



WILLIAMS COUNTY

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

**WILLIAMS COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash-basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component units and remaining fund information of the County, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in cash-basis financial position and where applicable cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, Auto and Gas, and Enrichment Center funds for the year then ended in accordance with the cash-basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Basis for Opinions

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

Emphasis of Matter - Accounting Basis

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

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

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 15, 2024, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

October 15, 2024

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WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Williams County Regional Airport Authority	Williams County Land Reutilization Corporation
Assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 32,937,144	\$ 3,903,288	\$ 36,840,432	\$ 266,686	\$ 337,762
Cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts	26,403	-	26,403	502	-
Total assets	<u>32,963,547</u>	<u>3,903,288</u>	<u>36,866,835</u>	<u>267,188</u>	<u>337,762</u>
Net position:					
Restricted for:					
Legislative and executive	1,318,060	-	1,318,060	-	-
Judicial programs	1,781,731	-	1,781,731	-	-
Public safety programs	529,686	-	529,686	-	-
Public works projects	2,979,263	-	2,979,263	-	-
Health services programs	257,121	-	257,121	-	-
Human services programs	11,926,975	-	11,926,975	-	-
Economic development programs	364,331	-	364,331	-	-
Unclaimed monies	119,640	-	119,640	-	-
Airport Authority programs	-	-	-	126,162	-
Capital projects	76,951	338,552	415,503	99,640	-
Unrestricted	13,609,789	3,564,736	17,174,525	41,386	337,762
Total net position	<u>\$ 32,963,547</u>	<u>\$ 3,903,288</u>	<u>\$ 36,866,835</u>	<u>\$ 267,188</u>	<u>\$ 337,762</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Program Receipts</u>			
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Charges for Services and Sales</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
Governmental activities:				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	\$ 4,897,931	\$ 2,167,848	\$ 72,616	\$ -
Judicial	2,744,693	917,405	1,038,414	-
Public safety	5,656,228	137,269	298,903	-
Public works	8,018,208	827,753	6,260,604	-
Health	2,751,256	2,412,324	155,967	-
Human services	11,935,103	1,670,116	6,776,927	-
Conservation and recreation	115,000	-	-	-
Economic development and assistance	844,159	15,191	750,901	-
Hospitalization	1,601,480	24,651	-	-
Other	59,585	-	-	-
Capital outlay	3,200,605	5,463	-	10,000
Intergovernmental	782,052	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	20,056	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	1,003	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>42,627,359</u>	<u>8,178,020</u>	<u>15,354,332</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Business-type activities:				
Hillside	9,350,801	8,037,524	345,090	-
Sewer	1,048,618	984,761	-	134,536
Total business-type activities	<u>10,399,419</u>	<u>9,022,285</u>	<u>345,090</u>	<u>134,536</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 53,026,778</u>	<u>\$ 17,200,305</u>	<u>\$ 15,699,422</u>	<u>\$ 144,536</u>
Component Units:				
Williams County Regional Airport Authority	\$ 1,144,053	\$ 284,577	\$ 90,000	\$ 354,052
Williams County Land Reutilization Corporation	1,217,255	8,500	1,043,590	-
Williams County Transportation Improvement District	349,000	-	-	349,000
Total component units	<u>\$ 2,710,308</u>	<u>\$ 293,077</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,590</u>	<u>\$ 703,052</u>

General Receipts:

Property taxes levied for:

General purposes

Human services - Enrichment Center

Human services - Department on Aging

Sales taxes

Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs

Payment in lieu of taxes

Investment income

Sale of assets

Miscellaneous

Total general receipts

Transfers

Change in net position

Net position at beginning of year (restated)

