Cincinnati Planning Commission. The Regional Planning Commission appoints an Executive Director and can hire and fix compensation of employees. The Commission is dependent on the County to provide facilities and legal counsel and to act as fiscal agent and custodian of its funds. The budget is approved by the Commission, which is responsible for fiscal management through its authority to enter into contracts and prepare certain financial reports.

The *Hamilton County River City Correctional Center (RCCC)*, a Community-Based Correctional Facility, is a local alternative to prison with the primary purpose of rehabilitation for nonviolent felony offenders. The RCCC is governed by a Facility Governing Board, two-thirds of which is appointed by the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas and one-third by the Board of County Commissioners. The Facilities Governing Board approves the annual budget and any revisions thereto. Ongoing fiscal management occurs with oversight from both the RCCC Executive Director and the Business Manager.

The *Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)* is a separate political subdivision of the State of Ohio and Hamilton County, organized under the Ohio Soil Conservation Act of 1941. Since its inception, the SWCD has been governed by a publicly elected board of volunteer supervisors that are 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 District is committed to assist the citizens of Hamilton County through education, technical assistance and leadership in the conservation of our soil and water resources.

Jointly Governed Organizations. Hamilton County Board of Developmental Disabilities is a member of the Southwest Ohio Regional Council of Governments formed by Hamilton, Clermont, Butler and Warren Counties.

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The purpose of this Council is to coordinate the powers and duties of the member counties to better serve and benefit persons with developmental disabilities. Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board is a member of the Three C Recovery and Health Care Network Council of Governments, which was created by the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board; The Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County; and The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County. The purpose of this Council is for creating a Shared Health care and Recovery Enterprise System (SHARES) to support management of client enrollment, benefit management, provider contracting, payment processes and utilization management for the member boards. (See note VI C, Jointly Governed Organizations.) The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) is jointly governed with the City of Cincinnati. The County has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility in SORTA. Separate financial statements are available by contacting SORTA at 602 Main Street, Suite 1100, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati also jointly govern the Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board (SWORWIB). While the County is the fiscal agent and administrative entity for this board, the County has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility to the board. Separate financial statements are available by contacting SWORWIB at 441 Vine Street, Suite 300, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Related Organizations. The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for appointing the majority of the members of the Board of Building Appeals, Board of Building Standards, Community Development Advisory Committee, Local Corrections Planning Board, County Land Reutilization Corporation, Elderly Services Programs Advisory Council, Hamilton County Hospital Commission, Public Defender Commission, and Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Hamilton County Commissioners also appoint half of the board members for the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority. The Hamilton County Probate Court Judge appoints the Board of Park Commissioners of the Hamilton County Park District. In none of the aforementioned instances does the County's accountability extend beyond making the appointments. These organizations do not have significant operational or financial relationships with the County.

B. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the County and CFA have been prepared in conformity with 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 County's accounting policies are described below.

The County's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. The government-wide statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. The fund financial statements 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 and its component unit, whose financial activities are reported separately from those of the primary government. Agency funds are not included in the government-wide statements. The statements distinguish between those activities of the County that are governmental, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, and those that are considered business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The activity of the governmental internal service funds is eliminated to avoid doubling up revenues and expenses. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The exceptions to this general rule are charges between the Rotary nonmajor enterprise funds and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the County's governmental and business-type activities and the component unit's activities 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. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a

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service, program or department and are, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. The policy of the County is to 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 that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the County or the component unit, 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, in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance, the County segregates in separate funds the transactions related to certain County functions or activities. 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. The total for all internal service funds is presented in a separate column on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Separate financial statements are provided for the agency funds, even though they are not included in the government-wide statements.

C. Fund Accounting

The County uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purposes and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. 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 plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following are the County's major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for the general operating revenues and expenditures of the County not recorded elsewhere. The General Fund balance is available to the County for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Public Assistance, a special revenue fund, accounts for revenue from federal, State and County governments and expenditures used to provide services to eligible County residents.

The *Health and Human Services Levies* special revenue fund accounts for the revenue from health and human services levies. Levies and expenditures are determined by policies of the Board of County Commissioners.

The nonmajor governmental funds of the County account for grants and other resources, whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to particular purposes.

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:

Enterprise funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the Board of County Commissioners has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management

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accountability. The expenses of providing goods and services primarily or solely to the general public are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The following are the County's major enterprise funds:

Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) is the County-owned sewer district operated by the City of Cincinnati under a management contract. The MSD fund accounts for County-provided wastewater service to residential and industrial users in Hamilton County. Sewer charges serve as the major revenue source for financing operations and maintenance of the sewer system. MSD employees are employees of the City. Per the contract with the City, the County has exercised its option to have a separate financial audit of MSD. Additionally, bond indentures require separately audited financial statements of MSD. These audited statements are included in this report as a major enterprise fund with appropriate note disclosure.

Paul Brown Stadium fund accounts for revenue received from football stadium tenants and for the operations of the stadium.

Baseball Stadium fund accounts for revenue and expenses associated with the operations of the baseball stadium (Great American Ball Park) and the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum.

Internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency of the County to other departments or agencies of the County on a cost-reimbursement basis. The internal service funds report on (1) workers' compensation, (2) the Auditor's computer center and (3) medical self-insurance.

Fiduciary Funds. The County's only fiduciary funds are agency funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. These funds account for (1) assets held by the County as agent for the entities described in note I A as Fiscal Agent Related Entities and (2) various taxes, assessments and State-shared resources collected on behalf of other local governments.

D. 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 and its component unit are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements. All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of *current financial resources* measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the Balance Sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and 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 reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the fund financial statements.

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of *economic resources* measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the County finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

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E. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the *accrual* basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the *modified accrual* basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds use the *accrual* basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual basis and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows and outflows of resources, and 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 fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. *Measurable* means the amount of the transaction can be determined; *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. Hamilton County considers revenues available if they are expected to be received within 60 days of year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the County or CFA receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include sales taxes, property taxes, grants 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 fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (see note V B). Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the County or CFA must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County or CFA on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange 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, local government funds, interest, fees and charges for services.

Unearned Revenue. Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue, as are some taxes and local government funds and, in the enterprise funds, lease revenue that must be recognized over the life of the lease.

Deferred Inflows/Outflows 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 County, deferred outflows of resources include deferred charges on refundings. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized as interest expense over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

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 CFA, deferred inflows of resources include the gain on defeased bonds, which is amortized over the life of the bonds in the same proportion as the annual principal payment to total outstanding principal. For the County, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2014, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2015 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds Balance Sheet and represents receivables that will not be collected within the available period. For the County, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property

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taxes, special assessments, loans and grants not yet received though eligibility requirements have been met. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

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, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

F. Budgetary Process

The County is required by Ohio law to adopt annual budgets for the General Fund, some special revenue funds and all debt service funds. Under the direction of the County Administrator, staff of the Commissioners' Office and County Administration Department prepares the budget and issues a separate budgetary report. The budgetary process begins at least six months prior to the calendar year for which the budget is to be adopted, with the County certifying the proposed budget to the County Auditor by July 20. By January 1, the County Commissioners may adopt annual or temporary measures using, in part, the official certificate of estimated resources approved by the County Budget Commission and the tax rates certified by the County Auditor. Appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. By April 1, the County Commissioners must adopt an annual appropriation resolution.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year for projected increases or decreases in revenue. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. Modifications to the original budget are approved by the Board of County Commissioners throughout the year as allowed by State statute. All budgetary amendments and supplemental appropriations made during 2014 are included in the revised budget amounts presented in the budget-to-actual comparisons. The County maintains budgetary control within an organizational unit and fund by not permitting expenditures and encumbrances to exceed appropriations within three major categories—Personnel Services, Other Expenditures and Capital Outlay.

The budgetary process does not include annual budgeting for certain grants and the Capital Projects funds. For these funds, appropriations are made on a multiyear basis with the free balance and encumbrances being reappropriated annually. The administrative control is on a grant or project basis and, therefore, comparisons with annually appropriated funds do not provide meaningful data. The County adopts annual budgets for proprietary funds; however, budgetary data is not presented for proprietary funds due to the nature of the funds, where demand for goods and services largely determines the level of revenues and expenses. There is no legal requirement to report on such budgets.

The annual budget for MSD is prepared on a non-GAAP budgetary basis of accounting, is approved by the Board of County Commissioners and is administered by the City of Cincinnati. Budgetary control is exercised at the divisional level, and between personnel and other costs.

G. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

The County's cash consists of cash on hand and demand deposits. County investments with original maturities of one year or less are recorded at cost or amortized cost. Investments of both the County and its component unit that have original maturities of one year or more are recorded at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*. For presentation on the financial statements, funds included within the Treasurer's cash management pool and County, CFA or MSD investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered to be cash and cash equivalents.

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State statutes authorize the County Treasurer to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury; obligations or securities issued by any government agency; certificates of deposit; bonds and other obligations of the State; and written repurchase agreements, where the institution agrees unconditionally to repurchase only securities of the U.S. Treasury or any other government agency. In 2014, investments were limited to federal securities, repurchase agreements, STAR Ohio and money market funds. Investments in STAR Ohio, an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, are valued at STAR Ohio's share price, which is the price for which the investment could be sold on December 31, 2014. (See note V A for a detailed disclosure of cash, cash equivalents and investments held by the County.)

The CFA's receipts are accounted for by its fiscal agent, the City of Cincinnati, or trustee. Cash received by the fiscal agent or trustee is maintained in accounts in the CFA's name.

MSD is required by Ohio law to invest in only U.S. obligations; federal agency securities; Ohio bonds and other obligations of the State or such obligations of political subdivisions of the State, provided that the subdivisions are located within Hamilton County; time certificates of deposit or deposit accounts in an eligible institution; and no-load money market mutual funds consisting only of investments mentioned above. Investments are required to mature within five years from the date of settlement, unless the investment is matched to a specific obligation or debt of MSD. In accordance with GASB 31, investment securities are stated at fair value, which is based on the quoted market prices or current share prices.

Cash resources of individual funds, including proprietary funds, are combined to form a pool of cash and investments that is managed by the County Treasurer. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the County's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments on the financial statements. Certain moneys for MSD are held and invested by the City and trustees. These bank accounts and investments are represented by Cash and Cash Equivalents Held by the City of Cincinnati and Held by Trustees asset accounts.

Under existing Ohio statutes, all investment earnings are assigned to the General Fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during 2014 amounted to \$4,953, which includes \$809 assigned from other County funds. In the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, the Public Assistance, Health and Human Services Levies, and Other Governmental Funds show a negative total for Investment Earnings. Due to declining interest rates, the fair market value adjustment posted to 2014 was insufficient to offset the reversal of the 2013 fair market value adjustment.

The County has segregated bank accounts for moneys held separate from the County's central bank accounts. Additionally, the Southwest Ohio Council of Governments and Three C Recovery and Health Care Network Council of Governments are currently holding deposits that belong to the County. These monies are presented as Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts.

H. Inventories

Inventories of governmental funds are valued at cost. Costs are determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The costs of inventory items are recognized as expenditures in the governmental funds when consumed.

MSD's supplies and materials are stated at the lower of cost or market on a FIFO basis.

I. Prepaid Expenses

MSD payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2014, are recorded as Prepaid Expenses using the consumption method. Under this method, a current asset is recorded for the prepaid amount and expenses are reflected in the year in which services are consumed.

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J. Interfund Transactions

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from long-term interfund loans are classified as Advances to/from Other Funds or as Interfund Receivable/Payable. Receivables and payables resulting from interfund transactions other than loans are classified as Due from/to Other Funds. Interfund transactions 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.

K. Restricted Assets

The Trust Agreement for MSD's Series A Revenue bonds (see note V G) requires the establishment of certain trust accounts, including a Bond Account, Bond Reserve Account, Replacement and Improvement Account, and Surplus Account to be held by the trustee. The Bond Account will be used to accumulate periodic principal and interest payments. The Bond Reserve Account will be funded in an amount equal to the highest annual future debt service requirement. The Surplus Account is available to be used for any other sewer system purpose. The Trust Agreement also requires the creation of a Construction Account to be held by the City to pay for project costs. For Paul Brown and baseball stadia, per the bond indenture requirements, restricted assets include sales tax withholdings required to be held by the custodial trustee for semiannual debt service for 2006 and 2011 sales tax-supported bonds. Also in the stadia's restricted assets at December 31, 2014, are the 2011 refunding bond proceeds, short-term loan proceeds and sales tax revenues used to fund the mandatory debt service reserve. At December 31, 2014, the following balances (at fair value) were maintained in trust accounts:

Held by Trustees:	
Bond Retirement	\$ 8,940
Reserve	91,301
Surplus	319,748
Total	<u>\$ 419,989</u>

L. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include real property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets used by proprietary funds are also reported in the financial reports of the respective funds.

Except for the capital assets of the baseball and football stadia acquired prior to 2013 (which include all assets originally inventoried by an independent appraisal firm and updated annually by the County), the County defines a capital asset as an asset with an initial cost of at least \$5,000 (amount not in thousands) and an estimated useful life of at least two years. Most capital assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets or assets the County takes ownership of as a result of seizure or forfeiture are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. Capitalized amounts are updated for additions and retirements during the year. MSD assets acquired prior to its inception in 1968 that are not identifiable with specific historical costs are not included in the capital assets balance. Assets acquired by MSD through contributions, such as contributions from land developers and federal and State grants, are capitalized and recorded in the plant records at the contributor's reported cost. Land acquired for MSD's use is titled to either the City or the County. The cost of the land has been recorded on the books of MSD, since it has the full benefits of the land as an economic resource.

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. Construction in progress includes the cost of in-force labor and costs incurred for projects not placed in use as of December 31, 2014. Additionally, in the enterprise funds, this amount includes interest capitalized on debt during the period of construction. For 2014, the amount of capitalized interest was \$371 for the County and \$635 for MSD.

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Capital assets are depreciated except for land, some land improvements, and construction in progress. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives, unless history or other factors indicate a different estimate would be more appropriate:

Bridges	50 years
Buildings and Structures	40 years
MSD Sewer Laterals	40 years
Parking Garages	30 years
Stadia	28 years
Roads	20 years
Building Improvements	20 years
Depreciable Land Improvements	20 years
Office and Service Equipment	2 to 25 years

Infrastructure assets consist of roads and bridges. They are reported as governmental activities. Infrastructure assets acquired prior to January 1, 2002, consist of the bridges and roads that were acquired or that received substantial improvements subsequent to January 1, 1980, and are reported at estimated historical cost using deflated replacement cost.

Any material gain or loss arising from the disposal of capital assets for proprietary funds has been credited or charged to income or expense of the respective fund. The net gain or loss for governmental funds has been credited to General Revenues or charged to expenses of the General Government function in the Statement of Activities.

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 that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. Compensatory time is accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination payment method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is based on the County's past experience of making termination payments. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent that payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded as Matured Compensated Absences Payable in the funds from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported in governmental funds. For governmental funds, the portion of unpaid compensated absences expected to be paid within a year is noted next to the total Compensated Absences in the Long-Term Debt and Other Obligations table (see note V G). This amount is a portion of what is reported as Long-Term Liabilities Due within One Year in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. In proprietary funds, the entire amount of accrued compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

Ohio law requires that vacation time not be accumulated for more than three years. Normally, all vacation time is to be taken in the year available unless administrative written approval for carryover is obtained. Sick time not taken may be accumulated until retirement. Employees eligible to retire under a County-recognized retirement plan, with a minimum of 10 years of service, are paid one-half (up to 630 hours for 70-hour pay periods; 720 hours for 80-hour pay periods) of accumulated sick time upon retirement.

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Certain agencies of the County that are not under the control of the Board of County Commissioners may have slight variances in policies on compensated absences. Compensated absences are accrued in accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*.

N. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. 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 normally due for payment during the current year. Bonds and loans that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when payment is due.

O. Bond Premiums and Discounts, Prepaid Insurance

On the government-wide financial statements (and in the enterprise funds), bond premiums/discounts and prepaid bond insurance are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line (bonds outstanding) method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond premiums/discounts are presented as additions/reductions to the face amount of bonds payable. Debt issuance costs, except any portion related to prepaid insurance costs, are recognized as an expense in the period incurred. On the governmental fund financial statements, premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the period in which the debt is issued. Bond premiums/discounts are reported as an Other Financing Source/Use. Issuance costs, even if withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as Debt Service expenditures.

P. Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable: The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., they are not expected to be converted to cash) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The nonspendable fund balances include materials and supplies inventory (category a), unclaimed monies reduced by the amount of the estimated liability for payments to claimants (category b), and interfund advances (category b).

Restricted: The restricted classification is used when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments (e.g., State statutes) or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation (County resolutions). Enabling legislation authorizes the County to assess, levy, charge, or otherwise mandate 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 specified by the legislation.

Committed: The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (resolution) of the County Commissioners. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Commissioners remove or change the constraint via another resolution. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling

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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 the Board of 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: Assigned fund balance includes amounts 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 amounts represent the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. Assigned fund balance addresses the government's intent and should be expressed by the County Commissioners or a County official delegated that authority by resolution or by State statute. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent encumbered amounts for outstanding obligations and the amount reserved for judgments and claims.

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 fund balance.

The County applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for the purpose 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 classification could be used.

Q. 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 borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or CFA, or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. MSD's restricted net position relates to debt service. MSD did not have net position restricted by enabling legislation. The County, MSD and CFA apply restricted resources first when an expenditure/expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

R. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the proprietary funds. For the County, these revenues are charges for services for wastewater treatment, stadium rental income, parking fees, and charges to political subdivisions and County departments for services provided by the County, including the costs of providing law enforcement staff, computer services, emergency communications, and workers' compensation and employees' health insurance coverage. For the CFA, operating revenues include contributions for financing the Convention Facility and the hotel taxes for repayment of debt. Operating expenses are the necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund or CFA. For the County, these expenses include personnel, utilities and supplies, claims, depreciation and purchased services. For the CFA, operating expenses were for the return of residual funds to the City and County. Revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

S. Capital Contributions

Capital contributions in proprietary fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of capital assets, from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction, or from transfers from

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governmental funds. These assets, which are recorded at their fair market values on the dates contributed, are not subject to repayment. Capital contributions in 2014 totaled \$9,877.

T. Internal Activity

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function 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 Transfers In and Transfers Out. 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.

U. Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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.

V. Basis of Budgeting

While reporting financial position, results of operations and changes in fund balance on the basis of GAAP, the basis of budgeting as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. A Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—Budget and Actual—is presented in the basic financial statements for the General Fund and major special revenue funds with annually appropriated budgets. The major differences for those funds between the basis of budgeting and the GAAP basis are the following:

1. Revenues are recorded when received (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) rather than cost (budget basis).
4. Loans and advances in and out, as well as changes in segregated cash and escheat estimates, are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).
5. Outstanding year-end encumbrances and prior-year appropriations are treated as expenditures (budget basis) as opposed to restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP).

Adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations at the end of the year on the basis of budgeting to the GAAP basis are presented in the following table:

	General Fund	Public Assistance	Health and Human Services Levies
<u>Net Change in Fund Balance</u>			
<i>GAAP Basis</i>	\$ 1,621	\$ 1,019	\$ 25,741
Increase (Decrease):			
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	642	9,373	(2,631)
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	1,050	1,201	(3,267)
Net Adjustment for Unrealized Gains	237	44	315
Net Adjustment for Change in Advances	(820)	1,451	-
Net Adjustment for Change in Segregated Cash	-	-	(394)
Net Adjustment for Change in Escheat Estimate	22	-	-
Encumbrances	(14,796)	(8,782)	(27,756)
<i>Basis of Budgeting</i>	<u>\$ (12,044)</u>	<u>\$ 4,306</u>	<u>\$ (7,992)</u>

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II. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE

A. Changes in Accounting Principles

In 2014, the County implemented the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements:

- No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans—an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*
- No. 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*
- No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*

GASB Statement No. 67 improves financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans.

GASB Statement No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations (which include a variety of transactions referred to as mergers, acquisitions and transfers of operations) and disposals of government operations.

GASB Statement No. 70 improves accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments that extend and receive financial guarantees with another government, a not-for-profit entity or a private entity without directly giving or receiving equal or approximately equal value in exchange.

The implementation of these statements did not result in any change in the County's financial statements.

B. Restatement of Net Position and Fund Balances

As a result of implementation of a new capital asset system for MSD, capital asset classifications were updated and beginning net position was restated to correct the capital asset balances.

	Balance 12/31/2013	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2013 Restated
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 97,547	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,547
Construction in Progress	298,201	-	-	298,201
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>395,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>395,748</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	2,292,026	348,490	(1,345,176)	1,295,340
Processing System	477,004	-	(477,004)	-
Sewer Laterals and Studies	-	1,057,847	-	1,057,847
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	76,312	469,784	(53,386)	492,710
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>2,845,342</u>	<u>1,876,121</u>	<u>(1,875,566)</u>	<u>2,845,897</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	(881,479)	(117,769)	488,036	(511,212)
Processing System	(235,632)	-	235,632	-
Sewer Laterals and Studies	-	(368,120)	-	(368,120)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(62,485)	(281,877)	44,108	(300,254)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,179,596)</u>	<u>(767,766)</u>	<u>767,776</u>	<u>(1,179,586)</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>1,665,746</u>	<u>1,108,355</u>	<u>(1,107,790)</u>	<u>1,666,311</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,061,494</u>	<u>\$ 1,108,355</u>	<u>\$ (1,107,790)</u>	<u>\$ 2,062,059</u>

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The special audit of Hamilton County Job and Family Services, related to interfund transactions for the period July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2004, resulted in a finding for adjustment and a restatement of beginning fund balances:

	General Fund	Public Assistance Fund	Health and Human Services Levies Fund	Total
December 31, 2013	\$ 78,154	\$ 27,827	\$ 165,308	\$ 271,289
Special Audit Finding for Adjustment	(1,752)	1,752	-	-
Special Audit Finding for Adjustment	-	(10,615)	10,615	-
December 31, 2013, As Restated	<u>\$ 76,402</u>	<u>\$ 18,964</u>	<u>\$ 175,923</u>	<u>\$ 271,289</u>

Further analysis on the amounts continues, which could result in revised adjustments. (See note V E.)

III. FUND BALANCE

The fund balances for all governmental funds are 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 (see note I P). The constraints placed on the fund balance for the major and nonmajor governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General	Public Assistance	Health and Human Services Levies	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable					
Materials and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 293	\$ 293
Advances to Other Funds	3,625	-	-	-	3,625
Escheat	5,179	-	-	-	5,179
Total Nonspendable	<u>8,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>9,097</u>
Restricted for					
Public Assistance	-	19,983	-	-	19,983
Health and Human Services Levies	-	-	201,159	-	201,159
Motor Vehicle Gas Tax	-	-	-	32,892	32,892
Health and Community Services	-	-	-	46,112	46,112
Debt Service Payments	-	-	-	375	375
Other	-	-	-	2,669	2,669
Total Restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>19,983</u>	<u>201,159</u>	<u>82,048</u>	<u>303,190</u>
Committed					
Capital Projects	-	-	505	7,804	8,309
Other Purposes	302	-	-	-	302
Total Committed	<u>302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>7,804</u>	<u>8,611</u>
Assigned					
Encumbrances	10,918	-	-	-	10,918
Future Appropriations	4,790	-	-	-	4,790
Other Purposes	806	-	-	-	806
Total Assigned	<u>16,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,514</u>
Unassigned (Deficit)	52,403	-	-	(5,470)	46,933
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 78,023</u>	<u>\$ 19,983</u>	<u>\$ 201,664</u>	<u>\$ 84,675</u>	<u>\$384,345</u>

The County has established by resolution, a reserve balance account within the General Fund to accumulate currently available resources for the purpose of mitigating the effects of cyclical changes in revenues and expenditures. The amount of money to be reserved in this account in any fiscal year shall not exceed 5% of the revenue credited in the preceding fiscal year to the General Fund. The resources reserved for stabilization may be

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used as determined by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Additions to the fund may be increased by resolution within the guidelines specified by Ohio Revised Code. This account had a balance of \$3,466 as of December 31, 2014, and is shown as unassigned in the General Fund.

The County has also established a General Fund reserve policy. The Board of County Commissioners set a goal of 15% of the current year's ongoing budgeted expenditures as a reserve. If the reserve is not at that level, the Board will increase the reserve by .5% of the General Fund budgeted expenditures each year until the 15% level is attained. The reserve may be used to stabilize revenues, retire outstanding debt or pay judgments.

IV. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

At December 31, 2014, the following nonmajor fund groups had deficit fund balances:

<u>Fund Group</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>
Health and Community Services Grants	\$ (1,093)
Judicial Services Grants	(1,310)
Health Grants	(696)
Project Accounting	(2,371)

These deficits were caused by deferring revenue for which eligibility requirements had not yet been met and/or the time lag between reimbursements for grant and project expenditures versus when the expenditures were incurred.

The deficit net position of (\$80,732) in the Paul Brown Stadium enterprise fund is due to the outstanding debt on the capital assets exceeding the cost of the assets net of depreciation.

V. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Deposits and Investments

Moneys held by the County are classified by State statute into two categories:

1. Active moneys are public moneys determined to be necessary to meet current demand upon the County treasury. Active moneys 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.
2. Moneys held by the County that are not considered active are classified as inactive.

The County's Statement of Investment Policy, approved by the County's Investment Advisory Committee, authorizes investments permitted under Ohio law, which states that inactive moneys are to be deposited or invested in the following:

1. U.S. Treasury notes, bills, bonds or other obligations or securities issued by the U.S. 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 directly by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association and Student Loan Marketing Association;
3. written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2% and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed 30 days;
4. bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or its political subdivisions, provided that such political subdivisions are located wholly or partly within the County;

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5. time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. no-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in item 1 or 2 above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. the State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
8. securities lending agreements in which the County lends securities and the eligible institution agrees to exchange either securities described in item 1 or 2 above or cash or both securities and cash, equal value for equal value;
9. high-grade commercial paper for a period not to exceed 270 days in an amount not to exceed (a) 10% of the aggregate value of the issuing corporation's outstanding commercial paper or (b) 25% of the County's total average portfolio; or
10. bankers' acceptances for a period not to exceed 180 days and in an amount not to exceed 25% of the County's total average portfolio.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives, as well as the issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are all prohibited.

Investments may be made only 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.

The following information categorizes deposits and investments and identifies risks related to deposits and investments as defined in GASB Statement No. 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (Including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*, and GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*.

Cash on Hand. At year-end, the County had \$296 in undeposited cash on hand. This amount is included on the Statement of Net Position of the County as part of Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments.

