

AGENDA
WALKER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX III, 201 S MAIN STREET
LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA 30728

The following constitutes the agenda for the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia to be held on April 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
Amended Agenda

- **Invocation & Pledges**
- **Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting**
- **Clerk establishes a Quorum is present**
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approve Minutes**
Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting Held on March 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Public Comment**
- **Informational**
Fiscal 2022 Audit Presentation by Rushton LLC
- **Presentation**
Public Safety Fee - Chief Blake Hodge, Walker County Fire Rescue
- **New Business**
Resolution R-018-23 to Approve a Road Paving List for 2023

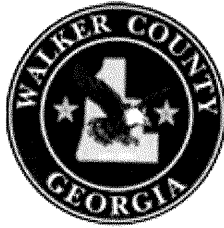
Resolution R-019-23 to Revise the Public Safety Fee Assessed in the County Fire and Rescue District

Resolution R-020-23 to Amend the Electronic County Property and Communications Systems Policy

Resolution R-021-23 to Appoint a Member to the Northwest Georgia Regional 1 Emergency Medical Services Council

Purchase Order 2023-00001464 \$73,365.76 for two Ford Explorers from Prater Ford
(Funding from the General Fund)

March 2023 Department Statistics
- **Commissioner Comments**
- **Executive Session** (if necessary)
- **Adjourn**



**Walker County Governmental Authority
101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445
LaFayette, GA 30728
706-638-1437**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

April 13, 2023

7:00 PM

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Shannon Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 7:00 PM on April 13, 2023.

II. Attendees:

The following were present: Chairman Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stultz, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb, Public Relations Director Joe Legge and Board Clerk Whitney Summey. Other guests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Whitfield made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the ceremonial section to item number five on the agenda and adding a presentation section for the public safety fee to be discussed by Fire Chief Blake Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve amended agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held March 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

V. Informational:

- I. Clay Pilgrim with Ruston, LLC presented the Board with the Fiscal 2022 Audit Report, two letters, and a summary presentation. He thanked the county employees for all of their help gathering information for the report. He said the audit has an unmodified opinion and there was a \$24,000 increase in the general fund from last year. He said the landfill had a deficit due to estimate changes. Commissioner Stultz asked about the insurance proceeds in revenues on page five. Mr. Pilgrim said those were from room claims for building damage. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

VI. Presentation:

- I. Chief Hodge said Walker County Fire Rescue has 18 stations and 85 personnel. He said the department ran roughly 6,000 calls in 2022 and gave a breakdown of the types of calls. He said they have annual duties and testing responsibilities as well as daily duties and training they have to complete. He said everything they do goes into the ISO rating for the county. He explained the ISO rating affects citizens insurance rates. He said the county is currently at a level 3 and 3Y. He said they need improvements in the department to keep this rating going forward. He gave statistics and an explanation of how each aspect of the department affects the ISO rating. He said in 2016 there was a flat \$130.00 fire fee. In 2017 the public safety fee was revised to provide a better balance to citizens. He said 48% of citizens saw a decrease. He said with the proposed fee the average 1500 square foot home will go from a \$150.00 fee to a \$210.00 fee. He said there has not been a change to the fee in six years. He said over the last six years the department has opened six stations, added personnel, and implemented multiple automatic aid agreements. He said they have taken turnout times from 4.32 minutes to 1.53 minutes and response times from 14.44 minutes to 9.15 minutes. Commissioner Hart asked what the ISO rating was in 2017. Chief Hodge said a 3 and it is reviewed and updated every four years. Commissioner Stultz asked if each firefighter had to have an EMS certification and how many had paramedic training. Chief Hodge said every firefighter has to complete EMS training within 30-months of their hire date. He said seven people in the department have paramedic certification. Commissioner Askew asked Chief Hodge to send him a copy of his presentation and statistics. He said the presentation was very eye opening and has given him a much better understanding of the department. The Board thanked Chief Hodge for his presentation.

VII. Public Comment:

- I. Nelson Huffman said he lives in district one and has been trying to get the property next to his house cleaned up for many years. He said the two mobile homes have been vacant for over ten years. He said there is no power or water to the homes. He said people are in and out all hours of

the night and they cause a disturbance to the neighbors in the area. Chairman Whitfield said after the meeting he can look up the address and see what can be done going forward.

- II. Ryan Lytz said he is wanting to invest in the county and wanted to get some information on liquor licenses, tiny homes, and multi family homes. Chairman Whitfield said there was an approval on tiny homes last year. He said the Planning and Zoning Department would be able to provide him with more exact information on each of those items.
- III. Gary Williams asked about the audit presentation saying over one million dollars was transferred from the fire and rescue department to the general fund. Chairman Whitfield said he knows this year funds have been transferred to cover expenses. He said he is not sure on this exact transfer but he will find out the exact reasoning.

VIII. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-018-23 to approve a road paving list for 2023. He said the list will be put out for bids and then brought back to the Board for approval on a contractor. Commissioner Askew asked if all of the roads were not paved this year would they roll over to next year. Chairman Whitfield said yes, there are currently two roads from last year being completed this year. He said there was a typo on the list that should say from South Dick Creek Road to Concord Road for item number one's start and stop locations. Commissioner Hart asked when bidding would start and when it would be brought back before the Board for a decision. Chairman Whitfield said the list will be published for bidding by May 1 and is a 30-day process, so it would be back in front of the Board at the first meeting in June. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- II. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-019-23 to revise the public safety fee assessed in the county fire and rescue district. Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb said the resolution should state it will be adopted on the 13th day of April, 2023 not the 14th. Commissioner Stultz said the number of calls is very impressive and while increasing fees is never popular, he does not want to see the level of service from the fire department regress. Commissioner Askew agreed that the increase is needed and only 45% of citizens will be back at the same rate as 2016. Commissioner Blakemore said there is no price tag on a life and he appreciated Chief Hodge's presentation and information. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- III. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-020-23 to amend the electronic county property and communications systems policy. He said the team has worked very hard to get a policy that will work now and in the future. Commissioner Askew said the initial adoption was a great starting point so the team would work on improvements. Chairman Whitfield said the team is here and can address any questions. Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb said this is a draft showing all of the changes that have been made and if it is adopted a clean copy will be published in the minutes. Chairman Whitfield said the team is in agreement with each section of the policy. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-021-23 to appoint a member to the Northwest Georgia Regional 1 Emergency Medical Services Council. He said Curtis Creekmur has done a great job in this position already and has over 30 years of experience. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to appoint Curtis Creekmur, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Chairman Whitfield said the two vehicles for purchase order 2023-00001464 have been on order since mid September 2022. He said the approval of the purchase order will get the county on the list to purchase when the vehicles are in stock. He said this purchase will allow the Coroner to have a newer four wheel drive vehicle per his request. He said the vehicles do not have an exact delivery date yet. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VI. Chairman Whitfield read the department statistics for March 2023.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and told them to feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. He also thanked all county employees and departments for their hard work.

Commissioner Askew thanked all county employees for their hard work. He said the presentation tonight from Chief Hodge gave a great overview of their daily operations and commitment to the county and citizens.

Commissioner Hart thanked the public works department for all of the pothole patching they have done in the Villanow area. He thanked Chief Hodge for his presentation.

Commissioner Stultz thanked all of the county employees and each department for their hard work. He gave information about a Senior Citizens Event, rabies clinics, and Vintage Market Days coming up.

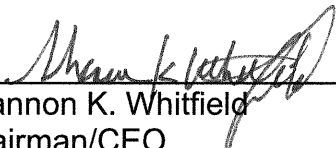
Chairman Whitfield said Tire Amnesty Day will be April 22 at the landfill. He encouraged everyone to come out and bring up to twelve passenger or small truck tires to be recycled for free.

X. Executive Session:

Commissioner Askew made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and real estate, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried. Executive session began at 9:01 PM. Chairman Whitfield called the regular meeting back to order at 9:36 PM with no further action from the executive session.

IV. Adjournment:

Commissioner Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Stultz seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.



Shannon K. Whitfield
Chairman/CEO
Walker County Georgia

Date 05/11/2023

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

Walker County Annex III

April 13, 2023

7:00 PM

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>
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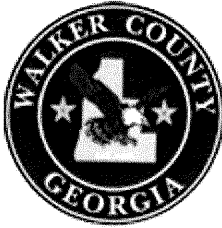
Commissioner Blakemore	Present
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Commissioner Askew	Present
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Chairman Whitfield	Present
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Commissioner Hart	Present
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Commissioner Stultz	Present
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Sign In Sheet

Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 13, 2023

7:00 PM

Name

Address

Bill Brown	Rock Spring, GA
Randall Pittman	Rossville
Billy Sims	
Paw 6144	Chris Fick
Ange Teems	Chickamauga, GA
Curtis Creekmur	Walker Co Govt
Leslie Bane	Obad
Stephanie Wether	Rock Spring
Gary Williams	Chickamauga



A copy of the Fiscal 2022 Audit is available for review on the Walker County Government website, under the *Budgets, Financials & Fees* section:

<https://walkercountyga.gov/government/budgets>

March 27, 2023

Honorable Chairman and Members
of the Board of Commissioners
Walker County, Georgia

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walker County, Georgia for the year ended September 30, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated December 5, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Walker County, Georgia are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. The County adopted GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* during the current fiscal year. We noted no transactions entered into by Walker County, Georgia during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the County's financial statements were:

- Life expectancy of capital assets for depreciation
- Allowance for uncollectible property taxes
- Pension plan actuarial assumptions
- Landfill closure and post-closure costs

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statements users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

- Pension plan disclosures

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and not corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole. Management has been provided a report of all corrected and uncorrected adjustments.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 27, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the County's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

See internal control and compliance letter for audit findings and issues.

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis, the Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of Pension Contributions, and the Notes to the Required Supplementary Information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplement the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax, and the schedule of projects financed with transportation special purpose local option sales tax, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled

the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Commissioners and management of Walker County, Georgia and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Rushton, LLC

Certified Public Accountants
Gainesville, Georgia

Honorable Chairman and Members
of the Board of Commissioners
Walker County, Georgia

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walker County, Georgia as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Walker County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Walker County, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Walker County, Georgia's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the following deficiencies in internal control to be significant deficiencies:

2022-001

Condition: There is not appropriate segregation of duties between recording, distribution, and reconciliation of cash accounts and other operational functions in certain departments, component units, and constitutional offices of the County. This is especially prominent in the offices of the Clerk of Court, Probate Court, and Magistrate Court.

Recommendation: Segregation of duties should be implemented to the extent practical and accounting records should be reviewed by responsible officials on a regular basis.

2022-002

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Sheriff's Department, we noted deposits were not made timely.

Recommendation: At a minimum, deposits should be made weekly.

2022-003

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Sheriff's Department, we noted bank reconciliations are not reviewed.

Recommendation: Bank reconciliations should be reviewed monthly with evidence of review documented.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Walker County, Georgia'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 the following instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*:

2022-004

Condition: The County experienced a material excess of expenditures over appropriations in the General Fund, Fire and Rescue Special Revenue Fund, Law Library Special Revenue Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax Special Revenue Fund, and Transportation Special Revenue Fund. Also, an annual budget was not adopted for the American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund, Development Authority Special Revenue Fund, Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund, Inmate Welfare Special Revenue Fund, and Sheriff Special Projects Special Revenue Fund, as required by state law.

Recommendation: County management should ensure that annual operating budgets are adopted for the General Fund, each Special Revenue Fund, and each Debt Service Fund as required by state law. Budget to actual comparisons should be periodically reviewed by County management and budgets amended as needed to ensure that the County remains in compliance with state law.

2022-005

Condition: The County deposited reimbursements for portions of SPLOST and TSPLOST projects received from others in the General Fund.

Recommendation: All revenues and expenditures should be accounted for within the appropriate fund. The amounts due from the General Fund should be deposited into these accounts promptly.

During our audit, we also became aware of the following deficiencies in internal control other than material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or other matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency:

2022-006

Condition: While performing audit procedures, we noted that monthly financial statements are not provided to the Board of Commissioners.

Recommendation: Financial statements should be provided to the Board of Commissioners on a monthly basis.

2022-007

Condition: While performing audit procedures, we noted that monthly departmental meetings are not held regularly.

Recommendation: Departmental meetings should be held monthly.

2022-008

Condition: During audit procedures on capital assets, we noted the capitalization threshold for business-type activities is \$500.

Recommendation: We recommend increasing the capitalization threshold for business-type activities to \$5,000, which is the same as the governmental activities.

2022-009

Condition: While performing audit procedures on receipts for building permits, alcoholic beverage licenses, and business licenses, we noted that a daily receipting report from the licensing and receipts software is not generated and maintained by the planning and zoning department.

Recommendation: To provide adequate supporting documentation for receipts and deposits, a daily receipting report from the licensing and receipts software should be generated and maintained by the planning and zoning department.

2022-010

Condition: While performing audit procedures on receipts for building permits, alcoholic beverage licenses, and business licenses, we noted that the department does not have a formal approval process for voided transactions.

Recommendation: To strengthen internal controls, a report of all voided receipts should be printed monthly from the software for review. The department head should initial the report and the report should be maintained.

2022-011

Condition: During audit procedures on journal entries, we noted that supporting documentation for journal entries did not have evidence of approval. All journal entries reviewed during audit procedures appeared appropriate.

Recommendation: In order to document proper segregation of duties, supporting documentation for journal entries should have evidence of approval.

2022-012

Condition: During audit procedures on receipts, we noted the receipts and coding sheet received by Finance from the Sheriff's Department does not include copies of remittances.

Recommendation: To assist Finance in verifying proper coding and provide for explanation of variances, copies of remittances should be provided by the Sheriff's Department.

2022-013

Condition: During our testing of census data relative to the County's defined benefit pension plan, we noted the County's census data is not being reconciled to the County's payroll records before it is submitted to the County's actuaries. We noted several differences between the submitted census data and the County's payroll records.

Recommendation: Pension plan census data should be reviewed for accuracy and reconciled to the County's payroll records before submitting to the actuaries.

2022-014

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Clerk of Court, we noted an excess of funds in the bank accounts. The Clerk of Court has been unable to determine to whom the funds should be disbursed.

Recommendation: The Clerk of Court should determine proper payee and disburse funds appropriately.

2022-015

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Tax Commissioner's office, we noted an excess of funds in the bank accounts. The Tax Commissioner has been unable to determine to whom the funds should be disbursed.

Recommendation: The Tax Commissioner should determine proper payee and disburse funds appropriately.

2022-016

Condition: While performing audit procedures at Sheriff's Department, we noted that cleared check images are not received from the bank for the Inmate Account Lockdown Commissary bank account.

Recommendation: Cleared check images should be received and maintained for all bank accounts.

2022-017

Condition: While performing audit procedures for the law library, we noted that the monthly bank statements do not end on the last day of the month.

Recommendation: Law library personnel should contact the bank and have them change the date of the bank statements to the last day of each month.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Commissioners, and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Rushton, LLC

Gainesville, Georgia
March 27, 2023

***Report to the Board of Commissioners
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022***



April 13, 2023

AUDIT OPINION – Pages 1-3

Unmodified Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Walker County, Georgia as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows for the year then ended.

Auditing Standards

We audited the County's financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Walker County's Responsibilities

The financial statements are the responsibility of Walker County's management.

Rushton's Responsibilities

As independent auditors for Walker County, our responsibility is to express opinions on the fair presentation of the financial statements.

Government-wide Statements – Pages 15-17

These statements provide the reader with information on the County as a whole, using the full accrual basis of accounting. Columns for the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the component unit.

Two statements:

Statement of Net Position – Pages 15 - 16

- Presents the assets, liabilities, and residual net position of the County

Statement of Activities – Page 17

- Presents the results of operations of the County

Net Position – Last 3 Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Net Investment		Restricted		Unrestricted		Total		Revenues Over (Under) Expenses
	in Capital Assets		Net Position		Net Position		Net Position		
2020	\$ 83,141,786		\$ 8,961,170		\$ 20,549,431		\$ 112,652,387		\$ 17,747,128
2021	90,707,643		7,614,418		27,571,752		125,893,813		13,710,801
2022	98,408,256		11,525,007		31,541,482		141,474,745		15,580,932

General Fund

Revenues

- Increased \$24,337, 0.1%
 - Property taxes decreased \$1,016,882
 - Title ad valorem taxes increased \$118,749
 - Local option sales taxes increased \$537,683
 - Fines, fees and forfeitures increased \$162,361
 - Other revenues increased \$176,474 (insurance proceeds)

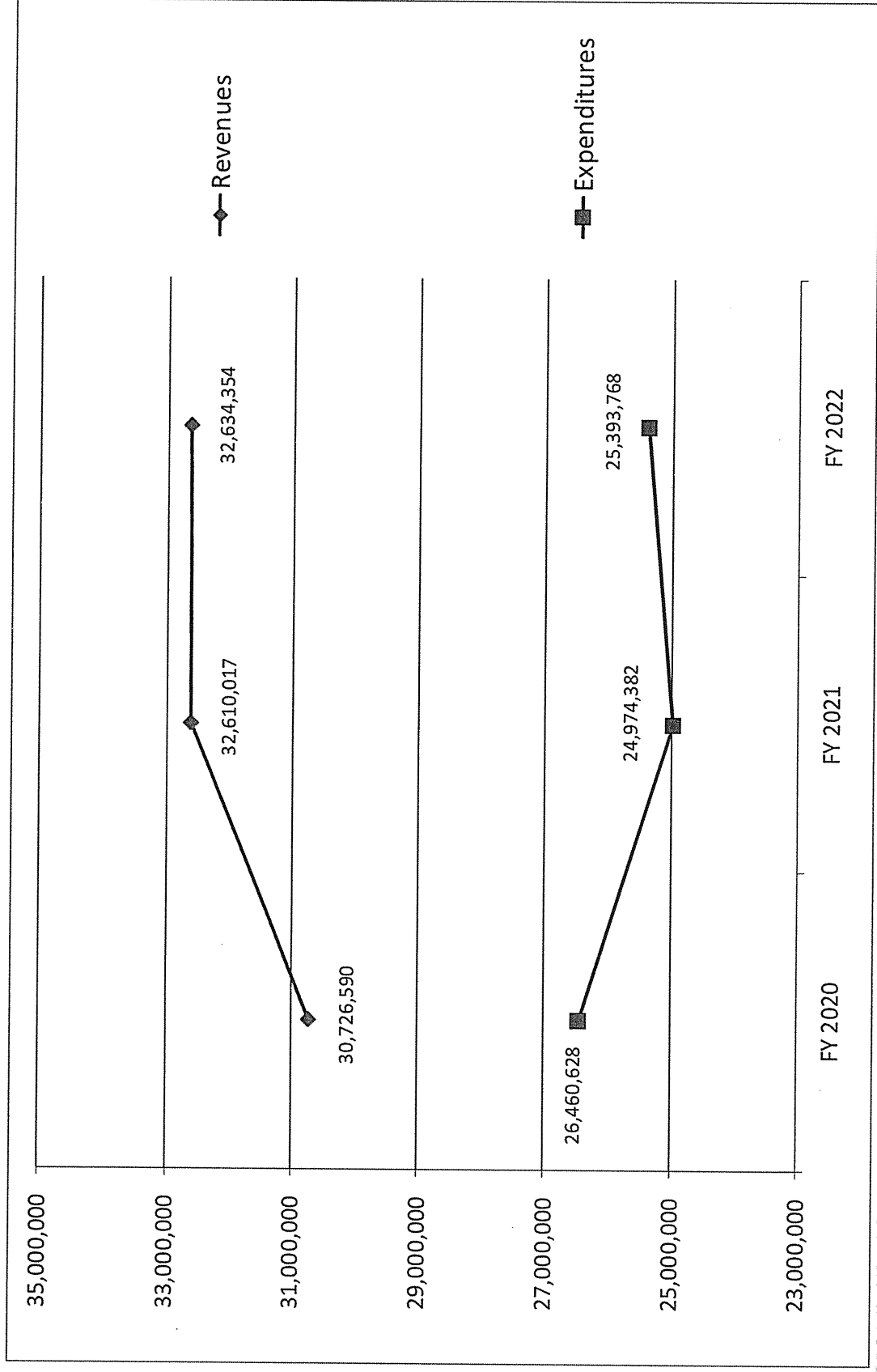
Expenditures

- Increased \$419,386, 1.7%
 - Tax Assessor up \$203,881 (personal and contract services)
 - Sheriff up \$325,832 (personal services)
 - Medical Services down \$1,084,583 (payments to others)
 - Highways and Streets up \$365,092 (capital outlay)



General Fund

Revenues and Expenditures – Last 3 Fiscal Years



Landfill Fund

•Net Position Deficit

- As of 9/30/2022 - \$1,830,235
- As of 9/30/2021 - \$2,612,898

•Landfill Closure/Post-Closure Care Liability

- As of 9/30/2022 - \$2,750,843
- As of 9/30/2021 - \$3,548,604

•Operating Income (Loss)

- FY 2022 - \$782,663 (Loss of \$15,098 without decrease in closure/post-closure care liability due to change in EPD estimates)
- FY 2021 – (\$125,337)

Schedule of Projects Financed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax – Pages 109-111

\$6,930,241 Expended

- \$0 for 2013 Referendum
- \$6,930,241 for 2020 Referendum

Schedule of Projects Financed with Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax – Page 112

\$4,537,912 Expended

Report on Internal Control and Other Matters – Pages 95-96

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report on our consideration of Walker County's internal controls and our tests of compliance.

This report describes the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, but is not intended to provide an opinion on the internal control or compliance.

No material weaknesses and 3 significant deficiencies were noted in the internal controls of Walker County. 2 instances of material noncompliance or other matters were noted.

Report on Compliance and Internal Controls over Major Programs – Pages 97-100

In accordance with the Uniform Guidance, we have issued our report on our consideration of Walker County's compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and on internal control over compliance.

This report describes the scope of our testing of compliance requirements and internal controls over major programs, and the results of that testing. We are required to express an opinion on the County's compliance with requirements; our opinion is unmodified. This report is not intended to provide an opinion on the internal control.

No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were noted in the internal controls of Walker County, Georgia over the compliance requirements applicable to the major programs.

Current Reporting Changes

GASB 87

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Effective for Walker County for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

The statement establishes a single approach to accounting for and reporting leases for state and local governments. The statement requires governments to recognize certain lease assets and liabilities that previously were classified as operating leases.