Net position at end of year

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position

Primary Government			Component Units		
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Williams County Regional Airport Authority	Williams County Land Reutilization Corporation	Williams County Transportation Improvement District
\$ (2,657,467)	\$ -	\$ (2,657,467)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(788,874)	-	(788,874)	-	-	-
(5,220,056)	-	(5,220,056)	-	-	-
(929,851)	-	(929,851)	-	-	-
(182,965)	-	(182,965)	-	-	-
(3,488,060)	-	(3,488,060)	-	-	-
(115,000)	-	(115,000)	-	-	-
(78,067)	-	(78,067)	-	-	-
(1,576,829)	-	(1,576,829)	-	-	-
(59,585)	-	(59,585)	-	-	-
(3,185,142)	-	(3,185,142)	-	-	-
(782,052)	-	(782,052)	-	-	-
(20,056)	-	(20,056)	-	-	-
(1,003)	-	(1,003)	-	-	-
<u>(19,085,007)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,085,007)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
-	(968,187)	(968,187)	-	-	-
-	70,679	70,679	-	-	-
-	<u>(897,508)</u>	<u>(897,508)</u>	-	-	-
<u>(19,085,007)</u>	<u>(897,508)</u>	<u>(19,982,515)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
-	-	-	(415,424)	-	-
-	-	-	-	(165,165)	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	<u>(415,424)</u>	<u>(165,165)</u>	<u>-</u>
2,185,174	-	2,185,174	-	-	-
2,294,035	-	2,294,035	-	-	-
1,169,477	-	1,169,477	-	-	-
7,983,758	-	7,983,758	-	-	-
1,371,312	-	1,371,312	-	64,448	-
50,732	-	50,732	-	-	-
1,894,188	156,310	2,050,498	-	635	-
65,054	12,650	77,704	6	-	-
839,446	50,179	889,625	11,295	-	-
<u>17,853,176</u>	<u>219,139</u>	<u>18,072,315</u>	<u>11,301</u>	<u>65,083</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(1,481,831)	(428,369)	(1,910,200)	(404,123)	(100,082)	-
<u>34,445,378</u>	<u>4,331,657</u>	<u>38,777,035</u>	<u>671,311</u>	<u>437,844</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ 32,963,547</u>	<u>\$ 3,903,288</u>	<u>\$ 36,866,835</u>	<u>\$ 267,188</u>	<u>\$ 337,762</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Auto and Gas</u>	<u>Enrichment Center</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,842,055	\$ 2,242,804	\$ 6,894,126	\$ 11,958,159	\$ 32,937,144
Cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts	<u>1,606</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>24,697</u>	<u>26,403</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,843,661</u>	<u>\$ 2,242,854</u>	<u>\$ 6,894,176</u>	<u>\$ 11,982,856</u>	<u>\$ 32,963,547</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	\$ 119,640	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,640
Restricted	-	2,242,854	6,894,176	10,097,088	19,234,118
Committed	-	-	-	523,628	523,628
Assigned	572,564	-	-	1,362,140	1,934,704
Unassigned	<u>11,151,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,151,457</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 11,843,661</u>	<u>\$ 2,242,854</u>	<u>\$ 6,894,176</u>	<u>\$ 11,982,856</u>	<u>\$ 32,963,547</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Auto and Gas</u>	<u>Enrichment Center</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Receipts:					
From local sources:					
Property taxes	\$ 2,185,174	\$ -	\$ 2,294,035	\$ 1,169,477	\$ 5,648,686
Sales taxes	7,983,758	-	-	-	7,983,758
Charges for services	2,239,074	373,436	341,976	4,110,262	7,064,748
Licenses and permits	4,960	3,065	-	118,986	127,011
Fines and forfeitures	112,580	737	-	153,881	267,198
Intergovernmental	1,546,996	6,260,604	692,725	8,253,271	16,753,596
Special assessments	16,145	-	-	368,221	384,366
Payment in lieu of taxes	606	-	757	49,369	50,732
Investment income	1,754,829	138,000	-	10,010	1,902,839
Rental income	84,102	-	19,500	5,463	109,065
Loan repayments	-	-	-	117,408	117,408
Other	305,407	5,082	17,136	593,442	921,067
Total receipts	<u>16,233,631</u>	<u>6,780,924</u>	<u>3,366,129</u>	<u>14,949,790</u>	<u>41,330,474</u>
Disbursements:					
Current:					
General government:					
Legislative and executive	3,806,808	-	-	1,091,123	4,897,931
Judicial	1,715,438	-	-	1,029,255	2,744,693
Public safety	4,827,520	-	-	828,708	5,656,228
Public works	324,419	7,300,007	-	393,782	8,018,208
Health	17,922	-	-	2,733,334	2,751,256
Human services	1,003,086	-	2,860,685	8,071,332	11,935,103
Conservation and recreation	115,000	-	-	-	115,000
Economic development and assistance	130,513	-	-	713,646	844,159
Hospitalization	1,601,480	-	-	-	1,601,480
Other	59,585	-	-	-	59,585
Capital outlay	-	-	-	3,200,605	3,200,605
Intergovernmental	782,052	-	-	-	782,052
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	20,056	-	-	-	20,056
Interest and fiscal charges	1,003	-	-	-	1,003
Total disbursements	<u>14,404,882</u>	<u>7,300,007</u>	<u>2,860,685</u>	<u>18,061,785</u>	<u>42,627,359</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>1,828,749</u>	<u>(519,083)</u>	<u>505,444</u>	<u>(3,111,995)</u>	<u>(1,296,885)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Sale of assets	1,090	32,562	-	31,402	65,054
Transfers in	-	250,000	-	2,821,484	3,071,484
Transfers (out)	(3,191,272)	-	-	(130,212)	(3,321,484)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(3,190,182)</u>	<u>282,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,722,674</u>	<u>(184,946)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,361,433)	(236,521)	505,444	(389,321)	(1,481,831)
Fund balances at beginning of year (restated)	<u>13,205,094</u>	<u>2,479,375</u>	<u>6,388,732</u>	<u>12,372,177</u>	<u>34,445,378</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 11,843,661</u>	<u>\$ 2,242,854</u>	<u>\$ 6,894,176</u>	<u>\$ 11,982,856</u>	<u>\$ 32,963,547</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Receipts:				
Property taxes	\$ 2,175,900	\$ 2,189,500	\$ 2,185,174	\$ (4,326)
Sales taxes	7,300,000	7,950,000	7,983,758	33,758
Charges for services	1,784,049	1,899,349	1,934,528	35,179
Licenses and permits	4,200	4,200	4,960	760
Fines and forfeitures	111,250	111,250	112,580	1,330
Intergovernmental	1,518,080	1,557,680	1,546,996	(10,684)
Special assessments	15,000	16,100	16,145	45
Payment in lieu of taxes	600	600	606	6
Investment income	329,810	1,729,810	1,754,829	25,019
Rental income	69,691	67,350	66,352	(998)
Other	193,400	267,900	273,410	5,510
Total receipts	<u>13,501,980</u>	<u>15,793,739</u>	<u>15,879,338</u>	<u>85,599</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	3,694,664	4,112,572	3,833,846	278,726
Judicial	2,313,270	2,218,195	1,751,742	466,453
Public safety	4,955,943	5,067,522	4,904,732	162,790
Public works	345,588	363,338	324,419	38,919
Health	101,718	101,718	93,945	7,773
Human services	933,583	1,059,635	1,051,345	8,290
Conservation and recreation	5,000	120,000	115,000	5,000
Economic development	149,012	155,203	130,513	24,690
Hospitalization	1,637,230	1,627,230	1,601,480	25,750
Other	118,385	82,574	59,470	23,104
Intergovernmental	78,000	782,052	782,052	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	20,056	20,056	20,056	-
Interest and fiscal charges	1,003	1,003	1,003	-
Total disbursements	<u>14,353,452</u>	<u>15,711,098</u>	<u>14,669,603</u>	<u>1,041,495</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>(851,472)</u>	<u>82,641</u>	<u>1,209,735</u>	<u>1,127,094</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Sale of assets	-	1,100	1,090	(10)
Transfers in	570,713	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	(3,191,272)	(3,191,272)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>570,713</u>	<u>(3,190,172)</u>	<u>(3,190,182)</u>	<u>(10)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(280,759)	(3,107,531)	(1,980,447)	1,127,084
Fund balance at beginning of year	10,861,624	10,861,624	10,861,624	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	303,709	303,709	303,709	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 10,884,574</u>	<u>\$ 8,057,802</u>	<u>\$ 9,184,886</u>	<u>\$ 1,127,084</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 AUTO AND GAS FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Receipts:				
From local sources:				
Charges for services	\$ 447,940	\$ 447,940	\$ 373,436	\$ (74,504)
Licenses and permits	2,500	2,500	3,065	565
Fines and forfeitures	300	300	737	437
Intergovernmental	8,131,600	8,131,600	6,260,604	(1,870,996)
Investment income	15,000	15,000	138,000	123,000
Other	15,000	15,000	5,082	(9,918)
Total receipts	<u>8,612,340</u>	<u>8,612,340</u>	<u>6,780,924</u>	<u>(1,831,416)</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Public works	<u>9,639,630</u>	<u>9,021,100</u>	<u>7,671,473</u>	<u>1,349,627</u>
Excess of disbursements over receipts	<u>(1,027,290)</u>	<u>(408,760)</u>	<u>(890,549)</u>	<u>(481,789)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Sale of assets	10,000	10,000	32,562	22,562
Transfers in	310,000	310,000	250,000	(60,000)
Total other financing sources	<u>320,000</u>	<u>320,000</u>	<u>282,562</u>	<u>(37,438)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(707,290)	(88,760)	(607,987)	(519,227)
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,464,002	2,464,002	2,464,002	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	15,323	15,323	15,323	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,772,035</u>	<u>\$ 2,390,565</u>	<u>\$ 1,871,338</u>	<u>\$ (519,227)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 ENRICHMENT CENTER FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Receipts:				
Property taxes	\$ 2,306,300	\$ 2,306,300	\$ 2,294,035	\$ (12,265)
Charges for services	211,417	211,417	341,976	130,559
Intergovernmental	507,942	507,942	692,725	184,783
Rental income	-	-	19,500	19,500
Payment in lieu of taxes	-	-	757	757
Other	8,641	8,641	17,136	8,495
Total receipts	<u>3,034,300</u>	<u>3,034,300</u>	<u>3,366,129</u>	<u>331,829</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Human services	<u>3,760,350</u>	<u>3,760,350</u>	<u>2,860,685</u>	<u>899,665</u>
Net change in fund balance	(726,050)	(726,050)	505,444	1,231,494
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>6,388,682</u>	<u>6,388,682</u>	<u>6,388,682</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ 5,662,632</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,662,632</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,894,126</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,231,494</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</u>		
	<u>Hillside</u>	<u>Nonmajor Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 3,049,392</u>	<u>\$ 853,896</u>	<u>\$ 3,903,288</u>
Net position:			
Restricted for capital projects	203,146	135,406	338,552
Unrestricted	<u>2,846,246</u>	<u>718,490</u>	<u>3,564,736</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,049,392</u>	<u>\$ 853,896</u>	<u>\$ 3,903,288</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Hillside	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total
Operating receipts:			
Charges for services	\$ 8,037,524	\$ 984,761	\$ 9,022,285
Other	20,507	-	20,507
Total operating receipts	<u>8,058,031</u>	<u>984,761</u>	<u>9,042,792</u>
Operating disbursements:			
Personal services	5,742,735	259,166	6,001,901
Contract services	1,815,174	501,556	2,316,730
Materials and supplies	743,757	26,529	770,286
Other	110,416	5,542	115,958
Capital outlay	600,469	26,541	627,010
Total operating disbursements	<u>9,012,551</u>	<u>819,334</u>	<u>9,831,885</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(954,520)</u>	<u>165,427</u>	<u>(789,093)</u>
Nonoperating receipts (disbursements):			
Principal retirement	(265,000)	(176,868)	(441,868)
Interest and fiscal charges	(73,250)	(52,416)	(125,666)
Investment income	156,310	-	156,310
Sale of assets	-	12,650	12,650
Intergovernmental	345,090	134,536	479,626
Other nonoperating receipts	28,344	1,328	29,672
Total nonoperating receipts (disbursements)	<u>191,494</u>	<u>(80,770)</u>	<u>110,724</u>
Net income (loss) before transfers	<u>(763,026)</u>	<u>84,657</u>	<u>(678,369)</u>
Transfers in	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Change in net position	<u>(513,026)</u>	<u>84,657</u>	<u>(428,369)</u>
Net position at beginning of year (restated)	<u>3,562,418</u>	<u>769,239</u>	<u>4,331,657</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 3,049,392</u>	<u>\$ 853,896</u>	<u>\$ 3,903,288</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Custodial</u>
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,893,386
Cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts	<u>202,176</u>
Total assets	<u>6,095,562</u>
Net position:	
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	<u>\$ 6,095,562</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions:	
Property tax collection for other governments	\$ 35,082,935
Payment in lieu of taxes for other governments	21,679
Fines, licenses and permits for distribution	494,085
Intergovernmental	5,160,870
Amounts received as fiscal agent	4,282,072
Other custodial fund collections	5,625,555
Total additions	<u>50,667,196</u>
Deductions:	
Distributions as fiscal agent	4,722,469
Distributions to other governments	45,811,887
Other custodial fund disbursements	586,738
Total deductions	<u>51,121,094</u>
Net change in fiduciary net position	(453,898)
Net position beginning of year	<u>6,549,460</u>
Net position end of year	<u><u>\$ 6,095,562</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY AND REPORTING ENTITY

Williams County, Ohio (the County) is a body politic and corporate established in 1840 to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The County is governed by a board of three Commissioners elected by the voters of the County. Other officials elected by the voters of the County that manage various segments of the County's operations are the County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, and two Common Pleas Judges (a Probate Court Judge and a Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court Judge). Although the elected officials manage the internal operations of their respective departments, the County Commissioners authorize expenditures as well as serve as the budget and taxing authority, contracting body, and the chief administrators of public services for the County, including each of these departments.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements are not misleading. The primary government includes all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and component units for which the County and the County Commissioners are "accountable". For Williams County, this includes the Children's Services Board, the Department of Job and Family Services, the Williams County Solid Waste Management Board, the Williams County Emergency Management Agency, and all departments and activities that are directly operated by the elected County officials. Accountability was evaluated based on financial accountability, and the nature and significance of the potential component unit's (PCU) relationship with the County and whether exclusion would cause the County's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Among the factors considered were separate legal standing; appointment of a voting majority of the PCU's board; fiscal dependency and whether a benefit or burden relationship exists; imposition of will; and the nature and significance of the PCU's relationship with the County. Based upon the application of these criteria, the County has three component units.

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS

Williams County Regional Airport Authority - The Williams County Regional Airport Authority (the Airport Authority) is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Airport Authority Board consists of seven members which are appointed by the County Commissioners of Williams County. The County is able to impose its will on the Airport Authority. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from the Williams County Regional Airport Authority, 16288 County Road D, Bryan, Ohio 43506.

Although the County has no obligation to provide financial resources to the Airport Authority, in 2023 the County contributed \$78,000 and \$354,052 to the Airport Authority for operating and capital purposes, respectively. During 2022 the County made a loan in the amount of \$434,700 to the Airport Authority, which is outstanding at December 31, 2023.

Information related to the Airport Authority is presented in Note 20.

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY AND REPORTING ENTITY - (Continued)

Williams County Land Reutilization Corporation - The Williams County Land Reutilization Corporation (the Corporation) is a county land reutilization corporation that was formed on August 8, 2016, when the Williams County Board of Commissioners authorized the incorporation of the Corporation under Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code. The purpose of the Corporation is for reclaiming, rehabilitating or reutilizing economically non-productive land throughout Williams County (the "County"). By establishing the Corporation, the County can begin to address dilapidated housing issues in communities located in the County and return properties to productive use. Pursuant to Section 1724.03 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be composed of five members including, (1) the County Treasurer, (2) at least two members of the County Board of Commissioners, (3) one member who is a representative of the largest municipal corporation, based on population according to the most recent federal decennial census, that is located in the County, (4) one member who is a representative of a township with a population of at least ten thousand in the unincorporated area of the township according to the most recent federal decennial census, and (5) any remaining members selected by the County Treasurer and the County Commissioners who are members of the Corporation board. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from Kellie Gray, Secretary-Treasurer at One Courthouse Square, 2nd Floor, Bryan, Ohio 43506-1791.

Information related to the Corporation is presented in Note 21.