Deposits—County. At year-end, the County's carrying amount of deposits was \$113,265 and the bank balance was \$119,856.

Custodial Credit Risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. The County's policy for deposits is that any balance not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will be collateralized by the financial institutions with pledged securities. Of the year-end bank balance, \$6,088 was covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the County's agent in the County's name. The remaining balance of \$113,768 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent but not in the County's name.

Investments—County. At December 31, 2014, investment balances were as follows:

Investments	Fair Value	Investment Maturities		% of Portfolio
		Less Than 1 Year	1–5 Years	
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)	\$ 154,985	\$ 47,507	\$ 107,478	32.78
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)	247,995	21,017	226,978	52.45
Federal Farm Credit Banks (FFCB)	22,650	-	22,650	4.79
U.S. Treasury Notes	28,498	1,979	26,519	6.03
Sewer Special Assessment Bond	848	-	848	.18
Repurchase Agreements	2,248	2,248	-	.47
Investment in STAR Ohio	1	1	-	-
Money Market Funds—Trustee	15,583	15,583	-	3.30
Total County Investments	<u>\$ 472,808</u>	<u>\$ 88,335</u>	<u>\$ 384,473</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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STAR Ohio 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 does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. STAR Ohio funds are invested in U.S. government and agency securities, collateralized repurchase agreements with eligible Ohio financial institutions and eligible bankers' acceptances and commercial paper. The fair value of the County's position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

Credit Risk. It is the County's policy to limit its investments in no-load money market mutual funds to funds rated in the highest category by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations and to limit investments in other obligations that are not U.S. government obligations or those explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government to investments that have a credit quality rating of the top two ratings issued. Investments in the FHLB, FNMA and FFCB were rated Aaa and AA+ by Moody's and Standard and Poor's. Investments in STAR Ohio were rated AAA by Standard & Poor's. The County's investments in money market funds were rated AAA by Standard and Poor's.

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 implemented several controls to mitigate custodial risk. All security transactions are executed on a delivery versus payment basis. All securities are delivered to the County's custodian bank before payment is made to the broker dealer for the security. Securities delivered to the custodian are held in the name of the County. If the market conditions or liquidity needs require the sale of the security, the County will identify securities that mitigate the amount of the loss. With repurchase agreements, the County requires that the counterparty deliver securities with a market value at least equal to 102% of the purchase price of the securities. If the counterparty fails to repurchase the securities per the terms of the agreement, the County reserves the right to sell the securities in the market.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The County's investment policy provides for diversification to avoid undue concentration in one type of securities. The County has invested more than 5% of the County's investments in the FHLB (32.78%), the FNMA (52.45%), and U.S. Treasury Notes (6.03%).

Interest Rate Risk. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to specific obligations or debt of the County, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Additionally, policy specifies that the portfolio be structured to diversify investments to reduce the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity or a specific type of investment.

Deposits—MSD. MSD has active deposits as described above. Its inactive deposits are public deposits that the MSD has identified as not required for use within the current two-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. In addition to deposits of active and inactive moneys, MSD may have deposits of interim moneys. These are moneys that are not needed for immediate use but that 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.

At December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of MSD's deposits totaled \$92,826. Amounts held by the City are invested on MSD's behalf in accordance with the City's Municipal Code. These amounts are collateralized as part of the City's cash and investment balances.

Custodial Credit Risk (Defined Above). MSD's policy for deposits states that collateral is required for demand deposits and certificates of deposit at 105% of all deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance. Protection of MSD's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the finance director by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of

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the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities, school districts and district corporations. Obligations pledged to secure deposits must be delivered to a bank other than the institution in which the deposit is made. Written custodial agreements are required. Although the pledging bank has an investment and securities pool used to collateralize all public deposits, which are held in the financial institution's name, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject MSD to a successful claim by the FDIC. The deposits not covered by federal depository insurance are considered uninsured and uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB 3 and subject to custodial credit risk.

For additional GASB 40 disclosure requirements, refer to the financial statements as of June 30, 2014, the most recent available, for the City of Cincinnati.

Investments—MSD. State statute, Board of County Commissioners' resolutions, and the 1985 Trust Indenture as amended, authorize MSD to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, its agencies or its instrumentalities; certificates of deposit; repurchase agreements; money market deposit accounts; municipal depository funds; super NOW accounts; sweep accounts; separate trading of registered interest and principal of securities; mutual funds; bonds and other obligations of the State; and the State Treasurer's investment pool. The following investment policies are the same for MSD as defined in the County's investment policy above: (1) limitations on repurchase agreements, (2) prohibited investments, and (3) guidelines governing dealers and payments. Investments made by MSD are summarized below:

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% of Portfolio</u>
Investments Held by the City of Cincinnati	\$ 92,826	18.60
U.S. Government Securities	404,431	81.06
Money Market Funds	1,696	.34
Total Investments	<u>\$ 498,953</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Custodial Credit Risk (Defined Above). Funds held by trustees are eligible investments as defined by the Trust Agreement and are in the name of the trustee for the benefit of MSD. As stated in GASB 40, obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not require disclosure of credit quality. The Federal National Mortgage Association notes, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation notes and Federal Home Loan Bank notes are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in MSD's name. The money market funds are invested in a treasury obligation fund with a Moody's credit rating of Aaa. MSD has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: MSD uses the City of Cincinnati's investment policy, which addresses concentration of credit risk by requiring investments to be diversified to reduce risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific issue or class of security. The table above includes the percentage of each investment type held by MSD at December 31, 2014.

MSD has no policy that addresses interest rate risk.

Deposits—CFA. At year-end, the carrying amount of CFA deposits held by the trustee totaled \$84,183 and the bank balance was \$84,183. Included in this balance were deposits of the proceeds for the refunding of the old debt. The accounts are held in custodial accounts at The Bank of New York Mellon and are not collateralized.

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Investments—CFA. The trustee for the CFA held no investments at December 31, 2014.

The CFA’s investment policy is limited by the Cooperative Agreement with the City and the County. The eligible investments include obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States or by an agency or instrumentality of the federal government or a no-load money market fund that consists of these obligations. The CFA may also invest in time certificates of deposits of eligible institutions; bonds and other obligations of the State, City or political subdivision of the State; Ohio subdivision’s fund; and certain written repurchase agreements.

The CFA does not have a written credit risk policy, concentration of credit risk policy, investment rate risk policy or foreign currency risk policy.

Reconciliation of Balance Sheet Cash with Deposits and Investments. The classifications of cash and cash equivalents, and investments on the combined financial statements for the primary government are based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9, *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Non-Expendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*. A reconciliation between the classifications of cash and investments on the combined financial statements and the classifications of deposits and investments, including MSD, presented above per GASB 3 is as follows:

Carrying Amount of Deposits	\$ 206,387	Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 541,764
Carrying Amount of Investments	878,935	Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	83,761
Total	\$ 1,085,322	Cash and Cash Equivalents—Restricted	56,578
		Investments—Restricted	403,219
		Total	\$ 1,085,322

B. Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2014, consisted of taxes, interest, special assessments, accounts (billings for user-charged services, including unbilled utility services), and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants, entitlements and shared revenues. All trade and property tax receivables, including those for MSD, are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles. Receivables are recorded on the County’s financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined to be material and substantiated, not only by supporting documentation but also by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation and collectability.

Property Taxes. Property taxes include amounts levied against real, public utility and tangible (personal) property. The assessed value by property classification upon which the 2014 tax collection was based is as follows:

Real Property—2014 Valuation:	
Residential/Agricultural	\$ 12,705,736
Commercial/Industrial/Public Utilities	4,619,940
Public Utility Personal Property	843,929
Total Valuation	\$ 18,169,605

Ohio law prohibits taxation of property by all overlapping taxing authorities in excess of 10 mills per dollar of assessed value without a vote of the people. Presently, the County levies 2.26 mills of this 10-mill limit for its General Fund. In addition to the 2.26 mills, voted levies in the amount of 16.77 mills have been approved for health and hospitalization, law enforcement, developmental disabilities and health, children’s services, zoological parks, senior services, family treatment services and the museum center.

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A summary of the voted levies follows:

Purpose	Voter Authorized Rate ⁽¹⁾	Rates Levied for Current Year Collection ⁽²⁾		Final Collection Year
		Residential/ Agricultural	Commercial/ Industrial	
University Hospital	4.07	1.70	2.65	2014
Police Information Center	0.54	0.17	0.29	Continuing
Developmental Disabilities	4.13	3.94	4.13	2014
Mental Health	2.99	1.64	2.26	2017
Children's Services	2.77	1.88	2.60	2016
Zoo	0.46	0.35	.44	2018
Senior Services	1.29	1.00	1.23	2017
Family Treatment Services	0.34	.35	0.34	2014
Museum Center	0.18	0.17	0.18	2014
Total Voted Millage	<u>16.77</u>	<u>11.20</u>	<u>14.12</u>	

⁽¹⁾dollar amount per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

⁽²⁾reduction factors applied to levies

Ohio law provides for a reduction in the rates of voted levies to offset increased values resulting from the reappraisal of real property. Reduction factors are applied to authorized voted levies so that each levy yields the same amount from real property taxes as in the year in which the levy was approved. The reduction factors are computed annually and applied separately for residential/agricultural property and commercial/industrial property. Increases to voted levy revenues occur with the addition of new construction that is added to the tax duplicate each year.

The County Commissioners allocated approximately 17.50% of the ½ cent permissive sales tax receipts to reduce residential property taxes in the County. In 2014, this represented a 1.75% reduction for all owner-occupied homeowners in the County.

Taxes collected on real property (other than public utilities) in one calendar year are levied on the preceding calendar year's assessed values as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established the preceding year by the County Auditor at 35% of appraised market value. A physical reappraisal of all real property is required every six years, with a statistical update every third year. The last physical reappraisal was completed during 2011.

The County Treasurer bills and collects real property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the County. 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 of the following year. The County's practice is to extend the December 31 due date to January. Unpaid taxes become delinquent after December 31 of the year they are due with penalties and interest assessed. Foreclosure proceedings may be initiated by the County Prosecutor if delinquent taxes are not paid within one year.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the collection year, the lien date. The majority of public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at 25% of its true value. Public utility taxes are payable on the same date as real property taxes described previously.

The County Auditor periodically remits to the taxing districts their portions of the taxes collected. The final settlements of real and public utility property taxes are made in April and August. Collections of the taxes and remittance of them to the taxing districts are accounted for in various agency funds of the County. The County

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accrues property taxes as receivables since they can be measured and recorded when levied and recognized as deferred revenue since they are collected in advance of the year for which they are levied. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied.

Property tax revenues were recorded in the following funds in 2014:

General Fund	\$ 36,509
Health and Human Services Levies Fund	198,711
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	576
Total Property Tax Revenues	\$ 235,796

Property tax revenues include levies collected from both the current levy and delinquent levies. The cumulative delinquency as of December 31, 2014, was \$15,086 of real and public utility taxes and \$3,106 of tangible personal property taxes, for a total of \$18,192. The delinquent property tax revenue was not recorded in the financial statements due to the uncertainty of collection. Recording the delinquency would not have an impact on the fund balance of the County since it would be offset by a reserve for delinquent accounts.

Sales and Use Tax. On March 19, 1996, voters of Hamilton County approved a .5% increase (from .5% to 1.0%) in the County's general sales tax. The County Commissioners approved by resolution that this additional tax will be used for development of the riverfront area, including construction of the football and baseball stadia. Vendor collections of the tax are paid to the State Treasurer by the 25th day of the month following collection. The State Tax Commissioner certifies to the State Auditor the amount of the tax to be returned to the County. The Tax Commissioner's certification must be made within 45 days of the end of each month. The State Auditor then has 5 days in which to draw the warrant payable to the County.

Hotel Occupancy Tax. The CFA receives hotel occupancy tax quarterly from the County and City.

Intergovernmental. State subsidies for local property tax reductions are recorded as Intergovernmental Receivable when measurable and Intergovernmental Revenues when measurable and available. Federal and State grants and assistance awards made on the basis of entitlement are recorded as Intergovernmental Receivable and Revenues when entitlement occurs. All other federal and State reimbursement-type grants and other intergovernmental reimbursements are recorded as receivables and revenues when the related expenditures/expenses are incurred. A summary of the Intergovernmental Receivables for the year ended December 31, 2014, follows.

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund:	
State Subsidies	\$ 4,274
Non-Departmentals—Casino Revenue	2,352
Board of Elections—Grants	2
Emergency Management Agency—Grants	5
Juvenile Court—Grants	85
Municipal Court—Grants	42
Clerk of Courts—Grants	5
Juvenile Court—Other	1
Probate Court—Other	103
Public Defender—Other	1,084
General Fund Total	7,953

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Public Assistance—Special Revenue Fund:	
Job and Family Services—Grants	\$ 1,643
Public Assistance Total	1,643
Health and Human Services Levies—Special Revenue Fund:	
State Subsidies	20,809
Job and Family Services—Grants	1,567
Developmental Disabilities Services—Grants	6,133
Health and Human Services Levies Total	28,509
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds:	
Job and Family Services—Grants	149
Non-Departmentals—Grants	52
Planning and Development—Grants	447
Sheriff—Grants	99
Coroner—Grants	42
Emergency Management Agency—Grants	271
Juvenile Court—Grants	860
Municipal Court—Grants	243
Adult Probation—Grants	1,222
Environmental Services—Grants	1,573
Developmental Disabilities Services—Grants	810
Mental Health and Recovery Services Board—Grants	5,352
Transportation Improvement District—Grants	35
Engineer—Other	3
Mental Health and Recovery Services Board—Other	146
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds Total	11,304
Governmental Activities Total	\$ 49,409
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds:	
Riverfront Development—Grants	\$ 37
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds Total	37
Business-Type Activities	\$ 37

Loans. The Hamilton County Housing Rehab Program provides low-interest loans to income-qualifying homeowners to provide an affordable means for making major repairs on their homes. The program is funded by the Board of County Commissioners through the Hamilton County Community Block Grant Program, with funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds from loan repayments by previous program recipients are made available for use through a revolving loan fund. These loans (\$240) are classified as Accounts Receivable on the Balance Sheet—Governmental Funds.

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In 2002, the County Commissioners adopted the Home Improvement Program (HIP). HIP allows homeowners in Hamilton County to borrow money from banks to repair or remodel their homes or rental property at interest rates 3% below the lowest rate the banks would normally offer. These loans are collateralized by Hamilton County certificates of deposit (CDs). These CDs totaled \$2,839 at December 31, 2014, and are included in Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments on the Balance Sheet—Governmental Funds.

C. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets in the enterprise funds include the following cash, cash equivalents and investments:

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
Held by the City of Cincinnati:	
Construction Account	\$ 6,295
Amount to Be Transferred to Surplus Account	33,513
Held by Trustees	16,770
Total Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	56,578
Restricted Investments:	
Held by Trustees—Held to Maturity	403,219
Total Restricted Assets	\$ 459,797

D. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 was as follows:

	Balance 1/1/2014	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2014
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land and Improvements	\$ 93,265	\$ 81	\$ (2)	\$ 93,344
Construction in Progress	5,091	4,782	(5,770)	4,103
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	98,356	4,863	(5,772)	97,447
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	664	15	-	679
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	374,030	1,522	(23)	375,529
Infrastructure	690,285	3,528	-	693,813
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	91,497	4,571	(8,372)	87,696
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	1,156,476	9,636	(8,395)	1,157,717
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(110)	(55)	-	(165)
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	(288,058)	(6,443)	22	(294,479)
Infrastructure	(551,292)	(14,303)	-	(565,595)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(72,422)	(3,805)	7,986	(68,241)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(911,882)	(24,606)	8,008	(928,480)
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	244,594	(14,970)	(387)	229,237
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 342,950	\$ (10,107)	\$ (6,159)	\$ 326,684

Deductions of capital assets being depreciated include \$198 transferred to business-type activities.

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	Balance 1/1/2014	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2014
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 97,547	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,547
Construction in Progress	298,201	107,858	(75,176)	330,883
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>395,748</u>	<u>107,858</u>	<u>(75,176)</u>	<u>428,430</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	1,295,340	12,246	(587)	1,306,999
Sewer Laterals and Studies	1,057,847	37,041	(10,999)	1,083,889
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	492,710	22,426	(1,996)	513,140
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>2,845,897</u>	<u>71,713</u>	<u>(13,582)</u>	<u>2,904,028</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	(511,212)	(42,315)	-	(553,527)
Sewer Laterals and Studies	(368,120)	(23,901)	-	(392,021)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(300,254)	(13,580)	1,955	(311,879)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,179,586)</u>	<u>(79,796)</u>	<u>1,955</u>	<u>(1,257,427)</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>1,666,311</u>	<u>(8,083)</u>	<u>(11,627)</u>	<u>1,646,601</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net (As Restated—See Note II B)	<u>\$ 2,062,059</u>	<u>\$ 99,775</u>	<u>\$ (86,803)</u>	<u>\$ 2,075,031</u>

Additions to capital assets being depreciated include \$198 transferred from governmental activities.

Construction in Progress includes assets that upon completion will be transferred to the governmental activities or to the MSD or Riverfront Development enterprise fund.

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/funds as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
General Government	\$ 6,462
Judicial	289
Public Safety	1,627
Social Services	348
Health	883
Public Works	14,799
Environmental Control	160
Internal Service Funds—Charged to Functions Based on Usage	38
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 24,606</u>
 <u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
MSD	\$ 43,614
Paul Brown Stadium	14,165
Baseball Stadium	13,100
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	8,917
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 79,796</u>

E. Interfund Balances and Transfers

Interfund balances at December 31, 2014, consisted of the following amounts and represent charges for services or reimbursable expenses except for the General Fund's coverage of the negative cash balance for the Rotary Funds (\$30), a nonmajor business-type fund.

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Due to/from balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods or services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting records and (3) payments are made between funds. All are expected to be paid within one year.

	Due from Other Funds				Total
	General Fund	Public Assistance	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	
<u>Due to Other Funds</u>					
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 12
Public Assistance	173	-	-	-	173
Health and Human Services Levies	946	1,766	61	-	2,773
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	271	475	7	11	764
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	30	-	-	-	30
Total	<u>\$ 1,420</u>	<u>\$ 2,246</u>	<u>\$ 71</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>	<u>\$ 3,752</u>

Advances to/from balances are amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods and services rendered, by a particular fund to another fund and that are not due within one year. At year-end, advances totaled \$3,625.

Interfund receivables/payables are a result of the special audit related to interfund transactions for the years 2000-2004. It was determined that payment of \$1,752 was due from the General Fund to the Public Assistance Fund and that \$10,615 was due from the Public Assistance Fund to the Health and Human Services Levies Fund. Loan agreements were established, calling for payment of the amounts over 20 years at 0% interest. Further analysis on the amounts continues, which could result in revised loan amounts and terms. (See note II B.)

Transfers are 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, to move unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, to segregate money for anticipated capital projects, to provide additional resources for current operations or debt service, and to return money to the fund from which it was originally provided once a project is completed. In addition, a transfer of \$198 in capital assets was made from governmental activities to the nonmajor Communications Center fund. Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2014, consisted of the following:

	Transfers			Total
	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	
<u>Transfers In</u>				
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,723	\$ 25	\$ 1,748
Public Assistance	681	-	-	681
Health and Human Services Levies	-	80	-	80
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	11,285	126	2,123	13,534
Paul Brown Stadium	4,827	-	-	4,827
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	2,631	-	-	2,631
Total	<u>\$ 19,424</u>	<u>\$ 1,929</u>	<u>\$ 2,148</u>	<u>\$ 23,501</u>

Due to Other Governments represents the return of residual funds by the CFA and project funds being held by the CFA to pay for the City's improvement of Duke Energy Center. The deposits payable for refunded debt are the December 2014 bond refunding proceeds, which are being temporarily held.

F. Short-Term Debt

In 2013, the County secured a short-term loan of \$9,400. The proceeds funded the debt service reserve requirement for the stadia's three outstanding sales tax revenue bond series. The loan was repaid in 2014.

Balance 1/1/2014	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2014
\$ 9,400	\$ -	\$ 9,400	\$ -

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G. Long-Term Debt and Other Obligations

The long-term obligations of the County payable as of December 31, 2014, are as follows:

Governmental Activities	Maturity	Interest Rate %	Balance January 1	Additions	Reductions	Balance December 31	Due in One Year
<i>Long-Term Debt</i>							
<u>Year Issued/Purpose/Amount Issued</u>							
<u>General Obligation Bonds—Unvoted</u>							
2001 Various Purpose—\$1,455	2021	3.00-5.00	\$ 520	\$ -	\$ (55)	\$ 465	\$ 55
2001 Water West Phase 2—\$1,660	2021	3.00-5.00	825	-	(90)	735	90
2004 Various Purpose Refunding—\$21,915	2015	1.70-4.00	2,140	-	(1,835)	305	305
2004 Various Purpose Refunding—\$16,115	2015	1.70-4.00	1,575	-	(1,350)	225	225
2004 Various Purpose Refunding—\$4,100	2015	1.70-4.00	405	-	(345)	60	60
2005 Various Purpose Refunding—\$28,715	2017	3.00-5.00	9,605	-	(2,305)	7,300	2,415
2006 Emergency Management and Operations Center—\$725	2025	4.00-4.50	520	-	(35)	485	35
2006 Emergency Services Communications System—\$19,520	2021	3.50-4.00	11,710	-	(1,280)	10,430	1,330
2007 Various Purpose Refunding—\$18,130	2024	3.75-4.15	5,555	-	(1,205)	4,350	1,250
2007 Communications Center—\$1,025	2016	3.75-4.00	350	-	(115)	235	115
2008 Various Purpose—\$8,795	2018	3.00-4.00	4,720	-	(885)	3,835	910
2009 Emergency System Alert—\$1,615	2024	2.00-4.25	1,235	-	(100)	1,135	100
2009 Urban Redevelopment —\$12,550	2039	1.875-6.8	11,465	-	(280)	11,185	285
2011 Energy Conservation—\$5,512	2026	2.40-5.25	5,244	-	(287)	4,957	292
2012 Energy Conservation Phase 1—\$9,400	2027	2.0-3.125	9,000	-	(590)	8,410	595
Deferred Amounts:							
For Issuance Premiums			521	-	(154)	367	-
Total General Obligation Bonds—Unvoted			65,390	-	(10,911)	54,479	8,062
<u>Special Assessment Bonds</u>							
1994 Sewer District—\$175	2014	5.75	10	-	(10)	-	-
1995 Sewer District—\$210	2015	5.10-5.80	35	-	(15)	20	20
1996 Sewer District—\$445	2016	5.55-5.625	100	-	(30)	70	35
1997 Sewer District—\$340	2017	5.125-5.30	100	-	(25)	75	25
1998 Sewer District—\$705	2018	4.65-4.75	245	-	(45)	200	45
1999 Sewer District—\$170	2019	5.5	70	-	(10)	60	10
2000 Sewer District—\$545	2020	5.40-5.55	250	-	(30)	220	30
2001 Sewer District—\$150	2021	4.00-5.10	80	-	(10)	70	10
2002 Sewer District—\$295	2022	3.50-5.05	160	-	(15)	145	15
2003 Sewer District—\$460	2023	1.25-5.75	275	-	(20)	255	25
2004 Water and Sewer—\$625	2024	1.8-4.9	385	-	(30)	355	30
2005 Sewer District—\$110	2025	4.35-4.40	70	-	(5)	65	5
2006 Sewer District—\$76	2026	4.65-4.75	49	-	(3)	46	4
2007 Sewer District—\$750	2027	4.15-4.65	585	-	(35)	550	30
2008 Sewer District—\$262	2028	4.625-5.50	210	-	(10)	200	10
2009 Sewer District—\$710	2029	2.50-4.50	595	-	(30)	565	30
2010 Sewer District—\$387	2030	2.00-4.35	335	-	(15)	320	15
2011 Sewer District—\$275	2031	4.75	250	-	(10)	240	10
2012 Sewer District—\$373	2032	3.5	360	-	(14)	346	14
2013 Sewer District—\$182	2033	4.21	182	-	(6)	176	6
2014 Sewer District—\$326	2034	4.75	-	326	-	326	10
Total Special Assessment Bonds			4,346	326	(368)	4,304	379
Total Governmental Long-Term Debt			69,736	326	(11,279)	58,783	8,441
<u>Other Long-Term Liabilities</u>							
Compensated Absences			40,160	35,268	(35,306)	40,122	3,752
State Loans			1,547	537	(471)	1,613	106
Loan Contracts			3,603	-	(263)	3,340	175
Forgivable Mortgage			1,030	-	(102)	928	68
Claims Payable			1,405	800	(945)	1,260	992
Total Governmental Long-Term Liabilities			\$117,481	\$ 36,931	\$ (48,366)	\$ 106,046	\$ 13,534