Future Reporting Changes

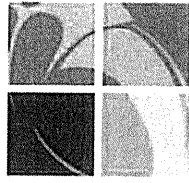
GASB 96

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Effective for Walker County for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023..

The statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA) for end-users (governments). The 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*.

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WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Annual Financial Report

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable Chairman and Members
of the Board of Commissioners
Walker County, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walker County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Walker County, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walker County, Georgia, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparisons of the General Fund, Fire and Rescue Fund, American Rescue Plan Act Fund, and the Development Authority Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of Walker County Health Department, a component unit of Walker County, Georgia. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Walker County Health Department, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Walker County, Georgia and to meet our 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 opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Walker County, Georgia'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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 Walker County, Georgia'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 Walker County, Georgia's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information on pages 4 through 14 and 75 through 80, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Walker County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax, and the schedule of projects financed with transportation special purpose local option sales tax are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the schedule of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax, the schedule of projects financed with transportation special purpose local option sales tax, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2023, on our consideration of Walker County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Walker County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rushon, LLC

Gainesville, Georgia
March 27, 2023

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WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
September 30, 2022

As management of Walker County, it is our pleasure to present this narrative discussion and analysis of Walker County's financial performance, providing an overview of the activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. The purpose of this narrative is to provide readers of financial statements with information that will help them make timely and meaningful financial decisions or draw conclusions about Walker County. As required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, this discussion and analysis provides comparisons with the previous year.

Financial Highlights

- Walker County's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2022 by \$141,474,745 (reported as *net position*). Of this amount, \$31,541,482 (reported as *unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations.
- As of September 30, 2022, Walker County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$39,476,743. The governmental funds reported a combined ending unassigned fund balance of \$27,465,229.

More detailed information regarding these activities and funds begins on page 15.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis narrative is intended to serve as an introduction to Walker County's basic financial statements. Walker County's basic financial statements are composed of three elements: 1) government-wide financial statements; 2) fund financial statements; and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information in addition to our basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements (Reporting the County as a whole). The focus of the government-wide financial statements is on the overall financial position and activities of Walker County and is designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's financial activities in a manner similar to a private business enterprise.

The County's government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These two statements report information about Walker County using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The purpose of the **Statement of Net Position** (pages 15-16) is to attempt to report all of the assets held and liabilities owed by the County. The County reports all of its assets when it acquires ownership over the assets and reports all of its liabilities when they are incurred. The difference between the total assets and total liabilities is labeled *net position*. Although the purpose of the County is

not to accumulate net position, in general, as this amount increases it indicates that the financial position of the County is improving over time.

The **Statement of Activities** (page 17), on the other hand, presents the revenues and expenses of the County. Under the accrual basis of accounting mentioned earlier, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses when incurred in this statement. Thus, revenues are reported even when they may not be collected for several weeks after the end of the accounting period and expenses are recorded even though they may not have used cash during the current period. The difference is described as *change in net position*. The Statement of Activities primary focus is on the *net cost* of various activities provided by the County and identifies the extent to which each function of the County draws from general revenues or is self-financing through fees, grants, or other sources.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide Walker County into three types of activities:

- **Governmental activities** – Most of the County's basic services are reported under this category which includes: judicial, public safety, public works, and general administration. Taxes such as: property, sales, insurance premium and intangible finance most of these services.
- **Business-type activities** – The County charges fees to customers to assist in covering the cost for providing certain services. The County's Landfill and Mountain Cove Farms activities are reported in this category.
- **Discretely Presented Component Units** – A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the County can be financially accountable. The Walker County Health Department, although legally separate, function for all practical purposes as departments of Walker County and have been included as an integral part of the government.

The County's government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 15-17.

Fund Financial Statements (Reporting the County's Major Funds).

The focus of fund financial statements is directed to specific activities of the County and its most significant funds, not the County as a whole. A fund is an entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that the County uses to track specific resources and expenditures, either for management purposes or because of legal mandates. In addition to the major funds, individual fund data for the County's non-major funds can be found beginning on page 81. The County's funds are divided into three broad categories – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – and use different prescribed accounting methodologies.

- **Governmental Funds** – These funds account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements; however, governmental fund financial statements focus on the short-term view of the County's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting,

which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

Because the focus of the governmental fund financial statements is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements and because of the different accounting methods used to prepare them, there are often significant differences between the totals presented in these financial statements. It is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. An analysis of the balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances that reconciles the two statements are provided following each statement.

Walker County maintains sixteen individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, Fire and Rescue Fund, American Rescue Plan Act Fund, Development Authority Fund, SPLOST Fund, and TSPLOST Fund, which are considered major funds. Data from the other ten governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements on pages 81-82 of this report.

Walker County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund and special revenue funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund, Fire and Rescue Fund, American Rescue Plan Fund, and Development Authority Fund to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

The County's basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 18-28 of this report.

- **Proprietary Funds** – When the County charges customers for the services it provides, whether to outside customers or to other departments of the County, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. These proprietary funds are prepared using the same accounting basis as the government-wide financial statements.

Enterprise fund statements report the same functions presented in the business-type activities columns of the government-wide financial statements. Walker County uses enterprise funds to account for its landfill and Mountain Cove Farms.

The County's proprietary fund financial statements are presented on pages 29-31.

- **Fiduciary Funds** – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the

resources of those funds are not available to support Walker County's own programs and services. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Fiduciary funds are presented in the fund financial statements but are not reported in the government-wide financial statements.

The County's fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on pages 32-33.

Notes to the Financial Statements.

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 34-74 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information.

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's defined benefit pension plan. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 75-80 of this report.

Other Supplementary Information.

Other supplementary information includes combining financial statements for non-major governmental funds. These funds are added together and presented in single columns in the basic financial statements but are not reported individually, as with major funds, on the government-wide financial statements.

This report includes two schedules (pages 20 and 23) which reconciles the amounts reported on the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis of accounting) with the governmental activities reported on the government-wide financial statements (accrual basis of accounting). The following summarizes the impact of transitioning from modified accrual to accrual accounting:

- Capital assets used in governmental activities on the government-wide statements are not reported on fund financial statements.
- Certain tax revenues that are earned, but not available, are reported as revenue on the government-wide statement but are reported as deferred inflows of resources on the fund statements.
- Unless due and payable, long-term liabilities, such as lease obligations, compensated absences, bonds and notes payable, and others only appear as liabilities in the government-wide statements.
- Capital outlay spending results in capital assets on the government-wide statements but is reported as expenditures on the governmental fund financial statements.
- Certain other outflows represent either increases or decreases in liabilities on the government-wide statements but are reported as expenditures on the governmental fund financial statements.

Overview of the County's Financial Position and Operations

The County's overall financial position and operations for this fiscal year is summarized as follows based on the information included in the government-wide financial statements (see pages 15-17):

Walker County Net Position (Financial Position) Fiscal Years 2022 and 2021						
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Assets						
Current assets	\$ 66,373,387	\$ 53,357,807	\$ (407,585)	\$ (527,356)	\$ 65,965,802	\$ 52,830,451
Capital assets	108,748,914	105,086,286	1,542,195	1,667,313	110,291,109	106,753,599
Total assets	<u>175,122,301</u>	<u>158,444,093</u>	<u>1,134,610</u>	<u>1,139,957</u>	<u>176,256,911</u>	<u>159,584,050</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>872,708</u>	<u>982,784</u>	<u>32,023</u>	<u>35,202</u>	<u>904,731</u>	<u>1,017,986</u>
Liabilities						
Current liabilities	17,659,869	14,337,984	287,859	138,777	17,947,728	14,476,761
Noncurrent liabilities	14,591,077	16,521,525	2,793,343	3,620,470	17,384,420	20,141,995
Total liabilities	<u>32,250,946</u>	<u>30,859,509</u>	<u>3,081,202</u>	<u>3,759,247</u>	<u>35,332,148</u>	<u>34,618,756</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>344,839</u>	<u>87,002</u>	<u>9,910</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>354,749</u>	<u>89,467</u>
Net position						
Net investment in capital assets	96,866,061	89,040,330	1,542,195	1,667,313	98,408,256	90,707,643
Restricted	11,525,007	7,614,418	0	0	11,525,007	7,614,418
Unrestricted	35,008,156	31,825,618	(3,466,674)	(4,253,866)	31,541,482	27,571,752
Total net position	<u>\$ 143,399,224</u>	<u>\$ 128,480,366</u>	<u>\$ (1,924,479)</u>	<u>\$ (2,586,553)</u>	<u>\$ 141,474,745</u>	<u>\$ 125,893,813</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Net position totaled \$141,474,745 at the close of the fiscal year.

Approximately 69.6% of Walker County's net position is reflected in its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment, infrastructure), less any related debt outstanding that was needed to construct or acquire the assets. The County uses capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Restricted net position comprises 8.1% of the total net position. This amount represents net position that is subject to external restrictions or enabling legislation on how they can be used.

Unrestricted net position, comprising the remaining 22.3%, represents resources that can be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

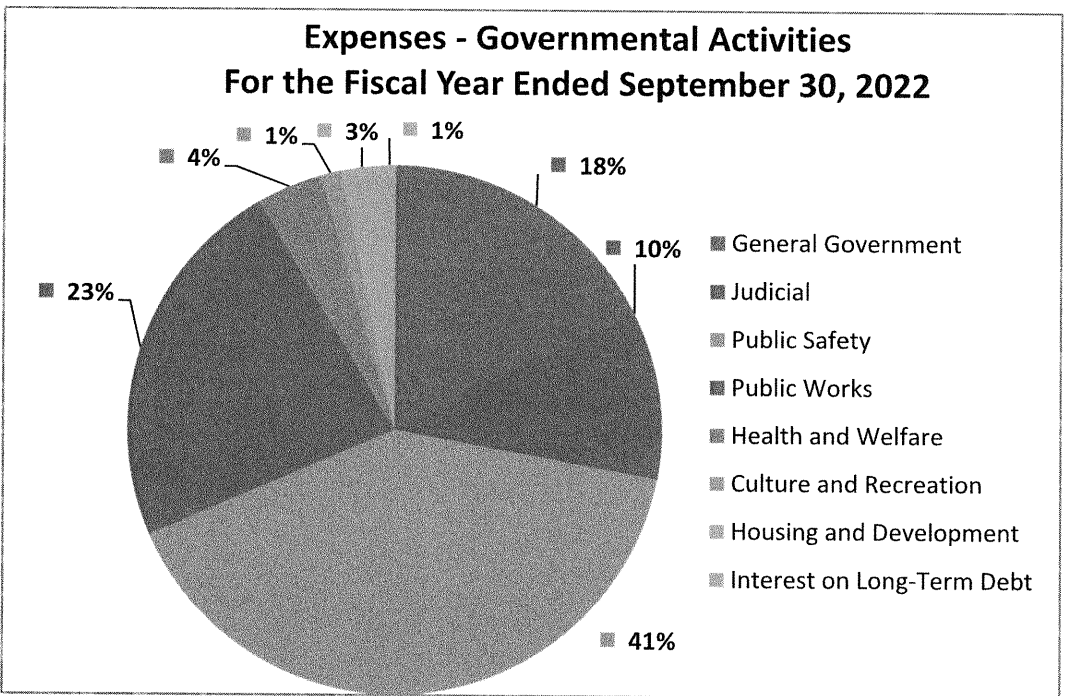
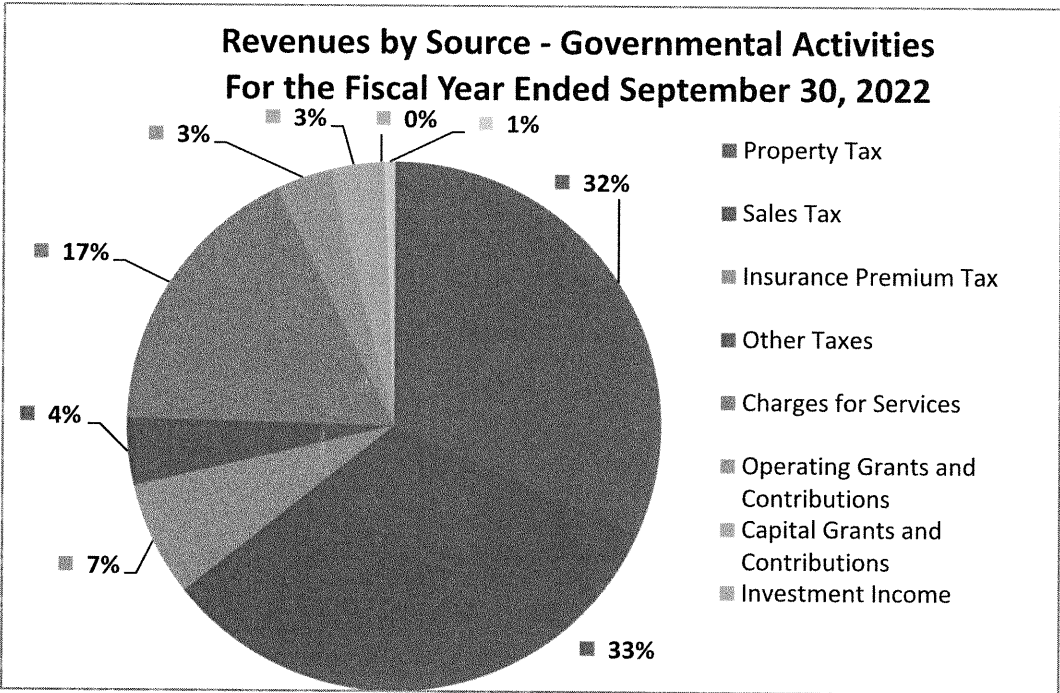
The following condensed financial information was derived from the government-wide Statement of Activities and reflects how Walker County's net position changed during the fiscal year.

Walker County
Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years 2022 and 2021

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 9,822,420	\$ 8,949,670	\$ 1,909,135	\$ 1,604,739	\$ 11,731,555	\$ 10,554,409
Operating grants and contributions	1,906,397	1,943,929	0	0	1,906,397	1,943,929
Capital grants and contributions	1,649,772	1,290,018	0	0	1,649,772	1,290,018
General revenues:						
Property tax	17,997,437	17,444,897	0	0	17,997,437	17,444,897
Sales tax	18,553,771	16,768,673	0	0	18,553,771	16,768,673
Insurance premium tax	3,968,908	3,998,718	0	0	3,968,908	3,998,718
Other taxes	2,364,569	2,118,819	0	0	2,364,569	2,118,819
Interest and investment earnings	214,983	125,777	4,778	0	219,761	125,777
Other revenue	375,029	205,433	75,290	1,305	450,319	206,738
Total revenues	56,853,286	52,845,934	1,989,203	1,606,044	58,842,489	54,451,978
Expenses						
General Government	7,405,762	6,432,667	0	0	7,405,762	6,432,667
Judicial	4,306,432	4,020,476	0	0	4,306,432	4,020,476
Public Safety	16,985,513	16,839,499	0	0	16,985,513	16,839,499
Public Works	9,672,556	8,488,704	0	0	9,672,556	8,488,704
Health and Welfare	1,657,789	1,282,937	0	0	1,657,789	1,282,937
Culture and Recreation	513,966	600,986	0	0	513,966	600,986
Housing and Development	1,074,589	877,156	0	0	1,074,589	877,156
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest on long-term debt	317,821	376,908	0	0	317,821	376,908
Landfill	0	0	1,003,258	1,634,474	1,003,258	1,634,474
Mountain Cove Farms	0	0	323,871	187,370	323,871	187,370
Total expenses	41,934,428	38,919,333	1,327,129	1,821,844	43,261,557	40,741,177
Increase (decrease) in net position	14,918,858	13,926,601	662,074	(215,800)	15,580,932	13,710,801
Net position-beginning (original)	128,480,366	114,971,220	(2,586,553)	(2,318,833)	125,893,813	112,652,387
Prior period adjustments	0	(417,455)	0	(51,920)	0	(469,375)
Net position-beginning (restated)	128,480,366	114,553,765	(2,586,553)	(2,370,753)	125,893,813	112,183,012
Net position-ending	\$ 143,399,224	\$ 128,480,366	\$ (1,924,479)	\$ (2,586,553)	\$ 141,474,745	\$ 125,893,813

Governmental Activities –

The following charts illustrate revenues and expenses of the governmental activities for the fiscal year:



The revenue chart indicates that sales tax, followed by property tax, and charges for services were the three largest sources of revenue for governmental activities for fiscal year 2022. Total revenues of the governmental activities increased more than \$4,007,000. The largest cause of the increase was an increase in sales tax of more than \$1,785,000. Property tax revenues also increased more than \$550,000. Charges for services increased by more than \$870,000 due to increased payments in lieu of taxes and capital grants and contributions increased by almost \$360,000 due to increased local maintenance and improvement grants received. With the exception of several classification differences, all other revenues remained relatively similar when comparing to the prior year.

The expense chart indicates that the three most significant governmental activities expenses for Walker County during fiscal year 2022 were public safety services, such as fire, police protection, and other emergency services followed by public works and general government. Overall, governmental activities expenses increased by more than \$3,015,000 from the prior fiscal year. General government expenses increased by more than \$970,000 due to increased insurance costs and increased buildings repairs and maintenance. Public works expenses also increased by more than \$1,180,000 due to increased depreciation and increased payments of SPLOST to the cities. Overall, personal services expenses in the governmental activities are up approximately \$1,710,000.

Business-Type Activities –

The Landfill fund reported an increase in net position of \$782,663 and Mountain Cove Farms reported a decrease in net position of \$120,589. The increase in net position of the Landfill was due to a significant change in estimate for the landfill closure and post-closure care costs liability. The Mountain Cove Farms decrease was due to an operating loss.

Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

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

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

- As the County completed this fiscal year, its governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$39,476,743. The governmental funds reported a combined unassigned fund balance of \$27,465,229. The remainder of fund balance is nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned for projects, and is not available for spending.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$27,465,229, while total fund balance reached \$27,942,037. As a measure of the

General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents approximately 108% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents approximately 110% of that same amount.

Revenues increased a little over \$24,000 from the prior fiscal year. Property taxes decreased by approximately \$900,000. Local option sales taxes increased by approximately \$530,000. Fines and forfeitures increased approximately \$160,000 and other revenues increased by more than \$185,000 due to insurance proceeds. Expenditures increased by almost \$420,000 from the prior fiscal year. Tax Assessor expenditures increased by more than \$200,000 due to increased personal and contract services. Sheriff expenditures increased by more than \$325,000 due to increased personal services. Medical Services decreased by more than \$1,080,000 due to a large payment to others in the prior year. Highways and Streets expenditures increased by more than \$365,000 due to increased capital outlay. The County ended the fiscal year by increasing fund balance of the General Fund by \$4,455,604, or approximately 19%.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Fire and Rescue Special Revenue Fund had total fund balance of \$220,670, of which \$165,719 is restricted for fire and rescue activities and \$54,951 is nonspendable. Fund balance increased \$1 during the fiscal year.

For the current fiscal year, the American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund did not report significant fund balance. Current year activity included revenues and expenditures for the American Rescue Plan funding.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Development Authority Special Revenue Fund had total fund balance of \$2,096,219, all of which is restricted for economic development. Fund balance increased \$731,307 during the current fiscal year due to transfers from the General Fund and intergovernmental revenues in excess of debt service payments.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the SPLOST Capital Projects Fund had total fund balance of \$5,002,026, all of which is restricted for capital outlay. Fund balance increased \$987,187 for fiscal year 2022 due to current year expenditures in accordance with the SPLOST referendums. Further details of the SPLOST expenditures can be found in the Schedule of Projects Financed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax at the end of this report.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the TSPLOST Capital Projects Fund had total fund balance of \$3,048,697, all of which is restricted for capital outlay. Fund balance increased \$2,367,062 for fiscal year 2022 due to current year expenditures in accordance with the TSPLOST referendum and LMIG receipts for road projects. Further details of the TSPLOST expenditures can be found in the Schedule of Projects Financed with Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax at the end of this report.

General Fund Budget Highlights

The original budget for the General Fund was amended by various appropriations approved after the beginning of the fiscal year. Budgeted revenues and expenditures remained the same in total from original to final

budgets. The County experienced increased revenues and increased expenditures from the prior fiscal year. The County ended the fiscal year with revenues up significantly and expenditures down significantly from budgeted expectations. Overall, the General Fund's revenues and other financing sources were greater than its expenditures and other financing uses.

Proprietary Funds. Walker County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. Net position of the County's proprietary funds totaled as follows:

▪ Landfill	(\$1,830,235)
▪ Mountain Cove Farms	(\$ 94,244)

The Landfill fund reported an increase in net position of \$782,663 and Mountain Cove Farms reported a decrease in net position of \$120,589. The increase in net position of the Landfill was due to a significant change in estimate for the landfill closure and post-closure care costs liability. The Mountain Cove Farms decrease was due to an operating loss. Other factors concerning the finances of these funds have already been addressed in the discussion of the County's business-type activities.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. Walker County has invested \$110,291,109 in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation). 99% of the investment is related to governmental activities and includes land, construction in progress, buildings, land improvements, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, vehicles, and infrastructure.

Capital assets held by the County at the end of the fiscal year are summarized as follows:

Walker County Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation) Fiscal Years 2022 and 2021

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Land	\$ 9,154,805	\$ 9,111,953	\$ 169,000	\$ 169,000	\$ 9,323,805	\$ 9,280,953
Construction in progress	1,068,571	3,889,651	743,174	743,174	1,811,745	4,632,825
Infrastructure	124,055,818	116,237,991	0	0	124,055,818	116,237,991
C&D landfill	0	0	4,985,021	4,985,021	4,985,021	4,985,021
Buildings and improvements	45,411,211	44,776,840	667,026	667,026	46,078,237	45,443,866
Machinery and equipment	18,417,435	14,863,037	1,849,729	1,849,729	20,267,164	16,712,766
Vehicles	15,052,762	14,316,905	36,971	36,971	15,089,733	14,353,876
Total	213,160,602	203,196,377	8,450,921	8,450,921	221,611,523	211,647,298
Accumulated Depreciation	(104,411,688)	(98,110,091)	(6,908,726)	(6,783,608)	(111,320,414)	(104,893,699)
Net Capital Assets	\$ 108,748,914	\$ 105,086,286	\$ 1,542,195	\$ 1,667,313	\$ 110,291,109	\$ 106,753,599

Major capital asset expenditures during the current fiscal year for governmental activities included the following:

- Upgrades to the E911 system
- Investments in machinery, equipment, and vehicles throughout the County
- Paving and resurfacing of various roads, bridges, and culverts throughout the County

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 9 to the financial statements on pages 55-57 of this report.