Williams County Transportation Improvement District - The Williams County Transportation Improvement District (the District) is a body politic and corporate, created for the purpose to acquire, construct, enlarge, improve, equip, sell, lease, lease-purchase, exchange, or otherwise dispose of property, structures, and other facilities for transportation projects. The District was specifically created pursuant to Chapter 5540 of the Ohio Revised Code, as amended. The District was created by action of the Board of Williams County Commissioners on August 10, 2015. The District is governed by a Board of Trustees that acts as the authoritative and legislative body of the entity. The Board is comprised of seven members of whom five are voting and two are non-voting. The five voting Board members are appointed by the Board of Williams County Commissioners. In addition, the County is able to impose its will on the District. Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from Vickie Grimm, Secretary-Treasurer at One Courthouse Square, 2nd Floor, Bryan, Ohio 43506-1791.

Information related to the District is presented in Note 22.

POTENTIAL COMPONENT UNITS REPORTED AS CUSTODIAL FUNDS

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

County General Health District
Soil and Water Conservation District
Four County Solid Waste District
Family and Children First Council
Park District

The County is associated with certain organizations which are defined as Jointly Governed Organizations, Joint Ventures Without Equity Interest, Public Entity Risk Pools, and Related Organizations.

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY AND REPORTING ENTITY - (Continued)

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Regional Planning Commission - The County participates in the Williams County Regional Planning Commission (the Commission) which is a statutorily created political subdivision of the State. The Commission is jointly governed among thirty-four members comprised of the Board of County Commissioners, County Auditor, County Engineer, member of the Health Department, a member of Soil and Water, three members appointed by the City of Bryan, representatives from eight villages, and representatives from eight townships within the County. Each member's control over the operation of the Commission is limited to its representation on the Board. The Commission makes studies, maps, plans, recommendations and reports concerning the physical, environmental, social, economic, and governmental characteristics, functions, and services of the County. In 2023, the County did not contribute to the operations of the Commission. Financial records can be obtained from Vickie Grimm, Williams County Auditor, One Courthouse Square, Second Floor, Bryan, Ohio 43506-1791.

Maumee Valley Planning Organization - The County is a member of the Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO), a jointly governed organization between Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, and Williams counties. MVPO is an organization established to improve the social and economic conditions of the region through development and conservation. MVPO is governed by a fifteen member executive council composed of the three county commissioners, the mayor of the largest municipality, three mayors selected by the committee of mayors that represent the incorporated cities and villages, the township trustee association president, the regional planning commission chairman, and two members at large to represent business, industry, labor, agricultural, low income, minority groups, education, and consumer protection activities.

The County provides resources to the executive council based on a membership fee and services provided to the County. MVPO exercises total control over the operation of MVPO including budgeting, contracting, and designating management. The County has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility for MVPO. In 2023, the County contributed \$173,663 in dues and loan and grant administrative fees. Financial records can be obtained from Brett Kolb, Fulton County Auditor, 152 South Fulton Avenue, Suite 165, Wauseon, Ohio 43567-3310.

Ohio-Michigan-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OMI) - The Ohio-Michigan-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OMI) is a jointly governed organization created under the provisions of Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. OMI's purpose is to foster and develop better coordination, protection and satisfaction of the interests and needs of the public governing bodies within the OMI region. Member counties include Williams, Defiance and Fulton in the State of Ohio; Lenawee, Hillsdale and Branch in the State of Michigan; and Allen, Dekalb and Steuben in the State of Indiana. The Board is composed of a member of the Board of County Commissioners from each County which is a member. OMI was created in 2019. Information can be obtained from Vickie Grimm, Williams County Auditor, One Courthouse Square, Second Floor, Bryan, Ohio 43506-1791.

JOINT VENTURES WITHOUT EQUITY INTEREST

Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio - The Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio (CCNO) is a joint venture between Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, and Williams counties.

CCNO provides additional jail space for convicted criminals in the five counties and is a correctional center for the inmates. CCNO was created in 1986 and construction was finished and occupancy taken December 31, 1991. CCNO is governed by a Commission Team of eighteen members; one judge, one chief law enforcement officer, and one county commissioner or administrative official from each entity.

The Commission Team exercises total control over the operation of CCNO including budgeting, contracting, and designating management. The continued existence of the CCNO is dependent upon the continued participation of Williams County. The County has no ongoing interest or responsibility for CCNO. In 2023, the County contributed \$1,620,126 for CCNO's operations and services provided. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio, 03151 County Road 24.25, Stryker, Ohio 43557.

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY AND REPORTING ENTITY - (Continued)

Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training, and Rehabilitation Center - The Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training, and Rehabilitation Center (the "Center") is a joint venture between Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties. The Center provides a detention facility for juveniles in the four counties. The Center was created in 1996 and construction was finished and occupancy taken in January 2000.

The District is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of thirteen members, three from each County and one at-large. The Board of Trustees exercises total control over the operation of the Center including budgeting, contracting, and designating management. The County has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility for the Center. Continued existence of Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Training and Rehabilitation Center is dependent upon the continued participation of Williams County. In 2023, the County contributed \$459,140 for the Center's operations. Completed financial statements can be obtained from Brett Kolb, Fulton County Auditor, 152 South Fulton Avenue, Suite 165, Wauseon, Ohio 43567-3310.

Four County Solid Waste District - The Four County Solid Waste District (the "District") is a joint venture among Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams counties. The purpose of the District is to make disposal of waste in the four county area more comprehensive in terms of recycling, incinerating, and landfilling. The District was created in 1989. The District is governed and operated through a twelve-member board of directors comprised of three commissioners from each county. Financial records are maintained by the Williams County Auditor in Bryan, Ohio. The District's sole revenue source is derived from a waste disposal fee for in-district and out-of-district waste.

The County has an ongoing financial interest in the District. The County Commissioners are able to influence the Board of Directors to use the District's surplus resources to undertake special projects of interest to the County's citizens. In the event that a county withdraws from the District, this access to the net resources has not been explicitly defined, nor is it currently measurable. The County has no ongoing financial responsibility for the District.

Quadco Rehabilitation Center - Quadco Rehabilitation Center (Quadco), a nonprofit corporation, is a joint venture between Williams, Defiance, Henry, and Fulton counties. Quadco provides services and facilities for training physically and mentally disabled persons and contracts with various agencies to obtain funding to operate the organization.

Quadco is governed by an eight-member board composed of two appointees from each of the four counties' Board of Development Disabilities (DD). Quadco, in conjunction with the county Boards of DD, assesses the needs of adult mentally challenged and developmentally disabled residents in each County and sets priorities based on the available funds. The County provides resources to Quadco based on units of service provided to it.

The County contracted with the Northwest Ohio Waiver Administration Council (NOWAC) to provide services including administration of payments to Quadco. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County remitted \$41,853 through NOWAC to supplement its operations.

Quadco operates autonomously from the County and the County has no financial responsibility of the operations of Quadco. Should Quadco dissolve, the property and equipment of the corporation would revert back to the four counties. This access to the net resources of Quadco has not been explicitly defined, nor is it currently measurable. Complete financial statements for Quadco can be obtained from Quadco Rehabilitation Center, 427 North Defiance Street, Stryker, Ohio 43557.

Four County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services - The Four County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (the ADAMHS Board) is a four County political organization whose general purpose is to provide leadership in planning for and supporting community-based alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services in cooperation with public and private resources with emphasis on the development of prevention and early intervention programming, while respecting, protecting, and advocating the rights of persons as consumers of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services.

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY AND REPORTING ENTITY - (Continued)

The governing board of the ADAMHS Board consists of eighteen members. Four members are appointed by the Ohio Director of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, four are appointed by the Ohio Director of Mental Health Services, three each are appointed by Defiance and Fulton counties and two each are appointed by Henry and Williams counties. The governing board exercises total control over the operation of the ADAMHS Board including budgeting, contracting, and designating management.

The main sources of revenue of the ADAMHS Board are state and federal grants and a property tax levy covering the entire four county area. Outside agencies are contracted by the Board to provide services for the ADAMHS Board. The ADAMHS Board operates autonomously from the County and the County has no financial responsibility for the operations of the ADAMHS Board. The County does have indirect access to the net resources of the ADAMHS Board. In the event the County withdrew from the ADAMHS Board, it would be entitled to a share of the state and federal grants that are currently being received by the ADAMHS Board. This access to net resources of the ADAMHS Board has not been explicitly defined nor is it currently measurable. In 2023, the County collected and remitted \$866,173 in property taxes to the ADAMHS Board's operations. Complete financial statements can be obtained from Jill R. Little, Defiance County Auditor, 221 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

Multi-Area Task Force - The Multi-Area Task Force (the "Task Force") is a joint venture among Defiance, Williams, Fulton, and Putnam counties and Defiance and Bryan City. The Task Force is jointly controlled by the chief law enforcement officer of each respective entity. The main source of revenue for the Task Force is from federal grants and local matching funds from the entities. The County has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility for the Task Force. In 2023, the County contributed \$25,000 to the Task Force's operations. Information can be obtained from the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, 113 Beide Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOLS

County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. - The County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA) is a jointly governed organization among thirtynine counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverages provided by CORSA.

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

County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan - The County is participating in the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan as established under § 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The County Commissioners Association Service Corporation (CCAOSC) was established through the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio (CCAO) as a group purchasing pool.

A group executive committee is responsible for calculating annual rate contributions and rebates; approving the selection of a third-party administrator; reviewing and approving proposed third-party fees, fees for risk management services, and general management fees; determining ongoing eligibility of each participant; and performing any other acts and functions which may be delegated to it by the participating employers. The group executive committee consists of seven members. Two members are the president and treasurer of the CCAOSC and the remaining five members are representatives of the participants. These five members are elected for the ensuing year by the participants at a meeting held in the month of December each year. No participant can have more than one member on the group executive committee in any year and each elected member shall be a County Commissioner. The County paid \$4,365 in administrative fees to the CCAOSC during 2023.