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Business-Type Activities	Maturity	Interest Rate %	Balance January 1	Additions	Reductions	Balance December 31	Due in One Year
<i>Long-Term Debt</i>							
<u>Year Issued/Purpose/Amount Issued</u>							
<u>MSD Obligations</u>							
2014 Series A Revenue Bonds—\$162,650	2032	4.00-5.00	\$ -	\$162,650	\$ -	\$ 162,650	\$ -
2013 Series A & B Revenue Bonds—\$258,695	2038	0.45-5.00	258,225	-	(24,605)	233,620	26,215
2010 Series A & B Revenue Bonds—\$130,675	2035	2.00-5.37	123,550	-	(860)	122,690	425
2009 Series A Revenue Bonds—\$149,815	2034	4.00-6.50	149,815	-	(6,790)	143,025	-
2007 Series A Revenue Bonds—\$72,385	2032	3.50-5.25	61,335	-	(54,595)	6,740	2,165
2006 Series A Revenue Bonds—\$83,045	2031	4.00-5.00	68,360	-	(63,095)	5,265	2,575
2005 Series A & B Revenue Bonds—\$170,560	2030	2.50-5.00	135,265	-	(72,175)	63,090	12,090
2004 Series A Revenue Bonds—\$46,385	2017	2.00-3.00	1,420	-	(1,420)	-	-
2003 Series A & B Revenue Bonds—\$215,575	2028	1.50-5.25	750	-	(750)	-	-
Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission	-	-	50	-	-	50	-
Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)	2017	3.54-4.80	2,012	-	(325)	1,687	330
Construction Drawdown	2018	0.00-3.00	216,609	16,113	(11,460)	221,262	17,345
Capital Lease Payable	2029	2.00-5.00	12,735	-	(600)	12,135	620
Deferred Amounts:							
For Issuance Premiums			34,245	36,830	(8,680)	62,395	-
Total MSD Obligations			1,064,371	215,593	(245,355)	1,034,609	61,765
<u>Enterprise Fund Debt—Parking Facility</u>							
		Market Value Based					
2001 Parking Facility—\$24,500	2026		17,280	-	(915)	16,365	970
<u>Sales Tax Bonds</u>							
2000 Stadium Series B—\$349,992	2032	5.57	41,661	-	-	41,661	-
2006 Stadium Series A—\$452,270	2032	4.00-5.00	429,535	-	(15,370)	414,165	17,885
2011 Refunding Bonds A—\$72,665	2032	2.00-5.00	72,665	-	(345)	72,320	1,835
Deferred Amounts:							
For Issuance Discounts			(943)	-	-	(943)	-
For Issuance Premiums			23,051	-	(2,155)	20,896	-
Total Sales Tax Bonds			565,969	-	(17,870)	548,099	19,720
<u>General Obligation—Parking Facility</u>							
2007 Various Purpose Refunding—\$7,335	2024	3.75-4.15	5,970	-	(440)	5,530	460
2014 Riverfront Infrastructure Improvement—\$19,030	2028	2.00-5.00	-	19,030	(100)	18,930	835
Deferred Amounts:							
For Issuance Discounts			(10)	-	2	(8)	-
For Issuance Premiums			-	1,562	(138)	1,424	-
Total General Obligation Bonds			5,960	20,592	(676)	25,876	1,295
Total Business-Type Long-Term Debt			1,653,580	236,185	(264,816)	1,624,949	83,750
<i>Other Long-Term Liabilities</i>							
<u>Compensated Absences</u>			9,924	3,807	(4,096)	9,635	3,834
<u>Urban Redevelopment Loan</u>			5,475	-	-	5,475	477
<u>State Infrastructure Bank Loan</u>			9,410	-	(1,575)	7,835	1,630
<u>MSD Net Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits Obligation</u>			49,593	9,682	-	59,275	-
Total Business-Type Long-Term Liabilities			\$1,727,982	\$249,674	\$(270,487)	\$ 1,707,169	\$ 89,691
Convention Facilities Authority							
	Maturity	Interest Rate %	Balance January 1	Additions	Reductions	Balance December 31	Due in One Year
<i>Long-Term Debt</i>							
<u>Year Issued/Purpose/Amount Issued</u>							
<u>CFA Obligations</u>							
2004 First Lien Improvement Bonds—\$70,065	2033	2.00-5.00	\$ 56,720	\$ -	\$ (56,720)	\$ -	\$ -
2004 Second Lien Improvement Bonds—\$35,940	2033	2.00-5.25	17,880	-	(17,880)	-	-
2014 First Lien Improvement Bonds--\$69,890	2033	2.00-5.00	-	69,890	-	69,890	2,570
Deferred Amounts:							
For Issuance Premium			3,238	8,183	(3,238)	8,183	-
Total CFA Obligations			\$ 77,838	\$ 78,073	\$ (77,838)	\$ 78,073	\$ 2,570

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Annual principal and interest requirements for the County's long-term debt are as follows:

Year	Governmental Activities			
	General Obligation Bonds		Special Assessment Bonds	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2015	\$ 8,062	\$ 2,329	\$ 379	\$ 201
2016	7,786	2,005	381	179
2017	7,626	1,690	362	162
2018	5,506	1,377	343	145
2019	3,033	1,169	314	129
2020-2024	10,879	4,332	1,321	441
2025-2029	5,370	2,587	910	177
2030-2034	2,600	1,634	294	31
2035-2039	3,250	682	-	-
Total	\$ 54,112	\$ 17,805	\$ 4,304	\$ 1,465

Year	Business-Type Activities					
	MSD*		General Obligation Bonds**		Sales Tax Bonds	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2015	\$ 61,765	\$ 42,899	\$ 2,265	\$ 999	\$ 19,720	23,686
2016	61,491	41,276	2,365	964	22,120	22,789
2017	63,190	39,523	2,505	927	22,005	21,783
2018	41,407	38,537	2,660	886	24,565	20,683
2019	47,902	66,917	2,820	844	27,285	19,454
2020-2024	248,667	96,757	17,200	3,109	124,292	132,644
2025-2029	262,949	85,343	11,010	868	140,594	132,793
2030-2034	171,884	24,789	-	-	147,565	14,375
2035-2039	37,029	40,641	-	-	-	-
2040-2044	21	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$996,305	476,682	\$ 40,825	\$ 8,597	\$528,146	\$388,207

*Amounts include the total loan amounts, some of which has not been drawn down or finalized (related to WPCLF).

**Adjustable Rate Parking System Revenue Bonds, in the amount of \$24,500, were issued to pay the costs of making improvements and enlargements to the County's above-ground parking structures and surface parking lots in the Cincinnati central riverfront area, near the stadia and at the US Bank Arena. The interest rate is to be determined at the close of business each Wednesday. The interest rate at the close of business on December 31, 2014, was 0.19%. Using this rate as a basis, the projected interest to be paid on this bond issue will be \$223.

Annual principal and interest requirements for the CFA's long-term debt are as follows:

Year	CFA	
	Improvement Bonds	
	Principal	Interest
2015	\$ 2,570	\$ 3,272
2016	2,595	3,249
2017	2,725	3,119
2018	2,865	2,983
2019	3,005	2,839
2020-2024	17,420	11,788
2025-2029	21,285	7,002
2030-2034	17,425	2,171
Total	\$ 69,890	\$ 36,423

Long-Term Bonds. All long-term bonds of the County are retired from the debt service funds except for debt payable from enterprise funds. General obligation bonds and notes are backed by the County's ability to levy a voted or unvoted property tax within limitations of State law. General obligation special assessment bonds are backed by the County's ability to levy an assessment against individual property owners within limitation of State

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law. Sewer revenue bonds are backed by user charges against individual ratepayers. Sales tax bonds are backed by a lien on the receipts of an additional .5% sales tax approved by the County voters on March 19, 1996. Parking revenue bonds are backed by revenues and other income derived from riverfront parking facilities. General obligation bonds are generally issued as 20-year serial bonds with various amounts of principal maturing each year. Under State law applicable to the County, general obligation bond anticipation notes may be issued from time to time up to a maximum maturity of 20 years from the date of issuance of the original notes.

The Uniform Bond Law of the State of Ohio provides that the total net indebtedness created or incurred by any county shall never exceed a sum equal to 3.0% of the first \$100,000 or part of the tax list, plus 1.5% of the tax list in excess of \$100,000 and not in excess of \$300,000, plus 2.5% of the tax list in excess of \$300,000. In addition, the net indebtedness created or incurred by any county without vote of the electors shall never exceed a sum equal to 1.0% of the tax list of the county. Contained in the Uniform Bond Law of the State of Ohio are exceptions for debt limitations. Among the kinds of debt exempted are debt issued for special assessments, sewer works, self-supported revenue bonds and jail facilities.

The total voted and unvoted non-exempt debt of the County that could be issued subject to the 3.0%, 1.5% and 2.5% limitation described above is \$455,189. The total County net debt subject to this limitation is \$76,894, leaving a borrowing capacity of \$378,295 within the limitation from combined voted and unvoted non-exempt debt. The total County unvoted, non-exempt debt that could be issued subject to the 1.0% limitation is \$182,675. The total County debt subject to such limitation is \$76,894, leaving a borrowing capacity of \$105,781 within the 1.0% limitation for unvoted non-exempt debt.

2014 General Obligation Bonds. In February 2014, Riverfront Infrastructure Improvement Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds were issued in the amount of \$19,030. Proceeds of the bonds will be used to acquire, construct and install energy conservation improvements in various County-owned stadia and parking facilities, as well as pay capitalized interest and certain costs of issuance. The bonds carry an interest rate of 2%-5% and have a final maturity date of December 1, 2028.

2014 Special Assessment Bonds. Outstanding special assessment bonds consist of water and sewer line improvements, which are payable from the proceeds of tax assessments against the individual property owners. The full faith and credit of the County as additional security also backs these bonds. At year-end, delinquent receivables related to special assessment debt was \$52. In August 2014, new special assessment bonds were issued in the amount of \$326, with a final maturity date of December 1, 2034. These bonds carry an interest rate of 4.75%.

Series A and B Revenue Bonds. In 2014, MSD issued \$162,650 Series A, Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds. The proceeds were used to defease portions of the 2003, 2005 and 2006 revenue bonds and pay for the cost of issuance. The 2014A bonds are special obligations of MSD, payable solely from the net revenues of MSD and were issued on parity with the 1997, 2000, 2001, 2003A, 2003B, 2004, 2005A, 2005B, 2006, 2007, 2009A, and 2009B bonds, secured equally and ratably under the Trust Agreement. A portion of the proceeds was used to purchase U.S. Government Securities, which were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service to refund \$750 of outstanding 2003 Series A bonds, \$61,190 of outstanding 2005 Series B bonds, \$60,620 of outstanding 2006 Series A Bonds, \$52,505 of outstanding 2007 Series A bonds and \$6,790 of outstanding 2009 Series A Bonds. As a result, these bonds are considered defeased and the liability for those bonds removed from the Statement of Net Position. Although the refunding resulted in the recognition of an accounting loss of \$14,949 in accordance with GASB 23, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Refundings of Debt Reported by Proprietary Activities*, MSD has, in effect, reduced its aggregate debt service payments by \$70,966 and obtained a present value savings of \$24,543.

In 2009 and 2007, MSD issued County of Hamilton, Ohio, Series A Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bonds. In 2013, 2010, 2006, 2005 and 2004, MSD issued County of Hamilton, Ohio, Series A Sewer System Refunding Revenue bonds. In 2013, MSD also issued County of Hamilton, Ohio, Series B Sewer System Refunding Revenue

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bonds. In 2009 and 2005, MSD also issued Series B Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bonds. In 2003, MSD issued County of Hamilton, Ohio, Series A Sewer System Improvement and Refunding Revenue bonds. In 2003, MSD also issued County of Hamilton, Ohio, Series B Sewer System Improvement and Refunding Revenue bonds, and in 2010, MSD issued Series B Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bonds (Build America Bonds). The proceeds of all of these bonds were used to permanently fund certain previous capital expenditures, provide funds for new projects, defease portions of previous bond issues, fund the new bond reserve requirements and pay the costs of issuance.

The 2010, 2009, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003 bonds may be redeemed prior to their maturities in accordance with provisions of the bond resolutions. The redemption process for the bonds includes declining premiums up to 2% of principal. Under the terms of the amended revenue bond trust indenture, MSD has agreed to certain covenants, among other things to restrict additional borrowing, maintain rates sufficient to meet debt service requirements and maintain specified balances under trust agreements. The revenue bond issues contain covenants that require MSD to maintain a maximum level of debt service coverage of 125%.

Ohio Water Development Authority Contracts. All contracts between the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) and MSD require the County to prescribe and charge such rates for sewer usage that are sufficient (after expenses of operation and maintenance) to pay principal and interest on OWDA contracts. The principal is repayable in equal semi-annual installments to maturity.

Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission. Advances from the Ohio Water and Sewer Rotary Commission represent tap-in fees and acreage assessments to be forwarded to the Commission upon collection from customers. Such advances do not bear interest unless they are determined to be in default.

Ohio Public Works Commission. MSD has entered into agreements with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for financing of certain qualified capital projects. As the projects progress, the commitments are drawn down as funds are paid by OPWC directly to the contractors. The principal is repayable in semi-annual installments to the date of maturity for each project.

Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. MSD has received low-interest loan commitments from the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for certain qualified projects. As the projects progress, the commitments are drawn down. The principal is repayable in semi-annual installments to the date of maturity of each project.

Prior Defeased Debt. The County has defeased various general obligation serial bonds and revenue serial bonds through refinancing and operations. Separate irrevocable trust funds were established and funded to fully service the defeased debt until the debt is called or matures. For financial reporting purposes, the debt has been considered defeased and is not included in the financial statements. At December 31, 2014, \$4,535 general obligation bonds were considered defeased. For MSD, the amount of defeased debt outstanding was \$181,855.

Revenue Bonds. In 2004, the CFA issued revenue bonds totaling \$106,005 for the Cinergy Center (now Duke Energy Center) expansion. A portion of the Second Lien Improvement Bonds was defeased in 2007. In 2014, First Lien Improvement Bonds for \$69,890 were issued for the purpose of funding new projects and for refunding the 2004 First and Second Lien Improvement Bonds. The 2014 bonds have a final maturity date of December 1, 2033, and carry interest rates of 2%–5%. The revenues pledged to the trustee to support the debt include the following: County 3.5% hotel tax, City 2002 1.5% hotel tax, City 1.0% hotel tax, County annual contribution of \$250 beginning in 2005 and ending in 2014, and City annual contribution of \$1,000 beginning in 2004 and ending in 2014.

Capital Lease. MSD issued a capital lease for a new engineering building in 2010. The lease obligation meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Financial Accounting Standards Board guidance. The leased assets have been capitalized for the amount of the present value of the minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease.

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The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments at year-end:

Year Ending December 31	MSD
2015	\$ 1,115
2016	1,115
2017	1,112
2018	1,113
2019	1,113
2020-2024	5,569
2025-2029	5,571
Total Minimum Lease Payments	16,708
Less Amount Representing Interest	(4,573)
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 12,135

The capital asset acquired under the lease is \$15,000. It is reported with other buildings in the capital asset activity in note V D.

Compensated Absences. Employees with a minimum of one year of service become vested in accumulated unpaid vacation time. For County employees, Ohio law requires that vacation time not be accumulated for more than three years. Normally, all vacation time is to be taken in the year available unless administrative approval for carryover is obtained. Unpaid vacation time is payable upon termination of employment. In general, employees are eligible to be paid for unpaid overtime and unused compensatory time upon termination of employment. All sick, vacation and overtime/compensatory time payments are made at the employee's current wage rate. The liability is accrued by fund and is reported in the Statement of Net Position. The payments are made out of the same fund in which the liability is accrued. Typically, the General Fund has been used to liquidate compensated absences liabilities.

At December 31, 2014, in accordance with GASB 16, the following liabilities associated with employees' compensated absences have been recognized in the government-wide Statement of Net Position:

Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
\$ 40,122	\$ 9,635

Interest on Long-Term Obligations. The following interest costs were incurred and expensed or capitalized as part of the cost of additions to capital assets:

	MSD
Interest Incurred	\$ 44,106
Less Interest Capitalization	(635)
Interest Expense	\$ 43,471

Other Long-Term Obligations. Other long-term obligations of the County consist of (1) four loans from the State of Ohio for road improvement projects, (2) a State loan to be used for the construction of an intermodal transit facility, (3) a State loan to be used for the Riverfront development, (4) loan contracts for the purchase of and improvement to various properties in the County, (5) a forgivable mortgage for renovation work on a building, (6) claims payable estimate for workers' compensation and (7) MSD's net pension and other post-employment benefits obligation. These are reported as part of Long-Term Liabilities in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

State Loans. In August 2006, the Hamilton County Engineer's Office obtained an interest-free loan for \$1,553 from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Repayment of the loan commenced in 2009, with final maturity in 2028. In April 2005, the Engineer's Office obtained a loan for \$1,619 from the Ohio Department of Transportation. In

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subsequent years, additional disbursements were made, bringing the total loan amount to \$3,346. Repayment of the loan commenced in 2005. The original maturity date of 2009 was extended to 2015. The interest rate for the first 12 months was 0%. For the remaining years, the interest rate is 3%. For the two loans established in 2014, the work has not been fully completed; therefore, the loan amount has not been issued in full and a final payment schedule is not available. During 2014, a liability was included for \$537, which represents the amount of the loan used as of year-end. The proceeds of all of these loans are being used to finance road improvement projects. The loans will be repaid from the County's permissive auto tax.

In May 2009, the County obtained a loan from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$11,685 to be used for the construction of an intermodal transit facility, which is secured by parking revenues, sales tax receipts, and, on a contingent basis, by other non-tax revenues of the County. The loan will be repaid in 2012–2019. Interest rates on the loan range from 3.00% to 4.25%.

In October 2009, the County secured a loan for \$5,475 from the State to be used for the riverfront development. The loan is secured by shared TIF (Tax Increment Financing) revenues of the County and the City of Cincinnati. Repayment of the loan will begin in 2015 and conclude in 2024. The interest rate for the first five years is 0%. Thereafter, the interest rate is 3%.

Annual principal and interest requirements for the State loans are as follows:

Year	Engineer Principal	Riverfront Development	
		Principal	Interest
2015	\$ 106	\$ 2,107	\$ 442
2016	78	2,176	373
2017	78	2,256	296
2018	78	2,352	210
2019	77	1,477	117
2020-2024	388	2,942	230
2025-2029	271	-	-
Total	\$ 1,076	\$13,310	\$ 1,668

Loan Contracts. The County's loan contracts are made between the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHR SB) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), for the purchase of and improvement to various properties in the County for use in providing mental health services. The terms of the contracts are essentially equivalent to a mortgage on the property, with MHR SB being obligated to provide mental health services for a period of 40 years from the inception of the contract. Should MHR SB discontinue mental health services at a particular facility, the balance of the contract would become due immediately. Failure to pay the balance could result in foreclosure by ODMH. The balance due is reduced on a month-by-month basis over the term of the contract as long as the facility is used for mental health services. The amount outstanding on these loan contracts at December 31, 2014, amounted to \$3,340. There is no interest charged on these obligations.

Year Ending December 31	Loan Contracts Forgiveness
2015	\$ 175
2016	176
2017	175
2018	175
2019	175
2020-2024	877
2025-2029	872
2030-2034	561
2035-2039	107
2040-2044	47
Total	\$ 3,340

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Forgivable Mortgage. In 2003, a forgivable mortgage in the amount of \$1,697, to be used for improvement to a facility, was executed between Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (now part of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board—MHR SB) and Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. The contract provides that the property must be used to provide alcohol and other drug services for a period of 25 years from contract inception. Should MHR SB discontinue alcohol and other drug services at this facility, the balance of the contract would become due immediately. The balance on the mortgage will be reduced each month through February 2029. There is no interest charged on this obligation.

Year Ending December 31	Mortgage Forgiveness
2015	\$ 68
2016	68
2017	68
2018	68
2019	68
2020-2024	339
2025-2029	249
Total	<u>\$ 928</u>

Claims Payable. Claims payable represent the County's estimated liability for workers' compensation coverage for all employees. Claims will be paid from the Workers' Compensation Reserve internal service fund (see note VI A).

Net Pension Obligation and Net Other Post-Employment Benefits Obligation. MSD's long-term liability for net pension and net other post-employment benefits obligations are \$46,819 and \$12,456, respectively. (See also notes VI F and G.)

Conduit Debt Obligations. Periodically, the County issues Hospital Facility, Economic Development, Health-Care System or Facility, Multifamily Housing or Student Housing revenue bonds to provide financial assistance to private-sector entities for the acquisition and construction of facilities deemed to be in the public interest. These bonds are backed by the property financed and are payable solely from payment received on the underlying mortgage loans. The bonds do not constitute a debt or pledge of the full faith and credit of the County and, therefore, are not reported in the financial statements. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. As of December 31, 2014, the aggregate principal amount outstanding for these bonds was as follows:

Hospital Facilities	\$ 842,374
Economic Development	111,547
Health-Care Systems and Facilities	75,745
Multifamily Housing	14,745
Student Housing	48,210
Total	<u>\$ 1,092,621</u>

H. Leases

Operating Leases—Lessee. At December 31, 2014, the County had entered into various long-term operating leases for office and storage space and for land for communications towers. The lease terms range from 2 years to 6 years. Operating lease payments are recorded in the period they are paid. These payments are made from the General Fund and from the Health and Human Services Levies and nonmajor special revenue funds. Sublease payments are made from nonmajor special revenue and enterprise funds.

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Operating lease payments, excluding subleases, for 2014 amounted to \$1,706. Sublease payments totaled \$58. Future rental obligations are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Operating Lease Payments	Sublease Payments
2015	\$ 1,436	\$ 28
2016	1,322	4
2017	548	-
2018	390	-
2019	397	-
2020-2024	276	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,369</u>	<u>\$ 32</u>

Operating Leases—Lessor. The County has contractual agreements for the rental of properties, including stadia, office space, group homes, land and communications towers, to commercial and not-for-profit enterprises. These rentals are reported as operating leases for accounting purposes. Total rent received in 2014 was \$216 in governmental funds and \$70 in business-type funds.

In June of 1999, the County entered into a 35-year lease agreement with the Cincinnati Reds. Terms of the lease state that the Reds will pay the County \$2,500 a year for the first 9 years, beginning in 2003, and \$1 (amount not in thousands) a year for the remaining 26 years. In 2009, the lease was amended. The new agreement calls for the Reds to pay the County \$1,500 per year through 2011 and \$1 (amount not in thousands) per year to 2037. Additionally, there was an annual utility reimbursement through 2011 of \$625.

In May of 1997, the County entered into a contract that binds the Cincinnati Bengals from the date of the newly constructed stadium to June 30, 2026. The Bengals in turn agreed to pay the County rent for the first 9 years after the stadium was completed. That final rental payment was received in 2009.

Future rental revenues for other leases are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Operating Lease Revenues	
	Business-Type Activities	Governmental Activities
2015	\$ 31	\$ 144
2016	10	73
2017	3	74
2018	3	57
2019	-	21
Total	<u>\$ 47</u>	<u>\$ 369</u>

Assets and accumulated depreciation related to the operating leases, as of December 31, 2014, are included in the financial statements as follows:

	Business-Type Activities	Governmental Activities
Land	\$ 85,630	\$ 39
Buildings	731,590	3,322
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(348,730)	(3,218)
Total Net Book Value	<u>\$ 468,490</u>	<u>\$ 143</u>

I. Segment Information

The Riverfront Development and Main Street Parking Garage funds, reported as nonmajor enterprise funds, have one or more bonds or other debt instruments outstanding with a revenue stream pledged in support of that debt. Riverfront Development accounts for the redevelopment of the County's scenic riverfront. The Main Street Parking

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Garage affords citizens downtown parking. Summary financial information for these funds, for the year ended December 31, 2014, follows.

<u>Condensed Statement of Net Position</u>	Riverfront Development	Main Street Parking Garage
Assets:		
Current Assets	\$ 19,618	\$ 431
Capital Assets	129,310	6,447
Total Assets	<u>148,928</u>	<u>6,878</u>
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities	4,299	494
Noncurrent Liabilities	27,602	5,062
Total Liabilities	<u>31,901</u>	<u>5,556</u>
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	98,944	925
Unrestricted	18,083	397
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 117,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,322</u>

<u>Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position</u>	Riverfront Development	Main Street Parking Garage
Charges for Services	\$ 11,322	\$ 935
Depreciation	(7,578)	(310)
Other Operating Revenue (Expenses), Net	(6,770)	(319)
Operating Income (Loss)	(3,026)	306
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Sales and Use Tax	112	-
Other Revenue	90	-
Interest Expense	(361)	(238)
Investment Earnings	(30)	-
Debt-Related Costs	(167)	-
Capital Contributions	5,722	-
Transfers In	-	70
Change in Net Position	2,340	138
Net Position at Beginning of Year	114,687	1,184
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 117,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,322</u>

<u>Condensed Statement of Cash Flows</u>	Riverfront Development	Main Street Parking Garage
Net Cash Provided (Used) by:		
Operating Activities	\$ 4,757	\$ 579
Noncapital Financing Activities	118	70
Capital and Related Financing Activities	2,601	(678)
Investing Activities	(30)	-
Net Increase	7,446	(29)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	12,065	423
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 19,511</u>	<u>\$ 394</u>

VI. OTHER INFORMATION

A. 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; injuries to employees; employee health claims; unemployment compensation claims; and environmental damage. The County purchases commercial insurance to cover losses due to theft of, damage to or destruction of assets and purchases general liability insurance for specific operations and professional liability insurance for certain operations. All other risks of loss are retained by the County. There has been no reduction in

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insurance coverage or limits from coverage provided in 2013. Over the past three years, claim amounts from risks covered by commercial insurance have not exceeded the specific policy's limit.

The County retains risk of loss related to court judgments resulting from tort and general liability claims of County officials and employees. A portion of the General Fund balance has been assigned for paying potential, court-ordered judgments, and at December 31, 2014, this amounted to \$806.

Beginning in 1990, the County established an internal service fund titled Workers' Compensation Reserve to account for and finance its workers' compensation claims risk. All departments of the County participate in the program and make per capita payments to the internal service fund. The claims liability reported in the workers' compensation internal service funds at December 31, 2014, is based on the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30, *Risk Financing Omnibus*, which requires that a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The County uses a retrospectively rated program provided under the Bureau of Ohio Workers' Compensation to cover injured workers' claims.

The historical changes in claims payable during the past two years are as follows:

Year	Beginning Balance	Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claims Payments	Ending Balance
2013	\$ 2,067	\$ 898	\$ (1,560)	\$ 1,405
2014	1,405	800	(945)	1,260

The County provides employees' health-care coverage through a self-insurance program. The County maintains a self-insurance internal service fund to account for and finance its uninsured risks of loss in this program. Humana reviews all claims for Humana plans, which are then paid by the County. The County purchases stop-loss coverage of \$500 per employee and an aggregate limit of 120% of expected claims and a \$5,000 lifetime (per member) maximum.

The County pays into the self-insurance internal service fund based on one of three plan options, according to the grid below (amounts not rounded). In 2014, the County collected the monthly Employer Cost of plans twice, once in February and once in September. The premium is paid by the fund that pays the salary for the employee and is based on historic cost information.

Medical Plan Name	Coverage Level	Monthly Administrative Services Only Fee Paid by Employer	Monthly Actuarial Value	Monthly Employer Cost	Monthly Employee Contribution
CoverageFirst 2500	Single	\$ 54.10	\$ 420.95	\$ 403.14	\$ 17.81
	Double	62.09	841.89	800.39	41.50
	Family	70.88	1,322.08	1,253.55	68.53
CoverageFirst 1000	Single	54.10	451.02	414.76	36.26
	Double	62.09	902.03	817.53	84.50
	Family	70.88	1,417.34	1,277.74	139.60
POS 500	Single	54.10	521.06	386.92	134.14
	Double	62.09	1,040.87	728.74	312.13
	Family	70.88	1,635.04	1,119.47	515.57
Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan	Single	17.50	94.64	-	-
	Double	17.50	198.75	-	-
	Family	17.50	302.86	-	-

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A portion of the claims liability (\$2,979) reported in the Medical Self-Insurance Fund at December 31, 2014, is estimated by the external actuarial and is based on the requirements of GASB 30, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses.