Long-term Debt. On September 30, 2022, Walker County had total long-term debt in the amount of \$11,630,000, a decrease of \$1,187,639 from the prior fiscal year. The decrease was due to normal scheduled principal payments. Additional information on the County's long-term debt can be found in Note 10 to the financial statements on pages 57-59 of this report.

Economic Condition and Outlook

Walker County continues to fair well after recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Several factors were considered during preparation of the budget for fiscal year 2023, including the following:

- Possible increases or decreases in revenues, particularly property, sales, and other taxes
- Fluctuations in the price of fuel due to market instability.
- Plans for future capital improvements
- Unforeseen natural disasters, such as tornados, storms, etc.
- Capital outlay requirements for vehicles, equipment and program expansions to improve public services to the community

Contacting the County's Finance Department

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of Walker County's finances and to demonstrate the County's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed as follows:

Walker County Finance Department
PO Box 445
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2022

	Primary Government			Health Department Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42,363,612	\$ 669,801	\$ 43,033,413	\$ 2,435,000
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	488,524	0	488,524	0
Certificates of deposit	505,969	0	505,969	0
Receivables (net)				
Accounts	1,050,790	126,335	1,177,125	0
Intergovernmental	936,782	0	936,782	66,371
Taxes	19,291,662	0	19,291,662	0
Inventories	0	568	568	29,890
Prepaid items	531,759	0	531,759	64
Internal balances	1,204,289	(1,204,289)	0	0
Total current assets	66,373,387	(407,585)	65,965,802	2,531,325
Noncurrent assets				
Net OPEB asset	0	0	0	96,756
Capital assets				
Non-depreciable	10,223,376	912,174	11,135,550	0
Depreciable (net)	98,525,538	630,021	99,155,559	16,796
Total noncurrent assets	108,748,914	1,542,195	110,291,109	113,552
Total assets	175,122,301	1,134,610	176,256,911	2,644,877
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	872,708	32,023	904,731	204,474
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	0	0	0	38,395
Total deferred outflows of resources	872,708	32,023	904,731	242,869
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	1,705,126	247,090	1,952,216	53
Customer deposits payable	0	24,164	24,164	0
Interest payable	48,260	0	48,260	0
Accrued liabilities	504,734	4,236	508,970	0
Compensated absences	1,108,083	12,369	1,120,452	3,687
Unearned revenue	13,251,640	0	13,251,640	0
Other liabilities	32,026	0	32,026	0
Bonds payable	1,010,000	0	1,010,000	0
Total current liabilities	17,659,869	287,859	17,947,728	3,740
Noncurrent liabilities				
Compensated absences	0	0	0	33,185
Net pension liability	1,520,518	42,500	1,563,018	379,323
Bonds payable	10,620,000	0	10,620,000	0
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs	2,450,559	2,750,843	5,201,402	0
Total noncurrent liabilities	14,591,077	2,793,343	17,384,420	412,508
Total liabilities	32,250,946	3,081,202	35,332,148	416,248

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2022

	Primary Government			Health Department Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	\$ 344,839	\$ 9,910	\$ 354,749	\$ 390,000
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	0	0	0	283,010
Total deferred inflows of resources	344,839	9,910	354,749	673,010
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	96,866,061	1,542,195	98,408,256	16,796
Restricted for:				
Law library operations	23,371	0	23,371	0
Judicial activities	208,813	0	208,813	0
Fire and rescue activities	454,277	0	454,277	0
E911 system operations	74,059	0	74,059	0
Sheriff facilities, equipment, and operations	350,206	0	350,206	0
Transit system operations	113,246	0	113,246	0
Economic development	2,096,219	0	2,096,219	0
Trade and tourism	420	0	420	0
Tourism product development	7,371	0	7,371	0
Grant specifications	146,302	0	146,302	0
Capital outlay	8,050,723	0	8,050,723	0
Unrestricted	35,008,156	(3,466,674)	31,541,482	1,781,692
Total net position	\$ 143,399,224	\$ (1,924,479)	\$ 141,474,745	\$ 1,798,488

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For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

		Program Revenues			
		Charges for	Operating	Capital	Net
	Expenses	Services	Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions	(Expense) Revenue
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS					
Primary government					
Governmental activities					
General Government	\$ 7,405,762	\$ 993,303	\$ 95,541	\$ 5,000	\$ (6,311,918)
Judicial	4,306,432	155,711	720,518	0	(3,430,203)
Public Safety	16,985,513	7,347,278	713,963	0	(8,924,272)
Public Works	9,672,556	415,457	0	1,644,772	(7,612,327)
Health and Welfare	1,657,789	186,888	375,618	0	(1,095,283)
Culture and Recreation	513,966	31,741	0	0	(482,225)
Housing and Development	1,074,589	692,042	757	0	(381,790)
Interest on long-term debt	317,821	0	0	0	(317,821)
Total governmental activities	<u>41,934,428</u>	<u>9,822,420</u>	<u>1,906,397</u>	<u>1,649,772</u>	<u>(28,555,839)</u>
Business-type activities					
Landfill	1,003,258	1,782,507	0	0	779,249
Mountain Cove Farms	<u>323,871</u>	<u>126,628</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(197,243)</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>1,327,129</u>	<u>1,909,135</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>582,006</u>
Total primary government	<u>43,261,557</u>	<u>11,731,555</u>	<u>1,906,397</u>	<u>1,649,772</u>	<u>(27,973,833)</u>
Component Units					
Health Department					
Health and Welfare	<u>649,083</u>	<u>422,666</u>	<u>593,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>367,433</u>
Total component units	<u>649,083</u>	<u>422,666</u>	<u>593,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>367,433</u>
Change in net position					
Net (expense) revenue	<u>\$ (28,555,839)</u>	<u>\$ 582,006</u>	<u>\$ (27,973,833)</u>	<u>\$ 367,433</u>	
General revenues					
Taxes					
Property	17,997,437	0	17,997,437	0	
Sales	18,553,771	0	18,553,771	0	
Insurance premium	3,968,908	0	3,968,908	0	
Intangible	612,028	0	612,028	0	
Alcohol Excise	330,584	0	330,584	0	
Other	1,421,957	0	1,421,957	0	
Interest and investment earnings	214,983	4,778	219,761	16,292	
Payments from Walker County	0	0	0	100,000	
Gain on sale of capital assets	44,660	0	44,660	0	
Other	330,369	75,290	405,659	0	
Total general revenues	<u>43,474,697</u>	<u>80,068</u>	<u>43,554,765</u>	<u>116,292</u>	
Change in net position	14,918,858	662,074	15,580,932	483,725	
Net position - beginning	<u>128,480,366</u>	<u>(2,586,553)</u>	<u>125,893,813</u>	<u>1,314,763</u>	
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 143,399,224</u>	<u>\$ (1,924,479)</u>	<u>\$ 141,474,745</u>	<u>\$ 1,798,488</u>	

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2022

	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire and Rescue</u>	<u>American Rescue Plan Act</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,197,916	\$ 12,871	\$ 13,641,294
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	488,524	0	0
Certificates of deposit	0	0	0
Receivables (net)			
Accounts	252,659	332,318	0
Intergovernmental	285,757	0	0
Taxes	18,101,971	0	0
Due from other funds	3,006,432	230,072	0
Prepaid items	476,808	54,951	0
Total assets	<u>\$ 40,810,067</u>	<u>\$ 630,212</u>	<u>\$ 13,641,294</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 683,407	\$ 96,477	\$ 52,522
Accrued liabilities	467,088	24,507	0
Due to other funds	602,975	0	311,989
Unearned revenue	0	0	13,185,745
Other liabilities	0	0	0
Total liabilities	<u>1,753,470</u>	<u>120,984</u>	<u>13,550,256</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	11,097,127	0	0
Unavailable revenue - fire fees	0	288,558	0
Unavailable revenue - public health fees	17,433	0	0
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>11,114,560</u>	<u>288,558</u>	<u>0</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable prepaid items	476,808	54,951	0
Restricted for:			
Law library operations	0	0	0
Judicial activities	0	0	0
Fire and rescue activities	0	165,719	0
E911 system operations	0	0	0
Sheriff facilities, equipment, and operations	0	0	0
Transit system operations	0	0	0
Economic development	0	0	0
Trade and tourism	0	0	0
Tourism product development	0	0	0
Grant specifications	0	0	91,038
Capital outlay	0	0	0
Assigned for trade and tourism	0	0	0
Unassigned	27,465,229	0	0
Total fund balances	<u>27,942,037</u>	<u>220,670</u>	<u>91,038</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 40,810,067</u>	<u>\$ 630,212</u>	<u>\$ 13,641,294</u>

Development Authority	SPLOST	TSPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
\$ 1,363,962	\$ 4,733,432	\$ 2,595,608	\$ 1,818,529	\$ 42,363,612
0	0	0	0	488,524
505,969	0	0	0	505,969
202,099	0	0	263,714	1,050,790
0	250,000	0	401,025	936,782
0	701,431	453,059	35,201	19,291,662
24,981	72,689	30	272,519	3,606,723
0	0	0	0	531,759
<u>\$ 2,097,011</u>	<u>\$ 5,757,552</u>	<u>\$ 3,048,697</u>	<u>\$ 2,790,988</u>	<u>\$ 68,775,821</u>
\$ 792	\$ 726,699	\$ 0	\$ 145,229	\$ 1,705,126
0	0	0	13,139	504,734
0	28,827	0	1,458,643	2,402,434
0	0	0	65,895	13,251,640
0	0	0	32,026	32,026
<u>792</u>	<u>755,526</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,714,932</u>	<u>17,895,960</u>
0	0	0	0	11,097,127
0	0	0	0	288,558
0	0	0	0	17,433
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,403,118</u>
0	0	0	0	531,759
0	0	0	23,371	23,371
0	0	0	208,813	208,813
0	0	0	0	165,719
0	0	0	74,059	74,059
0	0	0	350,206	350,206
0	0	0	113,246	113,246
2,096,219	0	0	0	2,096,219
0	0	0	420	420
0	0	0	7,371	7,371
0	0	0	55,264	146,302
0	5,002,026	3,048,697	0	8,050,723
0	0	0	243,306	243,306
0	0	0	0	27,465,229
<u>2,096,219</u>	<u>5,002,026</u>	<u>3,048,697</u>	<u>1,076,056</u>	<u>39,476,743</u>
<u>\$ 2,097,011</u>	<u>\$ 5,757,552</u>	<u>\$ 3,048,697</u>	<u>\$ 2,790,988</u>	<u>\$ 68,775,821</u>

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WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2022

Total fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	39,476,743
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Some assets are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.
These are:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		108,748,914
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. These are unavailable property taxes and intergovernmental revenues.		11,403,118
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These are:

Deferred outflows of resources - pension	872,708	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	<u>(344,839)</u>	527,869

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These are:

Accrued interest	(48,260)	
Compensated absences	(1,108,083)	
Net pension liability	(1,520,518)	
Bonds payable	(11,630,000)	
Landfill post-closure care costs	<u>(2,450,559)</u>	<u>(16,757,420)</u>

Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>143,399,224</u>
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WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire and Rescue</u>	<u>American Rescue Plan Act</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 28,653,230	\$ 0	\$ 0
Licenses and permits	544,030	0	0
Intergovernmental	474,427	0	364,511
Charges for services	1,174,930	4,113,318	0
Fines, fees and forfeitures	1,316,158	0	0
Interest	135,165	0	72,497
Contributions	6,044	0	0
Other	330,370	0	0
Total revenues	<u>32,634,354</u>	<u>4,113,318</u>	<u>437,008</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government	8,028,945	0	0
Judicial	3,545,788	0	0
Public Safety	9,964,445	5,055,890	284,084
Public Works	2,758,236	0	76,907
Health and Welfare	238,311	0	3,520
Culture and Recreation	471,591	0	0
Housing and Development	386,452	0	0
Capital outlay	0	0	0
Debt service	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0
Total expenditures	<u>25,393,768</u>	<u>5,055,890</u>	<u>364,511</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>7,240,586</u>	<u>(942,572)</u>	<u>72,497</u>
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in	25,552	942,573	0
Transfers out	(2,831,411)	0	0
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	20,877	0	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(2,784,982)</u>	<u>942,573</u>	<u>0</u>
Net change in fund balance	4,455,604	1	72,497
Fund balances, October 1	<u>23,486,433</u>	<u>220,669</u>	<u>18,541</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 27,942,037</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 220,670</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 91,038</u></u>

Development Authority	SPLOST	TSPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
\$ 0	\$ 7,803,556	\$ 5,329,169	\$ 371,153	\$ 42,157,108
0	0	0	0	544,030
656,957	0	1,532,477	1,426,398	4,454,770
35,000	0	14,885	1,511,113	6,849,246
0	0	0	52,651	1,368,809
3,212	83,853	28,443	2,720	325,890
0	0	0	86,635	92,679
139,371	0	0	0	469,741
<u>834,540</u>	<u>7,887,409</u>	<u>6,904,974</u>	<u>3,450,670</u>	<u>56,262,273</u>
0	0	0	89,558	8,118,503
0	0	0	774,707	4,320,495
0	0	0	1,789,959	17,094,378
0	0	0	0	2,835,143
0	0	0	977,361	1,219,192
0	0	0	0	471,591
102,083	0	0	276,233	764,768
0	4,120,961	4,537,912	0	8,658,873
1,300,110	0	0	0	1,300,110
0	2,809,280	0	0	2,809,280
<u>1,402,193</u>	<u>6,930,241</u>	<u>4,537,912</u>	<u>3,907,818</u>	<u>47,592,333</u>
<u>(567,653)</u>	<u>957,168</u>	<u>2,367,062</u>	<u>(457,148)</u>	<u>8,669,940</u>
1,298,960	0	0	589,878	2,856,963
0	0	0	(25,552)	(2,856,963)
0	30,019	0	0	50,896
<u>1,298,960</u>	<u>30,019</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>564,326</u>	<u>50,896</u>
731,307	987,187	2,367,062	107,178	8,720,836
1,364,912	4,014,839	681,635	968,878	30,755,907
<u>\$ 2,096,219</u>	<u>\$ 5,002,026</u>	<u>\$ 3,048,697</u>	<u>\$ 1,076,056</u>	<u>\$ 39,476,743</u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds **\$ 8,720,836**

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital outlays	\$	10,199,096	
Depreciation		<u>(6,438,764)</u>	3,760,332

In the statement of activities, the gain/loss on the disposal of assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale of capital assets increases financial resources.

Cost of assets disposed		(234,871)	
Related accumulated depreciation		<u>137,167</u>	(97,704)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. These include recognition of unavailable revenue. 537,919

Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.

Pension contributions		816,425	
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions		<u>(167,375)</u>	649,050

The proceeds of debt issuance, net of premiums, discounts and issuance costs provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized in the governmental funds until due, but is recognized in the statement of activities as it accrues.

Debt principal payments		1,187,639	
Net change in interest payable		<u>11,196</u>	1,198,835

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

Compensated absences		246,105	
Landfill post-closure care costs		<u>(96,515)</u>	149,590

Change in net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 14,918,858</u>	
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WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 26,646,200	\$ 26,646,200	\$ 28,653,230	\$ 2,007,030
Licenses and permits	316,500	316,500	544,030	227,530
Intergovernmental	460,500	460,500	474,427	13,927
Charges for services	971,436	971,436	1,174,930	203,494
Fines, fees and forfeitures	806,930	806,930	1,316,158	509,228
Interest	80,000	80,000	135,165	55,165
Contributions	0	0	6,044	6,044
Other	61,860	61,860	330,370	268,510
Total revenues	29,343,426	29,343,426	32,634,354	3,290,928
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government				
Governing Body	785,950	785,950	661,059	124,891
Elections	351,650	351,650	334,070	17,580
Accounting	430,600	430,600	378,232	52,368
Licensing	5,580	5,580	3,950	1,630
Legal	127,635	127,635	122,840	4,795
Data Processing	929,500	929,500	902,040	27,460
Human Resources	77,425	77,425	45,005	32,420
Employee Health Clinic	222,500	222,500	155,232	67,268
Tax Commissioner	1,164,860	1,164,860	1,143,244	21,616
Tax Assessor	1,364,470	1,364,470	1,362,640	1,830
Board of Equalization	12,000	12,000	9,699	2,301
Risk Management	450,000	450,000	507,903	(57,903)
General Government Buildings and Plant	2,238,800	2,238,800	2,292,770	(53,970)
Marsh Warthen House	20,400	20,400	8,782	11,618
Records Management	69,300	69,300	42,421	26,879
General Administration Fees	62,000	62,000	59,058	2,942
Judicial				
Superior Court	162,250	162,250	200,743	(38,493)
Clerk of Courts	787,300	787,300	851,692	(64,392)
District Attorney	559,412	559,412	392,578	166,834
State Court	370,100	370,100	336,721	33,379
State Court Solicitor	232,650	232,650	219,335	13,315
Magistrate Court	409,650	409,650	403,156	6,494
Probate Court	382,310	382,310	320,497	61,813
Juvenile Court	615,325	615,325	515,761	99,564
Public Defender	325,004	325,004	305,305	19,699
Public Safety				
Codes Enforcement	674,200	674,200	495,162	179,038
Sheriff	6,415,417	6,415,417	5,958,477	456,940
Jail Operations	2,824,583	2,824,583	2,732,312	92,271
Coroner / Medical Examiner	75,500	75,500	100,121	(24,621)
Animal Control	640,580	640,580	587,907	52,673
Emergency Management	115,000	115,000	90,466	24,534
Public Works				
Highways and Streets	2,232,250	2,232,250	2,168,897	63,353
Closure and Postclosure Costs	100,000	100,000	67,587	32,413
Maintenance and Shop	661,025	661,025	521,752	139,273

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
EXPENDITURES (continued)				
Current				
Health and Welfare				
Public Health Administration	\$ 102,500	\$ 102,500	\$ 100,000	\$ 2,500
Welfare Payments to Others	36,000	36,000	78,271	(42,271)
DFACS Building and Plant	19,500	19,500	10,528	8,972
Meals on Wheels	47,700	47,700	45,699	2,001
Senior Center	9,300	9,300	3,813	5,487
Culture and Recreation				
Civic Center	188,175	188,175	121,572	66,603
Other Recreational Facilities	26,720	26,720	36,099	(9,379)
Agricultural Center	20,600	20,600	10,774	9,826
Historical Preservation	4,500	4,500	3,146	1,354
Library Administration	300,000	300,000	300,000	0
Housing and Development				
County Agent	83,565	83,565	67,481	16,084
Forest Resources	13,000	13,000	12,018	982
Planning and Zoning	132,470	132,470	115,273	17,197
Economic Development	233,732	233,732	191,680	42,052
Total expenditures	27,112,988	27,112,988	25,393,768	1,719,220
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	2,230,438	2,230,438	7,240,586	5,010,148
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	0	0	25,552	25,552
Transfers out	(2,230,438)	(2,230,438)	(2,831,411)	(600,973)
Proceeds from sales of capital assets	0	0	20,877	20,877
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,230,438)	(2,230,438)	(2,784,982)	(554,544)
Net change in fund balance	0	0	4,455,604	4,455,604
Fund balances, October 1	0	0	23,486,433	23,486,433
Fund balances, September 30	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 27,942,037	\$ 27,942,037

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIRE AND RESCUE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 4,618,500	\$ 4,618,500	\$ 4,113,318	\$ (505,182)
Total revenues	<u>4,618,500</u>	<u>4,618,500</u>	<u>4,113,318</u>	<u>(505,182)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Public Safety				
Fire and Rescue	4,503,500	4,503,500	5,055,890	(552,390)
Total expenditures	<u>4,503,500</u>	<u>4,503,500</u>	<u>5,055,890</u>	<u>(552,390)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>115,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>(942,572)</u>	<u>(1,057,572)</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	0	0	942,573	942,573
Transfers out	(115,000)	(115,000)	0	115,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(115,000)</u>	<u>(115,000)</u>	<u>942,573</u>	<u>1,057,573</u>
Net change in fund balance	0	0	1	1
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>220,669</u>	<u>220,669</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 220,670</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 220,670</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 364,511	\$ 364,511
Interest	0	0	72,497	72,497
Total revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>437,008</u>	<u>437,008</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Public Safety				
Sheriff	0	0	284,084	(284,084)
Public Works				
Water	0	0	76,907	(76,907)
Health and Welfare				
Public Health Administration	0	0	3,520	(3,520)
Total expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>364,511</u>	<u>(364,511)</u>
Net change in fund balance	0	0	72,497	72,497
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,541</u>	<u>18,541</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 91,038</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 91,038</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 454,858	\$ 454,858	\$ 656,957	\$ 202,099
Charges for services	0	0	35,000	35,000
Interest	5,000	5,000	3,212	(1,788)
Other	115,471	115,471	139,371	23,900
Total revenues	<u>575,329</u>	<u>575,329</u>	<u>834,540</u>	<u>259,211</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Housing and Development				
Economic Development	133,883	133,883	102,083	31,800
Debt Service				
Principal	980,000	980,000	980,000	0
Interest	318,960	318,960	320,110	(1,150)
Total expenditures	<u>1,432,843</u>	<u>1,432,843</u>	<u>1,402,193</u>	<u>30,650</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(857,514)	(857,514)	(567,653)	289,861
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	1,304,943	1,304,943	1,298,960	(5,983)
Net change in fund balance	447,429	447,429	731,307	283,878
Fund balances, October 1	(447,429)	(447,429)	1,364,912	1,812,341
Fund balances, September 30	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,096,219</u>	<u>\$ 2,096,219</u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
September 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities		
	Landfill	Mountain Cove Farms	Totals
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 900	\$ 668,901	\$ 669,801
Accounts receivable (net)	126,335	0	126,335
Due from other funds	2,684	0	2,684
Inventories	0	568	568
Total current assets	129,919	669,469	799,388
Noncurrent assets			
Capital assets			
Non-depreciable	743,174	169,000	912,174
Depreciable (net)	320,625	309,396	630,021
Total noncurrent assets	1,063,799	478,396	1,542,195
Total assets	1,193,718	1,147,865	2,341,583
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	32,023	0	32,023
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	241,852	5,238	247,090
Customer deposits payable	0	24,164	24,164
Accrued salaries and payroll liabilities	3,283	953	4,236
Compensated absences	7,588	4,781	12,369
Due to other funds	0	1,206,973	1,206,973
Total current liabilities	252,723	1,242,109	1,494,832
Noncurrent liabilities			
Net pension liability	42,500	0	42,500
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs	2,750,843	0	2,750,843
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,793,343	0	2,793,343
Total liabilities	3,046,066	1,242,109	4,288,175
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	9,910	0	9,910
NET POSITION			
Investment in capital assets	1,063,799	478,396	1,542,195
Unrestricted	(2,894,034)	(572,640)	(3,466,674)
Total net position	\$ (1,830,235)	\$ (94,244)	\$ (1,924,479)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities		
	Landfill	Mountain Cove Farms	Totals
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for sales and services	\$ 1,782,507	\$ 126,628	\$ 1,909,135
Other	3,414	71,876	75,290
Total operating revenues	1,785,921	198,504	1,984,425
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Personal services	492,440	147,113	639,553
Costs of sales and services	395,965	166,493	562,458
Depreciation	114,853	10,265	125,118
Total operating expenses	1,003,258	323,871	1,327,129
Operating income (loss)	782,663	(125,367)	657,296
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)			
Interest revenue	0	4,778	4,778
Change in net position	782,663	(120,589)	662,074
Net position, October 1	(2,612,898)	26,345	(2,586,553)
Net position, September 30	\$ (1,830,235)	\$ (94,244)	\$ (1,924,479)