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY AND REPORTING ENTITY - (Continued)

County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio - The County participates in the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) which is a group purchasing consortium available to county governments in Ohio. CEBCO was established in February 2004 pursuant to Articles of Incorporation file under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code - Non-Profit Corporations. CEBCO was formed by the County Commissioners Association (CCAO) to provide cost effective employee benefit programs for counties in Ohio. CEBCO provides the following insurance programs:

Medical Insurance - Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Dental Insurance - Delta Dental
Prescription Drug - Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield/IngenioRx

CEBCO is governed by a board comprised of representatives of counties that participate in the program. The board will consist of not less than nine (9) or more than fifteen (15) directors. Two-thirds of the directors shall be county commissioners of member counties and the remaining one-third shall be employees of the member counties. Each member of the consortium signs a Participation Agreement and is committed to the consortium for at least three years in order to ensure stability of the program.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Williams Metropolitan Housing Authority - The Williams Metropolitan Housing Authority (the "Housing Authority") was created under the authority of §3735.27 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Housing Authority is governed by a five-member board, one of which is (each) appointed by the Mayor of the City of Bryan, Williams County Commissioners, the Probate Judge, and by the Common Pleas Judge respectively. Williams County is not financially accountable for the activities of the Housing Authority. The County made contributions of \$4,092 to the Housing Authority during 2023. Financial information can be obtained from the Williams Metropolitan Housing Authority, Mary Jo Sands, Executive Director, at 1044 Chelsea, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

Williams County Public Library - The Williams County Public Library (the Library) is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the County Commissioners and the Common Pleas Judge. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority; hires and fires personnel; and does not depend on the County for operational subsidies. Although the County does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate, and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Williams County Public Library, Peggy Disbro, Finance Officer, at 107 East High Street, Bryan, Ohio 43506-1702.

Williams County Port Authority - The Williams County Port Authority (the "Port Authority") was created by resolution of the County Commissioners under the authority of Chapter 4582 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Port Authority was created to support the creation of jobs and employment opportunities and to improve economic welfare of Williams County residents.

The Port Authority is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of seven members, each of whom serves a term of four years. All members of the Board of Directors are appointed by this Board except for the two members recommended by the Mayor of the City of Bryan. The Board of Directors has the authority to exercise all the powers and privileges provided under the law. These powers include the ability to sue or be sued in its corporate name; the power to establish and collect rates, rentals, and other charges; the authority to acquire, construct, operate, manage, and maintain airport facilities; the authority to buy and sell real and personal property; and the authority to issue debt for acquiring or constructing any facility or permanent improvement. The Port Authority serves as custodian of its own funds and maintains all records and accounts independent of Williams County. Williams County has no obligation to provide financial resources to the Port Authority. In 2023, the County made \$350,000 in contributions to the Port Authority. Financial information can be obtained from the Williams County Port Authority, David Newcomer, Chair, 926 Cardinal Drive, Bryan, Ohio, 43506.

WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the County are presented on a cash basis of accounting, as discussed further in Note 2.C. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting.

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

A. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position - cash basis and the statement of activities - cash basis display information about the County as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the County that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The statement of net position - cash basis presents the cash balance of the governmental and business-type activities of the County at year end. The statement of activities - cash basis presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each segment of the business-type activities of the County and for each function or program of the County's governmental activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program.

Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the County. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general receipts of the County.

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

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

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

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

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

The financial statements for the custodial funds are a statement of fiduciary net position-cash basis, and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position - cash basis.

B. Fund Accounting

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

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the County are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. The following are the County's major governmental funds:

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

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

Enrichment Center Fund - This fund accounts for a county-wide tax levy and federal and state grants that are used for developing and implementing programs for developmentally disabled citizens.

Other governmental funds of the County are used to account for and report grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the County's ongoing activities which are similar to those found in the private sector. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service. The County has no internal service funds.

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

Hillside Fund - This fund accounts for user charges and disbursements relating to maintaining the county home.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on cash basis assets, net cash position, and changes in net cash position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds are distinguished from custodial funds by the existence of a trust agreement or equivalent arrangements that have certain characteristics. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund. The County's only fiduciary funds are custodial funds that account for amounts collected and distributed on behalf of another government or organization.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

C. Basis of Accounting

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

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

D. Budgetary Process

All funds, except custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the alternate tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The alternate tax budget indicates the projected receipts and disbursements for those funds receiving tax monies. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the County Commissioners may appropriate.

The appropriations resolution is the County Commissioners' authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the County Commissioners. The legal level of control has been established by the County Commissioners at the fund, department, and object levels for all funds.

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

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

E. Cash and Investments

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

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

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

During 2023, the County invested in a U.S. Treasury Note and a money market mutual fund. Investments are reported at cost, except for the money market mutual fund. The County's money market mutual fund investment is recorded at the amount reported by Huntington National Bank at December 31, 2023.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments within an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Interest receipts credited to the general fund during 2023 amounted to \$1,754,829, which includes \$1,266,401 assigned from other County funds.

F. Inventories of Materials and Supplies

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

G. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Acquisition of property, plant, and equipment purchased are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

H. Prepaid Items

On the cash basis of accounting, payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2023 are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reported as assets in the basic financial statements.

I. Interfund Receivables/Payables

The County reports advances-in and advances-out for interfund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

J. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the County's cash basis of accounting, but is included as additional information in Note 19.

K. Fund Balance

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

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

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

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

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

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the County for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the County Commissioners or a County official delegated that authority by resolution or by State Statute.

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

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

L. Leases

The County is the lessor/lessee in various leases related to buildings and other equipment under noncancelable leases. Lease receivables/payables are not reflected under the County's cash-basis of accounting. Lease receipts/disbursements are recognized when they are received/paid.

M. Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements

The County has entered into noncancelable subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA) contracts for various types of software. Subscription liabilities are not reflected under the County's cash-basis of accounting. SBITA disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

N. Long-Term Obligations

The County's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay disbursement is reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

O. Interfund Transactions

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

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

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

P. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The County recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. The employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Q. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

R. Restricted Assets

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

S. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

T. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the County administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The County had no extraordinary or special items during 2023.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2023, the County has implemented GASB Statement No. 94, "Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements", GASB Statement No. 96, "Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements", certain questions and answers of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 and certain paragraphs of GASB Statement No. 99, "Omnibus 2022".

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 94 is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 94 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

GASB Statement No. 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset - an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 96 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

GASB Statement No. 99 is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 99 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

B. Compliance

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

C. Restatement of Net Position and Fund Balances

The County has restated net position and fund balances due to the reclassification of certain capital projects funds related to sewer enterprise fund operations. The effect on the fund reclassifications on the financial statements is detailed as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Net position as previously reported	\$ 34,582,907	\$ 4,194,128
Fund reclassifications	(137,529)	137,529
Restated net position at January 1, 2023	\$ 34,445,378	\$ 4,331,657

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Auto and Gas</u>	<u>Enrichment Center</u>
Fund balance as previously reported	\$ 13,205,094	\$ 2,479,375	\$ 6,388,732
Fund reclassifications	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Restated fund balance at January 1, 2023	<u>\$ 13,205,094</u>	<u>\$ 2,479,375</u>	<u>\$ 6,388,732</u>
	<u>Other Governmental</u>	<u>Total Governmental</u>	
Fund balance as previously reported	\$ 12,509,706	\$ 34,582,907	
Fund reclassifications	<u>(137,529)</u>	<u>(137,529)</u>	
Restated fund balance at January 1, 2023	<u>\$ 12,372,177</u>	<u>\$ 34,445,378</u>	
	<u>Hillside</u>	<u>Nonmajor Enterprise</u>	<u>Total Enterprise</u>
Net position as previously reported	\$ 3,562,418	\$ 631,710	\$ 4,194,128
Fund reclassifications	<u>-</u>	<u>137,529</u>	<u>137,529</u>
Restated net position at January 1, 2023	<u>\$ 3,562,418</u>	<u>\$ 769,239</u>	<u>\$ 4,331,657</u>

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Monies held by the County are classified by State statute into two categories. Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the County treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the County treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

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

1. United States Treasury Notes, bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States, or any book entry zero-coupon United States treasury security that is a direct obligation of the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of this state or the political subdivisions of this state, provided the bonds or other obligations of political subdivisions mature within ten years from the date of settlement;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts, in eligible institutions pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 135.32;
6. No-load money market mutual funds rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service or consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) above; commercial paper as described in ORC section 135.143 (6); and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided these investments are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
8. Securities lending agreements in which the County lends securities and the eligible institution agrees to simultaneously exchange either securities or cash, equal value for equal value, within certain limitations;
9. Up to forty percent of the County's average portfolio, if training requirements have been met in either of the following:
 - a. Commercial paper notes in entities incorporated under the laws of Ohio or any other State that have assets exceeding five hundred million dollars rated at the time of purchase, which are rated in the highest qualification established by two nationally recognized standard rating services, which do not exceed 10 percent of the value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation and which mature within two hundred seventy days after purchase, and the investment in commercial paper notes of a single issuer shall not exceed the aggregate five percent of interim monies available for investment at the time of purchase;
 - b. Bankers acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and which mature not later than 180 days after purchase;
10. Up to fifteen percent of the County's average portfolio in notes issued by U.S. corporations or by depository institutions doing business under authority granted by the U.S. or any state, provided the notes are rated in the three highest categories by at least two nationally recognized standard rating services at the time of purchase and the notes mature not later than three years after purchase;
11. A current unpaid or delinquent tax line of credit, provided certain conditions are met related to a County land reutilization corporation organized under ORC Chapter 1724; and
12. Up to two percent of the County's average portfolio in debt interests rated at the time of purchase in the three highest categories by two nationally recognized standard rating services and issued by foreign nations diplomatically recognized by the United States government, subject to certain limitations. All interest and principal shall be denominated and payable in United States funds.

Reverse repurchase agreements, investments in derivatives, and investments in stripped principal or interest obligations that are not issued or guaranteed by the United States, are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of settlement, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the County, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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

Protection of the County's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institutions participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

A. Cash on Hand

At year-end, the County had \$177,988 in undeposited cash on hand, which is included on the financial statements of the County as part of "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents".

B. Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts

At year-end, the County deposited \$228,579 in accounts separate from the County's internal investment pool. The balances in these depository accounts are included in "deposits with financial institutions" below.

C. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2023, the carrying amount of all County deposits was \$40,397,135. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2023, \$18,848,660 of the County's bank balance of \$41,949,764 was covered by the FDIC, while \$23,101,104 was covered by pledged collateral.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by (1) eligible securities pledged to the County and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or (2) participation in the OPCS, a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. For fiscal year 2023, the County's financial institutions participated in the OPCS at 102 percent.

D. Investments

As of December 31, 2023, the County had the following investment and maturities:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>
		<u>6 Months or Less</u>
U.S. Treasury Note	\$ 2,072,355	\$ 2,072,355
Money Market Mutual Fund (MMMF)	86,340	86,340
Total Investments	\$ 2,158,695	\$ 2,158,695

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

The County’s investments in U.S. Treasury Bills and U.S. Treasury Notes are valued using quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources for similar assets or liabilities for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly (Level 2 inputs).

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the County’s investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The County’s investment in the U.S. Treasury Note was rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s Investor Services, respectively. The U.S. Government money market was not rated. The County has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in State statutes.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135.14(M)(2) which states, “Payment for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee.”

Concentration of Credit Risk: The County places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the County at December 31, 2023:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
U.S. Treasury Note	\$ 2,072,355	96.00
Money Market Mutual Fund	86,340	4.00
Total	<u>\$ 2,158,695</u>	<u>100.00</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A. Transfers for the year ended December 31, 2023 consisted of the following, as reported in the fund financial statements:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>		
General	\$ -	\$ 3,191,272
Auto and Gas	250,000	-
<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds:</u>		
Child Support Enforcement	130,212	-
Job and Family Services	-	130,212
Victim's Assistance	79,933	-
EMS	254,600	-
Capital Projects Construction	2,356,739	-
Subtotal	<u>3,071,484</u>	<u>3,321,484</u>
<u>Major enterprise funds:</u>		
Hillside	250,000	-
Total Transfers	<u>\$ 3,321,484</u>	<u>\$ 3,321,484</u>

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - (Continued)

Transfers are used to (1) reallocate public assistance monies between job and family services programs and (2) use unrestricted receipts collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

B. The County made no advances to/from other funds during 2023.

The General Fund advanced \$243,050 during 2021 to the Alvordton Sewer Project capital projects fund (reported in the Sewer nonmajor enterprise fund) to cover project expenses that are expected to be charged to a reimbursement grant in 2024. This amount is expected to be repaid within one year.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

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

The full tax rate for all County operations for the year ended December 31, 2023, was \$8.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility tangible property upon which 2023 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

<u>Real Property</u>	
Residential/Agricultural	\$ 702,461,040
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral	131,396,980
<u>Public Utility</u>	
Real	602,580
Personal	46,393,430
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$ 880,854,030</u>

NOTE 7 - PERMISSIVE SALES AND USE TAX

In 1988, the County Commissioners, by resolution, imposed a 1% percent tax on all retail sales made in the County, except sales of motor vehicles, and on the storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property in the County, including motor vehicles not subject to the sales tax. In 2003, the County Commissioners, by resolution, imposed an additional 0.5% tax. Sales tax receipts are posted to the general fund. Vendor collections of the tax are paid to the State Treasurer by the twenty-third day of the month following collection. The Ohio Department of Taxation certifies payment amounts to the Ohio Department of Budget and Management (OBM) so that OBM can issue the amount of the tax to be returned to the County. The Ohio Department of Taxation's certification must be made within forty-five days after the end of each month. OBM then has five days in which to draw the warrant payable to the County.

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NOTE 8 - TAX ABATEMENTS

Real estate taxes on various properties in the County were abated in accordance with Community Reinvestment Area agreements and Enterprise Zone program agreements. The Community Reinvestment Area program is a direct incentive tax exemption program benefitting property owners who renovate existing or construct new buildings. The Enterprise Zone program can provide tax exemptions for a portion of the value of new real property investment when the investment is made in conjunction with a project that includes job creation. Existing land values and existing building values are not eligible for (except as noted within rare circumstances).

For 2023, the County had the following Community Reinvestment Area program agreements allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671:

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Tax District</u>	<u>Abatement Period (Tax Years)</u>	<u>Market Value of Abated Property</u>	<u>Tax Abated by County</u>	<u>Tax Abated by Other Entities</u>	<u>Total Tax Abated for 2023</u>
A-Stamp Ind.	City of Bryan	01/17 - 12/23	\$ 338,560	\$ 960	\$ 6,614	\$ 7,574
Abrams, John Michael	Montpelier Village	01/20 - 12/34	18,500	52	225	277
Baltosser Properties	Stryker Village	01/15 - 12/24	94,400	268	1,934	2,202
Bard Mfg. Co.	City of Bryan	01/19 - 12/28	1,391,840	3,946	27,189	31,135
Bement Street LLC (fka: Orchard Road Properties Ltd)	City of Bryan	01/20 - 12/29	1,206,400	3,420	23,566	26,986
Bement Street LLC (fka: Swanson, David, Trustee)	City of Bryan	01/17 - 12/23	266,070	754	5,198	5,952
Bement Street LLC (fka: Swanson, David, Trustee)	City of Bryan	01/17 - 12/26	723,030	2,050	14,124	16,174
Grindall, Keith & Kristine	Montpelier Village	01/21 - 12/35	192,200	545	2,335	2,880
Hicks, Donald and Sheila	Montpelier Village	01/17 - 12/23	33,400	95	406	501
J&R Holdings (Bryan Area Animal Hospital)	City of Bryan	01/17 - 12/26	478,020	1,355	9,338	10,693
Krebs, Terry Trustee (Laub Auto)	City of Bryan	01/17 - 12/23	114,030	323	2,228	2,551
Maynard Rentals (Kora Brew & Wine Bar)	City of Bryan	01/19 - 12/25	53,710	152	1,049	1,201
Miller, Joseph & Angela	Montpelier Village	01/22 - 12/36	224,300	636	2,725	3,361
MLZ Realty (Best One Tire)	City of Bryan	01/17 - 12/26	653,680	1,853	12,769	14,622
Nihart Enterprises	City of Bryan	01/18 - 12/27	524,800	1,488	10,252	11,740
Nostrum Laboratories Inc.	City of Bryan	01/21 - 12/30	927,840	2,630	11,272	13,902
Peters Real Estate LLC	City of Bryan	01/20 - 12/29	181,560	515	3,547	4,062
Rigg Holdings LLC	Stryker Village	01/21 - 12/23	75,300	213	1,543	1,756
Rockey, Jason L. & Patricia	Montpelier Village	01/21 - 12/35	5,760	16	70	86
Rupp & Roach Ltd.	West Unity Village	01/13 - 12/27	124,100	352	2,437	2,789
Rupp & Roach Ltd.	West Unity Village	01/18 - 12/27	287,680	816	5,649	6,465
Schlachter Investments LLC	City of Bryan	01/21 - 12/30	874,160	2,478	17,076	19,554
Strik, Jaqueline	Montpelier Village	01/17 - 12/23	73,440	208	892	1,100
Tinker, Michele J	Montpelier Village	01/21 - 12/35	136,600	387	1,660	2,047
Ventures in Space Ltd.	Montpelier Village	01/21 - 12/35	27,500	78	467	545
Total			<u>\$ 9,026,880</u>	<u>\$ 25,590</u>	<u>\$ 164,565</u>	<u>\$ 190,155</u>

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NOTE 8 - TAX ABATEMENTS - (Continued)

For 2023, the County had the following Enterprise Zone program agreements allowed by Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.61 through 5709.69:

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Tax District</u>	<u>Abatement Period (Tax Years)</u>	<u>Market Value of Abated Property</u>	<u>Tax Abated by County</u>	<u>Tax Abated by Other Entities</u>	<u>Total Tax Abated for 2023</u>
Copperfoam Properties LLC (NA Busche LLC)	Edon Village	01/19 - 12/33	\$ 484,060	\$ 1,372	\$ 7,309	\$ 8,681
Edgerton Forge	Edgerton Village	01/14 - 12/28	315,760	895	5,672	6,567
KLJ Limited Partnership (Altenloh, Brink & Co.)	Pioneer Village	01/22 - 12/36	2,062,100	5,846	37,401	43,247
KLJ Limited Partnership (Reifel Ind.)	Pioneer Village	01/13 - 12/22	180,900	513	3,281	3,794
KLJ Limited Partnership (Reifel Ind.)	Pioneer Village	01/19 - 12/28	748,900	2,123	13,583	15,706
Leslie Products (Moore Industries)	Montpelier Village	01/16 - 12/25	377,640	1,071	6,409	7,480
Menard Inc.	Holiday City - Madison Twp.	01/08 - 12/22	21,811,260	61,835	409,648	471,483
Menard Inc.	Holiday City - Madison Twp.	01/09 - 12/23	720,540	2,043	13,533	15,576
Menard Inc.	Holiday City - Madison Twp.	01/13 - 12/27	28,558,800	80,964	536,377	617,341
Menard Inc.	Holiday City - Madison Twp.	01/19 - 12/33	8,538,560	24,207	160,367	184,574
Menard Inc.	Holiday City - Madison Twp.	01/20 - 12/34	2,266,560	6,426	42,569	48,995
RDIRE, LLC (20/20 CMP)	Holiday City - Jefferson Twp.	01/20 - 12/34	6,519,200	18,482	119,610	138,092
Square Feet Unlimited	Montpelier Village	01/12 - 12/26	1,008,560	2,859	17,116	19,975
T-Dub Enterprises Ltd (Pioneer Custom Molding)	Pioneer Village	01/22 - 12/31	<u>692,480</u>	<u>1,963</u>	<u>12,560</u>	<u>14,523</u>
Total			<u>\$ 74,285,320</u>	<u>\$ 210,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,385,435</u>	<u>\$ 1,596,034</u>

NOTE 9 - PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

According to State law, the County has entered into a tax increment financing (TIF) agreement with Roserock Holdings LLC (the property owner) under which the County has granted a property tax abatement to the property owner and agreed to construct certain infrastructure improvements. The property owner has agreed to make payments to the County to help pay the costs of the infrastructure improvements. The amount of those payments generally reflects all or a portion of the property taxes which the property owner would have paid if their taxes had not been abated. The property owner's contractual promise to make these payments in lieu of taxes for thirty years after commencement or the date on which the County can no longer require service payments in lieu of taxes in accordance with the requirements of TIF statutes, whichever occurs first. Future development by the owners or others may result in subsequent agreements to make payments in lieu of taxes and may therefore spread the costs of the improvements to a larger number of property owners. The total payments received during 2023 from the TIF agreement was \$42,314.