Changes in the self-insurance fund's claims liability payable during the past two years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Claims and Changes in Estimates</u>	<u>Claims Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2013	\$ 4,165	\$ 34,319	\$ (33,240)	\$ 5,244
2014	5,244	35,126	(36,176)	4,194

The County participates in the Ohio Fire Marshall Underground Storage Tank Insurance program for environmental risks of underground fuel storage tanks.

MSD is part of the City of Cincinnati Risk Management Program. The City purchases (1) commercial insurance to cover losses due to theft of, damage to or destruction of assets, (2) general liability insurance for specific operations and (3) professional liability insurance for certain operations. All other risks of loss are self-insured. Separately, MSD carries property insurance pursuant to an all-risk policy on MSD's buildings and equipment per the revenue bond trust agreement. There has been no reduction in coverage since 2003. Insurance settlements for claims resulting from risks covered by commercial insurance have not exceeded the insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

B. Related Party Transactions

Cincinnati Water Works provides billing and collection services on customers' accounts for MSD. Fees for these services for 2014 were \$4,772. Fees are also paid to other municipalities and villages within the County for collection of sewerage bills.

The City provides overhead services to MSD, such as check disbursement and investment and legal services. The fees for these services for 2014 were \$2,867. In addition, the City's Municipal Garage provides gasoline and repairs vehicles for MSD. Fees for these services were \$1,678 for 2014.

C. Jointly Governed Organizations

The Southwest Ohio Council of Governments was created by the Board of Developmental Disabilities of Butler, Hamilton, Clermont, and Warren Counties. The Council consists of four members representing each of the four counties. Other County Boards of Developmental Disabilities may petition for membership to the Council; however, membership must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Council members. The role of the Council is to coordinate the powers and duties of the member boards to better serve and benefit persons with developmental disabilities within the four counties. The council serves as its own taxing and debt issuance authority and is a jointly governed organization. In 2014, Hamilton County contributed \$162 to the council, and the council is currently holding \$1,488 in deposits that belong to the County and are represented by Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts—on the Statement of Net Position and the fund financial statements for the Health and Human Services Levies. Financial information for the Southwest Ohio Council of Governments may be obtained at 107 Oregonia Road, Lebanon, OH 45036.

Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board is a member of the Three C Recovery and Health Care Network Council of Governments (COG). The purpose of this Council is for creating a Shared Health care and Recovery Enterprise System (SHARES), to support management of client enrollment, benefit management, provider contracting, payment processes and utilization management for the member Boards, and for additional Boards that may join the COG in the future. The Three C Recovery and Health Care Network COG was created by the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (Cincinnati); The Alcohol, Drug and Mental

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Health Board of Franklin County (ADMHBFC) (Columbus); and The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHSBCC) (Cleveland). The COG Board of Trustees consists of six members, two from each of the founding counties. Other Mental Health and/or Alcohol and other Drug County Boards may petition for membership to the COG; however, membership must be approved by a unanimous vote of all COG members in good standing at the time of the vote. In 2014, the HCMHRSB and the ADAMHSBCC contributed \$251 and the ADMHBFC contributed \$413 toward the operation of the COG. The contribution difference is caused by the receipt of an ADMHBFC contribution of \$162 in 2014. On December 31, 2014, the account balance of the COG was \$699, allocated as \$233 per member. This amount is reported as Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts—on the Statement of Net Position and the fund financial statements for the Health and Human Services Levies. Financial information for the Three C Recovery and Health Care Network Council of Governments may be obtained at 2350 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

D. Significant Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The County has contracted construction commitments for the following:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Spent to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Riverfront Development	\$ 197,086	\$ 5,158

At year-end, valid outstanding encumbrances are reappropriated and become part of the subsequent year's budget. The encumbrances as of December 31 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 14,797
Public Assistance Fund	8,782
Health and Human Services Levies Fund	27,756
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	38,376
Total	<u>\$ 89,711</u>

The City of Cincinnati and the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, are parties to a Global Consent Decree, which was lodged in 2003 with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division. This decree focuses on combined sewer overflows, the implementation of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Correction plan established in the Interim Partial Consent Decree, and other wet weather issues. The court approved the decrees on June 9, 2004. In August 2010, MSD's Revised Wet Weather Plan was approved by the federal government. The Plan commits MSD to complete a Phase 1 group of projects totaling \$1.145 billion (in 2006 dollars and including \$526 million that MSD has already spent on projects [amounts not rounded]) by 2018 before scheduling future work (Phase 2). The consent decree documents are posted on the MSD website, msdgc.org, under Consent Decree.

As part of MSD's capital improvement program, MSD has entered into a number of contracts for construction, design and other services. Commitments under these contracts aggregate approximately \$72 million as of December 31, 2014.

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County, dated September 30, 2002, a Cooperative Agreement between the City and the County, dated February 9, 2004, and a Project Service Agreement between the City and the CFA, dated February 3, 2004, the City and the County have agreed, among other things, that the City will (1) own the Duke Energy Center, (2) be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Duke Energy Center and (3) manage the design and construction of the project. Construction of the improvements began in May 2004 and was completed in June 2006.

The CFA entered into a lease with the City of Cincinnati for the existing and expanded Duke Energy Center for the term of the improvement bonds, issued through December 2033, for an amount sufficient to retire City Bond Anticipation Notes of \$15,500. These notes were issued in anticipation of the revenue bond sale by the CFA. At the end of the lease, the City will own the existing and expanded Duke Energy Center. In addition, the City and

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CFA have entered into a lease whereby the City will operate the existing and expanded Duke Energy Center for the term of the improvement bonds through December 2033.

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, it is the opinion of the County Prosecuting Attorney that resolution of these matters could fall within the scope of a material claim, though any dollar amount cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

E. Deferred Compensation Plan

Employees of the County may elect to participate in a deferred compensation plan administered by one of the following: (1) The Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan; (2) ING Financial Services, Inc.; or (3) The County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Under these plans, employees could defer up to 25% of their annual salary not to exceed \$17,500 (amount not in thousands) in 2014. The deferred amounts, as well as any income related to the deferral, are not subject to federal or State income tax until actually received by the employee. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 32, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*, and Internal Revenue Code Section 457, assets of the aforementioned plans were placed in trust for the exclusive benefit of the participants and beneficiaries during 1999. The amounts held in all three plans are no longer reported as assets of the County.

F. Employee Retirement Systems and Plans

All County and MSD employees are covered by one of three pension systems. These are the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), which are State pension systems, and the City of Cincinnati Retirement System (CRS), a municipal pension plan. County employees hired after April 1, 1986, are also covered under the Federal Social Security Act for the Medicare portion only. Pension costs reflect a percentage of employees' gross pay, as defined by the terms of pension plans in which employees participate. MSD's policy is to fund pension costs accrued, this did not occur in 2014.

OPERS administers three separate pension plans:

- (1) The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined-benefit pension plan.
- (2) The Member-Directed Plan is a defined-contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings thereon.
- (3) The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined-benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension Plan and the Combined Plan. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits.

STRS Ohio administers three separate pension plans:

- (1) The Defined Benefit Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined-benefit pension plan. The plan provides service retirement, disability and survivor benefits; cost-of-living adjustments; and retiree health-care benefits.

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(2) The Defined Contribution Plan is a defined-contribution plan in which members invest both member and employer contributions. These contributions represent 10% and 10.5% of the employee's annual salary, respectively. Retirement income is based on the performance of the investment options selected. Members of the Defined Contribution Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits.

(3) The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan that includes features of the Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans. The member contribution rate of 10% of annual salary funds a defined-contribution account. The employer contributions fund the defined-benefit portion of the plan to pay for a combination of service retirement, disability, survivor and retiree health-care benefits.

CRS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined-benefit plan. The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

Benefits provided under the OPERS and STRS Ohio plans are established by the Ohio Revised Code. Benefits provided under the CRS plan are established by the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

All three plans issue separate financial reports to the public that include financial statements and required supplemental information. These reports may be obtained by contacting each system as follows:

- Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, telephone (800) 222-7377
- State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, telephone (800) 227-7877
- City of Cincinnati Retirement System, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, telephone (513) 352-3227

The Ohio Revised Code provides OPERS and STRS Ohio statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. The Cincinnati Municipal Code provides this authority for CRS. The required, actuarially determined contribution rates for 2014 for the Hamilton County and MSD employees are as follows:

<u>Employees of the County</u>	<u>Retirement System</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>Employee Share</u>
Law Enforcement Officers	OPERS	18.10%	13.00%
Public Safety Officers	OPERS	18.10%	12.00%
All Other Eligible County	OPERS	14.00%	10.00%
County Board of DDS	STRS Ohio	14.00%	12.00%
MSD and Other Eligible County	CRS	22.00%*	9.50%
MSD and Other Eligible County	CRS	14.00%*	9.50%
MSD Other Eligible	OPERS	14.00%	10.00%

*MSD's employer contribution rate changed midyear per the City's fiscal year (July 1-June 30) rates.

The County's contributions, representing 100% of employer contributions, for the year ended December 31, 2014, and for each of the two preceding years, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>CRS</u>
2012	\$ 28,192	\$ 678	\$ 6,893
2013	27,986	566	7,224
2014	29,323	486	6,487

G. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

In addition to the pension benefits described in note VI F, OPERS, STRS Ohio and CRS all provide post-retirement health-care coverage, commonly referred to as OPEB (other post-employment benefits). For OPERS

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and STRS Ohio, and for CRS, the Ohio Revised Code and the Cincinnati Municipal Code, respectively, provide the authority for public employers to fund post-retirement health care through their contributions.

OPERS. OPERS provides post-retirement health-care benefits to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for post-employment health-care coverage.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined-benefit post-employment health-care plan that includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement. In order to qualify for post-retirement health-care coverage, age and service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health-care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health-care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

The ORC permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide post-employment benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in ORC Chapter 145.

As noted above, in 2014, local government employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of covered payroll, and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.10%. The ORC currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14.00% of covered payroll for local employers and 18.10% of covered payroll for law and public safety employers. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment benefit plan.

OPERS' Post Employment Health Care plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post-employment health-care benefits, based on authority granted by State statute. The portion of employer contributions allocated to the health-care plan was 2.0% of covered payroll for 2014. The County's actual contribution for the year ended December 31, 2014, used to fund OPEB, was \$3,645. The County's contribution for law enforcement and public safety officers for the year ended December 31, 2014, was \$427 to fund OPEB.

The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health-care benefits provided, by the retirees or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

On September 19, 2012, the OPERS Board of Trustees adopted changes to the health care plan with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2013. With the recent passage of pension legislation under SB 343 and the approved health-care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate 4% of the employer contributions toward the health-care fund after the end of the transition period.

STRS Ohio. STRS Ohio provides post-employment health-care benefits to retirees and their dependents. Coverage includes hospitalization, physician fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. All benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for health-care coverage. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, the STRS Ohio Board had discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health-care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health-care costs in the form of a monthly premium. By Ohio law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS funds shall be included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14.00% of covered payroll.

Benefits are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through an allocation of employer contributions to a Health-Care Reserve Fund, from which health-care benefits are paid. For STRS Ohio's fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the board allocated employer contributions equal to 1.00% of covered payroll to the Health-Care Reserve Fund. This totaled \$.04 million for the County in 2014.

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CRS. CRS provides hospital and surgical insurance to retired members who have earned 15 years credited service at the time of termination or terminate after age 60 with 5 years credited service. Those who are receiving survivor benefits of eligible members are entitled to have their hospital and surgical insurance premiums paid by the CRS. When benefits would be reduced by reason of the retired member's eligibility for hospital and medical benefits under federal social security laws, CRS will pay whatever additional fees are required for the Federal medical coverage.

The health-care coverage provided by the CRS is advance funded on an actuarial determined basis as a portion of the employer contribution requirement to the System. The Cincinnati Municipal Code provides authority for employer contributions.

The actuarial assumptions used for the December 31, 2014, valuation included an assumption for hospital and surgical benefits recognizing adjusted premiums, based on experience from recent years, adjusted to current year by assumed annual increases in premium costs. The cost of coverage is recognized as an expense as claims are paid. CRS has 2,985 active contributing participants of which 552 are MSD employees. For 2014, MSD's contribution was 18.9% of the total employers' contribution.

H. Subsequent Events

The following occurred since December 31, 2014:

- The Board of County Commissioners approved a 6% sewerage rate increase for MSD effective January 2015.
- The County entered into a capital lease in January 2015 in the amount of \$7,500. An additional \$238 lease obligation was issued in September 2015. The proceeds of the lease obligations will be used to acquire and install a scoreboard at Paul Brown Stadium.
- MSD issued \$52,520 in Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds in March 2015 to be used to redeem all of the 2005A Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds and the 2003A Obligations and Advance Refunded Obligations.
- In April 2015, Various Purpose Improvement and Refunding general obligation bonds in the amount of \$25,230 were issued to be used to advance-refund portions of the 2006 Emergency Services Communication System Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds and to finance communications systems equipment, technology improvements for the Sheriff's Office, improvements to the Courthouse, and the implementation of energy conservation measures in various County buildings.
- In July 2015, the County issued \$21,880 in Taxable Limited Tax General Obligation Improvement Bonds to be used to acquire, construct, equip, and improve parking infrastructure facilities and improvements in connection with Phase 3 of The Banks Development Project, as well as pay the costs of issuance.
- Taxable Special Assessment General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$169 were issued in September 2015 for the purpose of acquiring and constructing sewer system improvements and paying the costs of issuance.

I. Contingent Liabilities—Special Audit

There is an ongoing matter involving the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services. In late 2004, both the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Ohio Auditor of State (State Auditor) commenced special audits of the Hamilton County Job and Family Services (HCJFS). The audits focused mainly on the use of federal funds utilized in programs administered by the HCJFS and the relationship of the cost pools that were utilized in administering the programs. In June 2006, the State Auditor issued her final report. The final report from the State Auditor in 2006 disclosed small findings for recovery against vendors, which have been addressed and resolved.

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One issue raised by the State Auditor in 2004 involved the transfer of funds. At that time, the State Auditor disclosed that she could not make any final determination because the rules and regulations of ODJFS were unclear, and at that time, ODJFS was unable to provide any additional assistance to the State Auditor. The issue of the transfer of funds by HCJFS has again been raised by the Office of the Auditor of State. The dollar balance of the transfer issue has changed significantly since the State Auditor's report of 2006. The County had hoped to have the transfer of funds issue resolved prior to the release of the 2014 County audit. The Board of County Commissioners, by resolution dated October 19, 2015, indicated that it intended to book certain receivables/payables evidenced by promissory notes in an effort to begin to resolve this matter. The amounts of the promissory notes were based on evaluations performed by our outside consultant, Crowe Horwath, LLP ("Crowe"), and provided for a payable from the General Fund to the Public Assistance Fund and a payable from the Public Assistance Fund to the Health and Human Services Levies Fund—Children's Services Subfund. The County Prosecutor and Crowe remain in discussions with the Office of the Auditor of State with regard to the resolution of the transfer issue. It is the intention of the County to continue to work with the State Auditor to bring a final resolution to these balances.

ODJFS issued a draft audit report in September 2006 to HCJFS. The audit report of ODJFS covered the time period of July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2004. The summary of findings in the draft audit report addressed expenditures of approximately \$1.8 billion, which amount represents a multiple of the total expenditures of HCJFS during the period in question. In doing so, the draft audit report specifically cautioned that "the dollar amount of questioned costs or findings may not represent the dollar amount subject to recovery." A review of the draft audit report makes it clear that there are numerous duplications of costs and expenditures and, in the opinion of the County Prosecutor, in no way represents any potential or probable findings for recovery against the County.

Subsequent to the issuance of the draft audit report by ODJFS, the County participated in numerous meetings and reviews with ODJFS, and through Crowe, the County's outside accounting firm retained for the purpose of reviewing the draft audit report, responded to all of the issues raised by ODJFS and provided an explanation and detail of the revenues and expenditures.

In May 2008, ODJFS issued a Limited Review Report, which again addressed several issues with regard to expenditures by HCJFS. The Limited Review Report also contained portions of the responses of HCJFS that were prepared by the County with its outside accounting firm.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Limited Review Report, the County, together with Crowe, continued to review the matter with ODJFS in an attempt to determine what, if any, would be the County's financial responsibility to the State of Ohio for participation in several federal programs.

ODJFS, subsequent to May 2008, requested the assistance of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to audit the records of HCJFS with particular regard to expenditures in federally funded programs. HHS commenced its audit of the programs established through ODJFS in which HCJFS participated. HHS commenced its work in September 2008.

In November of 2010, HCJFS received a copy of a draft report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General titled Review of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Claims for Costs Reported by the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services. In December of 2010, Hamilton County, through the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, forwarded correspondence to the Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services offering assistance through the resolution phase of the audit. In February 2012, the Office of the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney received a copy of the final report. The final report recommended that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services refund approximately \$59 million to the federal government for county agency costs inappropriately claimed through the administrative cost pools. The original finding amount of approximately \$59 million has been reduced by the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) portion of the finding. This had the effect of reducing the claimed amount to approximately \$35 million. The remaining portion of the finding was appealed by ODJFS. In September 2015, the County Prosecutor received notification from ODJFS that the decision of HHS had been upheld by the Appeals Board. This had the effect of a finding against ODJFS in the approximate amount of \$35 million plus interest.

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Subsequent to the County being advised of the decision of the Appeals Board, the County Prosecutor commenced discussions with ODJFS to determine what portion of the finding by HHS against the State of Ohio would be the responsibility of Hamilton County. The County Prosecutor continues to discuss and negotiate this matter with counsel for ODJFS.

In terms of direct liability, ODJFS would have the first responsibility for the payment of any sums to HHS because of the contractual relationship between HHS and ODJFS. The office of the County Prosecuting Attorney has been advised that it is expected that Hamilton County will be obligated to repay a portion of the final amount due. The payment could be in the form of an outright payment or a payment plan.

The County's financial obligation, and any impact on the County General Fund, is unknown at this time, and any attempt to quantify that number would be speculative. The County legal and accounting team will continue to vigorously defend the County's position on this matter. Because of the uncertainty of the exact dollar amount involved and the uncertainty of the method by which any overpayment would be recouped, the County Prosecutor, at the present time, cannot indicate that there is any probability to the claimed dollar amount of ODJFS with regard to the County funds.

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The special revenue funds are used to account for specific governmental revenues (other than major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action and to account for expenditures for specified purposes.

ANNUALLY BUDGETED

Motor Vehicle Gas Tax	To account for motor vehicle gas tax federal and State revenues that are distributed to various municipalities and townships for repair and building of streets and bridges.
Health and Community Services Nongrants	To account for revenues other than grants that are to be used for health and community services.
Health and Community Services Grants	To account for revenues from the federal, State and County governments and expenditures thereof as prescribed under the various health and community service functions, including mental health and alcohol and drug programs.
Transportation Improvement District	To account for activity of the Transportation Improvement District, a blended component unit of the County.

MULTIYEAR BUDGETED

Judicial Services Grants	To account for revenue from the federal, State and County governments and expenditures used to provide legal services to eligible County residents.
Public Safety Grants	To account for revenue from the federal, State and County governments and expenditures thereof as prescribed under the various public safety functions.
Health Grants	To account for revenue from the federal, State and County governments and expenditures used to provide health-related services to eligible County residents.
Environmental Control Grants	To account for revenue from the federal, State and County governments and expenditures for the purpose of environmental protection for the community.
Economic Development Grants	To account for revenue from the federal, State and County governments and expenditures used for economic development.

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**

The debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of financial resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

General Obligation Nonvoted	To account for the retirement of principal and interest of various bond issues not approved by the electorate. The revenue source for this fund is transfers from various other funds.
Special Assessments	To account for the retirement of principal and interest on special assessment debt. The revenues are generated from special assessment tax collections.

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

The Capital Projects fund is established to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition of major capital facilities (other than those financed by the proprietary funds).

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)**

	Annually Budgeted				Special Revenue					Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
	Motor Vehicle Gas Tax	Health and Community Services Nongrants	Health and Community Services Grants	Transportation Improvement District	Judicial Services Grants	Public Safety Grants	Multiyear Budgeted			
							Health Grants	Environmental Control Grants	Economic Development Grants	
ASSETS										
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 35,381	\$ 51,097	\$ 123	\$ 1,425	\$ 4,526	\$ 124	\$ 2,413	\$ 2,442	\$ 892	\$ 98,423
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
Accounts Receivable	211	1,090	-	-	33	-	-	89	250	1,673
Sales Taxes Receivable	-	1,619	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,619
Intergovernmental Receivable	3	149	146	35	2,377	412	6,162	1,573	447	11,304
Real and Other Taxes Receivable	10,049	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,049
Due from Other Funds	5	62	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	71
Inventories	293	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	293
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 46,067	\$ 54,017	\$ 269	\$ 1,460	\$ 6,936	\$ 536	\$ 8,575	\$ 4,108	\$ 1,589	\$ 123,557
LIABILITIES										
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,321	\$ 1,279	\$ 1,032	\$ 33	\$ 889	\$ 87	\$ 1,202	\$ 36	\$ 661	\$ 6,540
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	269	553	-	-	157	25	31	80	10	1,125
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	59
Intergovernmental Payable	220	162	-	35	22	3	9	13	2	466
Retainage Payable	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
Due to Component Unit	-	1,619	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,619
Due to Other Funds	6	424	330	-	3	1	-	-	-	764
Advances from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unearned Revenue	8,379	-	-	-	7,123	103	6,710	1,726	34	24,075
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,320	4,052	1,362	68	8,194	219	7,952	1,855	751	34,773
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF REOURCES										
Unavailable Revenue	-	3	-	-	52	269	1,319	8	462	2,113
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	3	-	-	52	269	1,319	8	462	2,113
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)										
Nonspendable	293	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	293
Restricted	32,892	46,112	-	-	-	48	-	2,245	376	81,673
Committed	2,562	3,850	-	1,392	-	-	-	-	-	7,804
Unassigned (Deficit)	-	-	(1,093)	-	(1,310)	-	(696)	-	-	(3,099)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	35,747	49,962	(1,093)	1,392	(1,310)	48	(696)	2,245	376	86,671
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	\$ 46,067	\$ 54,017	\$ 269	\$ 1,460	\$ 6,936	\$ 536	\$ 8,575	\$ 4,108	\$ 1,589	\$ 123,557

	Debt Service		Capital Projects		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	General Obligation Nonvoted	Special Assessments	Total Nonmajor Debt Service Funds	Project Accounting	
ASSETS					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 155	\$ 220	\$ 375	\$ 2,610	\$ 101,408
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	-	-	-	-	125
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	1,673
Sales Taxes Receivable	-	-	-	-	1,619
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	-	-	-	11,304
Real and Other Taxes Receivable	-	-	-	-	10,049
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	71
Inventories	-	-	-	-	293
Special Assessments Receivable	-	5,769	5,769	-	5,769
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 155	\$ 5,989	\$ 6,144	\$ 2,610	\$ 132,311
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 442	\$ 6,982
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	-	-	-	-	1,125
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	-	-	-	-	59
Intergovernmental Payable	-	-	-	-	466
Retainage Payable	-	-	-	914	1,039
Due to Component Unit	-	-	-	-	1,619
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	764
Advances from Other Funds	-	-	-	3,625	3,625
Unearned Revenue	-	-	-	-	24,075
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	-	4,981	39,754
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF REOURCES					
Unavailable Revenue	-	5,769	5,769	-	7,882
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	5,769	5,769	-	7,882
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	293
Restricted	155	220	375	-	82,048
Committed	-	-	-	-	7,804
Unassigned (Deficit)	-	-	-	(2,371)	(5,470)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	155	220	375	(2,371)	84,675
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	\$ 155	\$ 5,989	\$ 6,144	\$ 2,610	\$ 132,311

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COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
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	Annually Budgeted				Special Revenue					Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
	Motor Vehicle Gas Tax	Health and Community Services Nongrants	Health and Community Services Grants	Transportation Improvement District	Judicial Services Grants	Public Safety Grants	Health Grants	Environmental Control Grants	Economic Development Grants	
REVENUES										
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ 5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5
Sales and Use Tax	-	7,399	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,399
State Shared Taxes	21,926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,926
Charges for Services	3,460	23,893	-	-	186	-	-	360	-	27,899
Licenses and Permits	-	4,957	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,957
Fines and Forfeitures	238	4,583	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,821
Intergovernmental	1,793	8,125	7,064	918	13,528	4,509	18,949	3,695	3,906	62,487
Investment Earnings	(21)	(72)	-	(1)	(8)	-	(4)	(4)	(1)	(111)
Other	499	1,552	-	-	99	263	-	258	709	3,380
TOTAL REVENUES	27,900	50,437	7,064	917	13,805	4,772	18,945	4,309	4,614	132,763
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General Government	1,292	11,754	-	-	75	-	-	-	4,723	17,844
Judicial	-	8,182	-	-	13,480	-	-	-	-	21,662
Public Safety	-	4,332	-	-	-	4,367	-	-	-	8,699
Social Services	-	11,272	7,152	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,424
Health	-	2,022	-	-	-	-	18,306	-	-	20,328
Public Works	29,000	-	-	1,190	-	-	-	-	-	30,190
Environmental Control	-	2,463	-	-	-	-	-	4,134	-	6,597
Economic and Community Development	-	7,399	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,399
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:										
Principal Retirement	244	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244
Interest and Fiscal Charges	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	30,543	47,424	7,152	1,190	13,555	4,367	18,306	4,134	4,723	131,394
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(2,643)	3,013	(88)	(273)	250	405	639	175	(109)	1,369
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Transfers In	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Transfers Out	-	(1,700)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,700)
Proceeds of OPWC Loan	537	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	537
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	537	(1,450)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(913)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(2,106)	1,563	(88)	(273)	250	405	639	175	(109)	456
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	37,853	48,399	(1,005)	1,665	(1,560)	(357)	(1,335)	2,070	485	86,215
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) AT END OF YEAR	\$ 35,747	\$ 49,962	\$ (1,093)	\$ 1,392	\$ (1,310)	\$ 48	\$ (696)	\$ 2,245	\$ 376	\$ 86,671