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Business-Type Activities		
	Landfill	Mountain Cove Farms	Totals
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,747,172	\$ 132,210	\$ 1,879,382
Payments to suppliers	(1,056,364)	(165,456)	(1,221,820)
Payments to employees	(506,814)	(146,187)	(653,001)
Other receipts	3,414	71,876	75,290
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	187,408	(107,557)	79,851
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:			
Receipts from other funds	0	243,698	243,698
Payments to other funds	(187,408)	0	(187,408)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(187,408)	243,698	56,290
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received	0	4,778	4,778
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	0	140,919	140,919
Cash and cash equivalents, October 1	900	527,982	528,882
Cash and cash equivalents, September 30	\$ 900	\$ 668,901	\$ 669,801
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 782,663	\$ (125,367)	\$ 657,296
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation expense	114,853	10,265	125,118
Landfill closure/postclosure costs and changes in estimates	(797,761)	0	(797,761)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(35,335)	0	(35,335)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	0	193	193
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources - pension	4,098	0	4,098
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	137,362	844	138,206
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	0	5,582	5,582
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll liabilities	4,368	926	5,294
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(29,366)	0	(29,366)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - pension	6,526	0	6,526
Total adjustments	(595,255)	17,810	(577,445)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 187,408	\$ (107,557)	\$ 79,851

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
September 30, 2022

	<u>Pension Trust Fund</u>	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 0	\$ 2,425,609
Investments, at fair value:		
Guaranteed fixed income account	6,631,801	0
Mutual funds	147,999	0
Taxes receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>27,923,218</u>
Total assets	<u>6,779,800</u>	<u>30,348,827</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to others	<u>0</u>	<u>28,961,211</u>
NET POSITION		
Restricted for pension benefits	6,779,800	0
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>0</u>	<u>1,387,616</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 6,779,800</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,387,616</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Pension Trust Fund</u>	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ADDITIONS		
Employer contributions	\$ 840,000	\$ 0
Change in fair value of investments	608,694	0
Taxes collected for other agencies	0	38,331,318
Court fees collected for other agencies	0	2,190,442
Court individual cases	0	404,407
Sheriff inmate account deposits	0	571,149
Total additions	<u>1,448,694</u>	<u>41,497,316</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Pension benefits paid	870,635	0
Taxes distributed to other agencies	0	37,932,044
Court fees distributed to other agencies	0	2,112,096
Payments to others	0	274,484
Payments from inmates to others	0	573,132
Total deductions	<u>870,635</u>	<u>40,891,756</u>
Change in net position	578,059	605,560
Net position, October 1	<u>6,201,741</u>	<u>782,056</u>
Net position, September 30	<u><u>\$ 6,779,800</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,387,616</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2022

1. Description of Government Unit

Walker County, Georgia (the "County") was created by legislative act in 1833 and operates under a County Commissioners form of government, providing the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety, highways and streets, health and social services, culture-recreation, courts, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

B. Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of Walker County (the primary government) and material component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational and financial relationship with the County.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2022

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Reporting Entity, continued

In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by Statement No. 61, the financial statements of component units have been included either as blended or discretely presented component units.

Blended Component Units – Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the Government's operations.

Walker County Development Authority – The Development Authority was created by legislative act in the state of Georgia for the purpose of developing industry in the County by assisting in the purchases and financing of property through bond issues and other debt. The board of the Development Authority is comprised of the County Commission Chairman, one representative appointed by three of the largest five municipalities within the County, and two members appointed at large by the existing board members. Walker County provides substantially all funding for the Development Authority and is also responsible for paying the Authority's debt. Separate financial statements for the Development Authority were not prepared. Financial information for the Development Authority is included in Walker County's Annual Financial Report and is reported as a special revenue fund.

Discretely Presented Component Units – Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the government.

Walker County Health Department – The Health Department is governed by a seven member board, of which four members are either County officials or members appointed by the governing authority of the County. The three remaining members are the superintendent of schools, an appointment by the largest municipality, and a member or appointment of the largest municipality. Although the County does not have the authority to modify and approve the Health Department's budget, the County provides financial support to the Health Department. The Health Department has a June 30th year-end and is presented as a governmental type component unit. The Health Department's financial statements can be obtained at 603 E Villanow St., LaFayette, GA 30728.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2022

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

C. Basis of Presentation – Government-wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the government's enterprise funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

As discussed earlier, the government has one discretely presented component unit. While it is not considered to be a major component unit, it is shown in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds, including its fiduciary funds and blended component units. Separate statements for each fund category—governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary—are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The general operating fund of the County is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Fire and Rescue Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for fees collected by the Tax Commissioner on behalf of the County that are specifically restricted to providing fire and rescue services.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2022

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements, continued

American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Development Authority Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for the activity and operations of the Walker County Development Authority, a blended component unit.

SPLOST Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the County's 2013 and 2020 one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

TSPLOST Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the County's one percent Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

The County reports the following major proprietary funds:

Landfill Enterprise Fund – This fund is used to account for the operation, maintenance, and development of the County's transfer station and construction and demolition landfill.

Mountain Cove Farms Enterprise Fund – This fund is used to account for the operations of the Mountain Cove Farms convention and recreation area.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

Governmental Fund Types

Special Revenue Funds – This fund type is used to account for specific revenues that are legally or donor restricted or committed to expenditure for particular purposes.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2022

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements, continued

Capital Projects Funds – This fund type is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of specifically planned projects (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

Fiduciary Fund Types

Pension Trust Fund – This fund accounts for the activities of the County's defined benefit pension plan.

Custodial Funds – Custodial Funds are custodial in nature and are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for assets that are held for others.

During the course of operations the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities (i.e., the enterprise funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the business-type activities column.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, continued

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

F. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses, continued

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Landfill and Mountain Cove Farms Enterprise Funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal services funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

G. Budgetary Information

The Commission Chairman prepares a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and makes it available for public inspection at the county courthouse, Commissioners' office and on the County's website. The proposed budget is also published in the local newspaper. After two public hearings on the proposed budget are held, the proposed budget is adopted by resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

The budget amounts for the fiscal year may be amended by the Board of Commissioners to actual operating figures. The County prepares an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. At the fund level, actual expenditures cannot exceed budgeted appropriations; however, with proper approval by the Board of Commissioners, budgetary transfers between departments can be made. The legal level of budgetary control is at the summary line-item level with summary levels designated as personnel expenses, other expenses (operating), and capital outlay. All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The capital projects funds have project length budgets.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

H. Cash and Investments

The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and other short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. For the purpose of the proprietary fund type statement of cash flows, the County considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

The statutes of the State of Georgia authorize the County to invest in U.S. Government obligations; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any Corporation of the U.S. Government; State of Georgia obligations and other States; obligations of other counties, municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State of Georgia; repurchase agreements when collateralized by U.S. Government or agency obligations; prime banker's acceptances; certificates of deposit or time deposit of any national state bank or savings and loan which have deposits insured by the FDIC or FSLIC; and pooled investment programs sponsored by the State of Georgia for the investment of local government funds.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, the County has reported the investments at fair value. Money market investments and those investments which had a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less are recorded at amortized cost or cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value. The fair value of all other investments are calculated using quoted market prices because these prices have been determined to be the most reliable and verifiable and are the most understood by investors, creditors and other users of financial information.

All investment income including changes in the fair market value of investments has been reported as revenue in the operating statements.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

I. Intergovernmental Receivables

Receivables from state, federal, and local governments are recorded as revenue for the period of the allocation or as earned based on expenditures made for which reimbursement is due.

J. Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost on the first-in, first-out method. The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

K. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the current fiscal year are recorded as prepaid items. The costs of governmental fund-type prepaid items are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

L. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (i.e., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 for governmental fund and \$500 for business-type activities and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects as constructed.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

L. Capital Assets, continued

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value or materiality extend the life of the asset are charged to operations as incurred. Costs of major additions and improvements are capitalized.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets ranging as follows:

	Useful Life in Years
Infrastructure	30-75
C&D landfill	15-20
Buildings and improvements	20-50
Machinery and equipment	5-20
Vehicles	6

M. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. The County reports deferred outflows of resources related to their defined benefit pension plan.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has one type of item that arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes, fire fees, and public health fees. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The County also reports deferred inflows of resources related to their defined benefit pension plan.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

N. Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and half of their sick pay benefits. There is no liability for non-vesting accumulated rights to receive sick pay benefits since the County does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the County. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

O. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Issuance costs are recognized during the period in which they are incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types, bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as an other financing source. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financial sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, even if withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

P. Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as “fund balance.”
Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as “net position.”

Fund Balance – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the assets and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources under the current financial resources management focus of accounting. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance:

Nonspendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. All amounts reported as nonspendable at the end of the current fiscal year by the County are nonspendable in form. The County has not reported any amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – includes amounts restricted by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, etc.) or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Committed – includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to resolutions passed by the Board of Commissioners, the County’s highest level of decision making authority, which include the language “committed for the purpose of”. Commitments may be modified or rescinded only through adoption of a subsequent resolution, which shall refer to the original resolution by its number.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

P. Fund Balances – Governmental Funds, continued

Assigned – includes amounts that are intended to be used by the County for a specific purpose, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. Intent can only be expressed by the Board of Commissioners or their designee. Assigned Fund Balance differs from Committed Fund Balance in that assignments do not require a resolution.

Unassigned – includes amounts that do not fall into one of the above four categories. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. In addition, any remaining deficits in the County's governmental funds which remain after all other fund balances have been exhausted are classified as unassigned.

Q. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in reporting which utilizes the economic resources measurement focus. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used (i.e., the amount that the County has spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted using the same definition as used for restricted fund balance as described in the section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

R. Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the County will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

S. Fund Balance Flow Assumption

Sometimes the County will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

T. Restricted Assets and Restricted Net Position

Restricted assets represent certain resources restricted by funding source or required to be set aside for the repayment of debt. They are maintained in a separate bank account and their use is limited.

Restricted net position is equal to the excess of the restricted assets funded from operations over the liabilities to be paid with restricted assets which are due in one year or less. Restricted assets exclude bond proceeds for calculation of restricted net position.

U. Capital Contributions

Federal, state and local government assistance in the form of grants that are permanent in nature and restricted for the construction or acquisition of specific property and equipment is recorded as an asset and as non-operating revenue.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

V. Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Deposit and Investment Risk

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the County's deposits may not be returned. The County has no formal policy, but follows the State of Georgia requirement that all deposits be federally insured or fully collateralized.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect an investment's fair value. The County has no formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

State statutes authorize the government to invest in obligations of the United States Treasury (100%) and of its agencies and instrumentalities (80%); bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state and of its agencies and instrumentalities (25%); certificates of deposits of banks insured by FDIC (75%); prime bankers' acceptances (10%); the State of Georgia Local Government Investment Pool (100%); repurchase agreements (25%); bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness of any solvent corporation subject to certain conditions (0%).

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3. Deposit and Investment Risk (continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk

Walker County places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

Foreign currency risk

The County has no investments denominated in a foreign currency.

The County participates in the State of Georgia Local Government Investment Pool (Georgia Fund 1). Assets in this pool are invested in the Georgia Fund 1, created by OCGA §36-83-8, which is a stable net asset investment pool that follows Fitch's criteria for AAAs rated money market funds. However, Georgia Fund 1 operates in a manner consistent with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is considered to be a 2a-7 like pool. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal (\$1.00 per share value). Net asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participant's shares sold and redeemed based on \$1.00 per share. Georgia Fund 1 is managed by the Georgia Office of the State Treasurer. The investment policies of Georgia Fund 1 are established by the Georgia State Depository Board.

The Georgia Fund 1 is rated AAAs/S1 by Fitch. The weighted average maturity at the end of the current fiscal year was 33 days. At the end of the current fiscal year, the County's balance in Georgia Fund 1 was \$847,834.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the County's Pension Trust Fund investments consist of the following:

Investment	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Credit Rating	Weighted Average Maturity
Guaranteed fixed income account	\$ 6,631,801	\$ 6,631,801	N/A	N/A
Mutual funds	147,999	147,999	N/A	N/A
	<u>\$ 6,779,800</u>	<u>\$ 6,779,800</u>		

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3. Deposit and Investment Risk (continued)

Mutual funds are classified as Level 1 of the hierarchy and are valued using prices quoted in active markets. Guaranteed fixed income account investments are classified as Level 2 of the hierarchy and are valued using a matrix pricing technique that values securities based on their relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

4. Accounts Receivable

Net accounts receivable at the end of the current fiscal year consist of the following:

Primary Government:

Major Funds

General Fund		\$ 252,659
Fire and Rescue Special Revenue Fund		332,318
Development Authority Special Revenue Fund		202,099
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	\$ 132,935	
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(6,600)</u>	126,335

Nonmajor Funds

E911 Special Revenue Fund	201,981	
Multiple Grant Special Revenue Fund	35	
Transportation Special Revenue Fund	54,342	
Inmate Welfare Special Revenue Fund	<u>7,356</u>	<u>263,714</u>
Total primary government		<u>\$ 1,177,125</u>

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5. Intergovernmental Receivables

Intergovernmental receivables at the end of the current fiscal year consist of the following:

Primary Government:

Major Funds

General Fund		\$	285,757
SPLOST Capital Projects Fund			250,000

Nonmajor Funds

Special Court Special Revenue Fund	\$	116,086	
Multiple Grant Special Revenue Fund		134,608	
Transportation Special Revenue Fund		150,331	401,025

Total primary government		\$	<u>936,782</u>
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Component Unit

Health Department		\$	<u>66,371</u>
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6. Property Taxes

Property taxes for the current fiscal year were levied on September 1, 2022 and billed on October 17, 2022. Property values were assessed as of January 1, 2022. Bills are payable on or before December 20, 2022, after which the applicable property is subject to lien and penalties and interest as assessed. Property taxes are recognized as revenue when they are levied because they are considered to be both measurable and available.

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7. Interfund Receivables and Payables

A summary of interfund receivables and payables at the end of the current fiscal year follows:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 311,989
	SPLOST	28,827
	Nonmajor Governmental	1,458,643
	Mountain Cove Farms	1,206,973
Fire and Rescue	General	230,072
Development Authority	General	24,981
SPLOST	General	72,689
TSPLOST	General	30
Nonmajor Governmental	General	272,519
Landfill	General	2,684
		<u>\$ 3,609,407</u>

The balances reported as Due to/Due from resulted from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system and payments between the funds are made. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

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8. Interfund Transfers

A summary of interfund transfers for the current fiscal year follows:

<u>Transfer Out Fund</u>	<u>Transfer In Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Fire and Rescue	\$ 942,573
	Development Authority	1,298,960
	Nonmajor Governmental	589,878
Nonmajor Governmental	General	25,552
		<u>\$ 2,856,963</u>

Interfund transfers are used to 1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires collecting them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, 2) use unrestricted revenues collected to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, and 3) move capital assets between governmental activities and business-type activities. Transfers are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements if the interfund transfer is within the governmental fund group or business-type fund group.

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9. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the current fiscal year follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities				
Non-depreciable assets				
Land	\$ 9,111,953	\$ 42,852	\$ 0	\$ 9,154,805
Construction in progress	3,889,651	0	(2,821,080)	1,068,571
Total non-depreciable assets	13,001,604	42,852	(2,821,080)	10,223,376
Depreciable assets				
Infrastructure	116,237,991	7,817,827	0	124,055,818
Buildings and improvements	44,776,840	634,371	0	45,411,211
Machinery and equipment	14,863,037	3,554,398	0	18,417,435
Vehicles	14,316,905	970,728	(234,871)	15,052,762
Total depreciable assets	190,194,773	12,977,324	(234,871)	202,937,226
Less accumulated depreciation				
Infrastructure	(62,095,308)	(3,914,456)	0	(66,009,764)
Buildings and improvements	(12,940,311)	(925,925)	0	(13,866,236)
Machinery and equipment	(11,747,724)	(769,035)	0	(12,516,759)
Vehicles	(11,326,748)	(829,348)	137,167	(12,018,929)
Total accumulated depreciation	(98,110,091)	(6,438,764)	137,167	(104,411,688)
Total depreciable assets, net	92,084,682	6,538,560	(97,704)	98,525,538
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 105,086,286</u>	<u>\$ 6,581,412</u>	<u>\$ (2,918,784)</u>	<u>\$ 108,748,914</u>

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9. Capital Assets (continued)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type activities				
Non-depreciable assets				
Land	\$ 169,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 169,000
Construction in progress	743,174	0	0	743,174
Total non-depreciable assets	912,174	0	0	912,174
Depreciable assets				
C&D landfill	4,985,021	0	0	4,985,021
Buildings and improvements	667,026	0	0	667,026
Machinery and equipment	1,849,729	0	0	1,849,729
Vehicles	36,971	0	0	36,971
Total depreciable assets	7,538,747	0	0	7,538,747
Less accumulated depreciation				
C&D landfill	(4,985,021)	0	0	(4,985,021)
Buildings and improvements	(255,070)	(20,568)	0	(275,638)
Machinery and equipment	(1,506,546)	(104,550)	0	(1,611,096)
Vehicles	(36,971)	0	0	(36,971)
Total accumulated depreciation	(6,783,608)	(125,118)	0	(6,908,726)
Total depreciable assets, net	755,139	(125,118)	0	630,021
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,667,313	\$ (125,118)	\$ 0	\$ 1,542,195

Capital asset activity for the discretely presented component units for the respective year ends follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Walker County Health Department				
Depreciable assets				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 50,741	\$ 17,418	\$ 0	\$ 68,159
Less accumulated depreciation				
Machinery and equipment	(50,741)	(622)	0	(51,363)
Health Department capital assets, net	\$ 0	\$ 16,796	\$ 0	\$ 16,796

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9. Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

Primary Government

Governmental activities

General Government	\$ 160,217
Judicial	70,344
Public Safety	1,117,919
Public Works	4,280,401
Health and Welfare	246,163
Culture and Recreation	157,371
Housing and Development	406,349
Total depreciation expense for governmental activities	<u>\$ 6,438,764</u>

Business-type activities

Landfill	\$ 114,853
Mountain Cove Farms	10,265
Total depreciation expense for business-type activities	<u>\$ 125,118</u>

Discretely presented component units

Walker County Health Department	<u>\$ 622</u>
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10. Long-Term Liabilities

Governmental Activities

Notes from Direct Borrowings

The County entered into an agreement with a financial institution to finance the acquisition of machinery and equipment. The note is secured by the machinery and equipment. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest could be declared immediately due and payable. The note had an interest rate of 4.29%. The note was paid in full during the current fiscal year.

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10. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)

Governmental Activities, continued

Bonds from Direct Placements

Walker County Development Authority (Georgia) Economic Development Taxable Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2019: On August 22, 2019, the Walker County Development Authority issued \$14,505,000 revenue bonds maturing in August 2033, with interest rates ranging between 2.00% and 3.00%. Principal payments range in amounts from \$445,000 to \$1,250,000. Interest is due semi-annually while principal payments are due on an annual basis. The bonds were issued to refund all of the outstanding Series 2015 Bonds and pay issuance costs. The bonds are secured by an intergovernmental contract with the County that requires the County to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. Upon the happening and continuance of an event of default, the holders of not less than 55% in principal amount of the bonds then outstanding may declare the principal of all bonds outstanding to be due and payable immediately.

The annual requirements to amortize bonds from direct placements at the end of the current fiscal year follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 289,560	\$ 1,299,560
2024	1,030,000	269,360	1,299,360
2025	1,050,000	247,730	1,297,730
2026	1,075,000	224,630	1,299,630
2027	1,100,000	199,905	1,299,905
2028 - 2032	5,920,000	567,585	6,487,585
2033	445,000	13,350	458,350
Totals	<u>\$ 11,630,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,812,120</u>	<u>\$ 13,442,120</u>

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10. Long-Term Liabilities (continued)

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the current fiscal year:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities					
Notes from direct borrowings	\$ 207,639	\$ 0	\$ (207,639)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Bonds from direct placements	12,610,000	0	(980,000)	11,630,000	1,010,000
Landfill post-closure care costs	2,354,044	96,515	0	2,450,559	0
Compensated absences	1,354,188	1,108,083	(1,354,188)	1,108,083	1,108,083
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 16,525,871</u>	<u>\$ 1,204,598</u>	<u>\$ (2,541,827)</u>	<u>\$ 15,188,642</u>	<u>\$ 2,118,083</u>
Business-type activities					
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs	\$ 3,548,604	\$ 0	\$ (797,761)	\$ 2,750,843	\$ 0
Compensated absences	9,400	12,369	(9,400)	12,369	12,369
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 3,558,004</u>	<u>\$ 12,369</u>	<u>\$ (807,161)</u>	<u>\$ 2,763,212</u>	<u>\$ 12,369</u>
Component Units					
Health Department					
Compensated absences	<u>\$ 56,373</u>	<u>\$ 7,580</u>	<u>\$ (27,081)</u>	<u>\$ 36,872</u>	<u>\$ 3,687</u>

Bond discounts/premiums are amortized over the life of the related debt using the straight-line method. For governmental activities, compensated absences are liquidated by the General Fund. The total interest incurred and charged to expense for the current fiscal year was \$317,821 for the governmental activities.