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Property and Liability

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2023, the County contracted with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) for insurance coverage. The CORSA program has a \$2,500 deductible. Coverages provided by CORSA are as follows:

<u>Liability</u>	
General Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Law Enforcement Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Errors and Omissions Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Ohio Stop Gap/Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Employee Benefits Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Privacy and Security Liability	\$250,000 Each Occurrence
Attorney Disciplinary Proceedings	\$25,000 Each Occurrence
Declaratory, Injunctive or Equitable Relief	\$25,000 Each Occurrence
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist	\$250,000 Each Occurrence
Electronic Equipment Data/Network Interruption	\$250,000 Each Occurrence
Cyber Extortion	\$50,000 Each Occurrence
Foster Parents	\$11,000,000
Law Enforcement and Therapy Canines	\$20,000
 <u>Property</u>	
Building and Contents	Replacement Cost
Flood and Earthquake	\$125,000,000
Valuable Papers/Accounts Receivable	\$2,500,000/\$1,000,000
Auto Physical Damage	Actual Cash Value/Cost of Repair
Automatic Acquisition	\$5,000,000
Bridges	\$540,000
Contractors Equipment	Actual Cash Value/Replacement Cost
Errors and Omissions	\$250,000
Fine Arts	\$1,000,000
Mobile Medical Equipment	\$250,000
Pollutant Cleanup/Removal	\$50,000
Property In-Transit	\$100,000
Scheduled 1&2 Controlled Substances	\$50,000
Service Interruption Property Damage	\$2,500,000
Sewer Lines	\$22,000,000
Collapse	Replacement Cost
Equipment Breakdown	\$100,000,000
Underground Fiber Optic Lines	\$190,000

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

<u>Crime</u>	
Employee Dishonesty/Faithful Performance	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Individual Public Official Bond Excess	\$250,000 Each Occurrence
Claims Expense	\$1,000 Each Occurrence
Money and Securities (inside)	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Money and Securities (outside)	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Depositor's Forgery	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Money Orders and Counterfeit Currency	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Fund Transfer Fraud	\$500,000 Each Occurrence
Computer Fraud	\$500,000 Each Occurrence
Social Engineering Fraud	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
Dog Warden Blanket Bond	\$2,000 Bond Limit

With the exceptions of health insurance, life insurance, and workers' compensation, all insurance is held with CORSA (see Note 1). There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from 2022, other than a reduction in privacy and security liability. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in the past three years. The County pays all elected officials' bonds by statute. Settlement claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in the past three years.

CORSA reported the following summary of actuarially-measured liabilities and assets available to pay those liabilities as of April 30 (CORSA's fiscal year end):

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
Cash and Investments	\$ 117,657,712	\$	124,035,813
Actuarial Liabilities	\$ 48,059,488	\$	39,728,003

B. Workers Compensation Group Rating Program

For 2023, the County participated in the County Commissioners' Association Organization Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (the Program), an insurance purchasing pool.

The program is intended to achieve lower workers' compensation rates while establishing safe working conditions and environments for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating counties is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the Program.

Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Program rather than its individual rate. In order to allocate the savings derived by formation of the Program and to maximize the number of participants in the Program, annually the Program's executive committee calculates the total savings which accrued to the Program through its formation. This savings is then compared to the overall savings percentage of the Program.

The Program's executive committee then collects rate contributions from or pays rate equalization rebates to the various participants. Participation in the Program is limited to counties that can meet the Program's selection criteria. The firm of Comp. Management, Inc. provided administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the Program. Each year, the County pays an enrollment fee to the Program to cover the costs of administering the Program. In 2023, the County remitted \$4,365 to CCAO Service Corporation for this administration.

The County may withdraw from the Program if written notice is provided sixty days prior to the prescribed application deadline of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation; however, prior to withdrawal any participant leaving the Program allows representatives of the Program to access loss experience for three years following the last year of participation.

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

C. County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio

The County participates in the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) which is a group purchasing consortium available to county governments in Ohio. The County pays annual premiums into the program for medical, dental, and prescription drug. CEBCO has an agreement with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA), AAA and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) to provide administrative services for claims processing. In 2023, the County remitted \$5,100,630 to CEBCO.

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligation activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>	<u>Amount Due In One Year</u>
<i>Direct Borrowing:</i>						
Court of Appeals Loan	4.36%	\$ 20,056	\$ -	\$ (20,056)	\$ -	\$ -
 <u>Business-Type Activities:</u>						
General Obligation Refunding						
Bonds, Series 2021:						
Hillside	3.00-4.00%	2,035,000	-	(265,000)	1,770,000	270,000
Sewer - Nettle Lake	3.00-4.00%	610,000	-	(35,000)	575,000	35,000
Sewer - Melbern	2.375-4.00%	555,000	-	(15,000)	540,000	15,000
Total General Obligation						
Refunding Bonds, Series 2021		3,200,000	-	(315,000)	2,885,000	320,000
 <i>Direct Borrowings:</i>						
OPWC Loan	0%	41,345	-	(9,188)	32,157	9,188
OWDA Loans	0%-6.13%	700,674	-	(117,680)	582,994	122,729
Total Business-Type Activities		3,942,019	-	(441,868)	3,500,151	451,917
Total Long-Term Obligations		\$ 3,962,075	\$ -	\$ (461,924)	\$ 3,500,151	\$ 451,917

Court of Appeals Loan - Direct Borrowing

The District Court of Appeals built a new courthouse and all local counties that utilize the court are obligated to pay a certain portion of the construction debt of \$9,441,223. For Williams County, its portion of the debt was \$411,637, which represented 4.36 percent of the construction debt. The construction debt consists of \$6,260,000 in principal and \$3,181,223 in interest. The loan was paid off during 2023. Debt payments were made from the general fund.

The loan was a direct borrowing that had terms negotiated directly between the County and the issuer and were not offered for public sale. The loan had no significant finance-related terms related to events of default, termination events or accelerator clauses.

General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021

On July 8, 2021, the County issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,845,000 to refund \$2,756,000 of the Hillside USDA Revenue Bonds, \$775,406 of the Sewer USDA Revenue Bonds, and \$559,329 of the USDA Special Assessment Bonds. The bond issue is comprised of current interest term and serial bonds. The bonds bear an interest rate of 2.375%-4.00% mature on December 31, 2052. These bonds are general obligations of the County, for which its full faith and credit is pledged for repayment. This refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over the next thirty-one years by \$782,046. The principal and interest payments will be made from the Hillside and Sewer enterprise funds.

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NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Loan - Direct Borrowing

The OPWC loan was obtained for wastewater improvement projects. The loan is interest-free and requires semi-annual principal payments which are paid from the Sewer enterprise fund.

The OPWC loan is a direct borrowing that has terms negotiated directly between the County and the OPWC and are not offered for public sale. In the event of default, the OPWC may (1) charge an 8% default interest rate from the date of the default to the date of the payment and charge the County for all costs incurred by the OPWC in curing the default, (2) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 164.05, direct the county treasurer of the county in which the County is located to pay the amount of the default from funds that would otherwise be appropriated to the County from such county's undivided local government fund pursuant to ORC 5747.51-5747.53, or (3) at its discretion, declare the entire principal amount of loan then remaining unpaid, together with all accrued interest and other charges, become immediately due and payable.

Ohio Water Development Authority Loans - Direct Borrowing

The OWDA loans were obtained for wastewater improvement projects and are to be paid from the Sewer enterprise fund. The loan agreements require semi-annual principal and interest payments.

OWDA loans are direct borrowings that have terms negotiated directly between the County and the OWDA and are not offered for public sale. In the event of default, the OWDA may declare the full amount of the then unpaid original loan amount to be immediately due and payable and/or require the County to pay any fines, penalties, interest, or late charges associated with the default.

Principal and interest requirements to retire long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 2023, were as follows:

Year Ended	Business-Type Activities				
	General Obligation Bonds		OWDA Loans		OPWC Loan
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
2024	\$ 320,000	\$ 99,388	\$ 122,729	\$ 18,091	\$ 9,188
2025	325,000	89,788	128,066	12,753	9,188
2026	340,000	80,038	133,711	7,108	9,187
2027	355,000	66,438	48,633	2,511	4,594
2028	365,000	52,238	49,283	1,861	-
2029 - 2033	630,000	116,437	100,572	1,715	-
2034 - 2038	240,000	56,238	-	-	-
2039 - 2043	100,000	32,813	-	-	-
2044 - 2048	110,000	20,069	-	-	-
2049 - 2052	100,000	5,938	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,885,000</u>	<u>\$ 619,385</u>	<u>\$ 582,994</u>	<u>\$ 44,039</u>	<u>\$ 32,157</u>

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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

Net Pension Liability and Net OPEB Liability

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

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

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

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

The net pension liability/asset net OPEB liability are not reported on the face of the financial statements, but rather are disclosed in the notes because of the use of the cash basis framework.

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 13 for the OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - County employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members (e.g. County employees) may participate in all three plans, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional plan.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

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

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3.00%. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20.00% each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - The ORC provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The County's contractually required contribution for the Traditional Pension Plan was \$2,670,199 for 2023.