	Debt Service			Capital Projects	
	General Obligation Nonvoted	Special Assessments	Total Nonmajor Debt Service Funds	Project Accounting	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ -	\$ 571	\$ 571	\$ -	\$ 576
Sales and Use Tax	762	-	762	-	8,161
State Shared Taxes	-	-	-	-	21,926
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	27,899
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	4,957
Fines and Forfeitures	-	-	-	-	4,821
Intergovernmental	297	-	297	-	62,784
Investment Earnings	-	-	-	(4)	(115)
Other	310	-	310	275	3,965
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,369</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>134,974</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General Government	-	-	-	-	17,844
Judicial	-	-	-	-	21,662
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	8,699
Social Services	-	-	-	-	18,424
Health	-	-	-	-	20,328
Public Works	-	-	-	-	30,190
Environmental Control	-	-	-	-	6,597
Economic and Community Development	-	-	-	-	7,399
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	5,363	5,363
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	10,757	368	11,125	-	11,369
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,757	202	2,959	-	2,966
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>13,514</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>14,084</u>	<u>5,363</u>	<u>150,841</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(12,145)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(12,144)</u>	<u>(5,092)</u>	<u>(15,867)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers In	12,197	136	12,333	951	13,534
Transfers Out	-	-	-	(229)	(1,929)
Proceeds of OPWC Loan	-	-	-	-	537
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	326	326
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	<u>12,197</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>12,333</u>	<u>1,048</u>	<u>12,468</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	52	137	189	(4,044)	(3,399)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	103	83	186	1,673	88,074
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 155</u>	<u>\$ 220</u>	<u>\$ 375</u>	<u>\$ (2,371)</u>	<u>\$ 84,675</u>

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ 35,520	\$ 35,520	\$ 36,509	\$ 989
Sales and Use Tax	68,391	68,391	74,146	5,755
State Shared Taxes	11,042	11,042	11,395	353
Charges for Services	46,098	46,098	47,628	1,530
Licenses and Permits	2,145	2,145	2,316	171
Fines and Forfeitures	7,679	7,679	7,737	58
Intergovernmental	12,864	18,364	20,088	1,724
Investment Earnings	7,980	7,980	4,953	(3,027)
Other	8,466	8,466	8,173	(293)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>200,185</u>	<u>205,685</u>	<u>212,945</u>	<u>7,260</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
County Commissioners/County Administration				
Personnel Services	3,118	3,228	3,167	61
Other Expenditures	1,264	1,119	1,070	49
Capital Outlay	5	-	-	-
Total County Commissioners/County Administration	<u>4,387</u>	<u>4,347</u>	<u>4,237</u>	<u>110</u>
County Facilities				
Personnel Services	4,536	4,611	4,527	84
Other Expenditures	13,930	14,259	14,253	6
Capital Outlay	34	34	34	-
Total County Facilities	<u>18,500</u>	<u>18,904</u>	<u>18,814</u>	<u>90</u>
Non-Departmentals				
Personnel Services	3,680	3,380	2,536	844
Other Expenditures	3,110	3,894	3,873	21
Capital Outlay	1	1	-	1
Total Non-Departmentals	<u>6,791</u>	<u>7,275</u>	<u>6,409</u>	<u>866</u>
Contracts and Subsidies				
Other Expenditures	860	768	712	56
Total Contracts and Subsidies	<u>860</u>	<u>768</u>	<u>712</u>	<u>56</u>

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Auditor				
Personnel Services	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,381	\$ 11
Other Expenditures	1,279	1,277	1,191	86
Capital Outlay	27	27	21	6
Total Auditor	<u>2,698</u>	<u>2,696</u>	<u>2,593</u>	<u>103</u>
Treasurer				
Personnel Services	215	215	215	-
Other Expenditures	453	453	450	3
Total Treasurer	<u>668</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>3</u>
Recorder				
Personnel Services	1,083	1,033	1,031	2
Other Expenditures	121	171	169	2
Total Recorder	<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>4</u>
Board of Elections				
Personnel Services	4,948	4,948	4,643	305
Other Expenditures	4,163	4,111	3,271	840
Capital Outlay	108	158	137	21
Total Board of Elections	<u>9,219</u>	<u>9,217</u>	<u>8,051</u>	<u>1,166</u>
Planning and Development				
Personnel Services	2,957	2,957	2,813	144
Other Expenditures	2,063	1,965	1,829	136
Capital Outlay	60	227	215	12
Total Planning and Development	<u>5,080</u>	<u>5,149</u>	<u>4,857</u>	<u>292</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>49,407</u>	<u>50,228</u>	<u>47,538</u>	<u>2,690</u>
JUDICIAL				
Juvenile Court				
Personnel Services	11,488	12,506	12,506	-
Other Expenditures	1,444	1,453	1,451	2
Total Juvenile Court	<u>12,932</u>	<u>13,959</u>	<u>13,957</u>	<u>2</u>
Court of Appeals				
Other Expenditures	48	64	53	11
Capital Outlay	3	1	-	1
Total Court of Appeals	<u>51</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>12</u>

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Court of Common Pleas				
Personnel Services	\$ 2,388	\$ 2,388	\$ 2,388	\$ -
Other Expenditures	6,294	6,553	6,553	-
Total Court of Common Pleas	<u>8,682</u>	<u>8,941</u>	<u>8,941</u>	<u>-</u>
Municipal Court				
Personnel Services	5,136	5,136	5,021	115
Other Expenditures	26	26	26	-
Capital Outlay	2	2	2	-
Total Municipal Court	<u>5,164</u>	<u>5,164</u>	<u>5,049</u>	<u>115</u>
Domestic Relations				
Personnel Services	3,097	3,091	3,084	7
Other Expenditures	84	115	114	1
Capital Outlay	7	21	20	1
Total Domestic Relations	<u>3,188</u>	<u>3,227</u>	<u>3,218</u>	<u>9</u>
Probate Court				
Personnel Services	2,212	2,189	2,167	22
Other Expenditures	619	637	479	158
Total Probate Court	<u>2,831</u>	<u>2,826</u>	<u>2,646</u>	<u>180</u>
Clerk of Courts				
Personnel Services	8,664	8,679	8,672	7
Other Expenditures	2,727	2,916	2,832	84
Capital Outlay	89	189	138	51
Total Clerk of Courts	<u>11,480</u>	<u>11,784</u>	<u>11,642</u>	<u>142</u>
Public Defender				
Personnel Services	9,735	9,536	9,531	5
Other Expenditures	5,667	5,907	5,877	30
Total Public Defender	<u>15,402</u>	<u>15,443</u>	<u>15,408</u>	<u>35</u>
Court Reporters				
Personnel Services	2,241	2,241	2,210	31
Other Expenditures	86	86	73	13
Capital Outlay	5	5	-	5
Total Court Reporters	<u>2,332</u>	<u>2,332</u>	<u>2,283</u>	<u>49</u>

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Adult Probation				
Personnel Services	\$ 5,977	\$ 5,893	\$ 5,834	\$ 59
Other Expenditures	365	447	443	4
Total Adult Probation	<u>6,342</u>	<u>6,340</u>	<u>6,277</u>	<u>63</u>
TOTAL JUDICIAL	<u>68,404</u>	<u>70,081</u>	<u>69,474</u>	<u>607</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Communications Center				
Personnel Services	650	650	635	15
Other Expenditures	942	933	924	9
Capital Outlay	214	214	209	5
Total Communications Center	<u>1,806</u>	<u>1,797</u>	<u>1,768</u>	<u>29</u>
Sheriff				
Personnel Services	50,875	54,325	54,288	37
Other Expenditures	9,306	8,718	8,337	381
Capital Outlay	1,241	1,151	1,149	2
Total Sheriff	<u>61,422</u>	<u>64,194</u>	<u>63,774</u>	<u>420</u>
Prosecutor				
Personnel Services	11,530	11,910	11,902	8
Other Expenditures	563	563	442	121
Capital Outlay	81	81	80	1
Total Prosecutor	<u>12,174</u>	<u>12,554</u>	<u>12,424</u>	<u>130</u>
Coroner				
Personnel Services	3,512	3,892	3,884	8
Other Expenditures	388	410	410	-
Total Coroner	<u>3,900</u>	<u>4,302</u>	<u>4,294</u>	<u>8</u>
Emergency Management				
Personnel Services	140	140	119	21
Other Expenditures	416	416	374	42
Capital Outlay	-	40	5	35
Total Emergency Management	<u>556</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>98</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>79,858</u>	<u>83,443</u>	<u>82,758</u>	<u>685</u>

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Job and Family Services				
Other Expenditures	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1
Total Job and Family Services	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Veterans Service Commission				
Personnel Services	662	662	633	29
Other Expenditures	908	904	839	65
Total Veterans Service Commission	<u>1,570</u>	<u>1,566</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>94</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	<u>1,571</u>	<u>1,567</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>95</u>
PUBLIC WORKS				
Engineer				
Personnel Services	365	365	245	120
Other Expenditures	191	191	191	-
Total Engineer	<u>556</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>120</u>
Metropolitan Sewer District				
Personnel Services	459	409	397	12
Other Expenditures	2,146	2,781	2,777	4
Total Engineer	<u>2,605</u>	<u>3,190</u>	<u>3,174</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u>3,161</u>	<u>3,746</u>	<u>3,610</u>	<u>136</u>
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Economic Development				
Personnel Services	47	42	36	6
Other Expenditures	1,602	1,607	1,605	2
Total Economic Development	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>8</u>
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>8</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>204,050</u>	<u>210,714</u>	<u>206,493</u>	<u>4,221</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(3,865)</u>	<u>(5,029)</u>	<u>6,452</u>	<u>11,481</u>

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	\$ 2,455	\$ 2,455	\$ 2,898	\$ 443
Advances In	-	-	192	192
Transfers Out	(14,228)	(21,280)	(20,574)	706
Advances Out	-	-	(1,012)	(1,012)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	<u>(11,773)</u>	<u>(18,825)</u>	<u>(18,496)</u>	<u>329</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(15,638)	(23,854)	(12,044)	11,810
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	48,369	48,369	48,369	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>15,518</u>	<u>15,518</u>	<u>15,518</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 48,249</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 40,033</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 51,843</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,810</u></u>

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
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(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	
REVENUES				
Charges for Services	\$ 29,318	\$ 29,318	\$ 27,963	\$ (1,355)
Intergovernmental	62,319	62,319	55,976	(6,343)
Other	2,026	2,026	1,766	(260)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>93,663</u>	<u>93,663</u>	<u>85,705</u>	<u>(7,958)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Job and Family Services				
Personnel Services	40,188	40,188	38,713	1,475
Other Expenditures	58,413	54,788	43,936	10,852
Capital Outlay	1,456	1,073	882	191
Total Job and Family Services	<u>100,057</u>	<u>96,049</u>	<u>83,531</u>	<u>12,518</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	<u>100,057</u>	<u>96,049</u>	<u>83,531</u>	<u>12,518</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>100,057</u>	<u>96,049</u>	<u>83,531</u>	<u>12,518</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(6,394)</u>	<u>(2,386)</u>	<u>2,174</u>	<u>4,560</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers In	681	681	681	-
Advances In	-	-	1,451	1,451
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>681</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>2,132</u>	<u>1,451</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(5,713)	(1,705)	4,306	6,011
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	8,680	8,680	8,680	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	8,139	8,139	8,139	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 11,106</u>	<u>\$ 15,114</u>	<u>\$ 21,125</u>	<u>\$ 6,011</u>

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(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ 192,367	\$ 192,367	\$ 198,711	\$ 6,344
Charges for Services	4,853	4,853	7,542	2,689
Intergovernmental	84,212	85,043	92,705	7,662
Other	7,995	11,221	7,741	(3,480)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>289,427</u>	<u>293,484</u>	<u>306,699</u>	<u>13,215</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
County Facilities				
Other Expenditures	2,822	2,822	2,822	-
Total County Facilities	<u>2,822</u>	<u>2,822</u>	<u>2,822</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>2,822</u>	<u>2,822</u>	<u>2,822</u>	<u>-</u>
JUDICIAL				
Juvenile Court				
Other Expenditures	1,348	1,348	1,330	18
Total Juvenile Court	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>18</u>
Municipal Court				
Personnel Services	278	278	274	4
Other Expenditures	3,486	3,486	3,486	-
Total Municipal Court	<u>3,764</u>	<u>3,764</u>	<u>3,760</u>	<u>4</u>
Probation				
Other Expenditures	1,659	1,659	1,623	36
Total Probation	<u>1,659</u>	<u>1,659</u>	<u>1,623</u>	<u>36</u>
TOTAL JUDICIAL	<u>6,771</u>	<u>6,771</u>	<u>6,713</u>	<u>58</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Sheriff				
Personnel Services	5,174	5,474	5,381	93
Other Expenditures	8,632	8,632	8,544	88
Total Sheriff	<u>13,806</u>	<u>14,106</u>	<u>13,925</u>	<u>181</u>
CLEAR				
Other Expenditures	5,841	5,841	5,576	265
Total CLEAR	<u>5,841</u>	<u>5,841</u>	<u>5,576</u>	<u>265</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>19,647</u>	<u>19,947</u>	<u>19,501</u>	<u>446</u>

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVIES—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
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(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Job and Family Services				
Other Expenditures	\$ 85,527	\$ 99,664	\$ 72,652	\$ 27,012
Total Job and Family Services	<u>85,527</u>	<u>99,664</u>	<u>72,652</u>	<u>27,012</u>
Senior Services				
Personnel Services	9	9	8	1
Other Expenditures	20,769	24,294	24,294	-
Total Senior Services	<u>20,778</u>	<u>24,303</u>	<u>24,302</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	<u>106,305</u>	<u>123,967</u>	<u>96,954</u>	<u>27,013</u>
HEALTH				
Health and Hospitalization Tax				
Personnel Services	283	283	144	139
Other Expenditures	23,668	30,663	30,167	496
Total Health and Hospitalization Tax	<u>23,951</u>	<u>30,946</u>	<u>30,311</u>	<u>635</u>
Developmental Disabilities Services				
Personnel Services	38,227	39,727	38,685	1,042
Other Expenditures	70,998	69,025	67,693	1,332
Capital Outlay	1,081	1,064	908	156
Total Developmental Disabilities Services	<u>110,306</u>	<u>109,816</u>	<u>107,286</u>	<u>2,530</u>
Mental Health and Recovery Services				
Personnel Services	1,728	1,728	1,298	430
Other Expenditures	48,986	46,341	42,198	4,143
Total Mental Health and Recovery Services	<u>50,714</u>	<u>48,069</u>	<u>43,496</u>	<u>4,573</u>
TOTAL HEALTH	<u>184,971</u>	<u>188,831</u>	<u>181,093</u>	<u>7,738</u>
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES				
Zoological Gardens				
Personnel Services	5	5	4	1
Other Expenditures	6,714	7,124	6,959	165
Total Zoological Gardens	<u>6,719</u>	<u>7,129</u>	<u>6,963</u>	<u>166</u>
Cincinnati Museum Center				
Personnel Services	8	8	7	1
Other Expenditures	611	731	718	13
Total Cincinnati Museum Center	<u>619</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>14</u>
TOTAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES	<u>7,338</u>	<u>7,868</u>	<u>7,688</u>	<u>180</u>

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 327,854	\$ 350,206	\$ 314,771	\$ 35,435
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(38,427)	(56,722)	(8,072)	48,650
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	-	-	2,910	2,910
Transfers Out	(553)	(3,384)	(2,830)	554
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	<u>(553)</u>	<u>(3,384)</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>3,464</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(38,980)	(60,106)	(7,992)	52,114
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	157,176	157,176	157,176	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>23,329</u>	<u>23,329</u>	<u>23,329</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 141,525</u>	<u>\$ 120,399</u>	<u>\$ 172,513</u>	<u>\$ 52,114</u>

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
MOTOR VEHICLE GAS TAX—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ (5)
State Shared Taxes	21,530	21,530	21,819	289
Charges for Services	3,971	3,971	3,425	(546)
Fines and Forfeitures	236	236	237	1
Intergovernmental	133	21,824	2,082	(19,742)
Investment Earnings	22	22	35	13
Other	333	333	500	167
TOTAL REVENUES	26,235	47,926	28,103	(19,823)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Planning and Development				
Personnel Services	1,111	1,111	976	135
Other Expenditures	322	322	241	81
Capital Outlay	83	83	83	-
Total Planning and Development	1,516	1,516	1,300	216
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,516	1,516	1,300	216
PUBLIC WORKS				
County Engineer				
Personnel Services	11,240	10,640	9,024	1,616
Other Expenditures	10,263	9,613	8,435	1,178
Capital Outlay	5,262	36,973	23,181	13,792
Total County Engineer	26,765	57,226	40,640	16,586
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	26,765	57,226	40,640	16,586
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,281	58,742	41,940	16,802
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(2,046)	(10,816)	(13,837)	(3,021)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds of OPWC Loan	-	-	537	537
Transfers In	3,584	7,535	5,146	(2,389)
Transfers Out	(5,400)	(7,243)	(5,146)	2,097
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	(1,816)	292	537	245
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(3,862)	(10,524)	(13,300)	(2,776)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	28,748	28,748	28,748	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	4,927	4,927	4,927	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 29,813	\$ 23,151	\$ 20,375	\$ (2,776)

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES NONGRANTS—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,260	\$ (740)
Charges for Services	28,264	28,264	23,665	(4,599)
Licenses and Permits	4,714	4,714	4,946	232
Fines and Forfeitures	2,922	2,922	4,573	1,651
Intergovernmental	8,667	8,667	8,075	(592)
Investment Earnings	11	11	11	-
Other	6,206	6,206	4,203	(2,003)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>58,784</u>	<u>58,784</u>	<u>52,733</u>	<u>(6,051)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Auditor				
Personnel Services	4,319	4,319	3,297	1,022
Other Expenditures	10,993	10,813	9,703	1,110
Capital Outlay	500	500	50	450
Total Auditor	<u>15,812</u>	<u>15,632</u>	<u>13,050</u>	<u>2,582</u>
Treasurer				
Personnel Services	1,265	1,216	1,149	67
Other Expenditures	3,617	3,024	2,987	37
Capital Outlay	15	34	33	1
Total Treasurer	<u>4,897</u>	<u>4,274</u>	<u>4,169</u>	<u>105</u>
Recorder				
Personnel Services	203	203	150	53
Other Expenditures	117	117	33	84
Capital Outlay	104	104	70	34
Total Recorder	<u>424</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>171</u>
Law Library				
Personnel Services	409	429	429	-
Other Expenditures	750	722	635	87
Total Law Library	<u>1,159</u>	<u>1,151</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>87</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>22,292</u>	<u>21,481</u>	<u>18,536</u>	<u>2,945</u>
JUDICIAL				
Juvenile Court				
Personnel Services	-	100	22	78
Other Expenditures	401	300	158	142
Total Juvenile Court	<u>401</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>220</u>

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES NONGRANTS—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Court of Common Pleas				
Personnel Services	\$ 3,102	\$ 3,102	\$ 2,534	\$ 568
Other Expenditures	2,303	2,303	1,548	755
Capital Outlay	2,795	2,795	2,483	312
Total Court of Common Pleas	<u>8,200</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>6,565</u>	<u>1,635</u>
Municipal Court				
Personnel Services	422	514	448	66
Other Expenditures	437	375	359	16
Total Municipal Court	<u>859</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>82</u>
Court of Domestic Relations				
Personnel Services	172	172	147	25
Total Court of Domestic Relations	<u>172</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>25</u>
Probate Court				
Other Expenditures	774	771	406	365
Total Probate Court	<u>774</u>	<u>771</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>365</u>
Clerk of Courts				
Personnel Services	1,514	1,571	1,570	1
Other Expenditures	311	336	277	59
Capital Outlay	1	33	-	33
Total Clerk of Courts	<u>1,826</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>1,847</u>	<u>93</u>
Probation				
Personnel Services	968	968	735	233
Other Expenditures	875	873	770	103
Capital Outlay	91	91	91	-
Total Probation	<u>1,934</u>	<u>1,932</u>	<u>1,596</u>	<u>336</u>
TOTAL JUDICIAL	<u>14,166</u>	<u>14,304</u>	<u>11,548</u>	<u>2,756</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Dog Warden				
Other Expenditures	1,364	1,371	1,363	8
Total Dog Warden	<u>1,364</u>	<u>1,371</u>	<u>1,363</u>	<u>8</u>
Sheriff				
Personnel Services	179	179	155	24
Other Expenditures	320	320	170	150
Total Sheriff	<u>499</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>174</u>

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES NONGRANTS—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Prosecutor				
Personnel Services	\$ 1,251	\$ 1,281	\$ 1,279	\$ 2
Other Expenditures	926	926	496	430
Capital Outlay	44	44	26	18
Total Prosecutor	<u>2,221</u>	<u>2,251</u>	<u>1,801</u>	<u>450</u>
Coroner				
Other Expenditures	139	148	132	16
Capital Outlay	30	21	20	1
Total Coroner	<u>169</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>17</u>
Communications Center				
Personnel Services	321	321	287	34
Other Expenditures	504	551	536	15
Capital Outlay	182	182	182	-
Total Communications Center	<u>1,007</u>	<u>1,054</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>49</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>5,260</u>	<u>5,344</u>	<u>4,646</u>	<u>698</u>
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Job and Family Services				
Personnel Services	5,544	6,294	6,169	125
Other Expenditures	6,798	5,772	5,515	257
Total Job and Family Services	<u>12,342</u>	<u>12,066</u>	<u>11,684</u>	<u>382</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	<u>12,342</u>	<u>12,066</u>	<u>11,684</u>	<u>382</u>
HEALTH				
Mental Health and Recovery Services				
Personnel Services	61	61	60	1
Other Expenditures	9,527	9,509	5,379	4,130
Capital Outlay	16	16	16	-
Total Mental Health and Recovery Services	<u>9,604</u>	<u>9,586</u>	<u>5,455</u>	<u>4,131</u>
Hospital Commission				
Other Expenditures	32	32	32	-
Total Hospital Commission	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL HEALTH	<u>9,636</u>	<u>9,618</u>	<u>5,487</u>	<u>4,131</u>

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES NONGRANTS—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL				
Environmental Services				
Personnel Services	\$ 499	\$ 521	\$ 519	\$ 2
Other Expenditures	2,388	2,224	2,192	32
Total Environmental Services	<u>2,887</u>	<u>2,745</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>34</u>
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	<u>2,887</u>	<u>2,745</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>34</u>
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Economic Development				
Other Expenditures	8,000	8,000	7,260	740
Total Economic Development	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>7,260</u>	<u>740</u>
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>7,260</u>	<u>740</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>74,583</u>	<u>73,558</u>	<u>61,872</u>	<u>11,686</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(15,799)</u>	<u>(14,774)</u>	<u>(9,139)</u>	<u>5,635</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	803	803	250	(553)
Transfers Out	(1,700)	(1,700)	(1,700)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	<u>(897)</u>	<u>(897)</u>	<u>(1,450)</u>	<u>(553)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(16,696)	(15,671)	(10,589)	5,082
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	41,671	41,671	41,671	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	7,868	7,868	7,868	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 32,843</u>	<u>\$ 33,868</u>	<u>\$ 38,950</u>	<u>\$ 5,082</u>

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 5,788	\$ 8,181	\$ 6,918	\$ (1,263)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,788</u>	<u>8,181</u>	<u>6,918</u>	<u>(1,263)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Job and Family Services				
Other Expenditures	5,788	8,181	6,832	1,349
Total Job and Family Services	<u>5,788</u>	<u>8,181</u>	<u>6,832</u>	<u>1,349</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	<u>5,788</u>	<u>8,181</u>	<u>6,832</u>	<u>1,349</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5,788</u>	<u>8,181</u>	<u>6,832</u>	<u>1,349</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>86</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	86	86
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 37</u>	<u>\$ 37</u>	<u>\$ 123</u>	<u>\$ 86</u>

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT—SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 737	\$ 883	\$ 146
Investment Earnings	-	4	-	(4)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>883</u>	<u>142</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
PUBLIC WORKS				
Transportation Improvement District				
Other Expenditures	513	1,453	1,453	-
Total Transportation Improvement District	<u>513</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u>513</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>513</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(513)</u>	<u>(712)</u>	<u>(570)</u>	<u>142</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(513)	(712)	(570)	142
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,284	1,284	1,284	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	380	380	380	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,151</u>	<u>\$ 952</u>	<u>\$ 1,094</u>	<u>\$ 142</u>

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL OBLIGATION NONVOTED—DEBT SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 757	\$ 757	\$ 761	\$ 4
Intergovernmental	298	298	297	(1)
Other	310	310	310	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,365</u>	<u>1,365</u>	<u>1,368</u>	<u>3</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	10,757	10,757	10,757	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,820	2,808	2,807	1
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>13,577</u>	<u>13,565</u>	<u>13,564</u>	<u>1</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(12,212)</u>	<u>(12,200)</u>	<u>(12,196)</u>	<u>4</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers In	12,158	12,158	12,197	39
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>12,158</u>	<u>12,158</u>	<u>12,197</u>	<u>39</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(54)	(42)	1	43
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	50	50	50	-
Prior-Year Encumbrances Appropriated	54	54	54	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ 62</u>	<u>\$ 105</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS—DEBT SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes and Special Assessments	\$ 496	\$ 496	\$ 571	\$ 75
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>496</u>	<u>496</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>75</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	368	368	368	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	220	220	202	18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>588</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>18</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(92)</u>	<u>(92)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>93</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers In	77	77	136	59
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>59</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(15)	(15)	137	152
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>83</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 68</u>	<u>\$ 68</u>	<u>\$ 220</u>	<u>\$ 152</u>

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The enterprise funds are established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to business in the private sector. The expenses (including depreciation) of providing goods and services primarily or solely to the general public are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Riverfront Development	To account for revenue received for the construction and operations of future riverfront developments.
Main Street Parking Garage	To account for revenue received for the construction and operations of the Main Street Parking Garage.
Sales Tax Stabilization	To set aside a reserve to meet future debt service payments.
Rotary	To track the cost of various activities of the Sheriff's Department within the County.
Communications Center	To account for the financial activity relating to emergency 911 services for Hamilton County.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION
NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	Business-Type Activities		
	Riverfront Development	Main Street Parking Garage	Sales Tax Stabilization
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 19,498	\$ 394	\$ 6,955
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	13	-	-
Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments:			
Accounts Receivable	70	37	-
Intergovernmental Receivable	37	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	<u>19,618</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>6,955</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital Assets:			
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:			
Land and Improvements	3,638	1,827	-
Construction in Progress	986	-	-
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	<u>4,624</u>	<u>1,827</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net:			
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	193,448	9,273	-
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	68	-	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(68,830)	(4,653)	-
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>124,686</u>	<u>4,620</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>129,310</u>	<u>6,447</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>129,310</u>	<u>6,447</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>148,928</u>	<u>6,878</u>	<u>6,955</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	1,014	15	-
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	20	1	-
Intergovernmental Payable	49	-	-
Accrued Interest Payable	3	18	-
Accrued Interest Payable from Restricted Assets	54	-	-
Retainage Payable	39	-	-
Accrued Compensated Absences	-	-	-
Current Portion of State Loans Payable	2,107	-	-
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	1,013	460	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,299</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>-</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Accrued Compensated Absences	-	-	-
State Loans Payable	11,203	-	-
Long-Term Debt	16,399	5,062	-
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>27,602</u>	<u>5,062</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>31,901</u>	<u>5,556</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	98,944	925	-
Unrestricted	18,083	397	6,955
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 117,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,322</u>	<u>\$ 6,955</u>