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11. Conduit Debt

Walker County Development Authority

The Development Authority has special limited obligations related to various projects that represent conduit debt obligations. Conduit debt obligations are limited-obligation bonds or similar instruments issued by a governmental unit to provide capital financing for a third party that is not part of the reporting entity. Debt proceeds are typically used to finance development of industry, hospital, or environmental facilities within the governmental unit's jurisdiction that are transferred to the third party by sale or lease. The governmental unit has no obligation for the debt beyond the resources received from the third party by sale or lease. The obligations issued by the Development Authority do not constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the faith and credit of the Development Authority or the County.

12. Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Care Costs

The County currently owns a solid waste landfill and a construction and demolition disposal area. State and federal laws and regulations require the County to close the landfills once capacity is reached and to monitor and maintain the site for thirty subsequent years. Although certain closure and post-closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfills stop accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and post closure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. At the end of the current fiscal year, the County had incurred a liability of approximately \$2,750,843 for the construction and demolition disposal area which represents the amount of costs reported to date based on approximately 100 percent of landfill capacity used to date. The estimated costs of closure and post-closure care, as determined by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, are subject to change including the effects of inflation, revision of laws, changes in technology, actual sequence of landfill development and closure, and other variables. During the current fiscal year, the landfill closure and post-closure care costs liability decreased by \$797,761 due to a decrease in estimated costs of closure and post-closure care.

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12. Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Care Costs (continued)

The County also owns a solid waste landfill which discontinued operations in June 1998. The solid waste is accepted at a transfer station and transported to a location out of the County by an outside contractor. The landfill will continue to incur costs associated with the closing of the landfill in order to comply with Environmental Protection Agency requirements. In addition, the County will be required to monitor various wells for a period of time. At the end of the current fiscal year, a liability for post-closure care costs is recorded in the amount of \$2,450,559, which is based on engineering reports, for maintaining the landfill site in future years. However, management's estimate of post closure costs is contingent upon its ability to satisfy EPA requirements, and costs could be significantly higher if full compliance is not achieved. These costs will be met with future County revenues.

13. Net Investment in Capital Assets

The net investment in capital assets reported on the government-wide statement of net position is calculated as follows at the end of the current fiscal year:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Cost of capital assets	\$ 213,160,602	\$ 8,450,921
Accumulated depreciation	(104,411,688)	(6,908,726)
Capital assets net book value	108,748,914	1,542,195
Capital-related accounts payable	(252,853)	0
Capital-related bonds payable	(11,630,000)	0
Net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 96,866,061</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,195</u>

14. Deficit Equity Balances

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Landfill Enterprise Fund has a deficit net position of \$1,830,235. This is due to the payment of services in anticipation of future revenues. The County plans to liquidate this deficit net position through future revenue recognition.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Mountain Cove Farms Enterprise Fund has a deficit net position of \$94,244. This is due to the payment of services in anticipation of future revenues. The County plans to liquidate this deficit net position through future revenue recognition.

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15. Retirement Plans

County Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description. Fifty (50) of the County's full time employees are covered by the Pension Plan for Employees of the Walker County Commissioner and Sheriff's Department. This self-administered plan is a single employer, noncontributory, defined benefit plan established January 1, 1973, restated effective January 1, 1984 and amended effective December 31, 2005. Authority to establish, amend or discontinue the plan is assigned to the County. The plan is included in this report because the County has oversight responsibility as prescribed by the GASB. The plan does not issue separate financial statements but includes the financial statements and required supplementary information in the County's annual financial report.

As of January 1, 2022, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, the plan membership included the following categories of participants:

Retirees, beneficiaries and disabled	24
Terminated plan participants entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	28
Active employees - below retirement age	45
Active employees - at or above retirement age	<u>2</u>
Total number of plan participants	<u><u>99</u></u>

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15. Retirement Plans (continued)

County Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued

Benefits Provided. The plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to all employees hired prior to December 31, 2005, and their beneficiaries, that have been employed full time for one year. Employees begin vesting after 3 years of service and are fully vested after 7 years. Members may retire at age 65 with 3 years of service, age 60 with 20 years of service, or age 55 with 25 years of service. Benefits are calculated at 1.10% of five years average earnings multiplied by credited service plus 0.65% of average earnings in excess of \$10,000 multiplied by credited service up to 35 years. Disability retirement benefits are determined in the same manner as retirement benefits but are payable after 6 months of disablement. Death benefits before retirement are payable on an insured death benefit equal to the greater of 60 times his monthly projected benefit, \$10,000, or the lump sum value of the vested benefit commencing at normal retirement age. No death benefit is payable after retirement unless an optional form of benefit had been elected which provides one. The plan was amended effective December 31, 2005, and participation was frozen for individuals who were not active employees or participants on that date and who were hired or rehired after that date.

Contributions. Contribution requirements are actuarially determined and may be amended by the County. Plan members are not allowed to contribute to the plan. The funding policy for the plan is to make annual contributions at least equal to the minimum contribution required for public retirement systems under Section 47-20-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. This minimum contribution is equal to the normal cost for the year plus annual payments to amortize increases (decreases) in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 15 years. During the current fiscal year, the County made actual contributions of \$840,000, or 32.85% of covered payroll.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At the end of the current fiscal year, the County reported a net pension liability of \$1,563,018. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2022. For the current fiscal year, the County recognized pension expense of \$172,208. For the governmental activities, the net pension liability is liquidated by the General Fund.

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15. Retirement Plans (continued)

County Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued

The components of the net pension liability are as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a)-(b)
Balances at December 31, 2020	\$ 8,355,362	\$ 5,746,015	\$ 2,609,347
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	122,238	0	122,238
Interest	414,219	0	414,219
Difference between expected and actual experience	(512,752)	0	(512,752)
Changes of assumptions	8,370	0	8,370
Employer contributions	0	910,000	(910,000)
Net investment income	0	168,404	(168,404)
Benefit payments	(391,212)	(391,212)	0
Net changes	(359,137)	687,192	(1,046,329)
Balances at December 31, 2021	\$ 7,996,225	\$ 6,433,207	\$ 1,563,018
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		80.45%	
Covered payroll		\$ 2,563,758	
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll		60.97%	

At the end of the current fiscal year, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the plan from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 124,781	\$ 0
Differences between expected and actual experience	144,566	(343,851)
Changes of assumptions	5,384	(10,898)
County contributions subsequent to measurement date	630,000	0
Totals	\$ 904,731	\$ (354,749)

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15. Retirement Plans (continued)

County Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued

The \$630,000 of deferred outflows of resources resulting from the County's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net position liability in the subsequent fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30	
2023	\$ (40,505)
2024	(100,452)
2025	34,599
2026	26,340
Totals	<u>\$ (80,018)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the January 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	4.00%
Future salary increases	4.00% per year
Cost of living adjustments	N/A
Net investment rate of return	5.00% per year, net of investment expenses
Healthy mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Mortality Table (2006 base year) projected using improvement Scale MP-2021 applied on a generational basis. Disabled mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table (2006 base year) projected using improvement Scale MP-2021 applied on a generational basis.	

The mortality and economic actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2022 valuation were selected by the County. Given the size of the population, there is not enough creditable experience available to perform a detailed experience study.

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15. Retirement Plans (continued)

County Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was based upon a review of the existing portfolio structure, a review of recent experience, and future long-term expectations of rates of return. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
Fixed Income	5.00%	97.00%
Domestic Large Equities	9.00%	3.00%

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that Walker County contributions will continue to follow the current funding policy of contributing in excess of the employer normal cost plus a 11-year closed amortization of unfunded liabilities. 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. Had there been a point where assets were projected to be depleted, a municipal bond rate of 2.25% would have been used in the development of the blended GASB discount rate after that point. The 2.25% rate is based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (4%) or 1 percentage-point higher (6% percent) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate	Net Pension Liability
1% decrease	4.00%	\$ 2,155,555
Current discount rate	5.00%	1,563,018
1% increase	6.00%	1,050,010

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15. Retirement Plans (continued)

County Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued

Investments. The investments in the pension plan are held by the Lincoln Financial Group and invested in compliance with the plan document. A summary of these investments at the end of the current fiscal year is as follows:

	Fair Value	Percent of Total
Guaranteed fixed income	\$ 6,631,801	97.82%
Balanced funds	51,373	0.76%
Government / corporate bond funds	24,741	0.36%
Equity growth funds	71,885	1.06%
	<u>\$ 6,779,800</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

County Defined Contribution Plan

Employees of Walker County who are not participants in the Walker County Defined Benefit Retirement Plan and certain elected or appointed officials as defined in the plan document are allowed to participate in the Association County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG") 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Walker County Employees. This plan is intended to qualify under the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a). Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Walker County Board of Commissioners. The County is required to contribute 5% of compensation and matching contributions equal to 100% of the first 3% on amounts employees contribute to the 457(b) Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan. Participants' vesting in the ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Walker County Employees is based on years of credited service, as defined. A participant becomes 100% vested after seven years of credited service. Total County contributions for the current fiscal year were \$1,091,249.

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15. Retirement Plans (continued)

County Deferred Compensation Plan

The County also offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created under Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The Plan is administered by the Government Employee Benefits Corporation of Georgia (GEBCORP) as the third party service provider and The Charles Schwab Trust Company serves as the trustee of the trust fund under the Plan. Under the terms of the Plan, employees may defer a portion of their salary through voluntary contributions to the Plan. Employee contributions are limited to the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code.

Funds are vested 100% at the time of contribution. Amounts held in the Plan are not available to the employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. During the current fiscal year, Plan members made voluntary contributions of \$360,860.

The County has no fiduciary relationship with the plan, and plan assets are not available to the County or its general creditors. The Plan assets are held in trust by the administrator for the exclusive benefit of the participants of the Plan. The County Commission provides for the policy through a County ordinance and maintains the authority to change the policy. Separate financial statements are not issued for the Plan.

Other County Plans

In addition to the plan above, various County employees are covered under the following plans: Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, Georgia State Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Magistrates' Retirement Fund of Georgia, Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Georgia, Probate Judges' Retirement Fund of Georgia, Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, and Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund of Georgia. Further information regarding these plans can be obtained from the plans' annual reports. These plans are immaterial to the financial statements.

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15. Retirement Plans (continued)

Walker County Health Department Retirement Plan

Eligible employees of the Walker County Health Department participate in the Georgia State Employees' Retirement System (ERS), a statewide cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Health Department contributed \$86,263. As of June 30, 2022, the Health Department reported a liability in the amount of \$379,323 for its proportionate share (0.016218%) of the net pension liability. The Health Department recognized pension expense of (\$3,018) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Further information regarding the plan can be obtained from the Department's annual audit report by contacting Walker County Health Department, 603 E Villanow St., LaFayette, GA 30728.

16. Other Post-Employment Benefits

Walker County Health Department OPEB Plans

Eligible employees of the Walker County Health Department are provided OPEB through the State of Georgia OPEB Fund, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan and life insurance through the SEAD-OPEB Fund, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment benefit plan. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Health Department contributed \$22,463. As of June 30, 2022, the Health Department reported a net OPEB asset in the amount of \$96,756 for its proportionate share (0.014309% for the State of Georgia OPEB Fund and 0.022098% for the SEAD-OPEB Fund) of the net OPEB asset (liability). The Health Department recognized OPEB expense of (\$186,692) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Further information regarding the plan can be obtained from the Department's annual audit report by contacting Walker County Health Department, 603 E Villanow St., LaFayette, GA 30728.

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17. Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax

The County has levied a 8% lodging tax in accordance with OCGA 48-13-51(b). A summary of the transactions for the current fiscal year follows:

Lodging tax receipts	\$ 371,153	
Disbursements for trade and tourism	\$ 177,228	48% of tax receipts
Disbursements for tourism product development	\$ 99,005	27% of tax receipts
Transfers to the General Fund	\$ 0	0% of tax receipts

18. Tax Abatements

The County enters into property tax abatement agreements in order to induce individuals or entities to take specific actions that contribute to the economic development or otherwise benefit the County or its citizens. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, the County discloses the following information related to its tax abatement agreements. For the current fiscal year, the County abated ad valorem property taxes totaling \$581,535. Individual tax abatement agreements that each exceeded ten percent of the total amount abated are as follows:

- 100% property tax abatement for a local manufacturer of consumer goods for continued investment in operations and local employment. The abatement amounted to \$329,982.
- 100% property tax abatement for a local manufacturer of consumer goods for continued investment in operations and local employment. The abatement amounted to \$111,665.
- 20% property tax abatement for a local manufacturer of commercial goods for continued investment in operations and local employment. The abatement amounted to \$123,656.

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19. Joint Venture

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the northwest Georgia area, is a member of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. Membership in the RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34, which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official in each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. A copy of the RC financial statements can be obtained from Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, PO Box 1798, Rome, Georgia 30162.

20. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Being unable to obtain workers' compensation insurance at a cost it considered to be economically justifiable, the County joined together with other counties in the state in participation in the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia - Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Fund (the Fund). These are public entity risk pools currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for many of the counties in the State. The County pays an annual premium to the Fund for workers' compensation insurance coverage. The agreement between the members of the public entity risk pools provides that members may be required to pay additional assessments as shall be established by the board of the pool. However, no additional assessments have been required of the members since formation of the pools.

The County is obligated to cooperate with the pools' agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the Fund, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the Fund being required to pay any claim of loss. The County is also to allow the pools' agents and attorneys to represent the County in investigation, settlement discussions, and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the County within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

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20. Risk Management (continued)

The Fund is to defend and protect the members of the Fund against liability or loss as prescribed in the member government's contracts and in accordance with the workers' compensation laws of Georgia. The Fund is to pay all cost taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation, or defense.

The County continues to carry commercial insurance for general liability, employee health, and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The County maintains a medical benefit plan to self-insure claims up to \$110,000 per year for each individual covered; claims above \$110,000 are covered by a stop-loss insurance policy. The County also had an aggregate stop-loss insurance policy which covers claims above \$204,147 monthly and \$2,449,759 annually. The County and its covered employees contribute to the fund to pay the claims and stop-loss insurance premiums. At the end of the current fiscal year, management believes that the County has made provisions sufficient to cover estimated claims, including claims incurred but not yet reported.

A summary of the changes in claims liability for the current fiscal year is as follows:

Beginning balance	\$ 246,776
Incurred claims, net of any changes	2,443,039
Payments	<u>(2,552,857)</u>
Ending balance	<u><u>\$ 136,958</u></u>

21. Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

At the end of the current fiscal year, the County has outstanding agreements with contractors for future work on existing construction projects in the approximate amount of \$6,253,152.

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21. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

Contingencies

The County has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to the disallowance of certain expenditures previously reimbursed by those agencies. Based upon prior experience, management of the County believes such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

The County is involved in several pending lawsuits. Liability, if any, which might result from these proceedings, would not, in the opinion of management and legal counsel, have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the County.

22. Transportation Expenditures

Amounts expended on transportation include transportation maintenance and operation costs and correspond with classifications and subclassifications specified in the local government uniform chart of accounts under subsection (e) of Code Section 36-81-3 within section 4200, including noncapital expenditures within sections 4210-4290.

Total general fund expenditures within these categories totaled \$2,168,897 for the current fiscal year.

23. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Individual Governmental Funds for which Budgets are Adopted

During the current fiscal year, the County incurred material expenditures in the General Fund which were in excess of the amounts appropriated:

Department	Budget	Actual	Variance
Risk Management	\$ 450,000	\$ 507,903	\$ (57,903)
Superior Court	162,250	200,743	(38,493)
Clerk of Courts	787,300	851,692	(64,392)
Coroner / Medical Examiner	75,500	100,121	(24,621)
Welfare Payments to Others	36,000	78,271	(42,271)
Other Recreational Activities	26,720	36,099	(9,379)

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23. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Individual Governmental Funds for which Budgets are Adopted (continued)

Also during the current fiscal year, the County incurred material expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated in the following special revenue funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Fire and Rescue	\$ 4,503,500	\$ 5,055,890	\$ (552,390)
American Rescue Plan Act	0	364,511	(364,511)
Law Library	19,900	23,985	(4,085)
Hotel/Motel Tax	126,000	276,233	(150,233)
Transportation	913,500	977,361	(63,861)
Forfeiture	0	71,592	(71,592)
Inmate Welfare	0	21,819	(21,819)
Sheriff Special Projects	0	91,654	(91,654)

24. New Accounting Pronouncements

The County implemented GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, effective for the County's current fiscal year. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2021. This statement had no effect on the net position of the County.

25. Subsequent Events

In October 2022, the Walker County Development Authority purchased 102 acres of land adjacent to the Walker County Business Park for a purchase price of \$1,280,000.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
September 30, 2022
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year End		
	2022	2021	2020
Total pension liability			
Service cost	\$ 122,238	\$ 134,539	\$ 138,054
Interest	414,219	395,401	367,748
Changes in benefit terms	0	0	0
Difference between expected and actual experience	(512,752)	212,632	333,886
Changes of assumptions	8,370	(17,436)	(16,465)
Benefit payments	(391,212)	(283,068)	(250,619)
Net change in total pension liability	(359,137)	442,068	572,604
Total pension liability - beginning	8,355,362	7,913,294	7,340,690
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 7,996,225	\$ 8,355,362	\$ 7,913,294
Plan fiduciary net position			
Contributions - employer	\$ 910,000	\$ 771,717	\$ 910,000
Net investment income	168,404	222,524	203,293
Benefit payments	(391,212)	(283,068)	(250,619)
Administrative expense	0	0	0
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	687,192	711,173	862,674
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	5,746,015	5,034,842	4,172,168
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 6,433,207	\$ 5,746,015	\$ 5,034,842
Net pension liability - ending : (a) - (b)	\$ 1,563,018	\$ 2,609,347	\$ 2,878,452
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	80.45%	68.77%	63.63%
Covered payroll	\$ 2,563,758	\$ 2,591,754	\$ 2,855,304
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	60.97%	100.68%	100.81%

Note: Fiscal year 2015 was the first year of implementation. Therefore, fiscal years prior are not reported.

Fiscal Year End				
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 155,675	\$ 170,632	\$ 251,876	\$ 226,555	\$ 274,417
373,305	370,165	397,057	505,649	554,233
0	0	352,565	0	0
(178,288)	27,320	586,414	7,761	47,438
(16,977)	(68,704)	(35,676)	681,701	0
(599,570)	(425,759)	(3,502,918)	(413,705)	(2,840,762)
(265,855)	73,654	(1,950,682)	1,007,961	(1,964,674)
7,606,545	7,532,891	9,483,573	8,475,612	10,440,286
<u>\$ 7,340,690</u>	<u>\$ 7,606,545</u>	<u>\$ 7,532,891</u>	<u>\$ 9,483,573</u>	<u>\$ 8,475,612</u>
\$ 840,000	\$ 786,726	\$ 859,582	\$ 790,436	\$ 780,000
259,531	192,153	126,602	122,382	272,621
(599,570)	(425,759)	(3,502,918)	(413,705)	(2,840,762)
0	(16,726)	(19,582)	(20,436)	(31,334)
499,961	536,394	(2,536,316)	478,677	(1,819,475)
3,672,207	3,135,813	5,672,129	5,193,452	7,012,927
<u>\$ 4,172,168</u>	<u>\$ 3,672,207</u>	<u>\$ 3,135,813</u>	<u>\$ 5,672,129</u>	<u>\$ 5,193,452</u>
<u>\$ 3,168,522</u>	<u>\$ 3,934,338</u>	<u>\$ 4,397,078</u>	<u>\$ 3,811,444</u>	<u>\$ 3,282,160</u>
56.84%	48.28%	41.63%	59.81%	61.28%
\$ 2,836,012	\$ 3,027,577	\$ 3,271,128	\$ 4,536,786	\$ 5,285,342
111.72%	129.95%	134.42%	84.01%	62.10%

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
September 30, 2022
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year End			
	2022	2021	2020	2019
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 315,923	\$ 422,751	\$ 447,694	\$ 465,053
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(840,000)</u>	<u>(910,000)</u>	<u>(910,000)</u>	<u>(840,000)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ (524,077)</u>	<u>\$ (487,249)</u>	<u>\$ (462,306)</u>	<u>\$ (374,947)</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 2,557,399	\$ 2,522,676	\$ 2,855,304	\$ 2,836,012
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	32.85%	36.07%	31.87%	29.62%

Fiscal Year End					
2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
\$ 542,501	\$ 597,452	\$ 573,095	\$ 551,476	\$ 167,932	\$ 565,166
<u>(786,726)</u>	<u>(859,582)</u>	<u>(790,436)</u>	<u>(804,705)</u>	<u>(941,295)</u>	<u>(945,118)</u>
<u>\$ (244,225)</u>	<u>\$ (262,130)</u>	<u>\$ (217,341)</u>	<u>\$ (253,229)</u>	<u>\$ (773,363)</u>	<u>\$ (379,952)</u>
\$ 3,027,577	\$ 3,271,128	\$ 4,536,786	\$ 5,347,289	\$ 5,682,532	\$ 6,354,848
25.99%	26.28%	17.42%	15.05%	16.56%	14.87%

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
September 30, 2022

1. Valuation Date

The actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of January 1, 2022, with an interest adjustment to the fiscal year.

2. Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates

Actuarial cost method = Entry Age Normal

Amortization method = Closed level dollar for remaining unfunded liability

Remaining amortization period = Remaining amortization period varies for the bases, with a net effective amortization period of 11 years

Asset valuation method = Market value

Net investment rate of return = 5.00% per year, net of investment expenses

Future salary increases = 4.00% per year

Cost of living adjustments = N/A

Normal retirement age = 65

Mortality = Healthy mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Mortality Table (2006 base year) projected using improvement Scale MP-2021 applied on a generational basis. Disabled mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table (2006 base year) projected using improvement Scale MP-2021 applied on a generational basis.