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the County's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>OPERS - Traditional</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability - prior measurement date	0.10915100%
Proportion of the net pension liability - current measurement date	<u>0.11034400%</u>
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00119300%</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 32,595,666

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

The allocation of investment assets within the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

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

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90% for the Traditional Pension Plan, the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan. The discount rate used to measure total pension liability prior to December 31, 2022 was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.90%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.90%) or one-percentage-point higher (7.90%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability:			
Traditional Pension Plan	\$ 48,827,220	\$ 32,595,666	\$ 19,093,926

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

Net OPEB Liability

See Note 12 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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

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

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

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50.00% of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

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

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

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

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

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.10%. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and beginning July 1, 2022, there was a 2.00% allocation to health care for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2023 was 4.00%; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The County's contractually required contribution was \$-0- for 2023.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The County's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the County's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB asset - prior measurement date	0.10683600%
Proportion of the net OPEB liability - current measurement date	<u>0.10725200%</u>
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00041600%</u>
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 676,244

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

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

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022.

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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

Wage Inflation	
Current measurement date	2.75%
Prior Measurement date	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases, including inflation	
Current measurement date	2.75 to 10.75%
	including wage inflation
Prior Measurement date	2.75 to 10.75%
	including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate:	
Current measurement date	5.22%
Prior Measurement date	6.00%
Investment Rate of Return	
Current measurement date	6.00%
Prior Measurement date	6.00%
Municipal Bond Rate	
Current measurement date	4.05%
Prior Measurement date	1.84%
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	
Current measurement date	5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036
Prior Measurement date	5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal

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

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

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

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

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

For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

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

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

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

	1% Decrease (5.00%)	Current Discount Rate (6.00%)	1% Increase (7.00%)
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 2,301,628	\$ 676,244	\$ (664,962)

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NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate - Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate.

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

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Health Care Trend Rate Assumption</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 633,859	\$ 676,244	\$ 723,951

NOTE 14 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP" (Budgetary Basis) presented for the General, Auto and Gas, and Enrichment Center funds are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding year end encumbrances which are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than reservations of fund balances (cash basis), disbursement adjustments, and funds budgeted elsewhere.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the cash basis statement to the budgetary basis statement for the General fund, Auto and Gas fund, and Enrichment Center fund:

	Net Change in Fund Balances		
	<u>Governmental Funds</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Auto and Gas</u>	<u>Enrichment Center</u>
Budget basis	\$ (1,980,447)	\$ (607,987)	\$ 505,444
Net adjustment for disbursements	(1,184)	-	-
Net adjustment for funds budgeted elsewhere	49,734	-	-
Encumbrances (budget-basis)	<u>570,464</u>	<u>371,466</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash basis	<u>\$ (1,361,433)</u>	<u>\$ (236,521)</u>	<u>\$ 505,444</u>

As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds (Recorders Equipment, Certificate of Title, Unclaimed Monies, Medicaid Sales Tax Replacement, and Payroll funds) are considered part of the General fund on the cash basis.

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NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

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

B. Litigation

Several claims and lawsuits are pending against the County. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of these suits, management believes that the resolution of these matters will not materially adversely affect the County's financial condition.

NOTE 16 - CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

As of December 31, 2023, the County had the following outstanding contractual purchase commitments:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Amount Paid as of 12/31/2023</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Lexur Appraisal Services	2024 Reappraisal	\$ 431,881	\$ 208,399	\$ 223,482
Miller Builders LLC	Highway Salt Barn	254,780	-	254,780
R.G. Zachrich Construction Inc.	Bridge Replacement	651,285	478,192	173,093
Software Solutions Inc.	Financial Software	284,800	28,480	256,320
The Wilson Group Inc.	Courthouse Window Replacement	1,791,237	1,697,526	93,711
Total		<u>\$ 3,413,983</u>	<u>\$ 2,412,597</u>	<u>\$ 1,001,386</u>

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NOTE 17 - FUND BALANCE

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

Fund balance	General	Auto and Gas	Enrichment Center	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:					
Unclaimed monies	\$ 119,640	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,640
Total nonspendable	<u>119,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,640</u>
Restricted:					
Legislative & executive programs	-	-	-	1,318,060	1,318,060
Judicial programs	-	-	-	1,781,731	1,781,731
Public safety programs	-	-	-	529,686	529,686
Public works projects	-	2,242,854	-	736,409	2,979,263
Health services programs	-	-	-	257,121	257,121
Human services programs	-	-	6,894,176	5,032,799	11,926,975
Economic development programs	-	-	-	364,331	364,331
Capital projects	-	-	-	76,951	76,951
Total restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>2,242,854</u>	<u>6,894,176</u>	<u>10,097,088</u>	<u>19,234,118</u>
Committed:					
Legislative & executive programs	-	-	-	4,703	4,703
Health services programs	-	-	-	518,925	518,925
Total committed	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>523,628</u>	<u>523,628</u>
Assigned:					
Unpaid obligations (encumbrances)	572,564	-	-	-	572,564
Capital projects	-	-	-	1,362,140	1,362,140
Total assigned	<u>572,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,362,140</u>	<u>1,934,704</u>
Unassigned	<u>11,151,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,151,457</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 11,843,661</u>	<u>\$ 2,242,854</u>	<u>\$ 6,894,176</u>	<u>\$ 11,982,856</u>	<u>\$ 32,963,547</u>

NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The County had copier service contracts with Current Office Solutions, Inc., which is owned by Terry Rummel, County Commissioner. During 2023, the County paid \$27,223 to Current Office Solutions, Inc. The transactions were approved at arm's length, with full knowledge of County officials. Commissioner Rummel did not take part in the deliberation or decision by County officials with respect to the transactions.

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NOTE 19 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Under the basis of accounting utilized by the County, the compensated absences liability is not reported on the financial statements. The compensated absences liability below is presented below for informational purposes only.

County employees earn vacation and sick leave at varying rates depending on length of service and department policy.

All accumulated, unused vacation time is paid upon separation if the employee has at least one year of service with the County. Vacation benefits are accrued if the employee's right to receive compensation is 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

Accumulated, unused sick leave is paid, up to a maximum of 90 days, depending on length of service of the employee who retires. Sick leave benefits are accrued using the termination method. The amount is based on an estimate of the amount of accumulated sick leave that will probably be paid as termination benefits.

As of December 31, 2023, the liability for compensated absences was \$1,104,847 for the entire County.

NOTE 20 - WILLIAMS COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY - COMPONENT UNIT

A. Description of Entity

The Williams County Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority) is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Airport Authority is responsible for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of the Williams County Regional Airport Authority. The Airport Authority Board consists of seven members which are appointed by the County Commissioners of Williams County. The County is able to impose its will on the Airport Authority.

B. Basis of Accounting

The Airport Authority utilizes the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

C. Deposits

As the Ohio Revised Code permits, the Williams County Treasurer holds the Airport Authority's deposits as the Airport Authority's custodian. The County holds the Airport Authority's assets in its investment pool, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount. The carrying amount of Airport Authority deposits at December 31, 2023 was \$266,686.

Deposits are insured by FDIC or collateralized through the OPCS, a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts

At December 31, 2023, the Airport Authority had \$502 held in a grant clearing account reported in "cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts.

E. Property and Equipment

The Airport Authority records disbursements for acquisitions of property and equipment when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements

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NOTE 20 - WILLIAMS COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY - COMPONENT UNIT - (Continued)

F. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance - The Airport Authority has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Premises and operations liability;
- Products and completed operations liability;
- Contractual liability;
- Host liquor liability;
- Medical malpractice liability;
- Independent contractors liability;
- Medical payments;
- Personal and advertising injury liability;
- Hangarkeepers legal liability; and
- Fire legal liability

G. Construction and Contractual Commitments

As of December 31, 2023, the Airport Authority had the following outstanding contractual purchase commitments:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Amount Paid as of 12/31/2023</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Delta Airport Consultants - Project 16024 Wildlife Hazard Assessment Phase 200 Study	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 9,000
Delta Airport Consultants - Project 18118 Reconstruct Partial Parallel Txwy B Phase 106 Construction Administration	395,000	359,093	35,907
Delta Airport Consultants - Project 21056 Corp Hangar Construction Assistance Phase 106 Construction Administration	243,000	170,465	72,535
Miller Bros. Construction - Extend Parallel Taxiway	<u>2,295,303</u>	<u>2,284,969</u>	<u>10,334</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,963,303</u>	<u>\$ 2,835,527</u>	<u>\$ 127,776</u>

H. Contingent Liabilities

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

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NOTE 21 - WILLIAMS COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION - COMPONENT UNIT

A. Description of Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Williams County Land Reutilization Corporation, Williams County, Ohio (the Corporation) as a body corporate and politic. The Corporation was organized as a not-for-profit community improvement corporation by the Board of County Commissioners of Williams County on August 8, 2016, under the authority granted under Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Corporation's purpose is to promote and facilitate the reclamation, rehabilitation, and reutilization of vacant, abandoned, tax-foreclosed or other real property in Williams County. By strategically acquiring properties and returning them to productive use, the Corporation works to reduce blight, increase property values, strengthen neighborhoods, and improve the quality of life for all Williams County residents.

The Corporation's governing board is a five-member Board of Directors (the Board) consisting of the County Treasurer, two Commissioners of Williams County, a representative of the largest municipality in Williams County, and an unanimously selected director chosen by the County Treasurer and two Commissioners of Williams County.

B. Accounting Basis

Although required by Ohio Revised Code Section 1724.05 to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Corporation chooses to prepare its financial statement and notes in accordance with standards established by the Auditor of State for governmental entities that are not required to prepare annual financial reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expense (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in the financial statement.

C. Property and Equipment

The Corporation records disbursements for acquisitions of property and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statement does not report these items as assets.

D. Equity in Pooled Deposits

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31, 2023 was \$337,762.

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. Deposits at December 31, 2023 exceeded the FDIC limit in the amount of \$87,762.

E. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance - The Corporation is subject to certain types of risk in the performance of its normal functions. The Corporation has obtained commercial insurance covering comprehensive property and general liability risk.

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NOTE 22 - WILLIAMS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - COMPONENT UNIT

A. Description of Entity

The Williams County Transportation Improvement District, Williams County, (the District) is a body politic and corporate established to plan, construct, and improve highways, roads, bridges, interchanges, and accompanying capital improvements and developments throughout the County and to enhance, foster, and aid to promote transportation and economic development. The District was established under Ohio Revised Code Section 5540.02, by action of the Board of Williams County Commissioners on August 10, 2015.