Business-Type Activities		
Rotary Funds	Communications Center	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
\$ -	\$ 1,996	\$ 28,843
-	-	13
828	292	1,227
-	-	37
6	9	15
<u>834</u>	<u>2,297</u>	<u>30,135</u>
-	-	5,465
-	-	986
-	-	<u>6,451</u>
-	21,662	224,383
40	8,972	9,080
(40)	(13,899)	(87,422)
-	16,735	146,041
-	16,735	152,492
-	16,735	152,492
<u>834</u>	<u>19,032</u>	<u>182,627</u>
-	827	1,856
30	-	30
66	160	247
9	19	77
-	-	21
-	-	54
-	-	39
10	31	41
-	-	2,107
-	-	1,473
<u>115</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>5,945</u>
276	468	744
-	-	11,203
-	-	21,461
<u>276</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>33,408</u>
<u>391</u>	<u>1,505</u>	<u>39,353</u>
-	16,735	116,604
443	792	26,670
<u>\$ 443</u>	<u>\$ 17,527</u>	<u>\$ 143,274</u>

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		
	<u>Riverfront Development</u>	<u>Main Street Parking Garage</u>	<u>Sales Tax Stabilization</u>
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for Services	\$ 11,322	\$ 935	\$ -
Lease Rent Revenue	-	16	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>11,322</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>-</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	113	39	-
Utilities, Fuel and Supplies	428	13	-
Purchased Services	5,085	221	-
Depreciation and Amortization	7,578	310	-
Other	1,144	62	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>14,348</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>-</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(3,026)</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>-</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Sales and Use Tax	112	-	-
Other Non-Operating Revenues	90	-	-
Other Non-Operating Expenses	-	-	-
Interest Expense	(361)	(238)	-
(Loss) on Retirement of Capital Assets	-	-	-
Fiscal Charges on Long-Term Debt	(167)	-	-
Investment Losses	(30)	-	(12)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(356)</u>	<u>(238)</u>	<u>(12)</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	<u>(3,382)</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>(12)</u>
Capital Contributions	5,722	-	-
Transfers In	-	70	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>2,340</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>(12)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION—BEGINNING	<u>114,687</u>	<u>1,184</u>	<u>6,967</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION—ENDING	<u>\$ 117,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,322</u>	<u>\$ 6,955</u>

Business-Type Activities

Rotary Funds	Communications Center	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
\$ 10,212	\$ 5,254	\$ 27,723
-	57	73
10,212	5,311	27,796
9,380	4,770	14,302
31	238	710
85	1,050	6,441
-	884	8,772
33	424	1,663
9,529	7,366	31,888
683	(2,055)	(4,092)
-	-	112
-	-	90
(300)	-	(300)
-	-	(599)
-	(1)	(1)
-	-	(167)
-	(3)	(45)
(300)	(4)	(910)
383	(2,059)	(5,002)
-	198	5,920
-	2,561	2,631
-	(2,148)	(2,148)
383	(1,448)	1,401
60	18,975	141,873
\$ 443	\$ 17,527	\$ 143,274

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	Business-Type Activities		
	Riverfront Development	Main Street Parking Garage	Sales Tax Stabilization
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash Received from Customers and Users	\$ 11,322	\$ 927	\$ -
Lease Rent Revenue	-	16	-
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(5,268)	(268)	-
Cash Payments for Personnel Costs	(111)	(39)	-
Other Operating Expenses	(1,186)	(57)	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>4,757</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Sales and Use Tax	112	-	-
Other Non-Operating Revenue	6	-	-
Other Non-Operating Expense	-	-	-
Transfers from Other Funds	-	70	-
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-	-
Negative Cash Balance Implicitly Financed from the General Fund	-	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>118</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Principal Payments on Long-Term Debt	(2,495)	(440)	-
Interest Payments on Long-Term Debt	(395)	(238)	-
Fiscal Charges on Long-Term Debt	(159)	-	-
General Obligation Bond Proceeds	1,059	-	-
Transfer In	-	-	-
Advance from Other Fund	-	-	-
Capital Contributions	10,745	-	-
Acquisition and Construction of Property, Plant and Equipment	(6,154)	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>2,601</u>	<u>(678)</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investment Earnings	(30)	-	(12)
NET CASH (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(30)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	7,446	(29)	(12)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	12,065	423	6,967
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 19,511</u>	<u>\$ 394</u>	<u>\$ 6,955</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (3,026)	\$ 306	\$ -
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation and Amortization	7,578	310	-
Net Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:			
Accounts Receivable	-	(8)	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-
Operating Accounts Payable	191	(28)	-
Accrued Payroll and Other Related Withholdings	15	-	-
Intergovernmental Payable	(1)	(1)	-
Compensated Absences	-	-	-
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 4,757</u>	<u>\$ 579</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 19,498	\$ 394	\$ 6,955
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	13	-	-
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>\$ 19,511</u>	<u>\$ 394</u>	<u>\$ 6,955</u>
NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING TRANSACTIONS			
Contribution of Capital Asset from Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING TRANSACTIONS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Business-Type Activities		
Rotary Funds	Communications Center	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
\$ 9,390	\$ 5,553	\$ 27,192
-	57	73
(123)	(1,297)	(6,956)
(9,316)	(4,781)	(14,247)
<u>(27)</u>	<u>(251)</u>	<u>(1,521)</u>
<u>(76)</u>	<u>(719)</u>	<u>4,541</u>
-	-	112
-	-	6
(300)	-	(300)
-	1,960	2,030
-	(2,148)	(2,148)
<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>(270)</u>	<u>(188)</u>	<u>(270)</u>
-	-	(2,935)
-	-	(633)
-	-	(159)
-	-	1,059
-	601	601
-	(601)	(601)
-	-	10,745
<u>-</u>	<u>(114)</u>	<u>(6,268)</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>(114)</u>	<u>1,809</u>
-	(3)	(45)
-	(3)	(45)
(346)	(1,024)	6,035
<u>346</u>	<u>3,020</u>	<u>22,821</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,996</u>	<u>\$ 28,856</u>
\$ 683	\$ (2,055)	\$ (4,092)
-	884	8,772
(816)	244	(580)
(6)	55	49
(1)	164	326
16	47	78
2	3	3
46	(51)	(5)
-	(10)	(10)
<u>\$ (76)</u>	<u>\$ (719)</u>	<u>\$ 4,541</u>
\$ -	\$ 1,996	\$ 28,843
-	-	13
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,996</u>	<u>\$ 28,856</u>
\$ -	\$ 198	\$ 198
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 198</u>	<u>\$ 198</u>

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS**

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The internal service funds are established to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department of the County to other departments of the County on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Workers' Compensation Reserve	To provide self-insurance to the County through a retrospective rating plan with the State of Ohio for workers' compensation.
Auditor's Computer Center	To account for the financial activity relating to the data processing center.
Medical Self-Insurance	To account for the financial activity of the County's health-care coverage for its employees.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	Governmental Activities			
	Workers' Compensation Reserve	Auditor's Computer Center	Medical Self- Insurance	Total Governmental Activities
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 9,849	\$ 1,264	\$ 6,432	\$ 17,545
Accounts Receivable	14	-	-	14
Total Current Assets	9,863	1,264	6,432	17,559
Noncurrent Assets:				
Capital Assets:				
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net:				
Buildings, Structures and Improvements	-	41	-	41
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	-	533	-	533
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	(379)	-	(379)
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	-	195	-	195
Total Capital Assets, Net	-	195	-	195
Total Noncurrent Assets	-	195	-	195
TOTAL ASSETS	9,863	1,459	6,432	17,754
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	2	-	33	35
Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable	2	37	6	45
Intergovernmental Payable	-	5	1	6
Claims Payable	992	-	4,194	5,186
Compensated Absences	-	14	-	14
Total Current Liabilities	996	56	4,234	5,286
Noncurrent Liabilities:				
Claims Payable—Net of Current Portion	268	-	-	268
Accrued Compensated Absences	-	150	-	150
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	268	150	-	418
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,264	206	4,234	5,704
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	-	195	-	195
Unrestricted	8,599	1,058	2,198	11,855
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 8,599	\$ 1,253	\$ 2,198	\$ 12,050

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	Governmental Activities			
	Workers' Compensation Reserve	Auditor's Computer Center	Medical Self- Insurance	Total Governmental Activities
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for Services	\$ 2,758	\$ 1,530	\$ 36,712	\$ 41,000
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>2,758</u>	<u>1,530</u>	<u>36,712</u>	<u>41,000</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Personnel Services	74	1,321	195	1,590
Purchased Services	360	238	2,832	3,430
Utilities, Fuel and Supplies	-	15	-	15
Claims	800	-	35,126	35,926
Depreciation	-	38	-	38
Other	-	124	30	154
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,234</u>	<u>1,736</u>	<u>38,183</u>	<u>41,153</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	1,524	(206)	(1,471)	(153)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Investment Earnings	(15)	(2)	2	(15)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(15)</u>
INCOME (LOSS)	<u>1,509</u>	<u>(208)</u>	<u>(1,469)</u>	<u>(168)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	1,509	(208)	(1,469)	(168)
NET POSITION—BEGINNING	<u>7,090</u>	<u>1,461</u>	<u>3,667</u>	<u>12,218</u>
NET POSITION—ENDING	<u>\$ 8,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,253</u>	<u>\$ 2,198</u>	<u>\$ 12,050</u>

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Amounts in Thousands)

	Governmental Activities			
	Workers' Compensation Reserve	Auditor's Computer Center	Medical Self- Insurance	Total Governmental Activities
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Cash Received from Interfund Services Provided	\$ 2,758	\$ 1,530	\$ 36,712	\$ 41,000
Other Operating Revenue	1,197	-	-	1,197
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(1,115)	(398)	(2,824)	(4,337)
Cash Payments for Claims	(1,400)	-	(36,176)	(37,576)
Cash Payments for Personnel Costs	(73)	(1,309)	(196)	(1,578)
Other Operating Expenses	-	-	(30)	(30)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>1,367</u>	<u>(177)</u>	<u>(2,514)</u>	<u>(1,324)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Acquisition and Construction of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	(69)	-	(69)
NET CASH (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>(69)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(69)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Investment Earnings	(15)	(2)	2	(15)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(15)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,352	(248)	(2,512)	(1,408)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>8,497</u>	<u>1,512</u>	<u>8,944</u>	<u>18,953</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 9,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,264</u>	<u>\$ 6,432</u>	<u>\$ 17,545</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 1,524	\$ (206)	\$ (1,471)	\$ (153)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation	-	38	-	38
Net Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:				
Accounts Receivable	(14)	-	-	(14)
Accounts Payable	2	(21)	8	(11)
Claims Payable	4	-	-	4
Accrued Payroll and Other Related Withholdings	-	4	(1)	3
Compensated Absences	-	8	-	8
Estimated Future Claims	(149)	-	(1,050)	(1,199)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 1,367</u>	<u>\$ (177)</u>	<u>\$ (2,514)</u>	<u>\$ (1,324)</u>

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
AGENCY FUNDS**

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The agency funds are established to account for assets received and held by the County acting in the capacity of an agent or custodian.

Undivided Tax

To account for all undivided taxes collected by the County and their distribution to the proper beneficiaries.

Other Agency Funds

To account for payroll taxes and other related payroll deductions collected as custodian. To account for the collection of moneys held by the County agencies outside of the County Treasury.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	Undivided Taxes	Other Agency	Total
ASSETS			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 40,841	\$ 39,788	\$ 80,629
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	-	28,624	28,624
Real and Other Taxes Receivable	1,287,105	-	1,287,105
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,327,946	\$ 68,412	\$ 1,396,358
LIABILITIES			
Intergovernmental Payable	\$ 40,841	\$ 11,366	\$ 52,207
Future Tax Collections to Be Distributed	1,287,105	-	1,287,105
Other Current Liabilities	-	57,046	57,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,327,946	\$ 68,412	\$ 1,396,358

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Amounts in Thousands)

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
UNDIVIDED TAXES				
ASSETS				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 46,516	\$ 2,530,812	\$ 2,536,487	\$ 40,841
Real and Other Taxes Receivable	1,267,413	1,287,105	1,267,413	1,287,105
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,313,929</u>	<u>\$ 3,817,917</u>	<u>\$ 3,803,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,946</u>
LIABILITIES				
Intergovernmental Payable	\$ 46,516	\$ 2,530,812	\$ 2,536,487	\$ 40,841
Future Tax Collections to Be Distributed	1,267,413	1,287,105	1,267,413	1,287,105
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 1,313,929</u>	<u>\$ 3,817,917</u>	<u>\$ 3,803,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,946</u>
OTHER AGENCY FUNDS				
ASSETS				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 36,861	\$ 41,972	\$ 39,045	\$ 39,788
Cash and Cash Equivalents—Segregated Accounts	30,535	174,061	175,972	28,624
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 67,396</u>	<u>\$ 216,033</u>	<u>\$ 215,017</u>	<u>\$ 68,412</u>
LIABILITIES				
Intergovernmental Payable	\$ 10,680	\$ 101,473	\$ 100,787	\$ 11,366
Other Current Liabilities	56,716	114,560	114,230	57,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 67,396</u>	<u>\$ 216,033</u>	<u>\$ 215,017</u>	<u>\$ 68,412</u>

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**Statistical
Section**

**The County of
Hamilton, Ohio**

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
STATISTICAL SECTION**

STATISTICAL SCHEDULES

This part of Hamilton County’s comprehensive annual report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the County’s overall financial health.

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Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual reports for the relevant year.

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2006 ⁽¹⁾	2007	2008	2009	2010 ⁽²⁾	2011 ⁽²⁾	2012	2013 ⁽²⁾	2014
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 498,840	\$ 465,681	\$ 452,453	\$ 417,001	\$ 379,653	\$ 350,462	\$ 314,319	\$ 287,912	\$ 279,328	\$ 273,507
Restricted	171,211	192,152	228,753	230,362	283,432	277,409	309,491	319,813	312,520	354,056
Unrestricted	61	8,442	(4,529)	(5,980)	(4,755)	17,777	25,282	37,346	37,575	40,899
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES NET POSITION	<u>\$ 670,112</u>	<u>\$ 666,275</u>	<u>\$ 676,677</u>	<u>\$ 641,383</u>	<u>\$ 658,330</u>	<u>\$ 645,648</u>	<u>\$ 649,092</u>	<u>\$ 645,071</u>	<u>\$ 629,423</u>	<u>\$ 668,462</u>
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 513,763	\$ 522,180	\$ 468,326	\$ 518,371	\$ 506,395	\$ 476,830	\$ 553,915	\$ 557,819	\$ 501,198	\$ 561,056
Restricted	4,543	4,581	5,810	5,234	6,460	8,408	8,008	7,994	8,423	8,454
Unrestricted	223,663	219,627	297,381	267,350	317,285	344,945	294,252	335,165	410,079	436,451
TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES NET POSITION	<u>\$ 741,969</u>	<u>\$ 746,388</u>	<u>\$ 771,517</u>	<u>\$ 790,955</u>	<u>\$ 830,140</u>	<u>\$ 830,183</u>	<u>\$ 856,175</u>	<u>\$ 900,978</u>	<u>\$ 919,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,005,961</u>
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 1,012,603	\$ 987,861	\$ 920,779	\$ 935,372	\$ 886,048	\$ 827,292	\$ 868,234	\$ 845,731	\$ 780,526	\$ 834,563
Restricted	175,754	196,733	234,563	235,596	289,892	285,817	317,499	327,807	320,943	362,510
Unrestricted	223,724	228,069	292,852	261,370	312,530	362,722	319,534	372,511	447,654	477,350
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,412,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,412,663</u>	<u>\$ 1,448,194</u>	<u>\$ 1,432,338</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,470</u>	<u>\$ 1,475,831</u>	<u>\$ 1,505,267</u>	<u>\$ 1,546,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,549,123</u>	<u>\$ 1,674,423</u>

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

⁽¹⁾ Unaudited. Due to the special audit of Hamilton County Job and Family Services, the 2005-2006 financial statement amounts were not audited in full. Agreed-upon procedures relative to fund balances were performed by the Auditor of State.

⁽²⁾ As restated.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2006 ⁽¹⁾	2007	2008	2009	2010 ⁽⁴⁾	2011 ⁽⁴⁾	2012	2013	2014
EXPENSES										
Governmental Activities										
General Government	\$ 90,125	\$ 96,900	\$ 90,623	\$ 93,440	\$ 83,610	\$ 100,171	\$ 97,855	\$ 139,552	\$ 82,046	\$ 68,133
Judicial	121,593	121,663	121,578	118,827	101,347	91,320	88,641	89,903	89,524	94,281
Public Safety	123,107	131,933	123,099	117,497	101,128	101,631	98,943	106,958	101,155	104,530
Social Services	298,921	285,437	351,580	297,627	271,457	167,874	140,044	143,950	146,298	143,149
Health	238,203	249,097	239,911	247,755	252,592	250,968	255,933	226,480	189,604	185,594
Public Works	55,499	50,038	51,020	49,839	43,870	50,330	48,673	37,656	40,973	42,979
Environmental Control	6,321	6,603	5,811	7,479	7,077	6,720	6,508	6,337	5,943	6,889
Economic Development	26,024	18,343	6,068	7,505	6,799	7,527	7,848	8,248	8,867	9,014
Parks and Recreation	8,346	8,695	7,475	7,628	8,446	8,481	7,679	7,834	8,179	7,159
Interest and Fiscal Charges	5,738	5,710	4,960	4,649	4,880	4,689	4,330	4,769	3,667	3,118
Total Governmental Activities Program Expenses	973,877	974,419	1,002,125	952,246	881,206	789,711	756,454	771,687	676,256	664,846
Indirect Expenses Allocation ⁽³⁾	5,454	6,181	4,565	11,173	6,849	5,212	4,569	3,016	3,194	3,400
Indirect Expenses Reimbursement ⁽³⁾	(5,454)	(6,181)	(4,565)	(11,173)	(6,849)	(5,212)	(4,569)	(3,016)	(3,194)	(3,400)
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	973,877	974,419	1,002,125	952,246	881,206	789,711	756,454	771,687	676,256	664,846
Business-Type Activities										
Metropolitan Sewer District	140,037	152,267	155,209	159,071	167,871	194,947	202,666	190,006	245,944	219,566
Paul Brown Stadium ⁽²⁾	48,774	46,954	40,517	41,980	39,836	45,582	46,063	44,364	44,642	44,276
Baseball Stadium ⁽²⁾	27,076	26,580	26,436	28,071	25,932	29,671	31,056	29,873	29,731	30,276
Riverfront Development	10,642	11,475	13,524	11,649	9,771	41,780	27,025	14,356	14,984	14,876
Main Street Parking Garage	1,011	938	929	900	904	866	1,010	861	798	883
Rotary Funds	7,224	6,700	7,609	7,715	6,212	7,868	8,327	8,224	8,866	9,829
Communications Center ⁽²⁾	7,180	7,453	6,714	7,183	8,034	7,004	7,107	7,448	6,645	7,367
Workers' Compensation Reserve for Stadiums ⁽²⁾	294	161	167	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	242,238	252,528	251,105	256,569	258,560	327,718	323,254	295,132	351,610	327,073
Total Primary Government Expenses	\$ 1,216,115	\$ 1,226,947	\$ 1,253,230	\$ 1,208,815	\$ 1,139,766	\$ 1,117,429	\$ 1,079,708	\$ 1,066,819	\$ 1,027,866	\$ 991,919
PROGRAM REVENUES										
Governmental Activities										
Charges for Services										
General Government	\$ 55,883	\$ 57,622	\$ 54,450	\$ 51,564	\$ 42,938	\$ 41,937	\$ 43,542	\$ 51,993	\$ 49,759	\$ 44,309
Judicial	39,141	36,089	36,191	37,118	24,723	28,518	28,240	28,335	27,438	26,321
Public Safety	17,252	14,798	14,985	16,944	16,245	16,139	15,365	15,407	16,685	17,123
Social Services	61,541	37,839	63,640	6,554	5,924	5,091	7,422	5,850	6,054	5,438
Health	22,084	27,987	9,507	9,738	6,579	8,188	12,164	11,091	8,328	9,534
Public Works	5,118	4,827	4,982	7,201	4,205	3,858	3,300	3,388	2,839	4,156
Environmental Control	3,390	3,449	3,547	3,722	3,536	3,502	3,278	3,198	2,764	2,743
Economic Development	721	559	417	1,706	(1,332)	43	39	42	64	32
Parks and Recreation	1,164	1,254	67	-	-	-	-	112	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-	3,180	2,174	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Contributions	370,522	390,553	377,578	358,919	388,627	266,818	262,874	273,318	195,344	231,749
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,857	5,212	8,982	2,000	1,796	3,443	1,098	563	627	595
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	578,673	580,189	574,346	495,466	493,241	380,717	379,496	393,297	309,902	342,000

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2006 ⁽¹⁾	2007	2008	2009	2010 ⁽⁴⁾	2011 ⁽⁴⁾	2012	2013	2014
Business-Type Activities										
Charges for Services										
Metropolitan Sewer District	\$ 154,171	\$ 163,647	\$ 176,933	\$ 189,069	\$ 201,273	\$ 217,915	\$ 234,905	\$ 245,614	\$ 250,382	\$ 257,465
Paul Brown Stadium	837	856	840	672	774	809	832	831	831	997
Baseball Stadium	1,061	547	1,171	1,163	980	1,071	1,240	1,211	1,278	1,458
Riverfront Development	6,219	6,764	6,481	6,664	5,731	6,493	6,291	8,895	12,181	11,322
Main Street Parking Garage	841	897	870	913	758	722	785	913	840	951
Rotary Funds	6,813	7,222	7,354	7,843	6,238	9,376	8,214	7,961	7,952	10,212
Communications Center	4,693	5,134	4,633	5,518	4,962	5,250	5,555	5,675	5,620	5,311
Workers' Compensation Reserve for Stadiums ⁽²⁾	300	160	167	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Contributions	27,633	26,083	21,234	25,075	12,385	23,684	29,751	7,175	14,921	9,679
Total Business-Type Activities Program Revenues	<u>202,568</u>	<u>211,310</u>	<u>219,683</u>	<u>236,917</u>	<u>233,101</u>	<u>265,320</u>	<u>287,573</u>	<u>278,275</u>	<u>294,005</u>	<u>297,395</u>
Total Primary Government Program Revenues	<u>\$ 781,241</u>	<u>\$ 791,499</u>	<u>\$ 794,029</u>	<u>\$ 732,383</u>	<u>\$ 726,342</u>	<u>\$ 646,037</u>	<u>\$ 667,069</u>	<u>\$ 671,572</u>	<u>\$ 603,907</u>	<u>\$ 639,395</u>
NET EXPENSE										
Governmental Activities	\$ (395,204)	\$ (394,230)	\$ (427,779)	\$ (456,780)	\$ (387,965)	\$ (408,994)	\$ (376,958)	\$ (378,390)	\$ (366,354)	\$ (322,846)
Business-Type Activities	(39,670)	(41,218)	(31,422)	(19,652)	(25,459)	(62,398)	(35,681)	(16,857)	(57,605)	(29,678)
Total Primary Government Net Expense	<u>\$ (434,874)</u>	<u>\$ (435,448)</u>	<u>\$ (459,201)</u>	<u>\$ (476,432)</u>	<u>\$ (413,424)</u>	<u>\$ (471,392)</u>	<u>\$ (412,639)</u>	<u>\$ (395,247)</u>	<u>\$ (423,959)</u>	<u>\$ (352,524)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET POSITION										
Governmental Activities										
Taxes										
Property Taxes	\$ 258,880	\$ 263,625	\$ 259,345	\$ 248,073	\$ 241,924	\$ 238,961	\$ 236,518	\$ 226,392	\$ 228,717	\$ 235,070
Sales and Use Taxes	63,428	64,701	66,671	64,923	67,072	72,029	75,345	72,929	77,921	81,242
Other Taxes	46,295	46,892	47,735	42,259	44,206	43,606	39,480	36,919	33,306	35,356
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	-	-	39,249	51,348	59,590	34,474	23,784	15,787	11,264	11,263
Gifts and Donations	-	-	-	-	-	82	314	86	82	186
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	14,198	20,262	22,676	16,733	8,124	7,277	5,899	7,443	3,648	3,742
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,546	98	12,551	24	37
Other Revenue	-	278	-	-	-	-	299	2,280	1,619	497
Transfers	(1,000)	(1,500)	847	(1,850)	(16,006)	(1,663)	(1,329)	(18)	(5,875)	(5,508)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>381,801</u>	<u>394,258</u>	<u>436,523</u>	<u>421,486</u>	<u>404,910</u>	<u>396,312</u>	<u>380,408</u>	<u>374,369</u>	<u>350,706</u>	<u>361,885</u>
Business-Type Activities										
Sales and Use Taxes	33,524	34,329	42,504	36,609	49,026	50,222	50,518	49,981	56,063	59,764
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	7,207	13,561	16,548	11,046	(391)	6,436	4,736	7,698	4,208	42,505
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	126	217	181	546	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	12	-	3,994	4,867	3,782	9,070	8,162
Transfers	1,000	1,500	(847)	1,850	16,006	1,663	1,329	18	5,875	5,508
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>41,731</u>	<u>49,390</u>	<u>58,205</u>	<u>49,517</u>	<u>64,641</u>	<u>62,441</u>	<u>61,667</u>	<u>61,660</u>	<u>75,762</u>	<u>115,939</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 423,532</u>	<u>\$ 443,648</u>	<u>\$ 494,728</u>	<u>\$ 471,003</u>	<u>\$ 469,551</u>	<u>\$ 458,753</u>	<u>\$ 442,075</u>	<u>\$ 436,029</u>	<u>\$ 426,468</u>	<u>\$ 477,824</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION										
Governmental Activities	\$ (13,403)	\$ 28	\$ 8,744	\$ (35,294)	\$ 16,945	\$ (12,682)	\$ 3,450	\$ (4,021)	\$ (15,648)	\$ 39,039
Business-Type Activities	2,061	8,172	26,783	29,865	39,182	43	25,986	44,803	18,157	86,261
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ (11,342)</u>	<u>\$ 8,200</u>	<u>\$ 35,527</u>	<u>\$ (5,429)</u>	<u>\$ 56,127</u>	<u>\$ (12,639)</u>	<u>\$ 29,436</u>	<u>\$ 40,782</u>	<u>\$ 2,509</u>	<u>\$ 125,300</u>

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

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Agreed-upon procedures relative to fund balances were performed by the Auditor of State.

⁽²⁾Beginning in 2008, business-type internal service fund activity is consolidated with the activity of the appropriate business-type program.

⁽³⁾In 2008, indirect costs increased for the social services function because oversight of building maintenance and other building costs, as well as human resource services, were restructured as part of the general government function and are now charged back to social services as indirect costs.

⁽⁴⁾As restated.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2006 ⁽¹⁾	2007	2008	2009	2010 ⁽²⁾	2011	2012	2013 ⁽²⁾	2014
GENERAL FUND										
Nonspendable	\$ 10,006	\$ 8,975	\$ 8,413	\$ 6,358	\$ 6,010	\$ 6,208	\$ 7,646	\$ 9,244	\$ 7,962	\$ 8,804
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	284	203	217	302
Assigned	7,600	10,976	12,640	7,142	9,266	10,248	11,235	13,110	13,524	16,514
Unassigned	63,530	45,797	30,808	32,649	33,207	48,172	56,368	49,763	54,699	52,403
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$ 81,136</u>	<u>\$ 65,748</u>	<u>\$ 51,861</u>	<u>\$ 46,149</u>	<u>\$ 48,483</u>	<u>\$ 64,628</u>	<u>\$ 75,533</u>	<u>\$ 72,320</u>	<u>\$ 76,402</u>	<u>\$ 78,023</u>
ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS										
Nonspendable	\$ 2,248	\$ 2,406	\$ 2,033	\$ 3,026	\$ 3,671	\$ 2,948	\$ 3,575	\$ 4,889	\$ 4,961	\$ 293
Restricted	148,057	138,294	182,098	192,421	203,565	235,680	268,118	266,517	266,882	303,190
Committed	3,681	8,809	8,809	5,946	5,770	6,042	14,086	19,996	15,375	8,309
Unassigned	(11,686)	(12,820)	(16,491)	(10,391)	(9,810)	(7,553)	(12,193)	(1,821)	(4,257)	(5,470)
TOTAL ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 142,300</u>	<u>\$ 136,689</u>	<u>\$ 176,449</u>	<u>\$ 191,002</u>	<u>\$ 203,196</u>	<u>\$ 237,117</u>	<u>\$ 273,586</u>	<u>\$ 289,581</u>	<u>\$ 282,961</u>	<u>\$ 306,322</u>

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

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⁽²⁾As restated.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2006 ⁽¹⁾	2007	2008	2009	2010 ⁽²⁾	2011	2012	2013	2014
REVENUES										
Property Taxes and Assessments	\$ 258,873	\$ 262,442	\$ 256,338	\$ 248,088	\$ 240,272	\$ 235,018	\$ 239,045	\$ 229,347	\$ 232,710	\$ 235,796
Sales and Use Tax	63,428	64,701	66,671	64,923	67,072	72,029	75,345	72,929	77,921	81,242
State Shared Taxes	45,894	46,892	47,735	42,350	44,547	43,606	39,480	36,919	33,306	35,356
Charges for Services	134,880	105,840	140,506	84,229	67,139	64,735	68,331	68,330	71,503	68,557
Licenses and Permits	5,679	5,249	6,124	4,995	4,949	6,407	7,037	6,973	7,561	7,257
Fines and Forfeitures	12,065	12,057	13,336	13,658	12,748	14,506	13,402	13,361	12,803	12,618
Intergovernmental	391,115	397,862	421,612	422,222	409,901	348,584	301,778	282,812	206,533	222,841
Investment Earnings	12,083	21,919	26,498	19,701	6,906	7,245	5,883	7,388	3,719	3,757
Other	28,248	30,546	26,447	27,966	21,243	27,205	32,906	32,405	25,274	21,863
TOTAL REVENUES	952,265	947,508	1,005,267	928,132	874,777	819,335	783,207	750,464	671,330	689,287
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General Government	61,087	82,703	72,074	69,956	63,451	74,294	76,461	115,470	64,317	54,301
Judicial	121,479	121,974	121,535	118,073	100,058	93,168	90,909	91,480	89,933	94,216
Public Safety	122,068	130,385	121,060	114,554	97,363	100,538	100,813	106,009	100,370	104,198
Social Services	301,568	288,547	352,722	307,296	279,070	175,546	150,843	142,046	149,918	145,870
Health	238,833	249,324	240,811	247,499	251,313	252,088	255,974	227,912	190,558	185,251
Public Works	38,582	39,356	34,056	29,118	26,313	32,903	24,984	26,046	26,295	32,998
Environmental Control	6,825	7,239	6,028	7,715	7,246	7,114	7,109	6,620	6,824	6,597
Economic Development	26,340	18,886	6,175	7,527	6,963	7,534	7,945	8,234	8,878	9,042
Parks and Recreation	8,597	8,927	7,604	7,638	8,455	8,470	7,925	7,845	7,670	7,687
Capital Outlay	4,098	625	2,083	326	699	378	1,480	8,431	9,431	5,363
Debt Service:										
Principal Retirement	12,715	30,785	12,779	12,419	13,485	11,419	11,651	11,439	11,790	11,369
Interest and Fiscal Charges	5,786	5,650	5,030	4,489	4,951	4,541	4,197	3,968	3,421	2,966
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	947,978	984,401	981,957	926,610	859,367	767,993	740,291	755,500	669,405	659,858
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	4,287	(36,893)	23,310	1,522	15,410	51,342	42,916	(5,036)	1,925	29,429
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Transfers In	20,136	44,992	28,311	28,906	21,429	24,449	15,185	5,787	13,761	16,043
Transfers Out	(21,136)	(46,492)	(27,464)	(30,756)	(37,435)	(26,112)	(16,514)	(5,805)	(18,406)	(21,353)
Proceeds of Refunding Bonds	28,715	-	18,130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on Bonds Issued	1,482	202	193	112	249	-	-	175	-	-
Payment to Refunded Bonds Escrow Agent	(30,005)	-	(18,104)	-	-	-	-	(7,112)	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	110	20,321	1,775	9,057	14,875	387	5,787	9,773	182	326
Proceeds from Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	537
Other	-	278	(278)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES), NET	(698)	19,301	2,563	7,319	(882)	(1,276)	4,458	17,818	(4,463)	(4,447)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,589	\$ (17,592)	\$ 25,873	\$ 8,841	\$ 14,528	\$ 50,066	\$ 47,374	\$ 12,782	\$ (2,538)	\$ 24,982
DEBT SERVICE AS A PERCENTAGE OF NONCAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2.0%	3.8%	1.8%	1.8%	2.2%	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%	2.3%	2.2%

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
 ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE
 OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**
 (Amounts in Thousands)

Tax Year/ Collection Year	ASSESSED VALUES					PERSONAL PROPERTY			TOTAL	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value ⁽¹⁾
	REAL PROPERTY					Tangible Property ⁽³⁾	Public Utility Property	Tax Exempt Property	Taxable Assessed Value ⁽¹⁾			
	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Industrial Property	Agricultural Property	Public Utility Property							
2004/2005	\$ 11,543,391	\$ 3,761,655	\$ 872,915	\$ 38,513	\$ 4,162	\$ 1,698,978	\$ 757,438	\$ 3,495,870	\$ 18,677,052	20.03	\$ 55,246,408	33.81%
2005/2006	13,854,166	4,019,879	923,584	62,487	4,068	1,299,884	750,971	3,914,217	20,915,039	19.78	62,332,325	33.55%
2006/2007	13,921,087	4,017,471	922,763	60,717	4,019	1,002,703	718,505	4,245,482	20,647,265	19.15	63,101,926	32.72%
2007/2008	14,019,425	4,015,680	938,633	59,606	4,176	519,895	604,816	4,553,994	20,162,231	19.53	63,007,426	32.00%
2008/2009	14,206,751	4,300,440	990,862	59,429	7,148	61,888	608,626	4,760,067	20,235,144	19.60	57,734,995	35.05%
2009/2010	14,216,289	4,258,435	998,345	52,560	8,003	34,201	650,513	4,934,617	20,218,346	19.45	57,795,426	34.98%
2010/2011	14,158,842	4,074,153	989,564	53,209	8,000	-	683,436	5,088,595	19,967,204	19.45	56,463,352	35.36%
2011/2012	12,700,329	3,827,089	940,474	49,068	8,448	-	723,511	4,940,025	18,248,919	19.03	51,519,616	35.42%
2012/2013	12,671,139	3,717,857	932,521	47,004	9,026	-	773,714	5,075,748	18,151,261	19.03	51,197,562	35.45%
2013/2014	12,659,012	3,678,998	931,342	46,724	9,600	-	843,929	5,305,713	18,169,605	19.03	51,189,789	35.49%

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

Note: Property in Hamilton County is reassessed every six years. In Ohio, taxable assessed value is 35% of appraised market value. Estimated actual value is calculated by dividing assessed value by that percent. Tax rates are per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. According to Ohio law, tax exempt property is classified separately and is not included in residential, commercial or industrial properties until it is no longer exempt and its use is determined at a later date.

⁽¹⁾Excludes tax-exempt property.

⁽²⁾Beginning in tax year 2006, values for telecommunication companies were reclassified from the Public Utility property class to the General Tangible Personal property class.

⁽³⁾The tangible personal property tax for businesses was phased out over a three-year period starting in 2006 with the last tax due in 2008. Telecommunication companies paid the tangible personal property tax on a declining basis with the last tax due in 2010.

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
PROPERTY TAX RATES
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE)**

	TAX YEAR/COLLECTION YEAR									
	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
HAMILTON COUNTY DIRECT RATES:										
General Operating	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26
Debt (Bond Retirement)	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.14	-	-	-	-	-
Drake Hospital	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84	-	-	-	-	-
For University of Cincinnati Hospital	5.39	5.32	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.07	4.07	4.07
For County Police Information Center	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54
For Developmental Disabilities Board	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.62	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13
For Community Mental Health	2.74	2.74	2.74	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99	2.99
For Support of Children Services	2.73	2.56	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.77
For Recreation/Zoological Purposes	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46
For Senior Services	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29
For Family Treatment & Services	-	-	-	-	-	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
For Museum Center	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
Total Direct Rate	20.03	19.78	19.15	19.53	19.60	19.45	19.45	19.03	19.03	19.03
TOWNSHIP RATES⁽¹⁾:										
Anderson	11.87	11.87	11.87	11.87	14.57	14.57	14.57	14.57	14.57	14.57
Anderson Township Park District	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.28
Colerain	16.18	16.18	16.18	17.33	17.33	17.33	18.26	18.26	18.26	18.26
Columbia	21.26	21.26	14.76	14.76	14.76	14.76	14.76	17.01	17.01	17.01
Crosby	9.24	9.24	9.24	10.24	10.24	10.24	10.24	10.24	10.24	10.24
Delhi	20.46	26.34	26.34	26.34	26.34	26.34	26.34	26.34	26.34	28.09
Green	8.31	9.81	9.81	9.81	11.71	11.71	11.71	11.71	11.71	11.71
Harrison	3.74	3.74	3.74	3.74	3.74	3.74	5.24	5.24	5.24	5.24
Miami	9.45	9.45	9.91	9.91	9.91	9.91	9.91	9.91	10.91	11.91
Springfield	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30	22.80	22.80	22.80	23.80	23.80
Sycamore	7.75	7.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
Symmes	12.80	11.90	12.80	13.70	13.70	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Whitewater	11.44	11.44	11.44	11.44	11.44	11.44	11.44	11.44	11.44	11.44
SCHOOL DISTRICT RATES⁽¹⁾:										
Cincinnati	60.83	59.77	59.37	59.67	67.95	67.87	68.54	70.76	71.34	71.49
Deer Park	70.00	78.63	78.63	78.63	78.63	78.63	78.63	78.63	78.63	86.53
Finneytown	87.72	87.03	86.69	86.67	86.92	86.96	94.90	94.90	96.88	96.88
Forest Hills	55.84	55.66	61.36	61.46	61.65	61.65	61.65	61.65	65.55	65.55
Indian Hill	46.54	46.52	45.42	45.42	46.32	45.82	45.72	45.87	45.99	46.06
Lockland	52.69	52.69	52.09	51.59	51.59	50.79	48.59	48.59	48.59	47.19
Loveland	74.88	74.88	74.74	74.24	74.24	74.24	74.24	77.64	77.98	78.08
Madeira	86.34	85.67	94.77	94.77	95.39	94.02	94.02	101.27	101.94	101.82
Mariemont	90.78	90.57	90.37	97.87	97.87	97.72	106.47	106.97	107.77	107.77
Milford	69.10	69.10	69.10	69.10	74.60	74.60	74.60	75.05	75.05	79.65
Mt. Healthy	68.45	68.41	68.30	74.24	75.03	74.95	74.93	75.74	76.47	76.87
North College Hill	57.47	61.37	61.37	65.36	66.05	65.97	66.00	66.07	66.77	66.77
Northwest	49.64	49.64	49.50	53.39	53.56	53.57	53.60	54.22	59.57	59.57
Norwood	51.08	48.75	48.77	49.40	48.17	49.23	49.11	59.09	58.97	59.02
Oak Hills	46.68	46.68	46.35	46.35	45.90	45.83	45.80	46.02	46.05	50.97
Princeton	49.03	49.03	49.03	49.03	48.99	48.99	50.48	50.83	61.28	61.28
Reading	64.08	64.08	64.08	64.08	64.08	69.79	69.90	70.67	70.67	70.67
St. Bernard	44.63	40.73	46.93	49.17	53.20	52.87	53.01	58.68	58.28	57.34
Southwest	47.08	46.68	45.30	45.30	45.14	44.98	44.68	44.18	44.18	44.18
Sycamore	65.90	65.80	65.79	65.79	65.77	65.77	66.38	66.45	66.45	66.45
Three Rivers	39.95	44.90	44.90	44.90	44.90	44.90	49.87	49.87	49.87	49.87
Winton Woods	78.03	78.03	78.03	78.03	78.03	85.93	86.03	87.32	87.41	87.41
Wyoming	78.93	88.68	87.91	87.87	87.87	87.84	87.84	88.58	93.37	93.37
Great Oaks Joint Vocational	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70
Butler Tech Joint Vocational	-	-	-	-	-	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
PROPERTY TAX RATES
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

	TAX YEAR/COLLECTION YEAR									
	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
CITY & VILLAGE RATES⁽¹⁾:										
Addyston	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59
Amberley	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Arlington Heights	9.52	9.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52	11.52
Blue Ash	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08
Cheviot	12.22	14.52	14.52	14.52	14.52	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.13
Cincinnati	10.34	10.19	9.93	9.89	9.89	9.82	10.07	10.50	10.85	12.20
Cleves	13.66	13.33	12.99	12.99	12.99	12.99	6.99	10.09	10.09	13.99
Deer Park	3.55	3.55	3.55	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.45	10.45
Elmwood Place	7.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78	17.78
Evendale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairfax	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.76
Fairfield	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.94
Forest Park	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76
Glendale	21.83	21.39	21.18	21.03	20.08	20.08	20.08	20.08	21.58	21.58
Golf Manor	24.52	30.52	38.52	38.52	38.52	38.52	38.52	38.52	38.52	38.52
Greenhills	28.72	28.63	28.23	28.23	27.88	27.83	32.73	33.58	33.58	33.58
Harrison	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	11.19	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Indian Hill	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96
Lincoln Heights	26.33	28.33	28.33	35.33	35.33	35.33	39.33	40.73	48.73	48.73
Lockland	6.02	6.02	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.52
Loveland	11.00	12.00	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35	10.35
Madeira	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Mariemont	14.37	14.37	14.37	14.37	14.37	14.37	14.37	14.37	14.37	14.37
Milford	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80
Montgomery	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.05
Mt. Healthy	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11	11.11
Newtown	7.87	5.87	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37
North Bend	10.09	10.09	10.09	10.09	10.09	10.09	10.09	10.09	10.09	11.38
North College Hill	7.98	7.98	7.98	7.98	7.98	7.98	7.98	7.98	7.98	12.88
Norwood	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.40
Reading	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.52
St. Bernard	4.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28	11.28
Sharonville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Silverton	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15
Springdale	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08	3.08
Terrace Park	19.84	19.78	11.80	11.67	12.09	8.59	11.34	11.34	11.34	13.84
Woodlawn	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08	5.08
Wyoming	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
SPECIAL DISTRICT RATES⁽¹⁾:										
Deer Park/Silverton Joint Fire District	6.50	6.50	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.4	7.90
Eastern Joint Ambulance District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Little Miami Joint Fire District	2.50	2.50	9.75	9.75	9.75	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05
Western Joint Ambulance District	1.25	1.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Hamilton County Park District	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department—Tax Year Data.

Note: The Ohio Constitution permits local governments, as a group within a taxing district, to levy up to 10 mills without a vote of the electorate. These levies, collectively called inside millage levies because they fall within the 10-mill limit, are also known as unvoted levies. The allocation of inside millage between entities is set by statute. The County's special revenue levy property tax rates may be increased only by a majority vote of the County's residents. The bond retirement rate is adjusted annually to meet the principal and interest payments required each year. A state-mandated County-wide property reappraisal was implemented in 2011.

⁽¹⁾Overlapping rates are those of local governments that apply to property owners within Hamilton County. Not all overlapping rates apply to all Hamilton County property owners.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

(Amounts in Thousands)

Name of Taxpayer	COLLECTION YEAR 2014			COLLECTION YEAR 2005		
	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (formerly Cinergy Corp.)	\$869,408	1	4.76%	\$555,407	1	2.97%
City of Cincinnati	110,147	2	0.60%	65,904	6	0.35%
Procter & Gamble	81,772	3	0.45%	160,703	2	0.86%
Dayton Power & Light	29,050	4	0.16%	-	-	-
Duke Realty Ohio	27,556	5	0.15%	67,959	5	0.36%
Fifth Third Bank	27,034	6	0.15%	-	-	-
Rookwood Commons LLC	26,936	7	0.15%	-	-	-
Emery Realty Inc.	26,113	8	0.14%	-	-	-
Columbia Development Corp.	20,039	9	0.11%	-	-	-
Rookwood Pavillion LLC	18,476	10	0.10%	-	-	-
Cincinnati Bell Telephone	-	-	-	124,540	3	0.67%
General Electric	-	-	-	72,396	4	0.39%
Thor Gallery	-	-	-	62,916	7	0.34%
Cognis Corporation	-	-	-	45,779	8	0.25%
Ford Motor Company	-	-	-	44,892	9	0.24%
Lanxess	-	-	-	41,072	10	0.22%
Total	\$1,236,531		6.77%	\$1,241,568		6.65%

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Office.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
REAL, UTILITY AND TANGIBLE TAXES
LAST TEN YEARS
(Amounts Not in Thousands)**

Tax Year/ Collection Year	Current Levy	Delinquent Levy	Total Levy	Current Collection	Current Levy Collected	Delinquent Collection	Total Collection	Total Collections as a Percent of Current Levy
2004/2005	\$ 288,178,852	\$ 28,464,904	\$ 316,643,756	\$ 273,199,691	94.80%	\$ 13,903,872	\$ 287,103,563	99.63%
2005/2006	282,849,186	28,038,048	310,887,234	268,658,332	94.98%	14,813,792	283,472,124	100.22%
2006/2007	275,879,899	31,265,406	307,145,305	259,830,004	94.18%	17,578,853	277,408,857	100.55%
2007/2008	272,851,350	28,852,892	301,704,242	259,904,717	95.26%	13,535,836	273,440,553	100.22%
2008/2009	268,405,061	24,986,543	293,391,604	255,494,652	95.19%	11,893,488	267,388,140	99.62%
2009/2010	268,360,431	23,906,442	292,266,873	250,349,774	93.29%	9,796,207	260,145,981	96.94%
2010/2011	269,901,539	23,031,728	292,933,267	256,290,793	94.96%	11,297,992	267,588,785	99.14%
2011/2012	258,680,233	20,673,734	279,353,967	247,079,287	95.52%	11,218,173	258,297,460	99.85%
2012/2013	260,889,847	21,610,582	282,500,429	252,048,232	96.61%	8,612,038	260,660,270	99.91%
2013/2014	262,546,004	15,031,820	277,577,824	254,197,080	96.82%	8,252,965	262,450,045	99.96%
Totals	\$ 2,708,542,402	\$ 245,862,099	\$ 2,954,404,501	\$ 2,577,052,562		\$ 120,903,216	\$ 2,697,955,778	

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

Includes the rollback, homestead and \$10K personal property reimbursements from the State of Ohio.

Note: Delinquent collections of property taxes are not separable by tax year because the tax tracking system does not differentiate between tax years.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

(Amounts in Thousands, Except Per Capita Amount)

Fiscal Year	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES						BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES						Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income ⁽¹⁾	Per Capita ⁽¹⁾
	General Obligation Bonds Voted	General Obligation Bonds Unvoted	Special Assessment Bonds	General Obligation Notes	Loan Contracts	State Loans	Metropolitan Sewer District Revenue Bonds	Parking Facility Revenue Bonds	Sales Tax Bonds	General Obligation Bonds	Metropolitan Sewer District Loans	Riverfront Development State Loans			
2005	\$ 10,400	\$ 94,790	\$ 3,970	\$ 19,490	\$ 5,353	\$ 1,619	\$ 536,335	\$ 22,970	\$ 606,122	\$ 8,580	\$ 28,503	\$ -	\$ 1,338,132	3.95%	\$ 1,580
2006	7,930	106,475	3,781	-	5,221	1,359	596,250	22,395	590,802	8,290	29,344	-	1,371,847	3.82%	1,618
2007	5,380	97,990	4,252	-	6,465	3,225	642,570	21,785	581,712	8,265	27,717	-	1,399,361	3.80%	1,635
2008	2,740	97,320	4,200	-	4,791	3,543	613,745	21,140	571,737	7,920	46,170	-	1,373,306	3.66%	1,609
2009	-	101,050	4,600	-	4,661	3,144	733,325	20,455	560,922	7,560	44,718	17,160	1,497,595	4.13%	1,751
2010	-	89,995	4,623	-	4,468	2,607	787,100	19,730	558,782	7,190	93,817	17,160	1,585,472	4.31%	1,976
2011	-	84,187	4,567	-	3,954	2,237	753,580	18,960	558,507	6,800	131,546	17,160	1,581,498	4.21%	1,976
2012	-	76,257	4,566	-	3,778	1,896	718,330	18,145	557,381	6,395	204,040	16,415	1,607,203	4.06%	2,004
2013	-	64,869	4,346	-	3,603	1,547	798,720	17,280	543,861	5,970	218,671	14,885	1,673,752	4.13% ⁽²⁾	2,080
2014	-	54,112	4,304	-	3,340	1,613	737,080	16,365	528,146	24,460	222,999	13,310	1,605,729	3.80%	1,991

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

Note: Details regarding the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

⁽¹⁾ See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics on page 165 for personal income and population data.

⁽²⁾ 2013, 2014: Estimated figure using prior-year state and county figures; CAFR-year data not available.

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION—TOTAL DEBT LIMIT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Debt Limitation of Assessed Valuation	\$ 465,426	\$ 521,376	\$ 514,682	\$ 502,556	\$ 504,379	\$ 503,958	\$ 497,680	\$ 454,723	\$ 452,282	\$ 455,189
Total Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limitation	78,554	93,289	85,365	84,827	88,756	80,541	71,537	69,648	66,892	76,894
Legal Debt Margin Remaining	<u>\$ 386,872</u>	<u>\$ 428,087</u>	<u>\$ 429,317</u>	<u>\$ 417,729</u>	<u>\$ 415,623</u>	<u>\$ 423,417</u>	<u>\$ 426,143</u>	<u>\$ 385,075</u>	<u>\$ 385,390</u>	<u>\$ 378,295</u>
Total Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limitation as a Percentage of Debt Limitation	16.88%	17.89%	16.59%	16.88%	17.60%	15.98%	14.37%	15.32%	14.79%	16.89%

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2014—Total Debt Limit

Assessed Valuation	\$ 18,267,540
Debt Limitation of Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾	455,189
Debt Applicable to Limit:	
Outstanding Debt	1,591,898
Less: Debt Exempt from Calculation	
Metropolitan Sewer District Bonds	737,080
Metropolitan Sewer District Loans	222,999
Special Assessments	4,304
Waterline West Phase I	275
Waterline West Phase II	735
Sales Tax Supported Bonds	528,146
Parking Garage Revenue Bond	16,365
Urban Redevelopment	5,475
Total Debt Exempt from Calculation	<u>1,515,379</u>
Less: Available Funds in Debt Service Funds as of December 31, 2014	<u>375</u>
Total Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limitation	<u>76,894</u>
Legal Debt Margin Remaining	<u>\$ 378,295</u>

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

⁽¹⁾The debt limitation is the sum of the following:

three percent (3%) of the first \$100,000,000 of the assessed valuation	\$ 3,000
plus one and a half percent (1.5%) of such valuation of \$100,000,000 and not in excess of \$300,000,000	3,000
plus two and a half percent (2.5%) of such valuation in excess of \$300,000,000	449,189
	<u>\$ 455,189</u>

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION—UNVOTED DEBT LIMIT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

(Amounts in Thousands)

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Debt Limitation of Assessed Valuation	\$ 186,771	\$ 209,150	\$ 206,473	\$ 201,622	\$ 202,351	\$ 202,183	\$ 199,672	\$ 182,489	\$ 181,513	\$ 182,675
Total Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limitation	68,154	84,359	79,985	82,087	88,756	80,541	71,537	69,648	66,892	76,894
Legal Debt Margin Remaining	<u>\$ 118,617</u>	<u>\$ 124,791</u>	<u>\$ 126,488</u>	<u>\$ 119,535</u>	<u>\$ 113,595</u>	<u>\$ 121,642</u>	<u>\$ 128,135</u>	<u>\$ 112,841</u>	<u>\$ 114,621</u>	<u>\$ 105,781</u>
Total Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limitation as a Percentage of Debt Limitation	36.49%	40.33%	38.74%	40.71%	43.86%	39.84%	35.83%	38.17%	36.85%	42.09%

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2014—Unvoted Debt Limit

Assessed Valuation	\$ 18,267,540
Debt Limitation of Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾	182,675
Debt Applicable to Limit: Outstanding Debt	1,591,898
Less: Debt Exempt from Calculation	
Metropolitan Sewer District Bonds	737,080
Metropolitan Sewer District Loans	222,999
Special Assessments	4,304
Waterline West Phase I	275
Waterline West Phase II	735
Sales Tax Supported Bonds	528,146
Parking Garage Revenue Bond	16,365
Urban Redevelopment	5,475
Total Debt Exempt from Calculation	<u>1,515,379</u>
Less: Available Funds in Debt Service Funds as of December 31, 2014	<u>375</u>
Total Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limitation	<u>76,894</u>
Legal Debt Margin Remaining	<u>\$ 105,781</u>

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

⁽¹⁾The debt limitation is one percent of the total assessed valuation.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
PLEGDED REVENUE COVERAGE—METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

(Amounts in Thousands)

SEWER REVENUE BONDS

Fiscal Year	Sewerage Charges and Other	Less: Operating Expenses	Revenues Transferred to Surplus ⁽¹⁾	Net Revenue Available for Debt Service	Debt Service		Coverage
					Principal	Interest	
2005	\$ 166,749	\$ 88,115	\$ 11,241	\$ 89,875	\$ 20,285	\$ 22,938	2.08
2006	181,167	97,005	9,049	93,211	23,130	26,218	1.89
2007	197,583	103,531	10,438	104,490	26,065	29,119	1.89
2008	202,406	101,033	15,716	117,089	28,825	31,037	1.96
2009	209,073	103,825	18,100	123,348	30,235	31,391	2.00
2010	227,040	120,368	18,418	125,090	31,845	37,546	1.80
2011	244,254	111,823	31,090	163,521	33,520	40,635	2.21
2012	260,388	101,418	36,535	195,505	35,250	38,553	2.65
2013	270,919	126,289	28,024	144,630 ⁽²⁾	37,115	37,423	1.94
2014	276,941	120,018	33,513	156,923	42,435	26,575	2.27

Source: Audited MSD financial reports.

Note: Details regarding the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements. Sewerage Charges and Other includes sewerage service charges, sewer surcharges, all other operating revenues, interest income, capitalized interest income and tap-in/connection fees. Operating expenses do not include interest, depreciation or amortization expenses.

⁽¹⁾Half of pledged revenues are transferred to a surplus account.

⁽²⁾Revised formula per trust agreement.

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**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
PLEGGED REVENUE COVERAGE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

(Amounts in Thousands)

ADJUSTABLE RATE PARKING SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS						
Fiscal Year	Parking Service Charges and Other⁽¹⁾	Less: Operating Expenses	Net Revenue Available for Debt Service	Debt Service		Coverage
				Principal	Interest	
2005	\$ 6,219	\$ 4,307	\$ 1,912	\$ 540	\$ 550	1.75
2006	6,764	4,372	2,392	575	855	1.67
2007	6,481	4,503	1,978	610	816	1.39
2008	6,664	4,299	2,365	645	474	2.11
2009 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	5,731	3,641	2,090	685	93	2.69
2010	6,612	4,680	1,932	725	49	2.50
2011	6,482	4,667	1,815	770	36	2.25
2012	9,179	6,032	3,147	815	33	3.71
2013	12,221	6,408	5,813	865	39	6.43
2014	11,434	6,780	4,654	915	60	4.77

Source: Audited Hamilton County financial statements and Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

Note: Details regarding the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

⁽¹⁾Parking Service Charges and Other includes charges for services and sales and use tax revenues.

Operating Expenses do not include interest, depreciation or amortization expenses.

⁽²⁾In May 2009, the County obtained a loan from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$11,685 for construction of an intermodal transit facility. The loan is secured by parking revenues, sales tax receipts, and by other non-tax revenues of the County on a contingent basis. The loan will be repaid in 2012–2019. Loan interest rates range from 3.00% to 4.25%.

⁽³⁾In October 2009, the County secured a loan for \$5,475 from the State of Ohio for riverfront development. The loan is secured by shared TIF (Tax Increment Financing) revenues of the County and the City of Cincinnati. The loan will be repaid in 2015–2024. Loan interest rates are 0% for the first five years and 3% thereafter.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS					SALES TAX BONDS ⁽⁴⁾					
Special Assessment	Debt Service			Coverage	Sales Tax Collections ⁽⁴⁾	Paul Brown Stadium		Baseball Stadium		Coverage
	Principal	Interest				Debt Service		Debt Service		
Collections					Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		
\$ 481	\$ 300	\$ 217	0.93	\$ 64,030	\$ 1,325	\$ 18,691	\$ 2,675	\$ 10,589	1.92	
491	265	201	1.05	64,022	1,698	18,631	3,427	10,468	1.87	
468	279	191	1.00	66,232	2,567	17,243	6,523	9,063	1.87	
485	314	217	0.91	65,381	2,955	17,522	7,019	9,002	1.79	
467	310	216	0.89	60,630	3,219	17,372	7,595	8,659	1.65	
512	364	225	0.87	62,172	2,140	17,201	-	8,269	2.25	
498	331	224	0.90	65,044	73,418 ⁽⁵⁾	15,752	1,273	8,285	0.66	
502	374	216	0.85	66,642	180	16,843	945	8,339	2.53	
543	402	212	0.88	69,637	7,009	16,896	6,511	8,344	1.80	
571	368	200	1.01	74,141	10,590	16,485	5,125	7,976	1.85	

⁽⁴⁾On March 19, 1996, voters of Hamilton County approved a ½% increase in the County's general sales tax. The County Commissioners approved by resolution that this additional tax be used for the development of the riverfront area, including construction of the football and baseball stadiums—Paul Brown Stadium and Great American Ball Park. The sales tax bonds are not a general obligation of the County. They are secured by the County's pledge and assignment of the revenue from the additional ½% sales tax.

⁽⁵⁾2011 includes payment of principal on refunded bonds.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
RATIOS OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

(Amounts in Thousands, Except Per Capita Amount)

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Less: Amounts Available in Debt Service Fund	Total	Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value⁽¹⁾ of Property	Per Capita⁽²⁾
2005	\$ 113,770	\$ 3,978	\$ 109,792	0.20%	\$ 129.60
2006	122,695	3,123	119,572	0.19%	141.06
2007	111,635	2,161	109,474	0.17%	127.90
2008	107,980	2,164	105,816	0.17%	123.98
2009	108,610	2,094	106,516	0.18%	124.57
2010	97,185	2,059	95,126	0.16%	118.56
2011	90,987	8,255	82,732	0.15%	103.37
2012	82,652	5,303	77,349	0.15%	96.44
2013	70,839	132	70,707	0.14%	87.89
2014	78,572	105	78,467	0.15%	97.28

Source: Hamilton County Auditor's Finance Department.

Note: Details regarding the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

⁽¹⁾See the Schedule of Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property on page 150 for property value data.

⁽²⁾Population data can be found in the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics on page 165.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Fiscal Year	Population⁽¹⁾	Personal Income⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾ <small>(Amounts in Thousands)</small>	Per Capita Personal Income	Annual Average Unemployment Rate⁽³⁾	Median Age⁽⁴⁾
2005	847,182	\$ 33,918,902	\$ 40,037	5.40%	37.6
2006	847,656	35,914,206	42,369	5.00%	37.8
2007	855,928	36,835,038	43,035	5.00%	38.0
2008	853,508	37,484,285	43,918	5.60%	38.6
2009	855,062	36,248,694	42,393	8.90%	36.8
2010	802,374	36,770,921	45,828	9.50%	37.1
2011	800,362	37,522,065	46,881	8.60%	37.3
2012	802,038	39,631,501	49,413	7.00%	37.3
2013	804,520	40,522,891	50,369	7.10%	37.1
2014	806,631	42,299,608	52,440	5.30%	37.4

Data Sources:

⁽¹⁾U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2005–2014 Census and Midyear Population Estimates

⁽²⁾U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System (2005-2012)

⁽³⁾Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Labor Market Information

⁽⁴⁾U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2005–2014 American FactFinder Fact Sheets

⁽⁵⁾2013, 2014: Estimated figure using prior-year state and county figures; CAFR-year data not available.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO**

Name of Employer⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	2014			2005⁽³⁾		
	Number of Employees⁽¹⁾	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Number of Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Kroger Company	20,948	1	5.48%	14,000	2	3.53%
University of Cincinnati	15,378	2	4.02%	15,400	1	3.89%
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	14,954	3	3.91%	8,102	6	2.04%
TriHealth Incorporated	11,400	4	2.98%	7,648	7	1.93%
City of Cincinnati	11,156	5	2.92%	—	—	—
Procter & Gamble Company	11,000	6	2.88%	12,000	4	3.03%
UC Health (fna: Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati Inc.)	10,000	7	2.61%	13,141	3	3.32%
General Electric Aviation	8,670	8	2.27%	6,800	9	1.72%
Mercy Health	8,210	9	2.15%	6,748	10	1.70%
Fifth Third Bancorp	6,815	10	1.78%	8,964	5	2.26%
Cincinnati Public Schools	—	—	—	7,589	8	1.91%
Total Principal Employers	118,531		31.00%	100,392		25.33%
Total County Employed⁽²⁾	382,500			396,300		

Data Sources:

⁽¹⁾Cincinnati Business Courier 2014/2015 Book of Lists

⁽²⁾Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Labor Market Information

⁽³⁾Cincinnati Business Courier 2006 Book of Lists

COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ⁽¹⁴⁾	2010 ⁽¹⁶⁾	2011 ⁽¹⁶⁾	2012	2013	2014
General Government ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾⁽¹⁵⁾⁽¹⁷⁾	477.45	478.27	494.52	522.21	499.69	427.13	413.50	417.02	359.78	359.53
Judicial ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾⁽¹³⁾⁽¹⁶⁾	1,725.57	1,719.26	1,686.15	1,672.62	1,450.13	1,298.06	1,115.30	1,109.65	1,023.12	1,050.80
Public Safety ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	1,185.81	1,230.90	1,202.36	1,170.15	950.33	963.21	1,007.99	1,045.23	1,065.80	1,083.74
Social Services ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾⁽¹⁶⁾	1,660.65	1,660.65	1,680.65	1,637.65	1,445.80	949.69	817.69	801.56	823.56	874.25
Health ⁽²⁾⁽⁷⁾⁽⁹⁾	725.05	648.76	648.66	654.67	659.76	678.45	630.18	630.84	621.31	628.28
Public Works ⁽¹⁵⁾	235.31	231.65	231.65	220.65	191.60	208.20	209.05	210.20	206.84	209.90
Environmental Control ⁽²⁾	62.41	61.89	59.59	59.59	59.90	55.35	10.27	9.06	8.52	7.69
Economic and Community Development ⁽²⁾⁽⁸⁾⁽¹⁵⁾	28.50	7.50	7.50	6.25	14.19	0.29	-	-	-	0.75
Recreational Activities	-	-	-	-	1.00	0.10	4.19	5.20	4.51	4.01
Metropolitan Sewer District ⁽³⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Brown Stadium ⁽⁴⁾	27.55	28.55	29.50	28.01	27.81	26.22	26.21	26.60	25.61	25.34
Baseball Stadium ⁽⁵⁾	2.85	2.85	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.07	0.47	-	-	-
Riverfront Development ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	-	-	2.47	0.60	0.87	1.02	0.87
Main Street Parking Garage ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.52
Rotary Funds ⁽¹¹⁾	107.00	109.00	107.00	108.00	106.00	103.00	35.00	-	-	-
Communications Center	91.00	91.00	93.00	94.00	93.00	91.00	84.00	76.42	79.42	75.42
Workers' Compensation Reserve for Stadiums ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹⁷⁾	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-	-	-
Total	6,331.15	6,272.28	6,244.33	6,176.80	5,502.21	4,806.24	4,356.45	4,332.65	4,219.49	4,321.10

Sources: Hamilton County, Ohio 2005-2014 Budgets, Budgeted FTEs
Hamilton County, Ohio, Department of Budget and Strategic Initiatives

Method: An FTE is the equivalent of one full-time employee. To calculate a percentage of an FTE, for each employee a ratio is derived by dividing expected hours to be worked by 2,080 hours per year.

⁽¹⁾Employees of certain agencies subsidized by the General Fund are included.

⁽²⁾Employees funded by grants are included in certain departmental FTE counts.

⁽³⁾Personnel in this agency are employed by the City of Cincinnati.

⁽⁴⁾Paul Brown Stadium personnel are managed in part by Hamilton County and in part by Paul Brown Stadium, Ltd.

⁽⁵⁾Great American Ball Park baseball stadium personnel are managed by the Cincinnati Reds.

⁽⁶⁾Parking facilities personnel services are provided via management contract.

⁽⁷⁾During 2006, the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Community Mental Health Boards merged to form the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

⁽⁸⁾In 2006, the Section 8 housing program transferred to the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority.

⁽⁹⁾During 2006, the department functions of Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime transitioned to community-based agencies.

⁽¹⁰⁾During 2007, the budget and small business sections transferred from Administrative Services to County Administration,

the facilities maintenance section of Juvenile Court transferred to County Facilities, and the child support legal services section of the Prosecutor transferred to Job and Family Services.

⁽¹¹⁾The County is fully reimbursed for Sheriff's Township Patrol services.

⁽¹²⁾Employees who service the Workers' Compensation Reserve for Stadiums internal service fund are employed by the Board of County Commissioners.

⁽¹³⁾Court of Appeals staff are employees of the State of Ohio.

⁽¹⁴⁾The 674.59 positions reduced in 2009 resulted primarily from budget reductions shared across most departments.

⁽¹⁵⁾In 2009, Community Development, Building Inspections, Public Works, Regional Planning and Regional Zoning combined to form the Planning and Development Department (General Government).

⁽¹⁶⁾The 695.97 positions reduced in 2010 and the 449.79 in 2011 resulted primarily from budget reductions in the Judicial and Social Services functions.

⁽¹⁷⁾Starting in 2012, employees who service the Workers' Compensation Reserve for Stadiums internal service fund are reported with the General Government function.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

FUNCTION/PROGRAM	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Governmental Activities										
General Government										
Auditor										
Non-Exempt Property Conveyances	23,304	22,132	19,509	16,772	15,060	14,649	14,349	14,333	17,554	16,331
Exempt Property Conveyances	12,501	12,079	11,974	11,038	10,217	9,403	10,066	10,688	11,603	11,466
Parcels Assessed or Reappraised at Market Value	341,932 ⁽²⁾	343,479	345,712	347,481 ⁽¹⁾	347,587	348,148	348,360 ⁽²⁾	348,362	347,492	348,535
Dog and Kennel Licenses Issued	58,744	57,764	56,781	58,942	61,833	59,316	60,298	59,045	58,051	55,414
Weights and Measures Inspections and Tests Performed	38,822	33,757	47,867	31,837	38,983	14,365	- ⁽¹²⁾	-	-	-
Board of Elections										
Voter Registrations and Changes Processed	49,893	77,300	52,283	177,515 ⁽⁴⁾	50,294	43,490	82,037	146,758 ⁽⁴⁾	94,519	84,081
Building Inspections										
Building Inspections Performed	22,688	21,184	22,171	21,098	18,893	13,566	12,708	12,699	13,340	13,255
Building Permits Issued	6,933	4,847	4,402	3,960	9,361	10,125	9,942	9,263	10,619	10,653
Recorder										
Deeds Filed	36,013	34,272	31,314	27,952	25,206	23,758	22,788	24,053	28,413	26,637
Mortgages Filed	66,813	59,443	47,849	36,771	43,031	39,184	35,862	42,425	40,612	28,453
Treasurer										
Tax Bills Processed	283,500	285,000	283,000	285,000	289,000	286,500	291,600	294,700	294,000	293,700
Judicial										
Court of Appeals										
Overall New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	1,036	1,121	931	1,326	947	872	899	915	877	809
Criminal New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	641	670	591	971	587	521	480	506	457	440
Civil New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	239	291	227	221	229	234	276	266	420	346
Court of Common Pleas										
Overall New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	23,995	24,819	25,329	25,229	24,845	24,455	23,041	22,447	19,457	18,064
Criminal New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	10,173	10,722	11,024	10,287	9,224	9,078	9,072	8,920	8,182	7,981
Civil New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	13,822	14,097	14,305	14,942	15,621	15,377	13,969	13,527	11,275	10,083
Court of Domestic Relations										
Overall New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	9,216	9,526	8,356	7,837	7,560	6,699	6,479	6,061	6,239	6,035
Juvenile Court										
Overall New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	47,668	48,647	40,204	37,681	33,199	30,681	28,355	28,109	30,379	24,816
Hearings Conducted	164,283	163,890	153,339	143,653	128,764	120,169	120,028	118,853	118,800	118,669
Municipal Court										
Overall New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	319,191	312,927	320,351	354,811	332,902	319,097	316,812	206,611	233,940	214,466
Probate Court										
Overall New Cases ⁽⁵⁾	6,508	6,829	6,584	6,697	6,564	6,458	6,606	6,632	6,552	6,029
Public Safety										
Coroner										
Autopsies Performed	1,032	997	1,026	1,000	898	860	922	909	936	796
Prosecutor										
Criminal Misdemeanor and Felony Arraignments	42,982	43,000	43,200	43,300	44,184	40,719	41,426	39,384	34,410	34,917
Formal Opinions and Letters of Advice to County Agencies	107	102	100	105	49	37	42	26	48	24
Property Foreclosure Cases	3,300	3,750	3,750	3,750	4,767	7,843	5,848	5,833	4,262	3,350
Sheriff										
Inmates Housed	44,468	50,727	49,921	46,000	42,000	40,000	38,626	36,653	32,425	31,872
Prisoners Transported	4,916	4,815	4,815	4,482	3,615	3,333	3,059	3,077	2,820	4,954
Courtroom Security Provided (Hours)	49,842	51,576	53,123	51,928	46,126	43,960	55,472	55,038	49,628	49,202
Major Crime Cases Investigated	3,776	4,120	4,125	4,130	7,245	6,835	6,713	6,260	5,066	4,974
Social Services										
Job and Family Services—JFS										
Cash Assistance Recipients (Monthly Average)	20,043	17,045	17,169	17,644	26,496	25,301	20,326	17,570	15,670	14,062
Food Stamp Assistance Recipients (Monthly Average)	74,898	77,123	72,419	76,057	119,189	137,148	129,281	135,280	135,898	126,984
Medicaid Participants (Monthly Average)	120,348	121,084	127,242	128,259	142,116	156,494	154,768	171,131	180,295	206,464
Subsidized Child Care Recipients (Monthly Average 2006-2009)	25,124	12,999	12,986	14,121	14,034	15,451	19,292	16,201 ⁽³⁾	16,563	16,376
Children's Services Recipients	15,679	17,460	17,717	16,469	15,422	15,831	16,964	16,912	16,824	16,101
Child Support Collections (Millions)	\$ 152.4	\$ 155.0	\$ 142.0	\$ 154.6	\$ 143.0	\$ 126.0	\$ 129.6	\$ 129.6	\$ 130.0	\$ 127.8
Workforce Development Admissions (Includes Reapplications) ⁽⁶⁾	13,430	3,182	3,602	3,278	5,129	13,810	14,500	28,738	20,212	25,820
Health										
Developmental Disability Services										
Eligible Individuals Served ⁽⁷⁾	5,679	5,638	7,243	7,931	16,051	15,443	16,585	16,689	15,893	13,982

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Public Works										
County Engineer										
Bridges Constructed/Repaired	5	8	3	11	2	6	2	2	2	5
Landslides Stabilized	4	1	1	2	-	-	5	8	3	2
Roads Resurfaced (Number)	28	20	20	- ⁽⁸⁾	21	24	4	11	23	9
Roads Resurfaced (Miles)	18	14	10	- ⁽⁸⁾	12	18	3	8	26	8
Public Works										
Permits Processed for Storm Review and FEMA Regulations	2,395	2,048	1,879	2,000	1,461	1,783	1,610	1,732	2,190	1,763
Environmental Control										
Environmental Services										
Material Recycled (Tons)	34,342	33,496	31,985	34,500	36,615	39,885	45,498	43,590	40,935	40,350
FUNCTION/PROGRAM										
Business-Type Activities										
Metropolitan Sewer District										
Sewer Connections	225,889	228,512	229,226	229,943	228,133	229,452	231,100	229,808	227,160	211,631
Wastewater Collected and Treated (Millions of Gallons) ⁽⁹⁾	74,010	67,966	66,038	67,264	60,800	58,746	73,008	54,785	70,147	65,551
Paul Brown Stadium										
Game Attendance (Total)	524,468	527,870	526,320	516,663	575,718	482,917	394,009	489,504	593,800	525,372
Game Attendance (Average)	65,559	65,984	65,790	64,583	63,969	60,365	49,251	61,188	53,982	52,537
Baseball Stadium										
Game Attendance (Total)	1,943,157	2,134,607	2,058,593	2,058,632	1,747,919	2,060,550	2,213,498	2,347,251	2,492,059	2,476,664
Game Attendance (Average)	23,696	26,353	25,415	25,415	21,579	25,439	27,327	28,978	31,151	30,576
Riverfront Development										
Parking Spaces Managed	6,317	6,317	6,317	6,317	6,317	7,077	7,641	7,768	7,401	7,085
Main Street Parking Garage										
Parking Spaces Managed	700	700	700	700	700	700	694	694	692	693
Rotary Funds										
Sheriff's Road Patrol Division										
Jurisdictions Served	8	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	8	8
Central Warrants/Identification Division										
Expungements Processed	1,338	2,095	2,184	2,565	1,846	1,862	2,847	3,566	3,212	4,352
Warrants/Capias Processed	131,166	138,090	144,059	147,637	184,546	185,012	155,464	143,354	118,518	114,314
Offender Fingerprints Processed	62,780	58,806	54,693	49,945	46,561	45,442	53,796	49,785	40,846	34,962
Public Fingerprint Services Provided	14,350	14,498	15,755	27,079	26,240	20,537	19,215	26,240	23,773	20,537
Communications Center										
Emergency 911 Telephone Calls Processed	897,327	899,202	900,000	902,000	766,452	589,542	745,139	688,817	681,755	658,761
Police, Fire and Rescue Unit Calls Processed	450,875	555,777	585,000	587,000	598,359	580,428	570,475	547,852	555,778	583,312
Workers' Compensation Reserve for Stadiums										
Claims Managed	16 ⁽¹¹⁾	10 ⁽¹¹⁾	5 ⁽¹¹⁾	8 ⁽¹¹⁾	6 ⁽¹¹⁾	5 ⁽¹¹⁾	4 ⁽¹⁰⁾	4 ⁽¹⁰⁾	-	1

Sources:

Hamilton County, Ohio, 2004-2008 Budgets
Hamilton County Auditor
Various Hamilton County Departments
Hamilton County Job and Family Services, 1996-2005
Supreme Court of Ohio
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⁽¹⁾Triennial reassessment, payable following year. Ohio law requires a mid-cycle value adjustment three years after the mass reappraisal to update the six-year mass reappraisal so values change gradually.

⁽²⁾Mass reappraisal, payable following year. Ohio law requires counties to revalue all real property every three years. The Auditor's Office is responsible for setting the value of properties, not the assessment of taxes.

⁽³⁾Revised figure.

⁽⁴⁾These are presidential election years.

⁽⁵⁾The number includes new cases docketed, transferred in or reactivated as reported to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

⁽⁶⁾Southwest Ohio Career Resource network became The Super Jobs Center in April of 2005; services changeover affected total individuals placed.

⁽⁷⁾For fiscal years 2004-2008, the number of eligible individuals served is an unduplicated count of individuals served per year and does not represent the number of services provided to those individuals.

For fiscal years 2009-2013, the number of eligible individuals served includes some individuals who received more than one service per year.

⁽⁸⁾No resurfacing occurred due to budget constraints.

⁽⁹⁾Yearly rainfall levels result in variances in amounts of wastewater collected and treated.

⁽¹⁰⁾The number represents management of workers' compensation claims for Paul Brown Stadium and Great American Ball Park.

⁽¹¹⁾The number represents management of workers' compensation claims for Great American Ball Park.

⁽¹²⁾Compilation of Activity Report ended in 2011.

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON, OHIO
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	FISCAL YEAR									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<u>FUNCTION/PROGRAM</u>										
<u>Governmental Activities</u>										
General Government										
Properties ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾	7	6	8	8	8	8	8	5	5	5
Judicial										
Properties ⁽¹⁾	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Public Safety										
Coroner										
Properties ⁽¹⁾	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Emergency Management										
Office Building ⁽²⁾	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Emergency Warning Sirens	189	189	195	195	195	195	199	199	200	199
Sheriff										
District Patrol Headquarters ⁽³⁾	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Detention Facilities ⁽⁴⁾	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Social Services										
Job and Family Services										
Properties ⁽¹⁾	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
Health										
Developmental Disabilities Services										
Properties ⁽¹⁾	12	13	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	12
Mental Health and Recovery Services Board										
Properties ⁽¹⁾	69	64	64	62	64	64	63	63	63	63
Public Works										
Planning and Development										
Maintenance Facility	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maintenance Vehicles and Equipment	30	30	30	30	29	30	31	31	30	31
County Engineer										
County Roads Maintained (Miles)	504	504	504	544	544	532	532	504	504	504
Maintenance Facilities	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7

FUNCTION/PROGRAM	FISCAL YEAR										
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Business-Type Activities											
Metropolitan Sewer District											
Major Wastewater Treatment Plants	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
Combined and Sanitary Sewers (Miles)	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,050	2,994	2,994	2,994	2,990	2,991	2,994	
Paul Brown Stadium											
Paul Brown Football Stadium	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Parking Garage	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Baseball Stadium											
Great American Ballpark Baseball Stadium	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Hall of Fame Museum	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Team Store	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Riverfront Development											
Parking Garages ⁽⁷⁾	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	2	
Surface Parking Lots	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Main Street Parking Garage											
Alms & Doepke Parkhaus Parking Garage	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Communications Center											
911 Communications Center	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Radio Towers ⁽⁵⁾	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
Emergency Alert System	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	

Sources: Hamilton County, Ohio, 2005-2008 Budgets
Hamilton County Auditor
Various Hamilton County Departments

Note: No capital asset indicators are available for the following functions/programs:
* the Environmental Control, Economic Development and Parks and Recreation functions
* the Rotary fund

⁽¹⁾Improved real properties are primarily buildings, County-owned unless otherwise indicated, presented in the function of the primary use(r).

⁽²⁾The permanent Emergency Management Agency (EMA) office building, formerly housed in trailers at the Communications Center, was completed in 2005. EMA shares space with the Homeland Security Division. The office building is leased from the City of Cincinnati.

⁽³⁾Three District Patrol Headquarters are owned by townships. The Sheriff provides contracted police services.

⁽⁴⁾The Queensgate Correctional Facility, formerly a leased property, closed in December 2008. The lease terminated 12/31/08.

⁽⁵⁾ Ten of the Communications Center towers are County-owned; the other five towers are leased.

⁽⁶⁾Hamilton County sold Drake Hospital and the former Kahn's Meat Packing Facilities in 2012.

⁽⁷⁾Three small garages were combined to become one large one.

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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