3. Changes in Benefits

There have been no substantive changes since the last actuarial valuation.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
September 30, 2022

4. Changes of Assumptions

The mortality improvement scale was changed from MP-2020 to MP-2021 applied on a generational basis. The effect of the assumption change was an increase in the actuarial accrued liability.

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COMBINING STATEMENTS

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2022

Special Revenue											
	Law Library	Court Supervision	E911	Special Court	Multiple Grant	Hotel / Motel Tax	Transportation	Forfeiture	Inmate Welfare	Sheriff Special Projects	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,371	\$ 24,625	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,297,949	\$ 242,125	\$ 0	\$ 32,026	\$ 138,569	\$ 59,864	\$ 1,818,529
Receivables											
Accounts	0	0	201,981	0	35	0	54,342	0	7,356	0	263,714
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	116,086	134,608	0	150,331	0	0	0	401,025
Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	35,201	0	0	0	0	35,201
Due from other funds	0	0	0	127,826	0	276	0	144,417	0	0	272,519
Total assets	\$ 23,371	\$ 24,625	\$ 201,981	\$ 243,912	\$ 1,432,592	\$ 277,602	\$ 204,673	\$ 176,443	\$ 145,925	\$ 59,864	\$ 2,790,988
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES											
Liabilities											
Accounts payable	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25,499	\$ 57,957	\$ 31,953	\$ 26,505	\$ 3,315	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 145,229
Accrued liabilities	0	0	6,501	1,692	0	0	4,946	0	0	0	13,139
Due to other funds	0	75	95,922	0	1,279,480	0	83,166	0	0	0	1,458,643
Unearned revenue	0	0	0	0	65,895	0	0	0	0	0	65,895
Other liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32,026	0	0	32,026
Total liabilities	0	75	127,922	59,649	1,377,328	26,505	91,427	32,026	0	0	1,714,932
Fund balances											
Restricted for:											
Law library operations	23,371	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,371
Judicial activities	0	24,550	0	184,263	0	0	0	0	0	0	208,813
E911 system operations	0	0	74,059	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74,059
Sheriff facilities, equipment, and operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144,417	145,925	59,864	350,206
Transit system operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	113,246	0	0	0	113,246
Trade and tourism	0	0	0	0	0	420	0	0	0	0	420
Tourism product development	0	0	0	0	0	7,371	0	0	0	0	7,371
Grant specifications	0	0	0	0	55,264	0	0	0	0	0	55,264
Assigned for trade and tourism	0	0	0	0	0	243,306	0	0	0	0	243,306
Total fund balances	23,371	24,550	74,059	184,263	55,264	251,097	113,246	144,417	145,925	59,864	1,076,056
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 23,371	\$ 24,625	\$ 201,981	\$ 243,912	\$ 1,432,592	\$ 277,602	\$ 204,673	\$ 176,443	\$ 145,925	\$ 59,864	\$ 2,790,988

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Special Revenue										Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Law Library	Court Supervision	E911	Special Court	Multiple Grant	Hotel/Motel Tax	Transportation	Forfeiture	Inmate Welfare	Sheriff Special Projects	
REVENUES											
Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 371,153	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 371,153
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0	631,725	0	375,618	0	0	0	1,426,398
Charges for services	0	0	1,254,738	0	0	0	183,769	0	72,606	0	1,511,113
Fines, fees, and forfeitures	18,579	1,510	0	0	0	0	0	32,562	0	0	52,651
Interest	0	36	0	0	0	2,638	0	0	0	46	2,720
Contributions	0	0	0	0	12,000	0	0	0	0	74,635	86,635
Total revenues	18,579	1,546	1,254,738	419,055	643,725	373,791	559,387	32,562	72,606	74,681	3,450,670
EXPENDITURES											
Current											
General Government	0	0	0	0	89,558	0	0	0	0	0	89,558
Judicial	23,985	75	0	428,264	322,383	0	0	0	0	0	774,707
Public Safety	0	0	1,342,016	0	262,878	0	0	71,592	21,819	91,654	1,789,959
Health and Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	977,361	0	0	0	977,361
Housing and Development	0	0	0	0	0	276,233	0	0	0	0	276,233
Total expenditures	23,985	75	1,342,016	428,264	674,819	276,233	977,361	71,592	21,819	91,654	3,907,818
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(5,406)	1,471	(87,278)	(9,209)	(31,094)	97,558	(417,974)	(39,030)	50,787	(16,973)	(457,148)
Other financing sources (uses)											
Transfers in	0	0	0	107,447	43,680	0	438,751	0	0	0	589,878
Transfers out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(25,552)	0	0	(25,552)
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	107,447	43,680	0	438,751	(25,552)	0	0	564,326
Net change in fund balances	(5,406)	1,471	(87,278)	98,238	12,586	97,558	20,777	(64,582)	50,787	(16,973)	107,178
Fund balances, October 1	28,777	23,079	161,337	86,025	42,678	153,539	92,469	208,999	95,138	76,837	968,878
Fund balances, September 30	\$ 23,371	\$ 24,550	\$ 74,059	\$ 184,263	\$ 55,264	\$ 251,097	\$ 113,246	\$ 144,417	\$ 145,925	\$ 59,864	\$ 1,076,056

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally or donor restricted or committed to expenditure for particular purposes.

Law Library Fund – This fund is used to account for the fines and forfeitures received that are restricted for providing a County Law Library.

Court Supervision Fund – This fund is used to account for fines and fees restricted for juvenile programs in the justice system.

E911 Fund – This fund is used to account for receipt of fees imposed on land and wireless telephone lines in the County used to offset the operation and personnel costs of providing emergency services.

Special Court Fund – This fund is used to account for grant revenues for the court system.

Multiple Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for grant monies received from various Federal and State agencies and the expenditure of these monies for the purposes intended.

Hotel / Motel Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for hotel/motel tax collections that are restricted for tourism in the County.

Transportation Fund – This fund is used to account for the operations of the Walker County Transit System.

Forfeiture Fund – This fund is used to account for forfeitures that are restricted for law enforcement.

Inmate Welfare Fund – This fund is used to account for receipts from commissary sales restricted for use of the benefit of inmates in the County jail.

Sheriff Special Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for contributions restricted for Sheriff programs.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
LAW LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 19,900	\$ 18,579	\$ (1,321)
Total revenues	<u>19,900</u>	<u>18,579</u>	<u>(1,321)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Judicial			
Contract services	9,000	9,475	(475)
Materials and supplies	<u>10,900</u>	<u>14,510</u>	<u>(3,610)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>19,900</u>	<u>23,985</u>	<u>(4,085)</u>
Net change in fund balances	0	(5,406)	(5,406)
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>28,777</u>	<u>28,777</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,371</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,371</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COURT SUPERVISION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,510	\$ (140)
Interest	125	36	(89)
Total revenues	<u>1,775</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>(229)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Judicial			
Contract services	<u>1,775</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>1,700</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,775</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>1,700</u>
Net change in fund balances	0	1,471	1,471
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>23,079</u>	<u>23,079</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,550</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,550</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
E911 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 1,206,000	\$ 1,254,738	\$ 48,738
Total revenues	<u>1,206,000</u>	<u>1,254,738</u>	<u>48,738</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Public Safety			
Personal services	1,181,000	1,127,465	53,535
Contract services	214,050	178,306	35,744
Materials and supplies	<u>39,850</u>	<u>36,245</u>	<u>3,605</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,434,900</u>	<u>1,342,016</u>	<u>92,884</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(228,900)	(87,278)	141,622
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)			
General Fund	<u>228,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(228,900)</u>
Net change in fund balances	0	(87,278)	(87,278)
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>161,337</u>	<u>161,337</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,059</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,059</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SPECIAL COURT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 404,328	\$ 419,055	\$ 14,727
Total revenues	<u>404,328</u>	<u>419,055</u>	<u>14,727</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Judicial			
Personal services	200,048	212,777	(12,729)
Contract services	209,205	215,487	(6,282)
Materials and supplies	40,000	0	40,000
Total expenditures	<u>449,253</u>	<u>428,264</u>	<u>20,989</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(44,925)	(9,209)	35,716
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)			
General Fund	<u>44,925</u>	<u>107,447</u>	<u>62,522</u>
Net change in fund balances	0	98,238	98,238
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>86,025</u>	<u>86,025</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 184,263</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 184,263</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
MULTIPLE GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 609,903	\$ 631,725	\$ 21,822
Contributions	0	12,000	12,000
Total revenues	<u>609,903</u>	<u>643,725</u>	<u>33,822</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government			
Contract services	62,500	16,537	45,963
Materials and supplies	0	73,021	(73,021)
Judicial			
Personal services	229,366	152,454	76,912
Contract services	188,993	165,092	23,901
Materials and supplies	97,441	4,837	92,604
Public Safety			
Personal services	0	186,306	(186,306)
Materials and supplies	0	47,924	(47,924)
Capital outlay	104,103	28,648	75,455
Total expenditures	<u>682,403</u>	<u>674,819</u>	<u>7,584</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(72,500)	(31,094)	41,406
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)			
General Fund	72,500	43,680	(28,820)
Net change in fund balances	0	12,586	12,586
Fund balances, October 1	0	42,678	42,678
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 55,264</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 55,264</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 126,000	\$ 371,153	\$ 245,153
Interest	400	2,638	2,238
	<u>126,400</u>	<u>373,791</u>	<u>247,391</u>
Total revenues			
	<u>126,400</u>	<u>373,791</u>	<u>247,391</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Housing and Development			
Contract services	126,000	200,135	(74,135)
Capital outlay	0	76,098	(76,098)
	<u>126,000</u>	<u>276,233</u>	<u>(150,233)</u>
Total expenditures			
	<u>126,000</u>	<u>276,233</u>	<u>(150,233)</u>
Net change in fund balances	400	97,558	97,158
Fund balances, October 1	<u>(400)</u>	<u>153,539</u>	<u>153,939</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 251,097</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 251,097</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 382,750	\$ 375,618	\$ (7,132)
Charges for services	<u>148,000</u>	<u>183,769</u>	<u>35,769</u>
Total revenues	<u>530,750</u>	<u>559,387</u>	<u>28,637</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Health and Welfare			
Personal services	737,000	718,643	18,357
Contract services	50,550	28,337	22,213
Materials and supplies	<u>125,950</u>	<u>230,381</u>	<u>(104,431)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>913,500</u>	<u>977,361</u>	<u>(63,861)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(382,750)	(417,974)	(35,224)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)			
General Fund	<u>382,750</u>	<u>438,751</u>	<u>56,001</u>
Net change in fund balances	0	20,777	20,777
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>92,469</u>	<u>92,469</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 113,246</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 113,246</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
FORFEITURE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 0	\$ 32,562	\$ 32,562
Total revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>32,562</u>	<u>32,562</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Public Safety			
Personal services	0	7,269	(7,269)
Contract services	0	13,850	(13,850)
Materials and supplies	0	1,344	(1,344)
Capital outlay	0	11,154	(11,154)
Payments to others	0	37,975	(37,975)
Total expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>71,592</u>	<u>(71,592)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	(39,030)	(39,030)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)			
General Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>(25,552)</u>	<u>(25,552)</u>
Net change in fund balances	0	(64,582)	(64,582)
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>208,999</u>	<u>208,999</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,417</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,417</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
INMATE WELFARE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 0	\$ 72,606	\$ 72,606
Total revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>72,606</u>	<u>72,606</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Public Safety			
Materials and supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>21,819</u>	<u>(21,819)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>21,819</u>	<u>(21,819)</u>
Net change in fund balances	0	50,787	50,787
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>95,138</u>	<u>95,138</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 145,925</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 145,925</u></u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SHERIFF SPECIAL PROJECTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES			
Interest	\$ 0	\$ 46	\$ 46
Contributions	<u>0</u>	<u>74,635</u>	<u>74,635</u>
Total revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>74,681</u>	<u>74,681</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Public Safety			
Contract services	0	99	(99)
Materials and supplies	0	91,456	(91,456)
Payments to others	<u>0</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>(99)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>91,654</u>	<u>(91,654)</u>
Net change in fund balances	0	(16,973)	(16,973)
Fund balances, October 1	<u>0</u>	<u>76,837</u>	<u>76,837</u>
Fund balances, September 30	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 59,864</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 59,864</u></u>

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CUSTODIAL FUNDS

These funds are used to account for assets held by the County as a custodian to be expended in accordance with the conditions of its custodial capacity.

Tax Commissioner - This fund accounts for assets and related liabilities for the collection of taxes and tag and title fees.

Clerk of Courts, Probate Judge, and Magistrate Judge - These funds account for assets and related liabilities for the collection of court related fees.

Sheriff - This fund accounts for deposits held for incarcerated inmates.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
September 30, 2022

	<u>Tax Commissioner</u>	<u>Clerk of Courts</u>	<u>Probate Judge</u>	<u>Magistrate Judge</u>	<u>Sheriff</u>	<u>Total Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,430,722	\$ 906,882	\$ 3,257	\$ 22,694	\$ 62,054	\$ 2,425,609
Taxes receivable	<u>27,923,218</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,923,218</u>
Total assets	<u>29,353,940</u>	<u>906,882</u>	<u>3,257</u>	<u>22,694</u>	<u>62,054</u>	<u>30,348,827</u>
LIABILITIES						
Due to others	<u>28,443,325</u>	<u>482,301</u>	<u>3,257</u>	<u>22,398</u>	<u>9,930</u>	<u>28,961,211</u>
NET POSITION						
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ 910,615</u>	<u>\$ 424,581</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 296</u>	<u>\$ 52,124</u>	<u>\$ 1,387,616</u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

	Tax Commissioner	Clerk of Courts	Probate Judge	Magistrate Judge	Sheriff	Total Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS						
Taxes collected for other agencies	\$ 38,331,318	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 38,331,318
Court fees collected for other agencies	0	2,033,434	47,654	109,354	0	2,190,442
Court individual cases	0	404,407	0	0	0	404,407
Sheriff inmate account deposits	0	0	0	0	571,149	571,149
Total additions	38,331,318	2,437,841	47,654	109,354	571,149	41,497,316
DEDUCTIONS						
Taxes distributed to other agencies	37,932,044	0	0	0	0	37,932,044
Court fees distributed to other agencies	0	1,955,384	47,654	109,058	0	2,112,096
Payments to others	0	274,484	0	0	0	274,484
Payments from inmates to others	0	0	0	0	573,132	573,132
Total deductions	37,932,044	2,229,868	47,654	109,058	573,132	40,891,756
Change in net position	399,274	207,973	0	296	(1,983)	605,560
Net position, October 1	511,341	216,608	0	0	54,107	782,056
Net position, September 30	\$ 910,615	\$ 424,581	\$ 0	\$ 296	\$ 52,124	\$ 1,387,616

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SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed In Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Honorable Chairman and Members
of the Board of Commissioners
Walker County, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walker County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Walker County, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2023. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Walker County Health Department, as described in our report on Walker County, Georgia's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that were reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-001 to 2022-003 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Walker County, Georgia's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-004 and 2022-005.

Walker County, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of This Report

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

Rushon, LLC

Gainesville, Georgia
March 27, 2023

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Honorable Chairman and Members
of the Board of Commissioners
Walker County, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Walker County, Georgia's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Walker County, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2022. Walker County, Georgia's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Walker County, Georgia complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2022.

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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 Walker County, Georgia 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 Walker County, Georgia's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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 Walker County, Georgia'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 Walker County, Georgia'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Walker County, Georgia's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Walker County, Georgia'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 Walker County, Georgia'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 Walker County, Georgia'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 a 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 that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Rushon, LLC

Gainesville, Georgia
March 27, 2023

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

Federal Grant/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass- Through Number	Expenditures	Payments to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Rural Business Development Grant	10.351	N/A	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
U.S. Department of Justice				
COVID-19 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding	16.034	N/A	25,771	0
Passed through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: COVID-19 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding	16.034	B50-8-128	18,948	0
			44,719	0
Passed through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	C21-8-001	74,675	0
Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program	16.585	N/A	47,991	0
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	N/A	20,647	0
Total U.S. Department of Justice			188,032	0
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Passed through the Georgia Department of Transportation: Formula Grants for Rural Areas	20.509	T007192 T007274	221,290 154,328	0 0
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			375,618	0
U.S. Department of the Treasury				
Equitable Sharing Program	21.016	N/A	1,770	0
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	364,511	76,907
Passed through the Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget: COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	GA-0009540	165,375	0
Passed through the Georgia Department of Public Health: COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	CF007	10,858	0
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			542,514	76,907
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	66.818	N/A	6,537	0

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

<u>Federal Grant/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass- Through Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Payments to Subrecipients</u>
<u>National Archives and Records Administration</u>				
National Historical Publications and Records Grants	89.003	N/A	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>				
Passed through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency: Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMA 2021-EP-00017	13,344	0
Total Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,141,045</u>	<u>\$ 76,907</u>

See accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Walker County, Georgia, under programs for the federal government for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because this schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the County.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate

Walker County, Georgia has elected to use the 10-percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

1. Summary of the Auditor's Results

A. Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	None reported
Significant deficiencies identified	
not considered material weaknesses?	Yes
Noncompliance material to	
financial statements noted?	Yes

B. Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weaknesses identified?	None reported
Significant deficiencies identified	
not considered material weaknesses?	None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on	
compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are	
required to be reported in accordance	
with the Uniform Guidance?	None reported
Identification of major programs:	
21.027 COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish	
Between Type A and Type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses

A. Current Year Audit Findings

2022-001

Condition: There is not appropriate segregation of duties between recording, distribution, and reconciliation of cash accounts and other operational functions in certain departments, component units, and constitutional offices of the County. This is especially prominent in the offices of the Clerk of Court, Probate Court, and Magistrate Court.

Criteria: Segregation of duties is a key internal control whereby the authorization, custody, record keeping, and reconciling duties are separated among several persons.

Effect: Failure to properly segregate the duties exposes the County to a greater risk of loss due to fraud.

Cause: There are several departments, component units, and constitutional offices of the County in which the segregation of duties could be improved.

Recommendation: Segregation of duties should be implemented to the extent practical and accounting records should be reviewed by responsible officials on a regular basis.

Management Response: Management has provided a copy of this finding to the appropriate Elected Officials and Department Heads and they concur with this finding. The County Administration will work to continually improve and implement as many procedures as possible to improve internal controls in this area. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

2022-002

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Sheriff's Department, we noted deposits were not made timely.

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that cash receipts be deposited and transactions recorded in a timely manner.

Effect: Failure to deposit cash receipts in a timely manner exposes the County to a greater risk of loss due to fraud.

Cause: Staff is not depositing receipts at least once per week.

Recommendation: At a minimum, deposits should be made weekly.

Management Response: Management has provided a copy of this finding to the appropriate Elected Official and they concur with this finding. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses (continued)

A. Current Year Audit Findings (continued)

2022-003

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Sheriff's Department, we noted bank reconciliations are not reviewed.

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that bank reconciliations be reviewed.

Effect: Failure to maintain proper supporting documentation with evidence of review subjects the assets of the County to greater risk of misappropriation.

Cause: Management is not reviewing bank reconciliations.

Recommendation: Bank reconciliations should be reviewed monthly with evidence of review documented.

Management Response: Management has provided a copy of this finding to the appropriate Elected Official and they concur with this finding. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

2022-004

Condition: The County experienced a material excess of expenditures over appropriations in the General Fund, Fire and Rescue Special Revenue Fund, Law Library Special Revenue Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax Special Revenue Fund, and Transportation Special Revenue Fund. Also, an annual budget was not adopted for the American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund, Development Authority Special Revenue Fund, Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund, Inmate Welfare Special Revenue Fund, and Sheriff Special Projects Special Revenue Fund, as required by state law.

Criteria: OCGA Code Section 36-81-3 requires local governments to operate under an approved annual budget for the General Fund, each Special Revenue Fund, and each Debt Service Fund.

Effect: Failure to maintain expenditures within the balanced budgets and failure to adopt annual budgets as required by OCGA Code Section 36-81-3 will place the County in violation of state law.

Cause: The County did not adopt or amend budgets as required.

Recommendation: County management should ensure that annual operating budgets are adopted for the General Fund, each Special Revenue Fund, and each Debt Service Fund as required by state law. Budget to actual comparisons should be periodically reviewed by County management and budgets amended as needed to ensure that the County remains in compliance with state law.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management will ensure that an annual budget is adopted for the General Fund, each Special Revenue Fund, and each Debt Service Fund, and will review the budget to actual comparisons and recommend any necessary budget revisions to the County Commission. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses (continued)

A. Current Year Audit Findings (continued)

2022-005

Condition: The County deposited reimbursements for portions of SPLOST and TSPLOST projects received from others in the General Fund.

Criteria: OCGA Code Section 48-8-121 requires that SPLOST proceeds shall not be commingled with other funds of the County.

Effect: Failure to comply with OCGA Code Section 48-8-121 places the County in violation of state law.

Cause: County staff did not record reimbursements for portions of SPLOST and TSPLOST projects received from others in the SPLOST and TSPLOST Funds.

Recommendation: All revenues and expenditures should be accounted for within the appropriate fund. The amounts due from the General Fund should be deposited into these accounts promptly.

Management Response: We concur with this finding. The County has recorded amounts due to the SPLOST and TSPLOST funds and intends to make timely reimbursements from the General Fund. County staff will also implement review and approval procedures to ensure that restricted revenues are expended in accordance with state law. This action was implemented immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

B. Prior Year Audit Findings Follow-Ups

2021-001

Condition: The prior fiscal year financial statements were restated for errors and incorrectly reported amounts in the Governmental Activities, General Fund, and SPLOST Capital Projects Fund, Nonmajor Governmental Funds, Landfill Enterprise Fund, and Pension Trust Fund Fiduciary Fund.

Corrected

2021-002

Condition: The County lacks sufficient controls and procedures regarding year-end close to ensure timely and accurate financial reporting. This included material adjustments during the audit process.

Corrected

2021-003

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Sheriff's Department, we were unable to test traffic citations due to lack of supporting documentation. Supporting documentation was not generated, not maintained, or not provided.

Corrected

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses (continued)

B. Prior Year Audit Findings (continued)

2021-004

Condition: While performing audit procedures on cash, we noted the Jury bank account has not been reconciled in multiple years.