The resolution to create the District states the Board shall consist of seven members. The members shall be appointed as follows: five members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one nonvoting member appointed by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives of the General Assembly and one nonvoting member appointed by the President of the Senate of the General Assembly.

The Board of Directors elects a Chairperson, who presides at all meetings and is the chief officer of the District. The Chairperson has the authority to sign all contracts, releases, notes, bonds, and other instruments and documents to be executed on behalf of the District. The Chairperson is the chief officer of the District for the purpose of civil process and is authorized to accept such services on behalf of the District. The Chairperson can perform other duties and has such authority as may be provided from time to time by the Board.

B. Basis of Accounting

The District utilizes the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

C. Deposits and Investments

As the Ohio Revised Code permits, the Williams County Treasurer holds the District's deposits as the District's custodian. The County holds the District's assets in its investment pool, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Contingent Liabilities

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

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
<u>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Cluster:</u>				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the				
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	G-2223-11-7009		\$ 132,507
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	G-2425-11-6217		56,063
COVID-19 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	G-2223-11-7009		23,867
Total Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Cluster				<u>212,437</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				<u>212,437</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR				
<i>Passed Through Montgomery County WIA Area 7</i>				
<u>Employment Service Cluster:</u>				
Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Funded Activities	17.207	G-2223-11-7009		8,267
Employment Service/Wagner-Peyser Funded Activities	17.207	G-2425-11-6217		2,170
Total Employment Service Cluster				<u>10,437</u>
Trade Adjustment Assistance	17.245	G-2223-11-7009		1,318
Trade Adjustment Assistance	17.245	G-2425-11-6217		350
Total Trade Adjustment Assistance				<u>1,668</u>
<u>Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) Cluster:</u>				
WIOA Adult Program	17.258	G-2223-11-7009		4,408
WIOA Adult Program	17.258	G-2425-11-6217		8,286
Total WIOA Adult Program				<u>12,694</u>
WIOA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.278	G-2223-11-7009		318
WIOA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.278	G-2425-11-6217		21,534
Total WIOA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants				<u>21,852</u>
Total WIOA Cluster				<u>34,546</u>
Total U.S. Department of Labor				<u>46,651</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Direct Assistance</i>				
COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund	93.498	PRF20200001		452,602
<i>Passed Through The Area Office of Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc</i>				
<u>Aging Cluster:</u>				
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part B,				
Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	2023		28,270
COVID-19 Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	2023		31,837
Total Title III, Part B				<u>60,107</u>
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part C1, Nutrition Services	93.045	2023		25,020
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part C2, Nutrition Services	93.045	2023		53,999
COVID-19 Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part C1, Nutrition Services	93.045	2023		20,000
COVID-19 Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part C2, Nutrition Services	93.045	2023		31,155
Total Title III Part C - Nutrition Services				<u>130,174</u>
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	93.053	2023		72,504
Total Aging Cluster:				<u>262,785</u>
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	G-2223-11-7009		26,811
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	G-2425-11-6217		15,240
Total Promoting Safe and Stable Families				<u>42,051</u>
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	G-2021-11-6012		19,564
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	G-2223-11-7009	\$ 8,957	750,548
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	G-2425-11-6217		51,818
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families			<u>8,957</u>	<u>821,930</u>
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	G-2223-11-7009		365,762
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	G-2425-11-6217		116,263
Total Child Support Enforcement				<u>482,025</u>

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FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
<u>Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Cluster:</u>				
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	G-2223-11-7009	28,451	28,451
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	G-2425-11-6217	2,834	2,834
Total CCDF Cluster			31,285	31,285
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-2223-11-7009		-
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-2425-11-6217		42,189
Foster Care, Title IV-E	93.658	G-2223-11-7009		96,343
Foster Care, Title IV-E	93.658	G-2425-11-6217		16,663
Total Foster Care, Title IV-E				113,006
Adoption Assistance	93.659	G-2223-11-7009		96,320
Adoption Assistance	93.659	G-2425-11-6217		56,234
Total Adoption Assistance				152,554
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-2223-11-7009		429,390
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-2425-11-6217		60,102
Total Social Services Block Grant				489,492
John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood	93.674	G-2223-11-7009		1,468
Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program	93.747	G-2021-11-6012		2,746
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	G-2223-11-7009		9,908
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	G-2425-11-6217		1,410
Total Children's Health Insurance Program				11,318
<u>Medicaid Cluster:</u>				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	G-2223-11-7009		370,058
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	G-2425-11-6217		116,875
Total Medicaid Cluster				486,933
Total Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services			40,242	2,676,997
Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities				
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	2301OHSOSR		20,348
Total Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities				20,348
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			40,242	3,412,732
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Passed Through Ohio Department of Development				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	B-F-21-1DA-1		167,700
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	B-X-22-1DA-1		10,000
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	B-X-22-1DA-2		10,000
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	B-C-20-1DA-1		3,280
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	B-C-22-1DA-1		93,533
Total Community Development Block Grants/State's Program				284,513
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	B-C-22-1DA-2		287,797
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				572,310
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				
Passed Through the Ohio Department of Public Safety				
<i>Emergency Management Agency</i>				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMC-2021-EP-00007		11,087
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMC-2022-EP-00006		46,345
Total Emergency Management Performance Grants				57,432
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				57,432
ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION				
Passed Through the Ohio Secretary of State				
HAVA Election Security Grants	90.404			3,359
Total Election Assistance Commission				3,359

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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
<i>Passed Through The Ohio Attorney General</i>				
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2023-VOCA-135109801		23,483
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2024-VOCA-135504643		8,925
Total Crime Victim Assistance				<u>32,408</u>
Total U.S. Department of Justice				<u>32,408</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Transportation</i>				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	113760		478,192
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Public Safety,</i>				
<i>Ohio State Highway Patrol</i>				
<u>Highway Safety Cluster:</u>				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	69A375223000040200H0		2,022
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608	69A375223000016400HA		847
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608	69A375233000016A00HA		935
Total Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)				<u>1,782</u>
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Public Safety,</i>				
<i>Ohio Emergency Management Agency</i>				
Interagency Hazardous Material Public Sector Training and Planning Grants	20.703	693JK31940044HMEP		1,800
Interagency Hazardous Material Public Sector Training and Planning Grants	20.703	693JK32240034HMEP		750
Total Interagency Hazardous Material Public Sector Training and Planning Grants				<u>2,550</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				<u>484,546</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE				
<i>Direct Assistance</i>				
North Dakota Environmental Infrastructure (Section 594) - ARRA	12.118	2023		119,692
Total U.S. Department of Defense				<u>119,692</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY				
<i>Direct Assistance</i>				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	SLFRFP2943		998,618
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Public Safety,</i>				
<i>Ohio Emergency Management Agency</i>				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	AFRR-229-RET		64,217
<i>Passed Through the Office of Criminal Justice Services</i>				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	2022-AR-CCB-1150		148,368
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	G-2223-11-7009		85,544
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Aging</i>				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027			99,935
Total U.S. Department of Treasury				<u>1,396,682</u>
Total			<u>\$ 40,242</u>	<u>\$ 6,338,249</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST RATE

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

NOTE 4 – SUBRECIPIENTS

The County passes certain federal awards received from Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note 2 describes, the County reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

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

NOTE 5 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) GRANT PROGRAMS WITH REVOLVING LOAN CASH BALANCE

The current cash balance on the County's local program income account as of December 31, 2023 is \$246,608.

NOTE 6 – MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

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

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
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NOTE 7 – TRANSFERS BETWEEN FEDERAL PROGRAMS

During fiscal year 2023, the County made allowable transfers of \$340,262 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (AL #93.558) program to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) (AL #93.667) program. The Schedule shows the County spent approximately \$821,930 on the TANF program. The amount reported for the TANF program on the Schedule excludes the amount transferred to the SSBG program. The amount transferred to the SSBG program is included as SSBG expenditures when disbursed. The following table shows the gross amount drawn for the TANF program during fiscal year 2023 and the amount transferred to the Social Services Block Grant program.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$ 1,162,192
Transfer to Social Services Block Grant	<u>(340,262)</u>
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	<u>\$ 821,930</u>

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

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To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component units and remaining fund information of Williams County, Ohio, (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2024, wherein we noted the County uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

County's Response to Finding

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

Purpose of this Report

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



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
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October 15, 2024

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

Williams County
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To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

In our opinion, Williams County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Other Matter – Federal Expenditures Not Included in the Compliance Audit

The County's basic financial statements include the operations of Williams County Regional Airport Authority, which expended \$21,946 in federal awards which is not included in the County's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards during the year ended December 31, 2023. Our compliance audit, described in the "Opinion on Each Major Federal Program," does not include the operations of Williams County Regional Airport Authority because the component unit is legally separate from the primary government which this report addresses, and because it expended less than \$750,000 of Federal awards for the year ended December 31, 2023, it was not subject to Uniform Guidance.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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



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October 15, 2024

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WILLIAMS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – AL #21.027 Highway Planning and Construction – AL #20.205 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – AL #93.558
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

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

FINDING NUMBER 2023-001

Noncompliance

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

Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(B) requires the County to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The County prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, report on the cash basis of accounting rather than GAAP. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit certain assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows of resources, fund equities/net position, and disclosures that, while presumed material, cannot be determined at this time.

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 the County may be fined for its failure to file the required financial report. Failure to report on a GAAP basis compromises the County's ability to evaluate and monitor the overall financial condition of the County. To help provide the users with more meaningful financial statements, the County should prepare its annual financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

Officials' Response:

See Corrective Action Plan.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.



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

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2022-001	Finding first reported in 2001. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B) for reporting on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles.	Not corrected and reissued as Finding 2023-001 in this report.	Management believes reporting on a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.
2022-002	Material weakness due to financial statement reporting errors.	Corrective action taken and finding is fully corrected.	



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

2 CFR § 200.511(c)

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Finding Number:

2023-001

Planned Corrective Action:

Management believes reporting on a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is more cost efficient.

Anticipated Completion Date:

N/A

Responsible Contact Person:

Vickie Grimm, County Auditor

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WILLIAMS COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 11/7/2024

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