Corrected

2021-005

Condition: There is not appropriate segregation of duties between recording, distribution, and reconciliation of cash accounts and other operational functions in certain departments, component units, and constitutional offices of the County.

Not Corrected

2021-006

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Landfill, we noted that there is no approval process for voided transactions.

Corrected

2021-007

Condition: While performing audit procedures on receipts for building permits, alcoholic beverage licenses, and business licenses, we noted instances where deposits were not made timely. We noted 14 of 32 (44%) building permit, 15 of 20 (75%) alcoholic beverage license, and 22 of 31 (71%) business license receipts tested were held for more than seven days before depositing.

Corrected

2021-008

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Clerk of Court, we noted instances where deposits were not made timely. We noted 21 of 40 (53%) receipts tested were held for more than seven days before depositing.

Corrected

2021-009

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Sheriff's Department, we noted deposits were not made timely.

Not Corrected

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

2. Financial Statement Findings and Responses (continued)

B. Prior Year Audit Findings (continued)

2021-010

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Sheriff's Department, we noted bank reconciliations are not reviewed.

Not Corrected

2021-011

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Tax Commissioner's office, we noted 8 of 25 (32%) tag and title voided transactions were receipted by the same individual who voided the transaction.

Corrected

2021-012

Condition: The County experienced a material excess of expenditures over appropriations in the General Fund, Fire and Rescue Special Revenue Fund, Law Library Special Revenue Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax Special Revenue Fund, and Transportation Special Revenue Fund. Also, an annual budget was not adopted for the American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund, Development Authority Special Revenue Fund, Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund, Inmate Welfare Special Revenue Fund, and Sheriff Special Projects Special Revenue Fund, as required by state law.

Not Corrected

3. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The audit of our basic financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards disclosed no audit findings or questioned costs which are required to be reported under Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.

STATE REPORTING SECTION

This section contains additional reports required by the State of Georgia.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH SPECIAL
PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

Project	Estimated Cost *		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
<u>2013 Issue</u>					
Industrial Park	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 4,268,831	\$ 0	\$ 4,268,831
Road resurfacing and other capital roadwork improvements	9,100,000	9,100,000	5,443,773	0	5,443,773
Equipment and vehicles for law enforcement	1,900,000	1,900,000	455,353	0	455,353
Bridges and right of way acquisitions and maintenance	250,000	250,000	45,960	0	45,960
Emergency services equipment including vehicles, fire hydrants and radio repeater for E-911	1,000,000	1,000,000	973,188	0	973,188
Shooting range for Sheriff's office	30,000	30,000	0	0	0
State patrol bar code readers and 10 assault rifles	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	30,000
Industrial Park Development	1,300,000	1,300,000	9,101,025	0	9,101,025
Library - LaFayette project	300,000	300,000	507,173	0	507,173
Library - Rossville project	600,000	600,000	0	0	0
Multipurpose emergency facility - Mt. Pleasant community	400,000	400,000	0	0	0
Multipurpose emergency facility - Hinkle community	250,000	250,000	1,094,897	0	1,094,897
Emergency facility and community center - Cedar Grove	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,447,308	0	1,447,308
Recreational Facilities	1,000,000	1,000,000	617,584	0	617,584
Water and Sewer improvements, including Armuchee	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,464,526	0	2,464,526
Office equipment and furnishings	100,000	100,000	172,117	0	172,117
City of LaFayette	2,904,660	2,904,660	2,725,481	0	2,725,481
City of Rossville	1,674,420	1,674,420	1,282,825	0	1,282,825
City of Chickamauga	1,265,220	1,265,220	968,860	0	968,860
City of Lookout Mountain	653,400	653,400	511,291	0	511,291
City of Ft. Oglethorpe	102,300	102,300	74,871	0	74,871
Total	<u>\$ 32,960,000</u>	<u>\$ 32,960,000</u>	<u>\$ 32,185,063</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 32,185,063</u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH SPECIAL
PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

Project	Estimated Cost *		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
<u>2020 Issue</u>					
Equipment for additional 911 communication radio tower	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 750,000
Emergency management and first responder radio communication and computer technology	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	539,460	539,460
Emergency generators for facilities and critical systems	850,000	850,000	0	0	0
Equipment, technology, and facilities upgrades for the 911 center operations	425,000	425,000	306,614	10,900	317,514
Law enforcement vehicles, including outfitting of vehicles	2,500,000	2,530,019	264,258	287,870	552,128
Law enforcement body & vehicle cameras	400,000	400,000	0	557,460	557,460
Emergency services equipment including emergency vehicles, outfitting of vehicles, and fire station facilities improvements	3,750,000	3,750,000	0	72,664	72,664
Facility completion of the Hinkle fire department on Lookout Mountain	300,000	300,000	0	0	0
Public works equipment, roadside mowers, and vehicles	3,000,000	3,000,000	383,801	1,108,485	1,492,286
Right of way improvement, road paving, bridge replacement/upgrades	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	232,544	232,544
Equipment and facility improvements to the LaFayette / Walker Senior Citizen Center	200,000	200,000	0	1,390	1,390
Equipment and building addition / expansion to the agriculture center	1,200,000	1,200,000	0	0	0
Technology advancements, books, and facility improvements for the three public libraries	150,000	150,000	0	0	0
Improvements to the Historic Marsh House	90,000	90,000	0	0	0
Recreational improvements for the civic center campus	350,000	350,000	0	0	0
Additional fire hydrants	250,000	250,000	2,437	260,621	263,058
Improvements / investment of county facilities including Courthouse and Courthouse Annex	4,100,000	4,100,000	0	186,242	186,242
Computer systems and technology advancements	325,000	325,000	0	61,706	61,706
Equipment for transportation maintenance facility	175,000	175,000	8,022	0	8,022
County vehicles	700,000	700,000	0	0	0

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH SPECIAL
PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

Project	Estimated Cost *		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total
<u>2020 Issue, continued</u>					
Equipment and facility improvements for the animal shelter	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Equipment and facility improvements for county landfill operations	1,500,000	1,500,000	169,438	301,619	471,057
City of LaFayette	5,632,000	5,632,000	892,968	998,855	1,891,823
City of Rossville	3,991,680	3,991,680	632,891	707,939	1,340,830
City of Chickamauga	3,446,080	3,446,080	546,385	611,174	1,157,559
City of Lookout Mountain	2,632,960	2,632,960	417,462	466,965	884,427
City of Ft. Oglethorpe	137,280	137,280	21,766	24,347	46,113
Total	<u>\$ 44,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 44,030,019</u>	<u>\$ 3,896,042</u>	<u>\$ 6,930,241</u>	<u>\$ 10,826,283</u>

* Estimated cost represents the portion of these projects to be financed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Actual costs that are in excess of these amounts have been financed through alternative funds.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH TRANSPORTATION
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost *</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>		
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
Transportation Purposes:	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 27,752,399			
Roads and bridges resurfacing and other capital roadwork improvements			\$ 15,335,513	\$ 4,537,912	\$ 19,873,425
Equipment and vehicles			70,245	0	70,245
Total	<u>\$ 25,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 27,752,399</u>	<u>\$ 15,405,758</u>	<u>\$ 4,537,912</u>	<u>\$ 19,943,670</u>

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RESOLUTION R-018-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE A LIST OF ROADS FOR RESURFACING IN 2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Section 11, item 7 of the Enabling Act grants the Board the authority to repair public roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a need for several roads to be resurfaced or paved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the 2023 Road Resurfacing List, attached hereto marked "Exhibit A," is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board directs county procurement staff to move forward with a Request for Proposal for roads on the 2023 list by May 1.

SO RESOLVED this 13th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

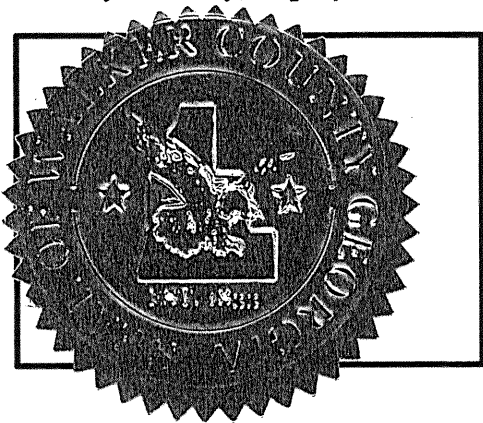
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Whitney Summey

Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk

Shannon K. Whitfield

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Passage from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Askeu, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.

EXHIBIT A

	Road Names	Start and Stop Locations	Community	Portion	Feet	miles
1	Tate Road	From Hwy 27 to Old Hwy 27	Villanow	All	4,134.0	0.7830
2	Concord Lane	From Concord Rd to dead end	Villanow	All	3,241.0	0.6138
3	Concord Rd	From Hwy 136 to Albert Thomas Drive	Villanow	Phase #1	10,032.0	1.9000
4	Ben Childs Rd	From S. Dick Creek to Concord Rd	Villanow	All	3,141.0	0.5949
5	Halls Valley Rd	From Hwy 27 to Hwy 151	South Lafayette	All	20,170.0	3.8201
6	Shorty Shelton Rd	From Halls Valley Rd to dead end	South Lafayette	All	3,558.0	0.6739
7	Thomas Dairy Rd	From Halls Valley Rd to dead end	South Lafayette	All	2,254.0	0.4269
8	Ramey Road	From Halls Valley Rd to Hwy 151	South Lafayette	All	7,868.0	1.4902
9	Browns Hollow Rd	From Halls Valley Road to dead end	South Lafayette	All	3,241.0	0.6138
10	Colbert Hollow Rd	From Hwy 151 to Catoosa County Line	Rock Spring	All	8,184.0	1.5500
11	McIntyre Rd	From Hwy 151 to Catoosa County Line	Rock Spring	All	10,771.0	2.0400
12	Peavine Road	From Hwy 151 to Kay Conley Rd	Rock Spring	Phase #2	605.0	0.1146
13	Kay Conley Rd	From Hwy 27 to old Hwy 27	Rock Spring	All	634.0	0.1201
14	Old Hwy 27	From Railroad tracks to dead end	Rock Spring	All	4,900.0	0.9280
15	Straight Gut Road	From state prison to Hwy 136	Rock Spring	Phase #2	26,453.0	5.0100
16	Old Mineral Springs Rd	From Hwy 136 to City Limits of Lafayette	West Lafayette	All	10,983.0	2.0801
17	Darwin Lane	From Old Mineral Springs Rd to dead end	West Lafayette	All	2,980.0	0.5644
18	West Reed Road	From Straight Gut Road to Hwy 27	North Lafayette	All	6,284.0	1.1902
19	Sequatchie Trail	From West Reed Rd to dead end	North Lafayette	All	2,363.0	0.4475
20	Pin Oak Drive	From Hwy 27 to dead end	Rock Spring	All	950.0	0.1799
21	Highland Drive	From Hwy 27 to dead end	Rock Spring	All	1,235.0	0.2339
22	Fieldstone Pkwy	From Hwy 27 to dead end	Rock Spring	All	1,990.0	0.3769
23	Pleasant Ridge Circle	From Fieldstone Pkwy to end	Rock Spring	All	1,165.0	0.2206
24	Deer Ridge Lane	From Pleasant Ridge Cir to Pleasant Ridge Cir	Rock Spring	All	674.0	0.1277
25	Avenue of the Oaks	From Fieldstone Pkwy - entire loop	Rock Spring	All	2,393.0	0.4532
26	Hunting Ridge Cir	From Fieldstone Pkwy - entire loop	Rock Spring	All	1,432.0	0.2712
27	Battle Farm Ct	From Fieldstone Pkwy - entire loop	Rock Spring	All	1,274.0	0.2413
28	Fieldstone Commons	From Battle Farms Ct	Rock Spring	All	273.0	0.0517
29	Hogan Road	From Hwy 2 to Park City Road	Fairview	Phase #1	7,709.0	1.4600
30	Chris Lane	From Hogan Road to dead end	Fairview	All	631.0	0.1195
31	Salem Road	From Happy Valley Rd to Burnt Mill Rd	Fairview	Phase # 1	11,616.0	2.2000
32	Allgood Road	From Mountain View Circle to dead end	Flintstone	All	4,332.0	0.8205
33	Bluff View Circle	From Allgood Road to Allgood Road	Flintstone	All	2,054.0	0.3890
34	John Thompson Road	From Allgood Road to N Nick-a-Jack Road	Flintstone	All	2,705.0	0.5123
35	Mountain View Circle	From Allgood Road to Chattanooga Valley Rd	Flintstone	All	4,262.1	0.8072
36	Mountain View Circle	From Chattanooga Valley Road to South Ave	Flintstone	All	1,649.0	0.3123
37	South Ave	From Mountain View Circle to Happy Valley Rd	Flintstone	All	1,505.0	0.2850
38	Reeds Lane	From John Thompson Rd to Williams Ave	Flintstone	All	1,136.0	0.2152
39	Williams Ave	From John Thompson Rd to dead end	Flintstone	All	862.0	0.1633
40	Kelley Lane	From John Thompson Rd to dead end	Flintstone	All	792.0	0.1500
41	East Ave	From Chatt. Valley Rd to Chatt. Valley Rd	Flintstone	All	1,815.0	0.3438
					184,250.1	34.8959

RESOLUTION R-019-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO REVISE THE PUBLIC SAFETY FEE ASSESSED IN THE COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 1994, Walker County established the County Fire and Rescue District ("District") to provide public safety services, including but not limited to firefighting, emergency management, rescue and first responder services; and

WHEREAS, Section 30-87(c) of the Code of Walker County established the cost of providing services in said District shall be paid by a special assessment ("Public Safety Fee") levied and collected within the District at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes for real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, Section 30-88(d) of the Code of Walker County established the Board has the authority to establish a fee schedule for the Public Safety Fee yearly, as part of the Board's fiscal year budget; and

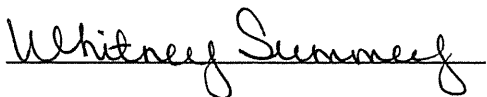
WHEREAS, the current Public Safety Fee took effect with the Fiscal 2018 budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that effective with the County's Fiscal 2024 calendar year, the cost of providing public safety services under the Public Safety Fee in the County Fire and Rescue District shall be set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part thereof.

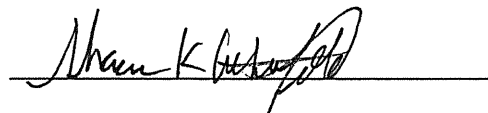
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this ^{14th}_{13th} day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

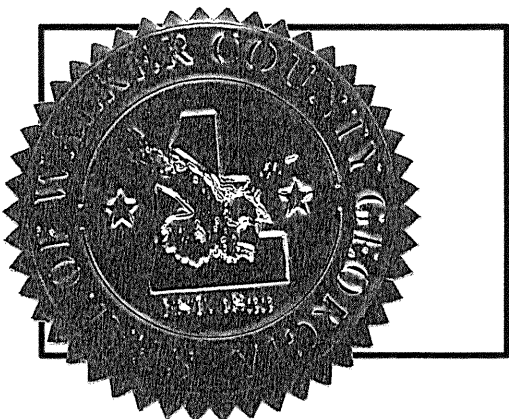
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA



Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk



SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Passage from Commissioner Bakemore, second by Commissioner Stutz, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.

Walker County Public Safety Fee Schedule 2023

Single Family Dwellings (Residential Houses and Mobile Homes)

- 14 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$125.00 per house and/or mobile home.
- Maximum fee of \$600.00 per house and/or mobile home.

NOTE

*A public safety fee will be billed for each house and/or mobile home on a parcel.

Multi-Family Dwellings (duplexes and triplexes)

- 14 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$125.00
- Maximum fee of \$600.00

NOTE

* Multi-family dwellings will be billed for the square footage per building.

Agricultural

- 14 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$125.00
- Maximum fee of \$600.00

NOTE

*A public safety fee will be billed for each house and/or mobile home on a parcel zoned agricultural.

Auxiliary Building

*A parcel with no house or mobile home but has a barn, stable, quonset building, milking house/parlor, or poultry house will be billed for the square footage of the building or buildings.

*A parcel that has a house or mobile home and an additional barn, stable, quonset building, milking house/parlor, or poultry house will be charged for the combined square footage of the house or mobile home and the additional buildings not to exceed \$600.

*A parcel that has multiple houses and/or mobile homes and an additional barn, stable, quonset building, milking house/parlor, or poultry house will be charged for a combined square footage of one house or mobile home and the additional building to the maximum of \$600. Each additional house or mobile home on the parcel will be charged separately.

Commercial

- 14 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$500.00
- Maximum fee of \$2,500.00

NOTE

* Apartments, townhomes, and quadplexes are commercial properties

Industrial

- 14 cents per square foot.
- Minimum fee of \$1,750.00
- Maximum fee of \$20,000.00

No Value

- Any structure that is assessed at no value will be charged a public safety fee based on square footage.
- Any parcel participating in a PILOT or abatement agreement will be charged a public safety fee based on square footage (Walker County Government will manually bill said parcels).



RESOLUTION R-020-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE ELECTRONIC PROPERTY AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM POLICY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is desirable and necessary to update the county's Employee Electronic Property and Communications System Policy to clarify the responsibility of each employee concerning the use of county computers and networks; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the Walker County Government Employee Electronic Property and Communication Systems Policy, attached hereto marked "Exhibit A," and incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted and shall be implemented immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED any other Resolution or county policy addressing the use of county computer and network systems prior to this date, that is now in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution, is hereby repealed.

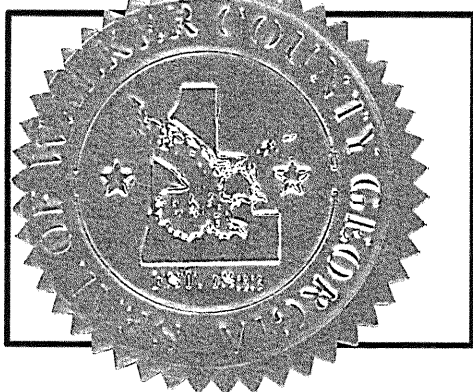
SO RESOLVED this 13th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Whitney Summey

Whitney Summey Deputy Clerk



Shannon K. Whitfield

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Passage from Commissioner Bakemore second by Commissioner Hart, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.



ELECTRONIC PROPERTY AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM POLICY

ELECTRONIC COUNTY PROPERTY AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Statement of Policy

The County provides a variety of channels for communication to promote the efficient operation of its business. All communications transmitted by, received from, or stored in these systems are the sole property of Walker County and an employee should have no expectation of privacy related thereto. All electronic communication systems, supplies, equipment, computers, disk drives, information, and any other material or electronic County property obtained and used during the course of employment (regardless whether during normal working or non-working hours) is exclusively owned by Walker County.

Employees should immediately report any violation of this policy to their Elected Official/Department Head and/or the Information System/Technology (IT) Director. The Information System/Technology Director shall notify the Human Resources (HR) Director of suspected violations of this Policy. Violations of any section of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Monitoring of Electronic Communication Systems

IT system monitoring will take place where appropriate, and investigations will be conducted when reasonable suspicion exists of a breach of this or any other policy. Periodic monitoring of activity on County systems, including internet and email use, is appropriate to ensure security and effective operation, and to protect against misuse.

Any electronic communication system usage may be monitored at any time at the discretion of the Human Resources Director along with the Information System/Technology Director. These situations should normally be limited to internal investigations or official investigations, such as for law enforcement proceedings. However, there may exist situations where a review is warranted prior to the formal commencement of an investigation or where the interests of the County will be materially advanced by such a review. IT and HR staff may be involved as needed and at the determination of the Human Resources Director and the Information System/Technology Director. Any monitoring exercises will exclude involvement by Managers, Directors, Elected Officials and their staff. The Human Resources Director shall report the outcome of such an inquiry and review to the appropriate Elected Official.

The Information System/Technology Director and Human Resources Director are authorized to oversee and manage all County communication systems. To facilitate that role, the Information System/Technology Director may draft and recommend additional policies to the Board of Commissioners. A copy of all approved policies shall be maintained in the Human Resources Department.

The burden of responsibility is on the employee to abide by this Policy and, prior to use, inquire about specific uses not cited. It is the employee's responsibility to report suspected breaches of security policy without delay to your Department Head, the IT department, or an Elected Official. All breaches of information security policies will be investigated. For any and all questions on topics not covered please inquire with your supervisor or the Information Systems and Technology Department.

System Security

Employees are responsible for the use of their accounts and the security of their passwords. Employees may not give anyone access to his/her account, or use a County computer account assigned to another user. The only exceptions would be to share the username with an employee of the IT Department for support and maintenance or if the account was established as a shared account. A user must not attempt to obtain the password of another employee. If an employee suspects someone knows his/her password, the employee should change the password and contact their Elected Official/Department Head and the IT Director immediately.

Employees cannot use the computer or network resources of the County to gain or attempt to gain unauthorized access to remote computers, networks, or systems, nor shall they attempt to circumvent data protection schemes or exploit security loopholes. Employees may not place on any County-owned computer or network system any type of information or software that gives unauthorized access to another computer account, system or network. Employees shall not load any software on County computers, nor connect flash drives or other removable media from unknown sources on County-owned systems, networks or any other electronic devices. This includes but is



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not limited to, programs known as computer viruses, such as a trojan horse, worms, trap-door program code, ransomware, or other code or files designed to disrupt, disable, impair, render inaccessible, or otherwise harm either the County's networks/systems or those of any other individual or entity.

The County has established a Secure Network at each County office facility that is password protected. Only County provided devices should be connected to the Secure Network. All devices not issued by the County should connect to the internet using only the Guest Wi-Fi Network, which doesn't require a password. The Guest Wi-Fi Network is also available for all citizens or guests that need access to the internet.

Mobile Phones

County mobile devices, including, but not limited to phones and tablets, are provided to key individuals for the purpose of ensuring accessibility and enhancing individual efficiencies in handling County business.

Excessive use of a personal mobile device while on County duty may result in disciplinary action. Elected Officials/Department Heads have the authority to restrict or prohibit the use of any mobile device, County supplied or personal, at any time while an employee is on the job if it is determined that use of a mobile device presents a safety hazard or distracts from the duties of the job.

Employees are permitted to use a mobile phone while driving, only if the vehicle is equipped with a "hands-free" system. Employees who do not have a "hands-free" system should park in a safe area before making or receiving calls, texting, emailing or otherwise using a mobile device.

Integrity, Encryption, Storage and Backup of Data

In order to provide users with a reliable and secure means of storing and saving work-related data in the cloud, the County IT Department has implemented the Google Drive data storage solution. By saving work-related data to a Google Drive folder or Google Drive shared folders, the County IT Department can help ensure the confidentiality, integrity, availability, and encryption of the data.

All County data files are required to be stored in Google Drive folders to insure data integrity, data backup, and encryption of data. Files stored on any local computer drive, including your computer's C drive or desktop, are not backed up or encrypted by the County's IT Department. No assurance for reclaiming lost work-related data stored on local drives or desktops can be offered by the IT Department. Any work-related data stored or saved to a local drive or desktop is done so at the user's own risk. Contact the IT Department if you have any questions regarding this policy.

Specifics on Computer and Network Usage

a) Access to Facilities and Information

1) Sharing of Access

Computer accounts, passwords, and other types of authorization are assigned to individual users and must not be shared with others. You are responsible for any use of your account.

2) Permitting Unauthorized Access

You may not install or otherwise configure software or hardware to intentionally allow access by unauthorized users.

3) Use of Privileged Access

Special access to information or other special computing privileges are to be used in performance of official duties only. Information that you obtain through special privileges is to be treated as private.

4) Decoding Access Control Information

You are prohibited from using any computer program or device to intercept or decode passwords or similar access control information.

5) Denial of Service

Deliberate attempts to degrade the performance of a computer system or network or to deprive authorized personnel of resources or access to any Walker County computer system or network are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to, tampering with components of a local area network (LAN) or the high-speed network, otherwise blocking communication lines, or interfering with the operational readiness of a computer.

6) Harmful Activities



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The following harmful activities are prohibited: creating or propagating viruses; disrupting services; damaging files; intentional destruction of or damage to equipment, software or data belonging to Walker County or other users; and the like.

7) Unauthorized Monitoring

You may not use computing resources for unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications.

8) Government Dishonesty

You should always use computer resources in accordance with high ethical standards and in correspondence with local, state and federal law.

9) Use of Copyrighted Information and Materials

You are prohibited from using, copying, and storing copyrighted computer programs and other materials, in violation of copyright laws.

10) Use of Licensed Software

No software may be installed, copied, or used on Walker County resources except as permitted by the owner of the software. Software subject to licensing must be properly licensed and all licensed provisions (installation, use, copying, number of simultaneous users, terms of license, etc.) must be strictly adhered to. Any and all new software installations must be approved in some form by the County's Information System/Technology Director.

11) Political Campaigning: Commercial Advertising

The use of system materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, or vehicles in political campaigns is forbidden. Political campaigns and commercial advertisements shall not be intentionally displayed on government property. The use of County computers and networks shall conform to these policies.

12) Personal Business

Computers, servers and networks may not be used in connection with compensated outside work or for the benefit of organizations not related to the business of the County. Any other incidental use (such as electronic communications or storing data on single-user machines) must not interfere with other users' access to resources (computer cycles, network bandwidth, disk space, printers, etc.). State law restricts the use of state facilities for personal gain or benefit.

Prohibited Uses of the Internet

Viewing, sending, receiving, displaying, printing, or otherwise disseminating material that is fraudulent, harassing, illegal, embarrassing, sexually explicit, offensive, obscene, intimidating or defamatory is prohibited.

Reporting Child Pornography

Any employee who witnesses child pornography being viewed or distributed on any County owned device is responsible for immediately reporting it to his or her Elected Official/Department Head. This also applies to employee-owned devices which are used on County property. The Elected Official/Department Head will immediately inform the County Attorney and Human Resources department, which will take prompt appropriate remedial action. Personnel excluded from this policy include the Prosecutor's Office, the Sheriff's Department, and other limited personnel involved in the investigation and prosecution of these illegal acts.

Child pornography includes any visual depiction or description of a child, less than eighteen (18) years of age, engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including the nudity of a child. Child pornography, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, may be expressed through a picture, drawing, photograph, negative image, undeveloped film, motion picture, videotape, digitized image, or any other pictorial representation.

Moreover, any employee who makes available to another employee a computer, knowing that the computer's fixed drive or peripheral device contains matter that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age commits child exploitation.

Electronic Mail (E-mail) - GA Open Records Laws

Employees should exercise care when drafting e-mail communications. Employees should not reveal any personal information when drafting e-mail, such as a home address, home phone number, or phone numbers of other individuals. An employee's e-mail signature must only use County contact information. **The County e-mail system is subject to Georgia Open Records laws and may be deemed as public records. Employees should not conduct County business from private email accounts.**



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Social Media Use and Guidelines

The role of technology in the workplace is constantly expanding and now includes social media communication tools that facilitate interactive information sharing, interoperability, and collaboration. Commonly used social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and LinkedIn, have large, loyal user bases and are an increasingly important outreach and communication tools for government entities from the federal to the local level. The Walker County IT department will block access from County networks to any social media or websites that are listed as a threat to National Security by Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

Walker County has an overriding interest in deciding what is "spoken" on behalf of the County on social media sites. This includes, but is not limited to, the creation of Walker County social media accounts and posting information or commenting on social media about county related business. Team members not authorized to comment publicly should refrain from communication that could be perceived as representing a formal response from the County.

As such, the Walker County Public Relations Director will regulate access to all authorized social media outlets. Employees given access to Walker County social media platforms should consult the County Public Relations Director before making any post or comment that might be considered outside of the normal day-to-day communication. In addition, social media users should be aware these types of communications are considered public records and, consequently, must comply with the Georgia Open Records law. Employees should immediately report any violation of this policy to their Elected Official/Department Head and/or the IT Director.

Separate Personal & Professional Accounts

Employees should be mindful of blurring their personal and professional lives when posting on social media. While employees are permitted to have personal social media accounts, these accounts must remain personal in nature. Employees should be aware they run the risk of having their personal social media accounts subject to Georgia Open Records laws when making posts or comments about County related topics or issues.

Employees should not speak for or on behalf of the County when utilizing personal social media accounts. Employees may not post anything in the name of the County or make statements that could reasonably be attributed to the County or any Elected Official. Employees should refrain from rendering opinions or political views on behalf of the County or any Elected Official. Similarly, employees who appear in a video commenting on County issues or policies should preface their comments by making it clear that the employee is not speaking on behalf of the County and that any opinions reflected therein do not reflect the views of the County or any Elected Official. In addition, employees should never use their county e-mail account or password in conjunction with a personal social networking site.

County employees should not post communications that may constitute knowingly false or malicious comments, discriminatory remarks, sexual or racial harassment, hostility based on age or disability, threats of violence, sabotage, or other similar or related unlawful conduct. Employees should not post communications that may divulge confidential information. Employees should immediately report any violation of this policy to their Elected Official/Department Head and/or the IT Director.

Social Media Guidelines

Walker County encourages employees who use social media to follow the below guidelines:

1. Do not post any comment or picture involving an employee, volunteer, department, or other County entity without their express consent. This guideline does not apply to those authorized to manage County social media platforms.
2. If an employee posts any comment about the County, the employee must clearly and conspicuously state that he/she is posting in their individual capacity and that the views posted do not represent the views of the County.
3. Unless given written consent, an employee may not use the County's logos or any organizational material in their posts.
4. All postings on social media must comply with the County's policies on confidentiality and disclosure of proprietary information.
5. Employees are responsible for what is written or presented on social media. The posting party can be sued by other employees or any individual that views the social media posts as



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defamatory, harassing, libelous, or creating a hostile work environment.

7. All organizational policies that regulate off-duty conduct apply to social media activity including, but not limited to, policies related to illegal harassment, code of conduct, non-discrimination, and protecting confidential and/or proprietary information.

8. When creating social media accounts that require individual identification, County employees should use their actual names and should not communicate or imply any affiliation or relationship with the County.

9. The County's policy on the Use of Information Technologies, the Internet, and E-Mail applies to social media use at work, including the County's policy regarding personal use on all County-issued electronic devices.

Using Social Media at Work

Employees should limit social media use while on work time or while using County provided devices/computers unless it is work-related and authorized by your Elected Official/Department Head. Social media use should not distract an employee from the duties of their job. Employees should not use their County provided e-mail address to register on social networks, blogs, or other online tools utilized for personal use.

Authorized County Social Media Communications

Authorized County employees who manage County social media platforms should communicate in a professional manner and should always conduct business in accordance with the department's communications policy, practices and expectations.

Social media accounts associated with Walker County Government and managed by authorized employees should refrain from the expressions of personal opinions, dissemination of political views, advocacy of violence or illegal activity, or be used for non governmental purposes. Employees should conduct themselves according to the highest ethical standards. If an employee is uncertain about the appropriateness of a social media posting, check with the County Public Relations Director.

Walker County generally uses social media to 1) disseminate time-sensitive information as quickly as possible (for example emergency information), 2) to publicize public meetings to the residents of the County, and 3) provide information on County services and items of public interest. Wherever possible, content posted to the County's social media accounts or sites will also be available on the County's website. Wherever possible, content posted to Walker County social media sites should contain links directing users back to the County's website for in-depth information, forms, documents, or online services necessary to conduct business with the County.

There should be great care and consideration when communicating by way of social media. In this regard, County employees, Elected Officials, and/or Department Heads must not knowingly communicate inaccurate or false information. All reasonable efforts should be made to provide accurate and factual information.

Handling of Sensitive and/or Confidential Data

In order to reduce the risk of unauthorized access or loss of information, employees should be mindful of their handling of sensitive and/or confidential data:

- Personal or sensitive and/or confidential business information must be protected using security features provided.
- Computers must be logged off/locked or protected with a screen locking mechanism controlled by a password when unattended.
- Care must be taken to not leave sensitive and/or confidential material on printers or photocopiers. All business-related printed matter must be retained or disposed of according to its appropriate retention schedule.

Working Off-Site

It is accepted that mobile devices, such as laptops, mobile phones, smartphones, and tablets, will be taken off-site. Information should be protected against loss or compromise when working remotely (for example at home or in public places). Mobile devices should be handled in a secure manner and locked when not in use. Additionally, mobile devices and media taken off-site must not be left unattended in public places and not left in plain sight in a vehicle. (Exempt: equipment mounted in county vehicles)



ELECTRONIC PROPERTY AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM POLICY

The provisions of this Policy shall be applicable when mobile devices are used off-site.

Mobile Storage Devices

Mobile devices such as memory sticks, CDs, DVDs, and removable hard drives must be only used in situations when network connectivity is unavailable or there is no other secure method of transferring data. Only the County authorized mobile storage devices with encryption should be used when transferring sensitive or confidential data.

Viruses & Downloading from the Internet

The IT department has implemented centralized, automated virus detection and virus software updates within the County. All PCs have antivirus software installed to detect and remove any virus automatically. Individuals should not attempt to remove or disable the anti-virus software. All material downloaded from the internet or from computers or networks that do not belong to the County **MUST** be scanned for viruses and other destructive programs before being placed onto a County computer or the secure network system. Do not attempt to install free software downloaded from the internet and/or software brought in from home. Prohibited examples include iTunes, screensavers, Internet Explorer toolbars, games, etc. All employees are expected to follow the instructions of the IT Department for proper scanning and/or downloading.

Employees should not download and store personal files on County equipment. This includes but is not limited to music, pictures, or videos. Any personal files found stored on County equipment will be removed without warning and will not be recoverable. Employees are responsible for the material they review and download on the internet.

Actions upon Termination

All County equipment and data, for example laptops and mobile devices including telephones, smartphones, USB memory devices and CDs/DVDs, must be returned to the County at termination of employment. All County data or intellectual property developed or gained during the period of employment remains the property of the County and must not be retained beyond termination or reused for any other purpose.

When you cease being a County employee, or if you are assigned a new position and/or responsibilities within the County, your access authorization must be reviewed. You must not use facilities, accounts, access codes, privileges, or information for which you are not authorized in your new circumstances.

RESOLUTION R-021-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGION 1 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, one of the duties delegated to the Chairman of the Board is to appoint members to all committees of the board with the approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council coordinates, facilitates the improvement of, and maintains a quality emergency medical services system in our 16 county region; and

WHEREAS, statewide changes to Regional EMS Advisory Council By-laws have resulted in new term dates and length of terms; and

WHEREAS, the term of Curtis Creekmur, a Walker County representative, will soon expire; and

WHEREAS, Creekmur has provided exceptional representation as a representative of Walker County and desires to continue to serve on the Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Whitfield submits the following appointment to serve as a representative of Walker County on the Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council:

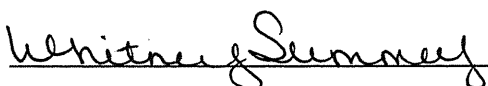
Curtis Creekmur - for a three (3) year term ending on June 30, 2026

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia that the appointment of Curtis Creekmur is approved.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

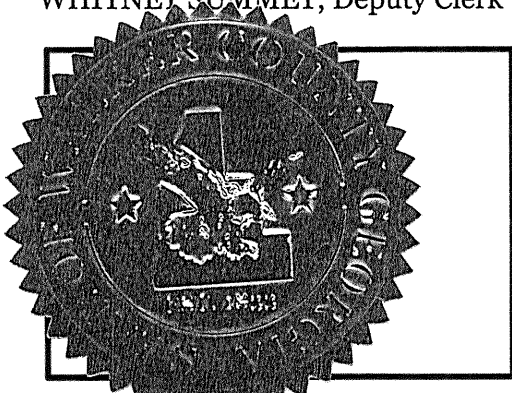
WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA



WHITNEY SUMMEY, Deputy Clerk



SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for Passage from Commissioner Whitfield, second by Commissioner Hart, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.

VENDOR 56889 PRATER FORD INC

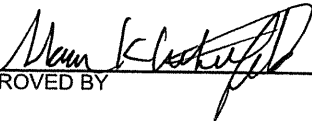
CONTACT

PRATER FORD INC
P O BOX 818
704 S WALL ST
CALHOUN, GA 30703

DELIVER BY
SHIP VIA
FREIGHT TERMS
ORIGINATOR
RESOLUTION #
PAYMENT TERMS

Whitfield, Shannon

QUANTITY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
2.0000	EA	Capital - Vehicles	\$36,682.8800	\$73,365.76
			TOTAL DUE	\$73,365.76


APPROVED BY

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

2023 DEALER ORDER RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-FD
ALTER-ORDER ** DEALER SUBMITTED **
21V422 PRATER FORD, INC.
BODY K8B BEGIN ORD 2257 # UNITS 001
SPEC ORD# ORDER TYPE 5B FIN CODE QS060
DORA PROCESSED 09/19/22 PM
ORDER RCPT DATE 09/17/22 SCHD / /
ASSEMBLY PLANT PLANT NOT FOUN VIN # MSK8BB P

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2257
23 PLT-

THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE. IT PROVIDES TENTATIVE
PRICE INFORMATION THAT WOULD APPLY IF THE
VEHICLE IS PRODUCED TO THE SPECIFICATIONS
SHOWN. PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

THIS ORDER IS CONDITIONED UPON FINAL PRICE LEVEL
CERTIFICATION OF THE VEHICLE. 320

K8B0 EXPLORER BASE 4WD	38,760.00
.119 INCH WHEELBASE	
SPECIAL DEALER ACCOUNT ADJUSTM	
SPECIAL FLEET ACCOUNT CREDIT	
TOTAL BASE VEHICLE	38,760.00
YZ OXFORD WHITE	
7 CLOTH SEATS	
N SANDSTONE INTERIOR	
EQUIPMENT GROUP 100A	
.18" 5-SPOKE PAINTED ALUM WHLS	
99B 3.3L TI-VCT V6 FFV ENGINE	NC
44T .10-SPEED AUTO TRANSMISSION	NC
P255/65R18 A/S BSW TIRES	
FORD FLEET SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT	NC
16A FLR LNERS RW 1&2/NO CRPET MAT	160.00
425 50 STATE EMISSIONS	NC
52X AUTO START-STOP REMOVAL	NC
59W 4G LTE WI-FI HOTSPOT CREDIT	20.00-
REMARKS TRAILER	
942 DAYTIME RUNNING LAMPS (DRL)	45.00
FLEX-FUEL CAPABILITY	
153 FRONT LICENSE PLATE BRACKET	NC
SPECIAL DEALER ACCOUNT ADJUSTM	
TOTAL BEFORE D&D AND DISCOUNTS	38,945.00
DESTINATION & DELIVERY	1,495.00
SUB TOTAL	40,440.00
TOTAL OPTIONS	185.00
FUEL CHARGE	
NET INVOICE FLEET OPTION (B4A)	NC
PRICED DORA	NC

36,682.88 each

TOTAL 40,440.00

** TOTAL DOES NOT INCLUDE PRICE CONCESSION AMOUNT
--CHANGES TO ORDER -- PEP/ORDER CODE--

ADDS: * DENOTES PROCESSED
99B 16A 942
C09 153

----- CUSTOMER -----

Walker County Departmental Statistics - March 2023



Department		Monthly Totals						YTD Totals		YTD Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals	
Animal Shelter		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
		Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Intake		112	21	121	15	362	42	1,138	452	1,322	648	1,093	516	1,094	295	1,176	25
Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)		86	21	189	17	388	52	1,172	433	1,281	624	1,091	474	1,099	279	1,012	47
Adopted		25	19	16	7	55	35	191	150	31	91	33	65	208	152	138	34
Rescued		44	1	154	9	281	14	720	245	999	494	919	397	766	119	749	13
Returned to Owner		17	1	19	1	49	3	249	17	238	18	119	6	112	3	125	0
Euthanized		0	0	0	0	3	0	35	27	17	23	20	6	31	7	56	2
Codes Enforcement & Litter		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
In Compliance		100		106		231		3,553		19,409		6,672		9,309		5,124	
Violations		21		21		69		320		402		343		435		857	
Closed Cases		3		2		8		73		154		161		58		339	
Roadside Trash Pounds		11,630		0		22,360		74,000		143,723		143,800		143,330		122,912	
Elections		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Registered Voters		55		219		43,497		43,200		43,025		43,719		40,281		38,202	
Fire Department		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Calls for Service		445		604		1,579		6,148		4,173		3,478		6,091		5,670	
Units Handling Calls for Service		641		878		2,279		9,433		7,024		5,705		8,815		6,359	
Smoke Alarms Installed		0		5		10		190		368		322		781		228	
Mountain Cove Farms		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Nights Booked		33		79		147		1,016		892		840		1,102		908	
Planning		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Single Family New Home Construction		45		39		91		142		157		150		128		124	
Building Inspections		205		356		731		2,291		1,755		1,595		1,424		1,326	
Public Relations		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Media Impressions (stories)		31		20		65		327		460		460		451		509	
Facebook Followers Added		59		126		322		2,722		1,227		2,768		1,880		2,182	
Facebook Posts (main page)		29		35		93		342		519		888		602		487	
WalkerCountyGA.gov views		36,153		42,904		123,587		504,354		568,384		668,051		357,989		316,285	
Newsletter Subscribers Added		30		4		63		345		1,376		1,104		971		925	
Public Works		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Patching/Potholes		144		106		291		3,124		4,157		5,785		6,148		4,798	
Walker Transit		February		March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Trips		2,779		3,095		8,622		27,869		18,420		17,436		26,535		21,551	

Best Friends: Data Matrix

Criteria:

Enter from date: 03/01/2023

Enter to date: 03/31/2023

	Species					
	Canine			Feline		
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age
Beginning Animal Count 2023-03-01	97	30	0	6	0	0
Intakes: Stray/At Large	39	8	0	1	0	0
Intakes: Transferred in from Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Transferred in from Other Rescue Group	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Owner Requested Euthanasia	1	0	0	0	0	0
Intakes: Relinquished by Owner	16	36	0	8	2	0
Intakes: Returns	6	0	0	2	0	0
Intakes: Other Intakes	15	6	0	4	0	0
Live Outcomes: Adoption	16	0	0	7	0	0
Live Outcomes: Returned to Owner	17	2	0	1	0	0
Live Outcomes: Returned To Field	0	0	0	0	0	0
Live Outcomes: Transferred to Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Live Outcomes: Transferred to Other Rescue Group	85	69	0	8	1	0
Live Outcomes: Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Died in Care	1	2	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Outcomes: Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Animal Counts 2023-03-31	59	1	0	5	1	0
Spays/Neuters: Pre-Adoption	48	3	0	9	2	0
Spays/Neuters: Free for Low-Income Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spays/Neuters: Low-Cost for Low-Income Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spays/Neuters: Low-Cost for General Public	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spays/Neuters: TNR	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spays/Neuters: Other	0	0	0	0	0	0

Report: **Best Friends: Data Matrix**

Generated by Animal Shelter Manager 47u [Thu 30 Mar 2023 08:49:46 AM UTC] at Walker County Animal Shelter on 04/05/2023 by jlegge

**WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
EXECUTIVE SESSION
AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned, having been duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate:

1.

The Walker County Board of Commissioners met in an open and duly advertised meeting on April 13, 2023.

2.

During the meeting the Walker County Board of Commissioners voted to enter into executive session.

3.

In my capacity as Commission Chairman preside over the executive session. The executive session was called to order at 9:05 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Blakemore, Askew, Hart, and Stoltz

Also in attendance: County Attorney Gottlieb

4.

The subject matter of the executive session was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law: (Initial all that are applicable):

 Litigation Matters: Consultation with the Walker County government attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought, or to be brought, by or against Walker County government or any officer or employee in which Walker County government or any officer or employee may be directly involved; as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

SKW **Real Estate Matters:** Discussion regarding the future purchase or acquisition, disposal, or leasing of real estate; as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1);

SKW **Personnel Matters:** Discussion or deliberation upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal of a Walker County government officer or employee; as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

 Other: (describe exemption of the open meeting law) _____

_____ as provided in O.C.G.A. _____.

X No other matters were discussed during the executive session.

_____ Discussion occurred on a topic not authorized by law. The meeting was declared out of order, immediately ceased and was adjourned.

This 13th day of April, 2023.

_____ Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Name: Shannon K. Whitfield

Print Title: Commission Chairman and CEO

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
13th day of April, 2023.

_____ [Signature]

Notary Public

My commission expires:

