



Washington County, Florida

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2024



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Property Appraiser

Supervisor of Elections

Tax Collector

Washington County, Florida

Principal Officers

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

Honorable Members of the
Board of County Commissioners
Washington County, Florida

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Washington County, Florida (the “County”), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of September 30, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for each major fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Highway 79 Corridor Authority or the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District, which is 100% of the assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses of the component units as of September 30, 2024. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Highway 79 Corridor Authority and the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District, are based solely on the reports 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 the County, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, on pages 6 through 12, schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability – Florida Retirement Systems Pension Plan, schedule of employer contributions – Florida Retirement Systems Pension Plan, schedule of employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability – Health Insurance Subsidy Program and schedule of employer contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Program, on pages 66 through 70, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and combining and individual statement of fiduciary net position schedules 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 and state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code *of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and Chapter 10.550, Local Governmental Audits, *Rules of the Auditor General* of the State of Florida, and neither schedule is a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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 nonmajor fund financial statements, combining and individual statement of fiduciary net position schedules, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report June 12, 2025, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Enterprise, Alabama

June 12, 2025

Washington County, Florida Management's Discussion and Analysis

The management of Washington County, Florida has prepared the following discussion and analysis to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues; (b) provide an overview and analysis of the County's financial activities; (c) identify changes in the County's financial position; (d) identify material deviations from the approved budget; and (e) highlight significant issues in individual funds. Because the information contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the County's financial statements and notes to financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2023-2024 fiscal year are as follows:

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the County exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$97,596,132.
- The County's total net position decreased by \$178,400 which represents a 0.18% decrease from the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported total fund balances of \$17,079,963, an increase of \$5,919,303.
- Unassigned fund balance for all governmental funds totals \$3,834,546 as of September 30, 2024 compared to total governmental fund balances of \$17,079,963 at the same date.
- Unassigned governmental fund balance of \$3,834,546 is different from the unrestricted net position amount on the statement of net position (deficit) of (\$9,669,790) due to reporting requirements regarding long-term liabilities and capital assets which are not included on the governmental fund balance sheet.
- During the current year, general fund revenues exceeded expenditures and other financing sources (uses) by \$5,297,531. This is primarily due to expenditures being less than the budgeted expenditures by \$1,544,652 and \$6,471,961 of proceeds from the issuance of debt during the year.
- Long-term liabilities increased by \$1,867,692. This increase was primarily due to a new line of credit with a \$6,986,230 balance at year-end, as noted on Page 49 of the financial report.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements consist of three components:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

In addition, this report presents certain required supplementary information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business and consist of the following two statements:

- The statement of net position provides information on all of the County's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is strengthening or weakening.
- The statement of activities presents information showing how the County's net position changed during the 2024 fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes earned, and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of these financial statements present the functions of the County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the County include general government, public health and safety, physical environment, transportation, economic environment, human services, culture and recreation, and court related.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the County itself (known as the primary government), but also the legally separate component units of the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District and the Highway 79 Corridor Authority. Financial information for these component units are reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government itself. The Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District and the Highway 79 Corridor Authority have separately issued financial reports which can be obtained by the individual Districts' office or the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. The primary government also includes a blended component unit, Northwest Florida Community Hospital District. Additional information concerning the component units is included in Note 1 of the notes to the financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements and prudent fiscal management. Certain funds are established by law while others are created by legal agreements. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the County's financial activities, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the government-wide statements. All of the County's funds may be classified in the broad category of governmental funds and fiduciary funds as discussed below.

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- **Governmental Funds** - These are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. This financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the County's near-term financing requirements. This short term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation of governmental funds to governmental activities.
- **Fiduciary (Agency) Funds** - Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or fiduciary capacity for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide statements because the resources are not available to support the County's own programs. In its fiduciary capacity, the County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes.

Infrastructure Assets

While the County has implemented the major model portions of GASB #34, the County will defer implementing the infrastructure portion (related to general government activities) until some future date to be determined. Historically, a government's largest group of assets (infrastructure-roads, bridges, traffic signals, and underground pipes) have not been reported nor depreciated in government financial statements. This statement requires that these assets be valued and reported within the governmental column of the government-wide statements. Additionally, the government must elect to either (a) depreciate these assets over their estimated useful life or (b) develop a system of asset management designed to maintain the service delivery potential to near perpetuity. If the government develops the asset management system (the modified approach), which periodically (at least every third year), by category measures and demonstrates its maintenance of locally established levels of service standards, the government may record its maintenance of locally established levels of service standards, the government may record its cost of maintenance in lieu of depreciation.

**Washington County, Florida
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the County's net position as of September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023.

	Governmental Activities September 30, 2024	Governmental Activities September 30, 2023
Current and Other Assets	\$ 22,837,501	\$ 24,539,469
Capital Assets	108,345,630	111,890,443
Total Assets	131,183,131	136,429,912
Deferred Outflows, Pensions and OPEB	6,132,752	5,638,249
Current Liabilities	4,551,230	11,922,817
Long Term Liabilities	31,362,111	29,494,419
Total Liabilities	35,913,341	41,417,236
Deferred Inflows	3,806,410	2,876,393
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	98,308,993	104,340,673
Restricted	8,956,929	6,359,593
Unrestricted (deficit)	(9,669,790)	(12,925,734)
Total Net Position	\$ 97,596,132	\$ 97,774,532

At September 30, 2024 the largest portion of the County's net position is reflected in investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, infrastructure and equipment), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets in the amount of \$98,308,993. The County uses these 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 assets themselves can't be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the County's net position represent resources that are dedicated or subject to restrictions on how they may be used in the amount of \$8,956,929. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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Statement of Activities

	Governmental Activities September 30, 2024	Governmental Activities September 30, 2023
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for service	\$ 6,376,517	\$ 6,476,596
Operating grants and contributions	11,227,852	5,652,438
Capital grants and contributions	6,680,363	35,495,009
General revenues:		
Property taxes	12,286,742	10,452,283
Local option taxes	4,482,498	4,558,258
Sales tax and other taxes	754,335	901,724
Intergovernmental and shared	7,431,826	4,414,905
Investment earnings	144,549	46,309
Gain on sale of capital assets	88,619	1,321,065
Miscellaneous	2,902,329	793,391
Total Revenues	52,375,630	70,111,978
Expenses:		
Program activities:		
General government	10,020,864	9,536,732
Public safety	15,570,980	14,978,635
Physical environment	525,307	468,541
Transportation	20,823,810	11,982,868
Economic development	2,015,651	2,208,123
Human services	756,262	706,858
Culture and recreation	966,360	977,991
Court related	1,234,804	1,260,282
Interest on long-term debt	639,992	126,283
Total expenses	52,554,030	42,246,313
Change in net position	(178,400)	27,865,665
Net position, beginning	97,774,532	69,908,867
Net position, ending	\$ 97,596,132	\$ 97,774,532

Governmental activities decreased the County's net position by \$178,400 or approximately 0.18%. Total revenues decreased by \$17,736,348 from the prior year with a major factor being a decrease in capital grants and contributions. This decrease was primarily due from less Hurricane Michael funding received from FEMA in the current year. Total expenses increased by \$10,307,717 from the prior year largely due to road improvement costs and public safety.

Washington County, Florida Management's Discussion and Analysis

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

This section provides an analysis of the balances and transactions of individual funds. The County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

MAJOR GOVERNMENT FUNDS

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the County. General operating funds of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Tax Collector and Supervisor of Elections represent sub funds of the County's General Fund that are held and accounted for individually, but presented with the balance of the Board of County Commissioners' operating funds.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the total unassigned general fund balance was \$19,409,158 while the total fund balance was \$21,765,721. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the unassigned fund balance and the total fund balance to total General Fund expenditures. The unassigned fund balance represents 80.09% of the total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 89.81% of the same amount. The unassigned total governmental fund balance increased by \$2,739,719 during 2023-2024 fiscal year due primarily to proceeds from the issuance of debt during the year for FEMA projects.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the course of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the County amended its general fund budget one time to address a small increase in revenues and expenditures. Variances disclosed on the budget and actual statements are considered normal to the County's operations.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The County's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of September 30, 2024 amounted to \$108,345,630 net of accumulated depreciation. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and fixed equipment, furniture, fixtures, infrastructure and equipment.

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LONG-TERM DEBT

At the end of fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the County had long-term liabilities totaling \$31,362,111. Of this amount, inter-local agreement payables outstanding were \$134,000, notes payable were \$2,608,869, and capital leases were \$441,538. Also, there is \$902,910 to address compensated absences obligations, \$19,877,124 for pension liability (GASB 68), \$411,440 for OPEB liabilities, and the remaining amount of \$6,986,230 for a line of credit.

ECONOMIC FACTORS-WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

The unemployment rate for the County was 3.3% at September 2024. The rate was 2.5% at September 2023.

Population is estimated at 26,503 as of September 2024 and 25,318 as of September 2023.

The taxable value for personal and real property in the County is \$1,216,550,742 for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 and \$1,100,227,042 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

The general ad valorem tax mileage rate was 8.5 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 and 8.5 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

The budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 represents an increase of 35.77% over the September 30, 2023 budget.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Washington County's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, Washington County, Florida.

Washington County, Florida
Statement of Net Position

	Primary Government	Component Unit	
	Governmental Activities	Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District	Highway 79 Corridor Authority
<i>September 30, 2024</i>			
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,439,344	\$ 1,091	\$ 35,483
Accounts receivable, net	2,159,061	-	870
Leases receivable	43,766	-	-
Due from other governments	2,070,402	-	-
Inventory	113,214	-	-
Prepaid expenses	-	3,879	3,176
Notes receivable	95,796	-	-
Total current assets	20,921,583	4,970	39,529
Noncurrent assets			
Notes receivable	1,915,918	-	-
Capital assets, net			
Nondepreciable capital assets	6,140,618	1,770,313	-
Depreciable capital assets, net	102,205,012	-	2,459,262
Total noncurrent assets	110,261,548	1,770,313	2,459,262
Total assets	131,183,131	1,775,283	2,498,791
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Other post-employment benefits	77,121	-	-
Pension	6,055,631	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	6,132,752	-	-

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Statement of Net Position (Continued)

	Primary	Component Unit	
	Governmental Activities	Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District	Highway 79 Corridor Authority
<i>September 30, 2024</i>			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,312,938	2,345	2,925
Due to other governments	155,978	-	-
Unearned revenue	2,082,314	1,140	-
Long-term liabilities			
Portion due or payable within one year			
Notes payable	563,035	-	-
Leases payable	90,599	-	-
Interlocal agreement payable	5,500	-	-
Compensated absences	90,291	-	-
Portion due or payable after one year			
Notes payable	2,045,834	-	-
Leases payable	350,939	-	-
Interlocal agreement payable	128,500	-	-
Line of credit	6,986,230	-	-
Compensated absences	812,619	-	-
Net pension liability	19,877,124	-	-
Total OPEB liability	411,440	-	-
Total liabilities	35,913,341	3,485	2,925
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Deferred inflows related to settlement allocations	1,167,870	-	-
Deferred inflows related to leases	38,438	-	-
Other post-employment benefits Pension	98,073	-	-
	2,502,029	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,806,410	-	-
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	98,308,993	1,770,313	2,459,262
Restricted	8,956,929	-	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	(9,669,790)	1,485	36,604
Total net position	\$ 97,596,132	\$ 1,771,798	\$ 2,495,866

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Statement of Activities

For the year ended September 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions
Primary Government			
Governmental activities			
General government	\$ 10,020,864	\$ 1,312,409	\$ 6,807,829
Public safety	15,570,980	4,852,260	584,231
Physical environment	525,307	-	93,750
Transportation	20,823,810	-	-
Economic environment	2,015,651	-	3,441,234
Human services	756,262	-	59,130
Culture and recreation	966,360	-	241,678
Court related	1,234,804	211,848	-
Interest on long-term debt	639,992	-	-
Total primary government	\$ 52,554,030	\$ 6,376,517	\$ 11,227,852
Component Unit			
Sunny Hills Dependent District	\$ 24,818	\$ -	\$ 16,700
Highway 79 Corridor Authority	\$ 213,493	\$ -	-

General Revenues

Taxes

Property taxes

Local option taxes

Sales tax and other taxes

Intergovernmental and shared revenue

Investment earnings

Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets

Miscellaneous

Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position, beginning of year as previously reported

Prior period adjustment (see Note 8)

Net position, beginning of year as restated

Net position, end of year

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Net (Expense) Revenue and
Changes in Net Position

Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District	Highway 79 Corridor Authority
\$ -	\$ (1,900,626)	\$ -	\$ -
-	(10,134,489)	-	-
-	(431,557)	-	-
6,680,363	(14,143,447)	-	-
-	1,425,583	-	-
-	(697,132)	-	-
-	(724,682)	-	-
-	(1,022,956)	-	-
-	(639,992)	-	-
<u>\$ 6,680,363</u>	<u>(28,269,298)</u>	-	-
<u>\$ -</u>	-	<u>(8,118)</u>	-
<u>\$ 153,000</u>	-	-	<u>(60,493)</u>
	12,286,742	-	-
	4,482,498	-	-
	754,335	-	-
	7,431,826	-	-
	144,549	-	-
	88,619	-	-
	2,902,329	-	-
	<u>28,090,898</u>	-	-
	(178,400)	(8,118)	(60,493)
	97,774,532	1,784,281	2,556,359
	-	(4,365)	-
	<u>97,774,532</u>	<u>1,779,916</u>	<u>2,556,359</u>
	<u>\$ 97,596,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,771,798</u>	<u>\$ 2,495,866</u>

Washington County, Florida
Balance Sheet –
Governmental Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	General	Transportation Trust	Hurricane Michael
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,664,799	\$ 1,290,908	\$ 3,113,511
Accounts receivable, net	1,595,593	-	-
Leases receivable	43,766	-	-
Due from other funds	18,977,208	314,812	-
Due from other governments	858,858	227,751	-
Inventory	-	113,214	-
Note receivable	2,011,714	-	-
Total assets	\$ 25,151,938	\$ 1,946,685	\$ 3,113,511
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,116,437	\$ 192,755	\$ 368,939
Due to other funds	1,037,521	259,293	17,092,944
Due to other governments	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	25,951	-	1,164,662
Total liabilities	2,179,909	452,048	18,626,545
Deferred inflows of resources			
Deferred inflows related to settlement allocations	1,167,870	-	-
Deferred inflows related to leases	38,438	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,206,308	-	-
Fund balances			
Nonspendable	2,011,714	113,214	-
Restricted	344,849	1,381,423	-
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	19,409,158	-	(15,513,034)
Total fund balances (deficit)	21,765,721	1,494,637	(15,513,034)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 25,151,938	\$ 1,946,685	\$ 3,113,511

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

	Hurricane Sally	American Rescue Act	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$	5,541,167	\$ -	\$ 4,828,959	\$ 16,439,344
	-	-	563,468	2,159,061
	-	-	-	43,766
	-	-	743,071	20,035,091
	-	-	983,793	2,070,402
	-	-	-	113,214
	-	-	-	2,011,714
\$	5,541,167	\$ -	\$ 7,119,291	\$ 42,872,592
\$	266,042	\$ -	\$ 368,765	\$ 2,312,938
	273,051	-	1,372,282	20,035,091
	-	-	155,978	155,978
	-	-	891,701	2,082,314
	539,093	-	2,788,726	24,586,321
	-	-	-	1,167,870
	-	-	-	38,438
	-	-	-	1,206,308
	-	-	-	2,124,928
	5,002,074	-	2,228,583	8,956,929
	-	-	1,511,802	1,511,802
	-	-	651,758	651,758
	-	-	(61,578)	3,834,546
	5,002,074	-	4,330,565	17,079,963
\$	5,541,167	\$ -	\$ 7,119,291	\$ 42,872,592

Washington County, Florida
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2024

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 17,079,963

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

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

Governmental capital assets, net 108,345,630

Other post-employment benefit ("OPEB") related deferred outflows, deferred inflows and total OPEB obligation represent an acquisition or consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities or assets in the governmental funds.

Deferred outflows related to post-employment benefits	\$ 77,121	
Deferred inflows related to post-employment benefits	(98,073)	
Deferred outflows related to pension liabilities	6,055,631	
Deferred inflows related to pension liabilities	(2,502,029)	
Net pension liabilities	(19,877,124)	
Other post-employment benefit obligation	(411,440)	(16,755,914)

Other liabilities not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the governmental fund are as follows:

Lease obligations	(441,538)	
Interlocal agreement payable	(134,000)	
Notes payable	(2,608,869)	
Line of credit	(6,986,230)	
Compensated absences	(902,910)	(11,073,547)

Net position of governmental activities \$ 97,596,132

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances –
Governmental Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	General Fund	Transportation Trust	Hurricane Michael
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 14,744,211	\$ 2,013,820	\$ -
Licenses and permits	1,959,276	14,260	-
Intergovernmental	5,060,838	1,071,498	6,680,363
Charges for services	732,087	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	838	-	-
Investment earnings	378,131	19,832	21
Miscellaneous revenue	696,901	40,180	-
Total revenues	23,572,282	3,159,590	6,680,384
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	9,561,393	-	-
Public health and safety	8,098,297	-	-
Physical environment	337,567	-	-
Transportation	-	3,890,675	8,669,572
Economic environment	388,982	-	-
Human services	651,416	-	-
Culture and recreation	227,322	-	-
Court related	34,419	-	-
Capital outlay	851,799	956,500	722,481
Debt service			
Principal	3,544,731	182,067	-
Interest and other charges	539,377	25,318	-
Total expenditures	24,235,303	5,054,560	9,392,053
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(663,021)	(1,894,970)	(2,711,669)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	6,471,961	-	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	145,699	-
Insurance Proceeds	135,224	-	-
Transfers in	2,813,991	100,000	-
Transfers out	(3,460,624)	-	-
Reversion to State of Florida	-	-	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	5,960,552	245,699	-
Net changes in fund balances	5,297,531	(1,649,271)	(2,711,669)
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	16,468,190	3,143,908	(12,801,365)
Adjustments	-	-	-
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year, after adjustments	16,468,190	3,143,908	(12,801,365)
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 21,765,721	\$ 1,494,637	\$ (15,513,034)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Hurricane Sally	American Rescue Act	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 765,544	\$ 17,523,575
-	-	823,760	2,797,296
5,198,598	2,690,440	4,638,304	25,340,041
-	-	2,678,746	3,410,833
-	-	167,548	168,386
-	-	36,164	434,148
-	1,404,016	344,143	2,485,240
5,198,598	4,094,456	9,454,209	52,159,519
-	-	1,203,580	10,764,973
-	1,404,016	4,875,207	14,377,520
-	-	192,780	530,347
1,388,058	-	89,627	14,037,932
-	-	1,476,023	1,865,005
-	-	65,307	716,723
-	-	731,833	959,155
-	-	167,519	201,938
-	-	2,275,838	4,806,618
-	-	499,177	4,225,975
-	-	82,895	647,590
1,388,058	1,404,016	11,659,786	53,133,776
3,810,540	2,690,440	(2,205,577)	(974,257)
-	-	235,881	6,707,842
-	-	-	145,699
-	-	-	135,224
-	-	3,408,621	6,322,612
-	(2,690,440)	(171,548)	(6,322,612)
-	-	(95,205)	(95,205)
-	(2,690,440)	3,377,749	6,893,560
3,810,540	-	1,172,172	5,919,303
-	-	4,349,927	11,160,660
1,191,534	-	(1,191,534)	-
1,191,534	-	3,158,393	11,160,660
\$ 5,002,074	\$ -	\$ 4,330,565	\$ 17,079,963

Washington County, Florida

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**

<i>For the year ended September 30,</i>	<i>2024</i>
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 5,919,303
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital outlay, reported as expenditures in governmental funds, are shown as capital assets in the statement of net position.	2,432,403
Depreciation expense on governmental capital assets included in the governmental activities in the statement of net position.	(5,920,136)
In the statement of activities, the gain or loss on the disposal of capital assets is reported. Whereas in the governmental funds, total proceeds from disposals are reported. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the disposed capital assets.	(57,080)
Issuance of long-term debt is an other financing source in the governmental funds, but increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	(6,707,842)
Repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds but as a reduction of long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	4,225,975
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. These expenses include:	
Other post-employment benefits	(6,014)
Pension expenses	(37,615)
Compensated absences	(27,394)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (178,400)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 14,115,737	\$ 14,115,737	\$ 14,744,211	\$ 628,474
Licenses and permits	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,959,276	159,276
Intergovernmental	3,216,775	4,543,529	5,060,838	517,309
Charges for services	1,661,691	1,838,981	732,087	(1,106,894)
Fines and forfeitures	3,000	3,000	838	(2,162)
Investment earnings	-	9,557	378,131	368,574
Miscellaneous revenue	1,074,603	1,167,159	696,901	(470,258)
Total revenues	21,871,806	23,477,963	23,572,282	94,319
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	8,625,925	9,159,866	9,561,393	(401,527)
Public safety	8,167,158	9,420,104	8,098,297	1,321,807
Physical environment	266,677	359,561	337,567	21,994
Economic environment	864,118	871,139	388,982	482,157
Human services	741,910	761,143	651,416	109,727
Culture and recreation	164,686	234,288	227,322	6,966
Court related	41,734	44,947	34,419	10,528
Capital outlay	18,599	851,799	851,799	-
Debt service				
Principal	52,000	3,537,731	3,544,731	(7,000)
Interest	-	539,377	539,377	-
Total expenditures	18,942,807	25,779,955	24,235,303	1,544,652
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,928,999	(2,301,992)	(663,021)	1,638,971
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	2,070,119	6,471,961	4,401,842
Insurance proceeds	236,758	236,758	135,224	(101,534)
Transfers in	30,000	3,464,233	2,813,991	(650,242)
Transfers out	(3,224,650)	(3,502,724)	(3,460,624)	42,100
Net other financing sources (uses)	(2,957,892)	2,268,386	5,960,552	3,692,166
Net change in fund balance	(28,893)	(33,606)	5,297,531	5,331,137
Fund balance, beginning of year	16,468,190	16,468,190	16,468,190	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 16,439,297	\$ 16,434,584	\$ 21,765,721	\$ 5,331,137

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Transportation Trust Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 1,814,379	\$ 1,814,379	\$ 2,013,820	\$ 199,441
Licenses and permits	10,000	10,000	14,260	4,260
Intergovernmental	1,138,267	1,138,267	1,071,498	(66,769)
Investment earnings	-	-	19,832	19,832
Miscellaneous revenue	10,000	10,000	40,180	30,180
Total revenues	2,972,646	2,972,646	3,159,590	186,944
Expenditures				
Current				
Transportation	4,209,771	4,248,454	3,890,675	357,779
Capital outlay	310,025	1,022,482	956,500	65,982
Debt service				
Principal	182,067	182,067	182,067	-
Interest	25,318	25,318	25,318	-
Total expenditures	4,727,181	5,478,321	5,054,560	423,761
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,754,535)	(2,505,675)	(1,894,970)	610,705
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	145,699	145,699
Transfers in	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	100,000	100,000	245,699	145,699
Net change in fund balance	(1,654,535)	(2,405,675)	(1,649,271)	756,404
Fund balance, beginning of year	3,143,908	3,143,908	3,143,908	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 1,489,373	\$ 738,233	\$ 1,494,637	\$ 756,404

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Hurricane Michael

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 6,680,363	\$ (43,319,637)
Investment earnings	-	929	21	(908)
Total revenues	50,000,000	50,000,929	6,680,384	(43,320,545)
Expenditures				
Current				
Transportation	48,790,916	48,791,845	8,669,572	40,122,273
Capital outlay	1,209,084	1,209,084	722,481	486,603
Total expenditures	50,000,000	50,000,929	9,392,053	40,608,876
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	(2,711,669)	(2,711,669)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(2,711,669)	(2,711,669)
Fund balance (deficit), beginning of year	-	-	(12,801,365)	(12,801,365)
Fund balance (deficit), end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15,513,034)	\$ (15,513,034)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Hurricane Sally

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 5,198,598	\$ (44,801,402)
Expenditures				
Current				
Transportation	50,000,000	50,000,000	1,388,058	48,611,942
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	3,810,540	3,810,540
Net change in fund balance	-	-	3,810,540	3,810,540
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	-	1,191,534	1,191,534
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,002,074	\$ 5,002,074

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
American Rescue Act

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 2,690,440	\$ 2,690,440	\$ -
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	1,404,016	1,404,016
Total revenues	-	2,690,440	4,094,456	1,404,016
Expenditures				
Current				
Public health and safety	3,600,000	3,600,000	1,404,016	2,195,984
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,600,000)	(909,560)	2,690,440	3,600,000
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers out	-	(2,690,440)	(2,690,440)	-
Net change in fund balance	(3,600,000)	(3,600,000)	-	3,600,000
Fund balance, beginning of year	3,600,000	3,600,000	-	(3,600,000)
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Custodial Funds
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Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,248,292
Due from other governments	8,376
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Total assets	\$ 1,256,668
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Liabilities	
Bank overdraft	\$ 206
Due to other funds	766,215
Due to other governments	381,847
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Total liabilities	1,148,268
Net Position	
Restricted	108,400
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Total liabilities and net position	\$ 1,256,668
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Custodial Funds
Additions	
Clerk of circuit and county courts revenue	\$ 5,195,081
Tax collections, auto tag fees, and other fees for other governments	25,952,912
Collections for others	206,293
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Total additions	31,354,286
Deductions	
Current	
Payments of clerk of circuit and county courts distributions to other governments	5,195,081
Payments of tax, auto tag fees, and other fees to other governments	25,952,912
Payments to others	192,498
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Total deductions	31,340,491
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Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	13,795
Net position, beginning of year	94,605
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Net position, end of year	\$ 108,400
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of Washington County, Florida (the County) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the County's financial statements.

Reporting Entity

Washington County, Florida (the "County") located in Northwest Florida, is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and provides services to approximately 25,000 residents in many areas including general government, public safety, physical environment, transportation, economic environment, human services, and culture and recreation. The County was established December 29, 1825, by the Territorial Legislative Council. It is governed by a five-member elected Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), which derives its authority by Florida Statutes and regulations. In addition to the members of the Board, there are five elected constitutional officers: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser and Supervisor of Elections.

The financial reporting entity consists of the County and its component units, which are legally separate organizations for which the County is financially accountable. The County is financially accountable for legally separate organizations if County officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body and either the County is able to impose its will on the organization, or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burden on the County. The County may also be financially accountable for organizations that are fiscally dependent on the County if there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to the County or impose specific financial burdens on the County, regardless of whether the organizations have separate elected governing boards, governing boards appointed by higher levels of government, or jointly appointed boards. In evaluating the County as a reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units in accordance with Section 2100: Defining the Financial Reporting Entity of the GASB Codification.

A discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the government. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations and so data from these units are combined with that of the primary government.

Discretely Presented Component Units

The government-wide financial statements include the financial data of the County's component units, Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District and the Highway 79 Corridor Authority. They are included because if excluded, the County's financial statements would be misleading. The

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units (continued)

component units are discretely presented in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize their legal separation from the County.

Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District

The Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District (Sunny Hills) was created on August 14, 2006 through Ordinance No. 2006-12 enacted by the County, pursuant to Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. The Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District is a discretely presented component unit that was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District. The District is required to have their budget approved by the County on an annual basis. The District is governed by a separate three-member Board of Supervisors. Initially the County appointed the Board, but the district now elects their own board. Sunny Hills is presented as a discretely presented component unit because of its nature and significance with the County in accordance with GASB 39. Financial information for the District is presented in this annual financial report as a Component Unit. Complete financial statements for the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District may be obtained at the District's finance office by writing to 12051 Corporate Blvd., Orlando, Florida, 32817.

Highway 79 Corridor Authority

The Highway 79 Corridor Authority (the Authority) was formed as a legal entity and public body pursuant to Chapters 125, 166 and 163, Florida Statutes and an Interlocal Agreement dated June 11, 2018 (the Interlocal Agreement) by and between the City of Bonifay, Holmes County, and Washington County (the Authority Members), each a local government located in the State of Florida. The purpose of the Authority is to foster and assist economic development and acquire, plan for, develop, fund, construct, own, maintain, manage, improve, operate, and at its option, dispose of the Authority facilities and projects within the Corridor Area. The Authority is included as a discretely presented component unit of the County due to the financial benefit the County provides to the Authority.

Government-Wide and Fund 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. 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.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. *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. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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 capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

Washington County, Florida Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

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 County.

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

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. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

As discussed earlier, the County has two discretely presented component units, Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District and the Highway 79 Corridor Authority. The component units are major component units and are reported in separate columns in the government-wide financial statements.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments in lieu of taxes where the amounts are reasonably equivalent in value to the interfund services provided. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Fund Financial Statements

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

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The general fund is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all resources traditionally associated with governments except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Transportation Trust Fund - This fund accounts for the Board's local option and county gas tax revenue, motor fuel taxes and other shared revenue earmarked for general and administrative operations costs of the Public Works Department.

Hurricane Michael - This fund accounts for the expenses related reimbursements due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Michael.

Hurricane Sally - This fund accounts for the expenses related reimbursements due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Sally.

American Rescue Act - This fund accounts for revenues and expenses related to this economic stimulus legislation.

The County reports the following fiduciary fund type:

Custodial Funds account for assets held by the County in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, other governmental units and/or funds. Custodial funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations. These funds are accounted for on an accrual basis of accounting.

Budgetary Information

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Annual budgets for governmental fund types that are legally required to prepare an annual budget are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP except for the general fund. Generally the major differences in the general fund are recognition of unanticipated activity; capital assets and related debt activity, grant and intergovernmental revenues and related expenditures. The financial statements present budget information for only the major funds and all appropriations lapse at year-end.

Board of County Commissioners – Pursuant to Chapter 129, Florida Statutes, General Budget Policies, the following procedures are followed by the Board in establishing, adopting and maintaining the operating budget:

Prior to August 15, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as ex-officio Clerk of the Board, submits to the Board a tentative budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.

Taxpayers are informed of the proposed budget and tentative millage rates through legal advertising. Public hearings are held to elicit taxpayer comments.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Information (continued)

Budgetary Basis of Accounting (continued)

Prior to September 30, the budget is legally adopted through passage of a resolution for the fiscal year beginning October 1.

The Board, at any time within a fiscal year, may amend a budget for that year as follows:

Appropriations for expenditures in any fund may be decreased and other appropriations in the same fund correspondingly increased by motion recorded in the minutes, provided that the total of the appropriations of the fund are not changed. The Board, however, has established procedures by which the designated budget officer and heads of departments may authorize certain interdepartmental budget amendments, provided that the total appropriations of the department are not changed.

Florida Statute 129, Section 7, as amended in 1978, provides that only expenditures in excess of total fund budgets are unlawful. However, because the Board acts on all budget changes between departments, the lower of fund or department becomes the level of control.

Appropriations from the reserve for contingencies may be made to increase the appropriation for any particular expenditure in the same fund, or to create an appropriation in the fund for any lawful purpose, but no expenditures shall be charged directly to the reserve for contingencies.

A receipt of a nature or from a source not anticipated in the budget and received for a particular purpose, including but not limited to grants, donations, gifts, or reimbursements for damages, may, by resolution of the Board recorded in its minutes, be appropriated and expended for that purpose, in addition to the appropriations and expenditures provided for in the budget. Such receipts and appropriations shall be added to the budget of the proper fund.

Supplemental appropriations funded from sources not described above require public hearings and action by the Board in the same manner as adopting the original budget. During the year ended September 30, 2024, there were general fund, transportation trust fund supplemental budget appropriations of \$6,837,148 or 36.09% and \$751,140 or 15.89%, respectively.

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Information (continued)

Budgetary Basis of Accounting (continued)

The following items represent the major additional appropriations:

General Fund

Various federal and state grants	\$ 1,326,754
Various operating costs	\$ 5,510,394

Transportation Trust Fund

Various operating costs	\$ 38,683
Capital outlay	712,457

Clerk of the Court – Florida Statutes Chapter 218.35 and 218.36 governs the preparation, adoption and administration of the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s (the Clerk) annual budget. The Clerk establishes an annual balanced budget which clearly reflects the revenues available to the office and the functions for which money is to be expended. The budgeted revenues and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements reflect all amendments approved by the Board. The budget is prepared on a basis consistent with GAAP.

The Clerk, functioning in the capacity as Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts and as Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, prepares a budget in two parts:

The budget relating to the state court system (Circuit and County) is filed with the Florida Clerk of Courts Operations Corporation; and

The budget approved by the Board for funds necessary to perform those duties of Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, County Auditor, and Custodian or Treasurer of all county funds and other county-related duties.

The fees generated by the various non-court departments of the Clerk of Circuit Court are used to pay operating expenditures of that department. All excess fees are remitted to the Board at year-end.

Sheriff – Florida Statutes Chapter 30.49 and 129.03 govern the preparation, adoption and administration of the Sheriff’s annual budget. By June 1 each year, the Sheriff shall certify to the Board a proposed budget of expenditures for carrying out the duties of his office for the ensuing fiscal year. No later than August 1 of each year, the Board shall approve the Sheriff’s budget.

Tax Collector and Property Appraiser – Florida Statutes Chapter 195.087 govern the preparation, adoption and administration of the budgets of the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser. On or before a legally designated date each year, the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser shall submit

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Information (continued)

Budgetary Basis of Accounting (continued)

to the Florida Department of Revenue a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. A copy of such budget shall be furnished at the same time to the Board. Final approval of the budgets is given by the Florida Department of Revenue.

Supervisor of Elections – The Supervisor of Elections works in cooperation with the Board to establish an annual budget for the office. Florida Statutes Chapter 129.201 and 129.03 govern the preparation, adoption and administration of the annual budget. The Supervisor of Elections' budget is funded from the Board's General Fund.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended September 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded appropriations within the general government and debt service functions of the General Fund by \$401,527 and \$7,000, respectively. The excess expenditures were funded by unanticipated revenues.

Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

The County maintains a policy that permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits that will be paid to employees upon separation from County service if certain criteria are met. These benefits, plus their related tax and retirement costs are classified as compensated absences. Employees may be paid for unused vacation hours accrued up to a maximum amount. Payment of unused sick leave, upon termination, is also provided for up to varying amounts.

The long-term portion of compensated absences are accrued and reported in the government-wide financial statements. No expenditure is reported in the government fund level statements for these amounts until payment is made. Compensated absences liability is based on current rates of pay.

Pensions

The County participates in The Florida Retirement System (the "System"). The System's financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to the plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Expenses are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with requirements of the GASB. Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Florida and is included in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Information (continued)

Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”)

In addition to the pension benefit noted above, the County offers certain OPEB. For purposes of measuring total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, the economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting are utilized. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash on hand as well as demand deposits and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less. This policy applies to the primary government and its component unit.

Investments

The County’s investments are limited to investments authorized by State Statutes. Historically, the County has only invested in Florida Prime Certificates and money market accounts. As governed by Florida Statute 218.415, the County is authorized to invest available surplus funds in the following:

1. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (the SBA) or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, as provided in Florida Statute 163.01.
2. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in state qualified public depositories, as defined in Florida Statute 280.02.
4. Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

Receivables

The County records accounts receivable for various taxes, fees and services. For emergency medical service fees, uncollectible allowance has been recorded based on contractual and historical experience. All other receivables are considered collectible and, as such, no allowance for uncollectibles is reported.

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

***Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance
(continued)***

Interfund Activities and Transactions

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either “due to/from other funds” (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or “advances to/from other funds” (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due to/from other funds.”

Inventories and Prepaid Items

The County uses the consumption method to account for inventory with cost determined by the first-in, first-out method. Inventory is comprised primarily by equipment parts and bulk fuel reported in the Transportation Trust Fund. Certain payments to vendors reflect cost applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the government-wide statements. At the fund level, expenditures are recognized when the available finance resource is expended.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, right-to-use assets, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, streets and sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Additions to capital assets are recorded at cost at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Capital assets inventory is maintained as required by Florida Statute 274 and Florida Administrative Code Sections 69(i)-73.002 and 69(i)-73.006.

Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

<u>Capital asset classes</u>	<u>Lives</u>
Buildings	25 - 40
Improvements other than buildings	15 - 40
Infrastructure	30
Machinery and equipment	5 - 15

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net 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 and so will not be

Washington County, Florida Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

The County has two (2) items that qualify for reporting as deferred outflows of resources, the deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB) and the deferred outflows related to pensions, all reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The deferred outflows related to pensions are an aggregate of items related to pensions as calculated in accordance with GASB Codification Section P20: Pension Activities – Reporting for Benefits Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria. The deferred outflows related to pensions and OPEB will be recognized as either pension or OPEB expense or a reduction in the pension or OPEB liability in future reporting years.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net 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 and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

The County has four (4) items that qualify for reporting as deferred inflows of resources. The deferred inflows related to pensions are an aggregate of items related to pensions as calculated in accordance with GASB Codification Section P20: Pension Activities – Reporting for Benefits Provided through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria. The deferred inflows related to pensions and OPEB will be recognized as a reduction to pension or OPEB expense in future reporting years. The deferred inflows related to leases relate to a building lease in which the County is the lessor. Revenue will be recognized over the life of the lease. The deferred inflows related to settlement allocations relate to opioid settlements with the state of Florida that have been allocated to the County. This funding is maintained by a non-profit agency with authority over expenditure of the settlement over an eighteen year period.

Unearned Revenues

Unearned revenues represents amounts received, but not yet earned. Balances at September 30, 2024 represented unearned funding related to the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program and Disaster Relief grants.

Long-term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term liabilities are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. In the fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Lease Obligations

GASB No. 87, *Leases*, was adopted October 1, 2021. Under this new guidance, all contracts allowing for the County to use another entity's asset for a period greater than 12 months must be recorded as both a right-of-use (ROU) asset and a lease liability. The lease liability is recorded at the present value of future lease payments, including fixed payments, variable payments based on an index or fixed rate and reasonably certain residual guarantees. The intangible leased asset is recorded for the same amount as the related lease liability plus any prepayments and initial direct costs to place the asset in service. Leased assets are amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the asset or the lease term. The lease liability is reduced for lease payments made, less the interest portion of the lease payment. Any contract not meeting the 12-month period requirement is recognized as rental expense.

The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of lease liability are composed of fixed payments and term options that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease Receivable

The County records revenues from lease in accordance with GASB No. 87, *Leases*. The lease receivable is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments expected to be received during the lease term. The deferred lease inflow of resources is measured as the sum of the initial measurement of the lease receivable net of lease payments received. Lease receipts result in a reduction of the lease receivable and recognition of inflows of revenues. At September 30, 2024, the County's total lease receivable of \$43,766 was for the lease of a building.

Washington County, Florida Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Categories and Classification of Net Position and Fund Balance

Net position flow assumption and fund balance flow assumption - The authority to establish, modify or rescind a committed or assigned fund balance rests with the Board and these actions are accomplished through an adopted resolution. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, it is the County's policy to use committed funds first, then assigned, and finally unassigned.

Net position on the government-wide financial statements is required to be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following net position categories:

Net investment in capital assets – Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Any significant unspent proceeds at year-end related to capital assets are reported as restricted funds.

Restricted – Constraints imposed on net position by external creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – Net position that is not subject to externally imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board.

Fund Balance is reported in the fund financial statements as either nonspendable or spendable in the following classifications:

Nonspendable – Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Washington County, Florida Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Categories and Classification of Net Position and Fund Balance (continued)

Committed – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the County that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the County for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The governing council (Board) has by resolution authorized the finance director to assign fund balance. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that is spendable and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

Property Taxes

Property taxes in the County are levied by the Board. The millage levies are determined on the basis of estimates of revenue needs and the total taxable valuations within the jurisdiction of the Board. No aggregate ad valorem tax millage in excess of 10 mills on the dollar is levied against property of the County as specified in Florida Statute 200.071.

Washington County, Florida Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses (continued)

Property Taxes (continued)

Each year, the total taxable valuation is established by the Property Appraiser and the list of property assessments is submitted to the State Department of Revenue for approval. Taxes, assessed as of January 1 of each year, are due and payable on November 1 of each year or as soon thereafter as the assessment roll is opened for collection. Pursuant to Florida Law, all owners of property have the responsibility of ascertaining the amount due and paying it before April 1 of the year following the year in which the tax was assessed.

2024 Property tax calendar:

Lien date	- January 1, 2023
Levy date	- November 1, 2023
Tax bills mailed	- November 1, 2023
Collection dates	- November 30, 2023: 4% discount - Through January 2, 2024: 3% discount - Through January 31, 2024: 2% discount - Through February 28, 2024: 1% discount
Delinquent date	- April 1, 2024
Tax sale - 2023 delinquent property taxes	- on or before June 1, 2024

Management Estimates and Assumptions

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 amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could vary from estimates used.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 12, 2025, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure.

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for (a) accounting changes and (b) the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements (error correction). This Statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity and describes the transactions or other events that constitute those changes. This Statement prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for (1) each type of accounting change and (2) error corrections. This Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated. Furthermore, this Statement addresses how information that is affected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI). The implementation of this statement resulted in the following change.

	Fund Financial Statements	
	Governmental	
	Hurricane Sally	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
9/30/2023 fund balance as previously reported	\$ -	\$ 4,349,927
Change from nonmajor to major presentation	1,191,534	(1,191,534)
9/30/2023 fund balance as adjusted	\$ 1,191,534	\$ 3,158,393

The GASB has issued statements that will become effective in future years. These statements are as follows:

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement requires a government to

Washington County, Florida Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In April 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. In addition to other items, the Statement:

- Addresses changes to information presented in the MD&A;
- Requires governments to display the inflows and outflows related to unusual or infrequent items separately as the last presented flow(s) of resources prior to the net change in resource flows in the government-wide, governmental fund, and proprietary fund statements of resource flows;
- Requires that a subtotal for operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies be presented before reporting other nonoperating revenues and expenses;
- Requires governments to present each major component unit separately in the reporting entity's statement of net position and statement of activities if it does not reduce the readability of the statements;
- Requires governments to present budgetary comparison information using a single method of communication (RSI).

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In September 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. This Statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, should be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset in the capital as-sets note disclosures. Subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, also should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires intangible assets other than those three types to be disclosed separately by major class. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale and that capital assets held for sale be evaluated each reporting period. Governments should disclose (1) the ending balance of capital assets held for sale, with separate disclosure for historical cost and accumulated depreciation by major class of asset, and (2) the carrying amount of debt for which the capital assets held for sale are pledged as collateral for each

Washington County, Florida Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

major class of asset. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The County is evaluating the requirements of the above statements and the impact on reporting.

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Deposits and Investments

Custodial Credit Risk

The County maintains its deposits only with qualified public depositories as defined in Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. The provisions of this statute generally require public funds to be deposited in a bank or savings association designated by the State Chief Financial Officer as a "Qualified Public Depository". All qualified public depositories must maintain deposit insurance. They also must place with or in the name of the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida, collateral in the amount of the greater of the average daily balance of public deposits multiplied by the average monthly balance of public deposits or 125 percent of the average daily balance of public deposits greater than capital. Collateral requirements may be increased according to statute if specified conditions exist. Eligible collateral includes federal, federally-guaranteed, state and local government obligations and corporate bonds. In the event of default by a qualified public depository excess losses over insurance and collateral will be recovered through assessments to all qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default. Under this method, the County's deposits are considered fully insured.

Receivables

Accounts receivables includes \$305,272 net receivables for Emergency Medical Services ("EMS"). This represents total receivables of \$1,818,473 net of allowance for doubtful accounts and contractual adjustments of \$1,513,201. This allowance represents an uncollected billing ratio based on past history of collections and aged accounts receivable listings. The County also had a receivable of \$1,167,870 from litigation settlements with pharmaceutical companies. Remaining receivables totaling \$684,850 consist of franchise fees due from utility companies.

Due from Other Governments is comprised of various grant reimbursements, revenue sharing and taxes collected for the County by the State of Florida of \$2,070,402.

Note receivable of \$2,011,714 represents the balance outstanding of a loan to Northwest Florida Healthcare, Inc. (the "Hospital") of \$2,903,878 in December 2003. The loan agreement provides a non-interest bearing note with no payments due the first 10 years, and equal installments of \$95,796 thereafter for 30 years. An imputed interest rate for the note receivable was considered indeterminable by management.

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Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Receivables (continued)

Leases receivable are reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87 *Leases*, as detailed in Note 1. The lease receivable of \$43,766 represents the outstanding balance of a 60 month lease of a building to the Florida Department of Corrections beginning August 1, 2020 and expiring July 1, 2025. During fiscal year 2024, the County recognized leased principal of \$46,124 and \$4,771 of lease interest revenue.

Interfund Balances

Due to/from other funds consists of the following:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	
General Fund	Hurricane Michael	\$ 17,092,944
	Hurricane Sally	273,051
	Transportation Trust Fund	259,293
	Other Governmental Funds	1,351,920
Transportation Trust Fund	General Fund	314,602
	Other Governmental Funds	210
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	722,919
	Other Governmental Funds	20,152
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Total		\$ 20,035,091

All amounts due will be paid within one year of the financial statement date.

Interfund Transfers

Transfers to/from other funds consist of the following:

<i>Transfers to General Fund from:</i>		
(2) Nonmajor Governmental funds	\$ 123,551	
(1) American Rescue Act	2,690,440	
		\$ 2,813,991
 <i>Transfers to Transportation Trust Fund from:</i>		
(2) General fund		100,000
 <i>Transfers to Nonmajor Governmental Funds from:</i>		
(2) General fund	3,360,624	
(2) Nonmajor Governmental funds	47,997	
		3,408,621
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Total interfund transfers		\$ 6,322,612

- (1) reimburse for eligible expenditures
- (2) annual debt service requirements and budgeted appropriations

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Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year is as follows:

	October 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	September 30, 2024
Governmental Activities					
Capital assets, not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 6,140,618	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ 6,140,618
Construction-in-progress	3,390,078	342,931	-	(3,733,009)	-
 Total capital assets, not being depreciated	 9,530,696	 342,931	 -	 (3,733,009)	 6,140,618
Capital assets, being depreciated					
Buildings	30,419,879	161,117	-	-	30,580,996
Improvements other than buildings	81,200,443	-	-	-	81,200,443
Infrastructure	1,988,560	-	-	3,122,229	5,110,789
Machinery and equipment	25,836,678	1,928,355	465,388	610,780	27,910,425
 Total capital assets, being depreciated	 139,445,560	 2,089,472	 465,388	 3,733,009	 144,802,653
 Less total accumulated depreciation	 37,085,813	 5,920,136	 408,308	 -	 42,597,641
 Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	 102,359,747	 (3,830,664)	 57,080	 3,733,009	 102,205,012
 Governmental activities capital assets, net	 \$ 111,890,443	 \$ (3,487,733)	 \$ 57,080	 \$ -	 \$ 108,345,630

**Washington County, Florida
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Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to the functions of government as follows:

For the year ended September 30,	2024
Governmental activities	
General government	\$ 144,080
Public safety	1,198,379
Physical environment	20,483
Transportation	4,316,199
Economic environment	150,172
Human services	39,321
Culture and recreation	51,502
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 5,920,136

Sunny Hills' and Highway 79 Corridor Authority's capital assets are as follows:

Sunny Hills	October 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	September 30, 2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,770,313	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,770,313

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Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

Higway 79 Corridor Authority	October 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	September 30, 2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Construction in progress	\$ 29,258	\$ 33,000	62,258	\$ -
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure	2,216,021	62,258	-	2,278,279
Equipment	384,364	-	-	384,364
Total capital assets, being depreciated	2,600,385	62,258	-	2,662,643
Less total accumulated depreciation	112,413	90,968	-	203,381
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	2,487,972	(28,710)	-	2,459,262
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 2,517,230	\$ 4,290	\$ 62,258	\$ 2,459,262

Unearned Revenue

Revenue received under contracts with governmental agencies which are unearned until expended are as follows:

Opioid Settlements	\$ 31,108
Fine & Forfeitures	5,000
SHIP	881,544
FEMA grant	1,164,662
Total	\$ 2,082,314

Washington County, Florida
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Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Balance 10/01/23	Additions	Reductions	Balance 09/30/24	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities					
Notes, leases and other payables					
Interlocal agreement payable	\$ 139,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 5,500
Line of credit	4,000,000	6,471,961	3,485,731	6,986,230	-
Notes payable	2,899,121	235,881	526,133	2,608,869	563,035
Leases payable	650,649	-	209,111	441,538	90,599
Total notes, leases and other payables	7,688,770	6,707,842	4,225,975	10,170,637	659,134
Other liabilities					
Total OPEB liability	409,027	2,413	-	411,440	-
Net pension liability	20,521,106	-	643,982	19,877,124	-
Compensated absences	875,516	940,605	913,211	902,910	90,291
Total other liabilities	21,805,649	943,018	1,557,193	21,191,474	90,291
Total governmental activities	\$ 29,494,419	\$ 7,650,860	\$ 5,783,168	\$ 31,362,111	\$ 749,425

Governmental activities, claims, obligations and compensated absences are generally liquidated by the general fund.

The County also has a Revolving Credit Bond of up to \$12 million with First Federal Bank that began March 23, 2023, but was amended and restated on November 27, 2023. The interest rate was 6.25% and it matures March 23, 2028. There was a \$6,986,230 balance due at September 30, 2024.

**Washington County, Florida
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Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities (continued)

Debt service requirements on long-term debt at September 30, 2024 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Governmental Activities			
	Interlocal Agreement Payable		Notes Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,198	\$ 563,035	\$ 90,330
2026	5,500	5,943	583,178	70,549
2027	6,000	5,689	603,329	50,025
2028	6,000	5,411	452,203	28,737
2029	6,500	5,134	147,048	12,257
2030-2034	35,000	21,021	260,076	9,556
2035-2039	41,000	12,442	-	-
2040-2042	28,500	2,683	-	-
Total	\$ 134,000	\$ 64,521	\$ 2,608,869	\$ 261,454

Interlocal Agreement Payable

\$200,000, City of Chipley, Library Building. Payable in annual installments beginning 2004 including interest at 4.625%. The County agreed to pay half of the City of Chipley, Florida, Capital Improvement Revenue Bond, Series 2003 annual principal and interest charges until 2042.

\$ 134,000

Notes Payable

\$934,000 Non-Ad Valorem Tax Revenue Promissory Note, Series 2016, Charter Bank, payable in annual installments ranging from \$39,000 to \$92,000, interest at 2.75% fixed, due 2032. The note is secured by pledged sales tax and non-ad valorem tax revenues.

\$ 594,000

\$5,500,000, Sales Tax Promissory Note, Series 2015, SunTrust Bank, payable in monthly installments ranging from \$28,200 to \$43,000, interest at 3.28%, due 2028. The note is secured by pledged sales tax and non-ad valorem tax revenues.

1,792,021

\$235,881, Promissory Note, One Florida Bank, payable in monthly installments of \$4,106, interest at 7.63%, due 2030. This note is secured by an enforceable covenant to budget and appropriate funds for Washington County EMS by the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

222,848

Total notes payable **\$ 2,608,869**

**Washington County, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Long-Term Debt and Liabilities (continued)

Debt service requirements for the year-ended September 30, 2024 for the Series 2015 and 2016 notes payable was \$522,021 and \$76,432, respectively. Pledged revenues were \$754,335.

Leases - Lessee

The County has entered into multiple lease agreements as lessee for equipment and buildings that qualify as leases for accounting purposes.

The present value of the future minimum lease payments is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Governmental Activities		
	Leases Payable		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ 90,599	\$ 19,963	\$ 110,562
2026	350,939	2,884	353,823
Total	\$ 441,538	\$ 22,847	\$ 464,385

Leases Payable

\$756,000, Caterpillar Financial Services Corp., payable in monthly installments of \$9,214 and a final lease payment of \$344,610, interest at 4.9861%, due 2025.

Collateralized by equipment with a cost of \$756,000, accumulated depreciation of \$324,000 and net book value of \$432,000.

\$ 441,538

**Washington County, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Net Position

Restricted net position reported \$3,436,819 of net position restricted by enabling legislation.

Fund Balances

Fund balances are comprised of the following:

Nonspendable

General fund		
Long-term note receivable	\$	2,011,714
Transportation trust fund		
Inventory		113,214
Total nonspendable fund balance	\$	2,124,928

Restricted

General fund		
Landfill closure	\$	59,071
Education and crime prevention		285,778
		\$ 344,849
Transportation trust		
Transportation		1,381,423
Hurricane Sally fund		
Road improvements		5,002,074
Nonmajor governmental funds		
Court innovations	631,216	
Emergency communications	79,648	
Law enforcement	476,712	
Local housing assistance	58,052	
Probation	126,863	
Emergency management	31,213	
Road improvements	436,106	
Economic development	23,878	
Modernization of public records	111,665	
Crime prevention	140,528	
Court-related technology	112,702	
		2,228,583
Total restricted fund balance	\$	8,956,929

**Washington County, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Fund Balances (continued)

Committed

Nonmajor governmental funds	
Fire operations	\$ 562,312
Municipal service business unit	418,012
Mosquito control	95,840
Boater improvement	16,613
Building department	391,794
Police education	27,231
Total committed fund balance	\$ 1,511,802

Assigned

Nonmajor governmental funds	
Emergency management	\$ 649,876
Choose life tags	1,882
Total assigned fund balance	\$ 651,758

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan

Substantially all full-time County employees are participants in the System, a defined benefit, cost sharing, multiple employer public retirement system, which is controlled by the State Legislature and administered by the State of Florida, Department of Administration, Division of Retirement. The plan covers full time employees of various governmental units within the State of Florida.

The System's funding policy provides for monthly employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due (see rates below). Level percentages of payroll employer contribution rates established by state law are determined using the entry-age actuarial funding method.

The System provides for those employees hired prior to July 1, 2011 vesting of benefits after six years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to employees who retire at or after age 62 with six or more years of service. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 55 with at least six years of Special Risk service, or twenty-five years of Special Risk service, regardless of age, or age 52 with 25 years of Special Risk service and up to four years of active duty wartime service. Early retirement is available after six years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year prior to the normal retirement age. For those employees hired on or after July 1, 2011, the

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (continued)

System provides for vesting of benefits after eight years of credible service. Normal retirement benefits are available to these employees who retire at or after age 65 with eight years of service or thirty-three years regardless of age. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 60 with at least eight years of Special Risk service, or thirty years of Special Risk service, regardless of age. Retirement benefits are based upon age, average compensation and years-of-service credit where average compensation is computed as the average of an individual's five highest years of earnings.

Participating employer contributions are based upon state-wide rates established by the State of Florida. These rates are applied to employee salaries as follows: regular employees-13.63% DROP Program-21.13%, special risk employees-32.79%, senior management-34.52% and elected officials-58.68%. The rate applied to employee salaries for employee contributions was 3.00% for all classifications with the exception of DROP program participants who do not make contributions.

The County's contributions to the System Pension Plan ("Pension Plan") for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$2,376,013 and \$1,946,425 respectively, and equal to the actuarially determined contributions for each year. The County's contributions to the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program ("HIS") for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$241,407 and \$182,199 respectively, and equal to the actuarially determined contributions for each year. These contributions were paid by their due date. Total payroll for the County employees covered by the System pension plan and HIS was \$12,085,879 the year ended September 30, 2024. The County's total payroll was \$12,440,176 for the same period.

The County has no responsibility to the System other than to make the periodic payments required by State Statutes. The Florida Division of Retirement issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing Florida Division of Retirement, P O Box 9000, Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000.

Pension liabilities, pension expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions. At September 30, 2024, the County reported a liability of \$15,695,068 for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability for the Pension Plan. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024. The County's proportion of the collective net pension liability was based on the employers' shares of contributions to the Pension Plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating employers. At June 30, 2024, the System's proportion of the Pension Plan was 0.040572%, which was an increase of 0.000111% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

**Washington County, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (continued)

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the County recognized pension expense of \$43,519. At September 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,585,623	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	2,151,152	-
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	-	1,043,176
Changes in proportion and difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,205,053	830,350
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	610,089	-
Total	\$ 5,551,917	\$ 1,873,526

\$610,089 deferred outflows resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2025.

The balance of deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<i>For Year Ended September 30,</i>	Pension Expense, Net
2025	\$ 514,956
2026	514,956
2027	514,956
2028	514,956
2029	775,750
Thereafter	232,728
Total	\$ 3,068,302

**Washington County, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (continued)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability for the Pension Plan was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40%
Investment rate of return*	6.70%
Projected salary increases	3.50%
* Net of pension plan investment expense	

The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024 for the Pension Plan were based on the results of an investigation of the economic and demographic experience for the System based upon participant data for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023.

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.

The long-term expected rate of return for the Pension Plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Annual Arithmetic Return	Compound Annual (Geometric) Return	Standard Deviation
Cash	1.0%	3.3%	3.3%	1.1%
Fixed Income	29.0%	5.7%	5.6%	3.9%
Global equity	45.0%	8.6%	7.0%	18.2%
Real Estate (property)	12.0%	8.1%	6.8%	16.6%
Private equity	11.0%	12.4%	8.8%	28.4%
Strategic Investments	2.0%	6.6%	6.2%	8.7%
Total	100.00%			

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (continued)

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the Pension Plan was 6.70%. The Plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Sensitivity of the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following table presents the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.70% for the Pension Plan, as well as what the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.70%) or 1-percentage point higher (7.70%) than the current rate:

	FRS Net Pension Liability		
	1% Decrease (5.70%)	Current Discount Rate (6.70%)	1% Increase (7.70%)
Governmental Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 27,607,075	\$ 15,695,068	\$ 5,716,236

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued System Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 68 *Report for the System* prepared as of June 30, 2024. The auditor’s report dated January 10, 2025 on the total pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, total pension expense for the sum of all participating entities as of June 30, 2024 along with supporting schedules is also available. The additional financial and actuarial information is available from the following website:

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications.

Health Insurance Subsidy Program

Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the HIS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance. Contributions to the HIS plan are included in contributions to the Pension Plan noted above. The Pension Plan contributes 1.66% of each covered employee’s salary to the HIS Plan. The remainder is contributed to the Pension Plan, with the exception for 0.04% that is contributed to administrative expenses.

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Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Health Insurance Subsidy Program (continued)

Eligible retirees and beneficiaries receive a monthly HIS payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$30 and a maximum payment of \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a state-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

Pension liabilities, pension expense, and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions. At September 30, 2024, the County reported a liability of \$4,182,056 for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. For the Health Insurance Subsidy program ("HIS Plan"), the net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The County's proportion of the collective net pension liability was based on the employers' shares of contributions to the HIS Plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating employers. At June 30, 2024, the System's proportion of the HIS Plan was 0.027879%, which was an increase of 0.000181% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the County recognized HIS Plan pension expense of \$5,904. At September 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 40,380	\$ 8,030
Changes of assumptions	74,013	495,100
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	-	1,512
Changes in proportion and difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	326,503	123,861
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	62,818	-
Total	\$ 503,714	\$ 628,503

**Washington County, Florida
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Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Health Insurance Subsidy Program (continued)

\$62,818 of deferred outflows resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2025. Amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan will be recognized in the pension’s expense as follows:

<i>For Year Ended September 30,</i>	Pension Expense, Net
2025	\$ (35,112)
2026	(35,112)
2027	(35,112)
2028	(35,112)
2029	(35,112)
Thereafter	(12,047)
Total	\$ (187,607)

The total pension liability for the HIS Plan was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40%
Investment rate of return*	3.93%
Projected salary increases	3.50%

* Net of pension plan investment expense

The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023 for the HIS Plan were based on the results of an investigation of the economic and demographic experience for the Florida Retirement System (“FRS”) based upon participant data for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023.

Mortality rates were based on the Generational PUB-2010 with Projected Scale MP-2021.

The long-term expected rate of return for the HIS Plan investments was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the HIS Plan was 3.93%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Health Insurance Subsidy Program (continued)

depletion rate is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

Sensitivity of the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following table presents the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.93% for the HIS Plan as well as what the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (2.93%) or 1-percentage point higher (4.93%) than the current rate:

	HIS Net Pension Liability		
	1% Decrease (2.93%)	Current Discount Rate (3.93%)	1% Increase (4.93%)
Governmental Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,760,733	\$ 4,182,056	\$ 3,701,660

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued System Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 68 Report for the System prepared as of June 30, 2024. The auditor’s report dated January 10, 2025 on the total pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, total pension expense for the sum of all participating entities as of June 30, 2024 along with supporting schedules is also available. The additional financial and actuarial information is available from the following website:

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications.

Note 4: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

Plan Description

The County administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the “Plan”). In accordance with Section 112.0801 of the Florida Statutes, because Washington County provides a medical plan to active employees of the County and their eligible dependents, the County is also required to provide retirees with the opportunity to participate in this Plan. The Plan provides healthcare benefits including medical coverage and life insurance coverage to both active and eligible retired employees. The Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report.

Washington County, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Plan Description (continued)

Eligibility for participation in the Plan is limited to full-time employees of the Board and the Constitutional officers. For regular, senior management service and elected officials, participants are eligible for normal retirement upon attaining the earlier of 1) six years of service and age 62 or 2) 30 years of service regardless of age. For Special Risk, participants are eligible for normal retirement upon attaining the earlier of 1) six years of special risk service and age 55 or 2) 25 total years of service consisting both of special risk service and up to four years of military service and age 52 or 3) 25 total years of special risk service, regardless of age or 4) 30 years of any credible service, regardless of age.

The County provides post-employment healthcare and life insurance to its retirees. Health benefits are provided through the County's healthcare provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida (BCBSFL). The benefit levels are the same as those afforded to active employees. Health benefits include inpatient and outpatient medical services and prescriptions. Upon a retiree reaching 65 years of age, Medicare becomes the primary insurer and the County's plan becomes secondary.

Funding Policy

A qualifying trust or agency fund has not been authorized by the County. The County negotiates the premium rates with BCBSFL. The required contribution is based on pay-as-you-go financing requirements. Upon a retiree or beneficiary reaching age 65 years of age, they are required to contribute 100% of their current premium costs. Prior to a retiree or beneficiary reaching age 65 years of age, the County pays a portion of the premium and the beneficiary is required to pay the remainder. The County contributes the remainder to cover the costs of providing the benefits to the retirees.

Membership

At September 30, 2024, there were no terminated employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them. The membership of the Plan consisted of:

Active employees	201
<u>Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Total membership</u>	<u>208</u>
<u>Participating employers</u>	<u>1</u>

Washington County, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability

The County's total OPEB liability is reported herein as of September 30, 2024 for the County's fiscal year and reporting period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The values shown for this fiscal year and reporting period are based on a measurement date of September 30, 2024 and the corresponding measurement period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The measurement of the total OPEB liability is based on a valuation date of October 1, 2024. The following shows the changes in the County's total OPEB liability:

	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Pension (b)	Net OPEB Liability (a)+(b)
Balance at September 30, 2023	\$ 409,027	\$ -	\$ 409,027
Service cost	35,309	-	35,309
Interest cost	18,056	-	18,056
Difference between expected and actual experience	(46,741)	-	(46,741)
Changes in assumptions	33,875	-	33,875
Benefit payments	(38,086)	-	(38,086)
Net changes	2,413	-	2,413
Balance as of fiscal year ended September 30, 2024	\$ 411,440	\$ -	\$ 411,440

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate - The following represents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1- percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.88%)	Current Discount Rate (3.88%)	1% Increase (4.88%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 447,476	\$ 411,440	\$ 378,658

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following represents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1% Decrease (2.94%)	Medical Trend Rate (3.94%)	1% Increase (4.94%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 364,618	\$ 411,440	\$ 466,502

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the County recognized OPEB expense of \$6,014.

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Note 4: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability (continued)

At September 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the OPEB Plan from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 34,738	\$ 72,005
Changes of assumptions	42,383	26,068
Total	\$ 77,121	\$ 98,073

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

For the years ended September 30,

2025		\$ (9,268)
2026		(8,494)
2027		1,534
2028		970
2029		(2,482)
Thereafter		(3,212)
Total		\$ (20,952)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions - The valuation report dated May 19, 2025 for the fiscal year end date of September 30, 2024 was prepared using GAAP and practices, and relied on unaudited census data and medical claims data reported by the County. Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the Plan as understood by the employer and the Plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used included techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

**Washington County, Florida
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Note 4: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability (continued)

In the September 30, 2024 actuarial valuation, the entry age normal actuarial cost method was used to determine the Plan's funding liabilities and assets. The actuarial assumption included the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation Rate	2.60%
Salary Increase Rate(s)	Varies by Service
Discount Rate	3.88%
Rate of Growth in Real Income/GDP per capita	1.40%
Excess Medical Growth	0.90%
Health Share of GDP Resistance Point	17%
Year of Limiting Cost Growth to GDP Growth	2075

The discount rate represents the 20-year general obligation bond index rate at September 30, 2024. Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 Mortality Table (without income adjustments), with full generational improvements in mortality using Scale MP-2021.

Note 5: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Grants - Grant monies received and disbursed by the County are for specific purposes and are subject to review by the grantor agencies. Such reviews may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. The County is not aware of any potentially disallowed grant expenditures other than Hurricane Michael Funding from FEMA. There are currently ongoing discussions between FEMA and the County regarding resolution of this funding.

Construction Commitments - The County had open contract commitments for road construction projects as of September 30, 2024, as follows:

Contract amounts	\$ 7,844,045
Amount expended through September 30, 2024	6,954,665
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Remaining commitment on contract	\$ 889,380

Note 6: RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are mitigated in several ways including participation in a public entity risk pool. The County maintains workers' compensation coverage, health insurance, automobile liability, property, and general liability coverage with Public Risk Management. The County pays yearly premiums to this pool which covers all losses incurred subject to policy and contract limitations and coverage.

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Note 7: LITIGATION

The County is involved in several litigations and claims arising in the ordinary course of operations. In the opinion of management, the range of potential recoveries or liabilities would not materially affect the financial position of the County at September 30, 2024. Accordingly, no accruals for loss contingency have been made in the accompanying financial statements.

Note 8: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During the current fiscal year, the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District recognized a prior period adjustment to reduce the beginning fund balance and net position by \$4,365, as this was the amount of overstated Developer contributions during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The effect of the prior period adjustment on fund balance and net position is shown below:

Government-Wide

Beginning net position as previously reported	\$ 1,784,281
Overstatement of Developer contributions during prior year	(4,365)
<hr/> Beginning net position as restated	<hr/> \$ 1,779,916

Washington County, Florida
Required Pension Supplementary Information

Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years

As of and for the year ended June 30,	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.040572%	0.040461%	0.036531%	0.037063%	0.039836%	0.041004%	0.039312%	0.039422%	0.037700%	0.035800%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 15,695,068	\$ 16,122,338	\$ 13,592,323	\$ 2,799,697	\$ 17,265,847	\$ 14,121,142	\$ 11,840,927	\$ 11,660,723	\$ 9,508,368	\$ 4,618,120
County's covered payroll*	\$ 11,698,191	\$ 10,958,518	\$ 9,893,543	\$ 8,208,854	\$ 9,315,632	\$ 8,854,312	\$ 8,297,505	\$ 7,956,177	\$ 7,837,732	\$ 7,571,054
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its own covered payroll	134.17%	147.12%	137.39%	34.11%	185.34%	159.48%	142.70%	146.56%	121.32%	61.00%
FRS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	83.70%	82.38%	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%	82.61%	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%

*County's covered payroll during the fiscal year is the total payroll paid to covered employees (not just pensionable payroll). The amounts for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

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Washington County, Florida
Required Pension Supplementary Information

Schedule of Employer's Contributions
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years

As of and for the year ended September 30,	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contributions**	\$ 2,376,013	\$ 1,946,425	\$ 1,558,827	\$ 1,411,944	\$ 1,323,520	\$ 1,271,414	\$ 1,120,355	\$ 1,028,157	\$ 918,321	\$ 871,715
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(2,376,013)	(1,946,425)	(1,558,827)	(1,411,944)	(1,323,520)	(1,271,414)	(1,120,355)	(1,028,157)	(918,321)	(871,715)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County's covered payroll*	\$ 12,085,879	\$ 11,288,691	\$ 10,368,210	\$ 8,667,835	\$ 9,254,293	\$ 8,784,277	\$ 8,251,801	\$ 7,956,177	\$ 7,837,732	\$ 7,571,054
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	19.66%	17.24%	15.03%	16.29%	14.30%	14.47%	13.58%	12.92%	11.72%	11.51%

*County's covered payroll during the measurement period is the total payroll paid to covered employees (not just pensionable payroll). The amounts for each fiscal year were determined for the year ended September 30.

**The amount of contractually required contributions is equal to the amount that would be recognized as additions from the employer's contributions in the pension plan's schedule of changes in fiduciary net position during the period that coincides with the employer's fiscal year.

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Washington County, Florida
Required Pension Supplementary Information

Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Health Insurance Subsidy Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years

As of and for the year ended June 30,	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.027879%	0.027698%	0.025744%	0.026014%	0.025674%	0.025516%	0.024207%	0.024003%	0.024000%	0.023300%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 4,182,056	\$ 4,398,768	\$ 2,726,652	\$ 3,191,736	\$ 3,134,744	\$ 2,854,955	\$ 2,562,065	\$ 2,566,543	\$ 2,792,437	\$ 2,375,636
County's covered payroll*	\$ 11,698,191	\$ 10,958,518	\$ 9,893,543	\$ 8,208,854	\$ 9,254,293	\$ 8,854,312	\$ 8,297,505	\$ 7,956,177	\$ 7,837,732	\$ 7,571,054
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its own covered payroll	35.75%	40.14%	27.56%	38.88%	33.87%	32.24%	30.88%	32.26%	35.63%	31.38%
HIS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	4.80%	4.12%	4.81%	3.00%	3.00%	2.63%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%

*County's covered payroll during the fiscal year is the total payroll paid to covered employees (not just pensionable payroll). The amounts for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

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**Washington County, Florida
Required Pension Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of Employer's Contributions
Health Insurance Subsidy Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

As of and for the year ended September 30,	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contributions**	\$ 241,407	\$ 182,199	\$ 155,771	\$ 152,909	\$ 147,947	\$ 141,686	\$ 131,274	\$ 125,880	\$ 122,810	\$ 89,045
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(241,407)	(182,199)	(155,771)	(152,909)	(147,947)	(141,686)	(131,274)	(125,880)	(122,810)	(89,045)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County's covered payroll*	\$ 12,085,879	\$ 11,288,691	\$ 10,368,210	\$ 8,667,835	\$ 9,254,293	\$ 8,784,277	\$ 8,251,801	\$ 7,956,177	\$ 7,837,732	\$ 7,571,054
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	2.00%	1.61%	1.50%	1.76%	1.60%	1.61%	1.59%	1.58%	1.57%	1.18%

*County's covered payroll during the measurement period is the total payroll paid to covered employees (not just pensionable payroll). The amounts for each fiscal year were determined for the year ended September 30.

**The amount of contractually required contributions is equal to the amount that would be recognized as additions from the employer's contributions in the pension plan's schedule of changes in fiduciary net position during the period that coincides with the employer's fiscal year.

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Washington County, Florida
Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Last Seven Fiscal Years*

<i>As of and for the year ended September 30,</i>	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability							
Service cost	\$ 35,309	\$ 34,979	\$ 39,192	\$ 36,711	\$ 32,409	\$ 26,655	\$ 26,894
Interest	18,056	16,881	7,590	7,787	11,143	14,444	13,497
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(46,741)	-	60,356	-	(108,882)	-	1,998
Changes of assumptions	33,875	(6,093)	(36,219)	3,943	13,911	28,303	(8,137)
Benefit payments	(38,086)	(40,810)	(26,813)	(23,178)	(38,176)	(44,493)	(39,002)
Net change in total OPEB liability	2,413	4,957	44,106	25,263	(89,595)	24,909	(4,750)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	409,027	404,070	359,964	334,701	424,296	399,387	404,137
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	\$ 411,440	\$ 409,027	\$ 404,070	\$ 359,964	\$ 334,701	\$ 424,296	\$ 399,387
Plan Fiduciary Net Position							
Contributions - employer	\$ 38,086	\$ 40,810	\$ 26,813	\$ 23,178	\$ 38,176	\$ 44,493	\$ 39,002
Benefit payments	(38,086)	(40,810)	(26,813)	(23,178)	(38,176)	(44,493)	(39,002)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total OPEB liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 411,440	\$ 409,027	\$ 404,070	\$ 359,964	\$ 334,701	\$ 424,296	\$ 399,387
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 12,085,879	\$ 11,288,691	\$ 10,368,210	\$ 8,667,835	\$ 9,254,293	\$ 8,784,277	\$ 8,251,801
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	3.40%	3.62%	3.90%	4.15%	3.62%	4.83%	4.84%
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.32%	0.36%	0.26%	0.27%	0.41%	0.51%	0.47%

* This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

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Washington County, Florida Required Supplementary Information

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Note 1: OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN

The defined benefit OPEB plan does not have any assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of GASB codification P22.101 or P52.101 to pay related benefits for the pension OPEB Plan.

The following actuarial assumptions changed in 2024:

- The discount rate decreased from 4.63% to 3.88%.
- The rate of inflation increased from 2.50% to 2.60%.
- The per capita cost assumption was updated based on age-adjusted 2025 premiums.
- The election and lapse assumptions were updated to reflect recent plan experience as well as expectations for participation in plans that offer unsubsidized coverage where Medicare participants pay the same rate as pre-Medicare participants.
- The healthcare cost trend assumption was updated based on the 2024 Getzen model released by the SOA and adjusted to reflect the expected impact the IRA will have on Medicare Rx costs.

Note 2: FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (FRS)

The following actuarial assumptions changed in 2024:

- The projected salary increases increased from 3.25% to 3.50%.
- The scale for mortality rates using the PUB-2010 based table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021 was updated from Scale MP-2018.

Note 3: HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM (HIS)

The following actuarial assumptions changed in 2024:

- The projected salary increases increased from 3.25% to 3.50%.
- The discount rate increased from 3.65% to 3.93%.
- The scale for mortality rates using the PUB-2010 based table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021 was updated from Scale MP-2018.

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**Washington County, Florida
Combining Balance Sheet –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds**

Special Revenue Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Public Library	Small Counties Grant	Fines & Forfeiture
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,795	\$ 11,633	\$ 146,609
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	-
Due from other funds	4,076	-	166,505
Due from other governments	-	44,890	59,246
Total assets	\$ 40,871	\$ 56,523	\$ 372,360
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 23,647	\$ 6,190	\$ 28,950
Due to other funds	39,624	50,333	125,120
Due to other governments	-	-	97,096
Unearned revenue	-	-	5,000
Total liabilities	63,271	56,523	256,166
Fund balances			
Restricted	-	-	116,194
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	(22,400)	-	-
Total fund balances (deficit)	(22,400)	-	116,194
Total liabilities and fund balances (deficit)	\$ 40,871	\$ 56,523	\$ 372,360

	Thirty Dollar Surcharge	Countywide Flooding	Civil Fee	Local Housing Assistance Trust (SHIP)	Emergency Medical Service
\$	194,907	\$ -	\$ 23,660	\$ 990,153	\$ 66,815
	3,919	21,614	-	-	466,124
	728	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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\$	199,554	\$ 21,614	\$ 23,660	\$ 990,153	\$ 532,939
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\$	59	\$ -	\$ 23,660	\$ 42	\$ 75,037
	6,650	21,614	-	50,515	-
	-	-	-	-	39,927
	-	-	-	881,544	5,157
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	6,709	21,614	23,660	932,101	120,121
	192,845	-	-	58,052	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	412,818
	-	-	-	-	-
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	192,845	-	-	58,052	412,818
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\$	199,554	\$ 21,614	\$ 23,660	\$ 990,153	\$ 532,939
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**Washington County, Florida
Combining Balance Sheet (Continued) –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds**

Special Revenue Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Municipal Service Business Unit	Fire Operation	Radio Communication
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 423,505	\$ 271,882	\$ 75,264
Accounts receivable, net	2,568	14,664	4,384
Due from other funds	-	445,273	-
Due from other governments	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 426,073	\$ 731,819	\$ 79,648
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,884	\$ 87,535	\$ -
Due to other funds	4,177	81,972	-
Due to other governments	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-
Total liabilities	8,061	169,507	-
Fund balances			
Restricted	-	-	79,648
Committed	418,012	562,312	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	-	-	-
Total fund balances (deficit)	418,012	562,312	79,648
Total liabilities and fund balances (deficit)	\$ 426,073	\$ 731,819	\$ 79,648

	Law Enforcement Trust Fund III	Special Projects Impact	Law Enforcement Trust Fund I	Arthropod Control	Choose Life Tag
\$	50,882	\$ 400,002	\$ 421	\$ 106,776	\$ 1,882
	-	3,888	-	-	-
	-	3,888	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
\$	50,882	\$ 407,778	\$ 421	\$ 106,776	\$ 1,882
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,325	\$ -
	-	-	-	9,611	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	10,936	-
	50,882	407,778	421	-	-
	-	-	-	95,840	-
	-	-	-	-	1,882
	-	-	-	-	-
	50,882	407,778	421	95,840	1,882
\$	50,882	\$ 407,778	\$ 421	\$ 106,776	\$ 1,882

**Washington County, Florida
Combining Balance Sheet (Continued) –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds**

Special Revenue Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	E911	Police Education	Hunter Park
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 93,918	\$ 27,039	\$ -
Accounts receivable, net	-	192	264
Due from other funds	-	-	-
Due from other governments	124,165	-	-
Total assets	\$ 218,083	\$ 27,231	\$ 264
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 14,230	-	-
Due to other funds	7,098	-	264
Due to other governments	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-
Total liabilities	21,328	-	264
Fund balances			
Restricted	-	-	-
Committed	-	27,231	-
Assigned	196,755	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	-	-	-
Total fund balances (deficit)	196,755	27,231	-
Total liabilities and fund balances (deficit)	\$ 218,083	\$ 27,231	\$ 264

	Tourist Development Tax	Emergency Management Enhancement	EMPG Grant	Criminal Education	Cost of Incarceration
\$	13,386	\$ 1,503	\$ 23,159	\$ 30,748	\$ 34,418
	-	-	20,520	306	209
	11,964	30,401	-	-	-
	8,922	-	-	-	-
\$	34,272	\$ 31,904	\$ 43,679	\$ 31,054	\$ 34,627
\$	2,688	\$ 3,162	-	\$ -	-
	7,706	15,483	43,679	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	10,394	18,645	43,679	-	-
	23,878	13,259	-	31,054	34,627
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	23,878	13,259	-	31,054	34,627
\$	34,272	\$ 31,904	\$ 43,679	\$ 31,054	\$ 34,627

**Washington County, Florida
Combining Balance Sheet (Continued) –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds**

Special Revenue Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Crime Prevention	Article V Technology	Sixty-Five Dollar Surcharge
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,399	\$ 114,638	\$ 319,963
Accounts receivable, net	448	3,812	2,214
Due from other funds	-	-	-
Due from other governments	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 74,847	\$ 118,450	\$ 322,177
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ -	\$ 5,173	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	575	-
Due to other governments	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	5,748	-
Fund balances			
Restricted	74,847	112,702	322,177
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	-	-	-
Total fund balances (deficit)	74,847	112,702	322,177
Total liabilities and fund balances (deficit)	\$ 74,847	\$ 118,450	\$ 322,177

EMPA Grant	Probation	Fire Impact Fees	Boat Ramp	Building Department
\$ 5,362	\$ 127,121	\$ 39,451	\$ 16,079	\$ 498,607
-	3,102	426	534	13,980
2,664	-	426	-	-
18,425	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 26,451</u>	<u>\$ 130,223</u>	<u>\$ 40,303</u>	<u>\$ 16,613</u>	<u>\$ 512,587</u>
\$ 2,018	\$ 1,308	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,673
29,601	2,052	-	-	117,120
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
31,619	3,360	-	-	120,793
-	126,863	-	-	-
-	-	-	16,613	391,794
-	-	40,303	-	-
(5,168)	-	-	-	-
(5,168)	126,863	40,303	16,613	391,794
<u>\$ 26,451</u>	<u>\$ 130,223</u>	<u>\$ 40,303</u>	<u>\$ 16,613</u>	<u>\$ 512,587</u>

**Washington County, Florida
Combining Balance Sheet (Continued) –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds**

Special Revenue Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Inmate Welfare	EMS Impact Fees	Public Records Modernization Trust
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 360,498	\$ 56,201	\$ 85,709
Accounts receivable, net	-	300	-
Due from other funds	-	300	37,682
Due from other governments	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 360,498	\$ 56,801	\$ 123,391
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,075	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	38,847	11,726
Due to other governments	18,955	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-
Total liabilities	20,030	38,847	11,726
Fund balances			
Restricted	340,468	17,954	111,665
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	-	-	-
Total fund balances (deficit)	340,468	17,954	111,665
Total liabilities and fund balances (deficit)	\$ 360,498	\$ 56,801	\$ 123,391

					<u>Debt Service Fund</u>		
Law Enforcement Trust Fund II	Grant Funds	Hurricane Helene	Tropical Storm Fred	Series 2009 A & B Debt Service	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds		
\$ 84,941	\$ 20,633	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,828,959		
-	-	-	-	-	563,468		
-	2,138	37,026	-	-	743,071		
-	728,145	-	-	-	983,793		
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\$ 84,941	\$ 750,916	\$ 37,026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,119,291		
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\$ -	\$ 14,073	\$ 71,036	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 368,765		
-	708,515	-	-	-	1,372,282		
-	-	-	-	-	155,978		
-	-	-	-	-	891,701		
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-	722,588	71,036	-	-	2,788,726		
84,941	28,328	-	-	-	2,228,583		
-	-	-	-	-	1,511,802		
-	-	-	-	-	651,758		
-	-	(34,010)	-	-	(61,578)		
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84,941	28,328	(34,010)	-	-	4,330,565		
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\$ 84,941	\$ 750,916	\$ 37,026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,119,291		
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Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances–
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Public Library	Small Counties Grant	Fines & Forfeiture
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Licenses and permits	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	241,678	93,750	712,747
Charges for services	-	-	352,465
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	167,548
Investment earnings	413	276	893
Miscellaneous revenues	72,015	64,727	882
Total revenues	314,106	158,753	1,234,535
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	-	-	1,037,877
Public health and safety	-	-	-
Physical environment	-	192,780	-
Transportation	-	-	-
Economic environment	-	-	-
Human services	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	731,833	-	-
Court related	-	-	-
Capital outlay	52,816	95,895	-
Debt service			
Principal	5,000	-	-
Interest and other charges	6,429	-	-
Total expenditures	796,078	288,675	1,037,877
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(481,972)	(129,922)	196,658
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	-
Transfers in	519,322	170,033	-
Transfers out	-	-	(55,294)
Reversion to State of Florida	-	-	(95,205)
Net other financing sources (uses)	519,322	170,033	(150,499)
Net change in fund balances	37,350	40,111	46,159
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	(59,750)	(40,111)	70,035
Adjustments	-	-	-
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year after adjustments	(59,750)	(40,111)	70,035
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ (22,400)	\$ -	\$ 116,194

	Thirty Dollar Surcharge	Countywide Flooding	Civil Fee	Local Housing Assistance Trust (SHIP)	Emergency Medical Service
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	714,944	182,293
	74,557	-	47,900	-	1,612,373
	-	-	-	-	-
	4,856	-	-	10,410	-
	-	-	-	30,000	14,749
	79,413	-	47,900	755,354	1,809,415
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	3,646	-	2,951,381
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	755,354	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	80,084	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	440,960
	-	-	-	-	13,033
	-	-	-	-	7,497
	80,084	-	3,646	755,354	3,412,871
	(671)	-	44,254	-	(1,603,456)
	-	-	-	-	235,881
	-	-	-	-	1,451,215
	-	-	(44,254)	-	(14,834)
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	(44,254)	-	1,672,262
	(671)	-	-	-	68,806
	193,516	-	-	58,052	344,012
	-	-	-	-	-
	193,516	-	-	58,052	344,012
\$	192,845	\$	-	\$	58,052
					\$
					412,818

Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances (Continued) –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Municipal Service Business Unit	Fire Operation	Radio Communication
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 651,879	\$ -	\$ -
Licenses and permits	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	67,791	-
Charges for services	-	-	25,580
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-
Investment earnings	3,176	2,984	1,046
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	37,602
Total revenues	655,055	70,775	64,228
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	-	-	-
Public health and safety	-	627,590	121,029
Physical environment	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-
Economic environment	198,397	-	-
Human services	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-
Court related	-	-	-
Capital outlay	41,279	56,982	-
Debt service			
Principal	-	26,944	-
Interest and other charges	-	1,048	-
Total expenditures	239,676	712,564	121,029
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	415,379	(641,789)	(56,801)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	608,638	-
Transfers out	-	-	(9,150)
Reversion to State of Florida	-	-	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	-	608,638	(9,150)
Net change in fund balances	415,379	(33,151)	(65,951)
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	2,633	595,463	145,599
Adjustments	-	-	-
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year after adjustments	2,633	595,463	145,599
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 418,012	\$ 562,312	\$ 79,648

	Law Enforcement Trust Fund III	Special Projects Impact	Law Enforcement Trust Fund I	Arthropod Control	Choose Life Tag
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	-	279,600	-	-	-
	-	-	-	59,130	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	946	2,518	-	813	15
	-	-	-	-	-
	946	282,118	-	59,943	15
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	65,307	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	65,307	-
	946	282,118	-	(5,364)	15
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	946	282,118	-	(5,364)	15
	49,936	125,660	421	101,204	1,867
	-	-	-	-	-
	49,936	125,660	421	101,204	1,867
\$	50,882	\$	421	\$	1,882

Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances (Continued) –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	E911	Police Education	Hunter Park
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Licenses and permits	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	179,699	-	-
Charges for services	171,367	3,419	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-
Investment earnings	584	1,244	-
Miscellaneous revenues	109,500	-	-
Total revenues	461,150	4,663	-
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	-	-	-
Public health and safety	317,447	-	-
Physical environment	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-
Economic environment	-	-	-
Human services	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-
Court related	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt service			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest and other charges	-	-	-
Total expenditures	317,447	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	143,703	4,663	-
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-
Reversion to State of Florida	-	-	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	143,703	4,663	-
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	53,052	22,568	-
Adjustments	-	-	-
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year after adjustments	53,052	22,568	-
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 196,755	\$ 27,231	\$ -

	Tourist Development Tax	Emergency Management Enhancement	EMPG Grant	Criminal Education	Cost of Incarceration
\$	113,665	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	35,850	-	43,818	-	-
	-	-	-	6,014	3,891
	-	-	-	-	-
	172	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	149,687	-	43,818	6,014	3,891
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	73,354	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	190,094	-	43,818	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	190,094	73,354	43,818	-	-
	(40,407)	(73,354)	-	6,014	3,891
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	81,675	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	81,675	-	-	-
	(40,407)	8,321	-	6,014	3,891
	64,285	4,938	-	25,040	30,736
	-	-	-	-	-
	64,285	4,938	-	25,040	30,736
\$	23,878	\$ 13,259	\$ -	\$ 31,054	\$ 34,627

Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances (Continued) –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Crime Prevention	Article V Technology	Sixty-Five Dollar Surcharge
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Licenses and permits	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Charges for services	8,693	45,852	19,669
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-
Investment earnings	-	-	-
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	-
Total revenues	8,693	45,852	19,669
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	-	-	-
Public health and safety	-	-	-
Physical environment	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-
Economic environment	-	-	-
Human services	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-
Court related	-	17,378	3,148
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt service			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest and other charges	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	17,378	3,148
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	8,693	28,474	16,521
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-
Reversion to State of Florida	-	-	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	8,693	28,474	16,521
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	66,154	84,228	305,656
Adjustments	-	-	-
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year after adjustments	66,154	84,228	305,656
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 74,847	\$ 112,702	\$ 322,177

EMPA Grant	Probation	Fire Impact Fees	Boat Ramp	Building Department
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
-	-	29,299	-	485,917
110,630	-	-	-	-
-	58,347	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	982	-	100	3,203
-	-	-	7,839	4,118
110,630	59,329	29,299	7,939	493,238
107,787	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	430,414
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	66,909	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
107,787	66,909	-	-	430,414
2,843	(7,580)	29,299	7,939	62,824
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
2,843	(7,580)	29,299	7,939	62,824
(8,011)	134,443	11,004	8,674	328,970
-	-	-	-	-
(8,011)	134,443	11,004	8,674	328,970
\$ (5,168)	\$ 126,863	\$ 40,303	\$ 16,613	\$ 391,794

Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances (Continued) –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Inmate Welfare	EMS Impact Fees	Public Records Modernization Trust
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Licenses and permits	-	28,944	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Charges for services	188,310	-	60,309
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-
Investment earnings	839	-	563
Miscellaneous revenues	2,711	-	-
Total revenues	191,860	28,944	60,872
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	-	-	57,916
Public health and safety	133,966	-	-
Physical environment	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-
Economic environment	-	-	-
Human services	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-
Court related	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt service			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest and other charges	-	-	-
Total expenditures	133,966	-	57,916
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	57,894	28,944	2,956
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	(9,169)	(38,847)	-
Reversion to State of Florida	-	-	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	(9,169)	(38,847)	-
Net change in fund balances	48,725	(9,903)	2,956
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	291,743	27,857	108,709
Adjustments	-	-	-
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year after adjustments	291,743	27,857	108,709
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 340,468	\$ 17,954	\$ 111,665

						Debt Service Fund		Total
Law	Grant	Hurricane	Tropical	Hurricane Sally	Series	Total		
Enforcement	Funds	Helene	Storm Fred	(formerly nonmajor)	2009 A & B	Nonmajor		
Trust Fund II					Debt Service	Governmental		
						Funds		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 765,544	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	823,760	
-	2,195,974	-	-	-	-	-	4,638,304	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,678,746	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	167,548	
131	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,164	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	344,143	
131	2,195,974	-	-	-	-	-	9,454,209	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,203,580	
-	216,380	-	-	-	-	-	4,875,207	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	192,780	
-	-	71,036	18,591	-	-	-	89,627	
-	288,360	-	-	-	-	-	1,476,023	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,307	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	731,833	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	167,519	
-	1,587,906	-	-	-	-	-	2,275,838	
-	-	-	-	-	-	454,200	499,177	
-	-	-	-	-	-	67,921	82,895	
-	2,092,646	71,036	18,591	-	-	522,121	11,659,786	
131	103,328	(71,036)	(18,591)	-	-	(522,121)	(2,205,577)	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,881	
-	-	37,026	18,591	-	-	522,121	3,408,621	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(171,548)	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(95,205)	
-	-	37,026	18,591	-	-	522,121	3,377,749	
131	103,328	(34,010)	-	-	-	-	1,172,172	
84,810	(75,000)	-	-	1,191,534	-	-	4,349,927	
-	-	-	-	(1,191,534)	-	-	(1,191,534)	
84,810	(75,000)	-	-	-	-	-	3,158,393	
\$ 84,941	\$ 28,328	\$ (34,010)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,330,565	

Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position –
Custodial Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	<i>Clerk of the Circuit Court</i>	
	General Trust	Child Support
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 235,967	\$ 15,239
Due from other governments	2,707	-
Total assets	\$ 238,674	\$ 15,239
Liabilities		
Bank overdraft	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	116,435	13,448
Due to other governments	122,239	1,791
Total liabilities	238,674	15,239
Net Position		
Restricted	-	-
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 238,674	\$ 15,239

	Jury and Witness		Tax Deeds		Cash Bonds		Registry of Court
\$	-	\$	343,530	\$	13,616	\$	284,338
	1,890		-		-		-
\$	1,890	\$	343,530	\$	13,616	\$	284,338
\$	206	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	-		338,677		13,500		279,930
	1,684		4,853		116		4,408
	1,890		343,530		13,616		284,338
	-		-		-		-
\$	1,890	\$	343,530	\$	13,616	\$	284,338

Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position (Continued) –
Custodial Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	<i>Sheriff</i>		
	Dependency Mediation	Forfeiture Fund	Inmate Welfare Trust
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,235	\$ 85,663	\$ 22,737
Due from other governments	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 4,235	\$ 85,663	\$ 22,737
Liabilities			
Bank overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	4,225	-	-
Due to other governments	10	-	-
Total liabilities	4,235	-	-
Net Position			
Restricted	-	85,663	22,737
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 4,235	\$ 85,663	\$ 22,737

Tax Collector

Escrow		Tag		Tax		Total
\$	207,091	\$	-	\$	35,876	\$ 1,248,292
	-		3,779		-	8,376
\$	207,091	\$	3,779	\$	35,876	\$ 1,256,668
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	206
	-		-		-	766,215
	207,091		3,779		35,876	381,847
	207,091		3,779		35,876	1,148,268
	-		-		-	108,400
\$	207,091	\$	3,779	\$	35,876	\$ 1,256,668

Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position –
Custodial Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	<i>Clerk of the Circuit Court</i>		
	General Trust	Child Support	Jury and Witness
Additions			
Clerk of circuit and county courts revenue	\$ 4,115,817	\$ 57,499	\$ 1,950
Tax collections, auto tag fees, and other fees for other governments	-	-	-
Collections for others	-	-	-
Total additions	4,115,817	57,499	1,950
Deductions			
Current			
Payments of clerk of circuit and county courts distributions to other governments	4,115,817	57,499	1,950
Payments of tax, auto tag fees, and other fees to other governments	-	-	-
Payments to others	-	-	-
Total deductions	4,115,817	57,499	1,950
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	-	-	-
Net position, beginning of year	-	-	-
Net position, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	Tax Deeds	Cash Bonds	Registry of Court	Dependency Mediation
\$	299,597	\$ 88,190	\$ 627,528	\$ 4,500
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	299,597	88,190	627,528	4,500
	299,597	88,190	627,528	4,500
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	299,597	88,190	627,528	4,500
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Washington County, Florida
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position (Continued) –
Custodial Funds

	<i>Sheriff</i>	
<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Forfeiture Fund	Inmate Welfare Trust
Additions		
Clerk of circuit and county courts revenue	\$ -	\$ -
Tax collections, auto tag fees, and other fees for other governments	-	-
Collections for others	1,998	204,295
Total additions	1,998	204,295
Deductions		
Current		
Payments of clerk of circuit and county courts distributions to other governments	-	-
Payments of tax, auto tag fees, and other fees to other governments	-	-
Payments to others	-	192,498
Total deductions	-	192,498
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	1,998	11,797
Net position, beginning of year	83,665	10,940
Net position, end of year	\$ 85,663	\$ 22,737

Tax Collector

	Escrow	Tag	Tax	Total	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,195,081
	304,986	4,521,468	21,126,458	25,952,912	
	-	-	-	206,293	
	304,986	4,521,468	21,126,458	31,354,286	
	-	-	-	5,195,081	
	304,986	4,521,468	21,126,458	25,952,912	
	-	-	-	192,498	
	304,986	4,521,468	21,126,458	31,340,491	
	-	-	-	13,795	
	-	-	-	94,605	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	108,400

**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***

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Constitutional Officers of Washington County, Florida
Chipley, Florida

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 discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Washington County, Florida (the “County”) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Washington County, Florida’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 12, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the 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 the County’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County’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 described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and 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 County’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item BCC2022-001 to be a material weakness.

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 deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items PA2003-003 and SOE2003-003 to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Washington County's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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.

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Enterprise, Alabama
June 12, 2025



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND MAJOR STATE PROJECT
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND CHAPTER 10.550 RULES OF THE
FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL**

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Constitutional Officers of Washington County, Florida
Chipley, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Major State Project

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and Major State Project

We have audited Washington County, Florida’s (the “County”) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the requirements described in the *State of Florida’s Department of Financial Services’ State Projects Compliance Supplement*, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County’s major federal programs and major state projects for the year ended September 30, 2024. The County’s major federal programs and major state projects are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the County 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 and major state projects for the year ended September 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and Major State Project

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) and *Rules of the Florida Auditor General for Local Government Entity Audits* (Chapter 10.550). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550 will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Board's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program and major state project as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Board's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify

all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, 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 or state project 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 or state project 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 or state project that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Item 2022-001 to be a material weakness.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.


CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, L.L.C.

Enterprise, Alabama
June 12, 2025

Washington County, Florida
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Federal Agency Pass through entity Federal Program	Assistance Listing / CSFA Number	Contract/Grant Number	Payments to Subrecipients	Total Expenditures
United States Department of Treasury				
Passed through Florida Department of Commerce				
COVID 19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery	21.027	BB230	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Direct award				
COVID 19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery	21.027	N/A	-	2,690,440
Total for ALN 21.027/United States Department of Treasury			-	3,690,440
United States Department of Homeland Security				
Passed through Department of Community Affairs and Florida Division of Emergency Management				
Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)	97.042	G-0038	-	43,818
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response	97.083	N/A	-	190,490
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)				
FEMA HGMP-DR-4177-14-R	97.036	Z0843	-	5,010,422
COVID 19 - FEMA Emergency Protective Measures	97.036	Z2595	-	3,898,949
Subtotal for ALN 97.036			-	8,909,371
Total United States Department of Homeland Security			-	9,143,679
United States Department of Justice				
Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program	16.750	2020-AW-BX-0044	-	33,507
Passed through Executive Office of the Governor				
Crime Victim Assistance (VOCA)	16.575	VOCA-2022- WASHINGTONCOUNTYSHERIFF -00526	-	34,771
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants	16.738	15PBJA-21-GG-00241-MUMU	-	13,427
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants	16.738	15PBJA-22-GG-00656-MUMU	-	41,746
Subtotal for ALN 16.738			-	55,173
Total United States Department of Justice			-	123,451
United States Department of Transportation				
Passed through Florida Department of Transportation Highway Safety Cluster				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	RS-2022-00275	-	79,591

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*See independent auditor's report and
notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance*

Washington County, Florida
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Federal Agency Pass through entity Federal Program	Assistance Listing / CSFA Number	Contract/Grant Number	Payments to Subrecipients	Total Expenditures
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed through Florida Department of Revenue				
Child Support Enforcement Program Title IV Part D (CSE)	93.563	CST67	-	219,470
United States Department of Agriculture				
Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program - Fire Services				
Services	10.664	N/A	-	67,791
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ -	\$ 13,324,422
State Financial Assistance				
State Program				
Florida Department of Transportation				
Local Transportation Projects	55.039	453234-1-54-01	\$ -	\$ 288,360
Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) - Orange Hill & South Blvd	55.016	446701-1-54-01	-	942,340
Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) - Douglas Ferry Road	55.016	448616-1-34-01	-	403,890
Subtotal for CSFA 55.016			-	1,346,230
Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) - Sunday Road	55.009	446574-1-54-01	-	115,538
Total Florida Department of Transportation			-	1,750,128
Executive Office of the Governor				
Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance (EMPA)	31.063	A0264	-	110,630

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*See independent auditor's report and
notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance*

Washington County, Florida
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

State Financial Assistance State Program	Assistance Listing / CSFA Number	Contract/Grant Number	Payments to Subrecipients	Total Expenditures
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity				
Division of Housing and Community Development	40.038	DL003	-	370,109
Regional Community Development and Infrastructure	40.042	D0239	-	125,000
Total Florida Department of Economic Opportunity			-	495,109
Florida Housing Finance Corporation				
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)	40.901	N/A	-	714,944
Florida Department of Environmental Protection				
Small County Consolidated Grants	37.012	SC-332	-	93,750
Florida Department of State and Secretary of State				
Historical Preservation Grants	45.031	23.h.sm.300.134	-	35,850
State Aid to Libraries	45.030	24-ST-91	-	241,678
Total Florida Department of State and Secretary of State			-	277,528
Florida Department of Health				
County Grant Awards	64.005	SOW23-406	-	12,646
Florida Department of Law Enforcement				
Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties	71.067	7G043	-	896,484
Florida Department of Management Services				
Wireless 911 Emergency Telephone System Rural County Grant	72.001	24-10-27	-	38,218
Wireless 911 Emergency Telephone System Rural County Grant	72.001	23-10-32	-	44,455
Wireless 911 Emergency Telephone System Rural County Grant	72.001	21-12-16	-	5,885
Subtotal for CSFA 72.001			-	88,558
Prepaid Next Generation 911 (NG911) State Grant Program	72.003	S20-21-12-16	-	17,839
Prepaid Next Generation 911 (NG911) State Grant Program	72.003	S17-21-02-71	-	35,700
Prepaid Next Generation 911 (NG911) State Grant Program	72.003	S17-21-02-70	-	37,602
Subtotal for CSFA 72.003			-	91,141
Total Florida Department of Management Services			-	179,699

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*See independent auditor's report and
notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance*

**Washington County, Florida
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance (Continued)
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024**

State Financial Assistance State Program	Assistance Listing / CSFA Number	Contract/Grant Number	Payments to Subrecipients	Total Expenditures
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services				
Mosquito Control	42.003	26499	-	46,025
Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Grant	42.047	28889	-	129,800
Total Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services			-	175,825
Total Expenditures of State Financial Assistance			\$ -	\$ 4,706,743

*See independent auditor's report and
notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance*

Washington County, Florida
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance (Schedule) includes the federal and state grant spending of Washington County, Florida (the "County") and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Therefore, some amounts presented in this Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in preparation of, the basic financial statements. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not represent the financial position of the County.

Note 2: INDIRECT COST RATE

The Uniform Guidance allows an organization to elect a 10% de minimis indirect cost rate. For the year ended September 30, 2024, the County did not elect to use this rate.

Note 3: LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES

The County did not have any loans or loan guarantee programs required to be reported on the Schedule for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Note 4: FEDERAL AND STATE PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

The County is also a sub-recipient of federal and state funds that have been subjected to testing and are reported as expenditures and listed as federal or state pass-through funds. Federal awards and state financial assistance other than those indicated as "pass-through" are considered direct.

NOTE 5: SUBRECIPIENTS

During the year ended September 30, 2024, the County had no subrecipients.

Note 6: NONCASH ASSISTANCE

The County did not receive any noncash assistance or federally funded insurance during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Washington County, Florida
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
and State Financial Assistance

Note 7: CONTINGENCIES

Grant monies received and disbursed by the County are for specific purposes and are subject to review by the grantor agencies. Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, the County does not believe that such disallowance, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the County.

Washington County, Florida
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

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| 1. Type of auditor’s report issued | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| a. Material weaknesses identified? | Yes |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified? | Yes |
| c. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? | No |

Federal Awards

- | | |
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| 1. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over major programs: | |
| a. Material weaknesses identified? | Yes |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified? | None noted |
| 3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2CFR section 200.516(a)? | Yes |
| 4. Identification of major programs: | |

AL Number	Federal Program
21.027	COVID 19 – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery
97.036	Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$750,000 |
| 6. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee under 2 CFR 200.520? | No |

Washington County, Florida
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS (Continued)

State Financial Assistance

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| 1. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major projects | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over major projects: | |
| a. Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified? | None noted |
| 3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General? | None noted |
| 4. Identification of major projects: | |

CFSA Number	State Project
71.067	Law Enforcement Salary Assistance for Fiscally Constrained Counties
55.016	Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP)
55.039	Local Transportation Projects

- | | |
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| 5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B projects: | \$750,000 |
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SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING, FINDING BCC2022-001 (Repeat)

CRITERIA: Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for governmental entities requires that governmental funds prepare financial statements using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accounting for all funds necessitates significant adjustments to the County’s books of record in order to prepare financial statements in conformity with GAAP.

CONDITION: Material adjustments were required to grant receivables, deferrals, and payables.

CAUSE: Management did not adequately review asset and liability balances for some accounts at year-end.

EFFECT: Revenue and expenditures were not recorded when earned or incurred. Adversely affects the County’s ability to prepare financial statements free of misstatements and in accordance with GAAP.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend interim and year-end financial statements be prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Washington County, Florida
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (Continued)

VIEW OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS: Management agrees with the finding. The County is currently addressing this recommendation and will work to implement additional controls to ensure accounting is in accordance with GAAP.

NEED FOR SEGREGATION OF DUTIES, PA2003-003 (Repeat)

CRITERIA: The internal control environment should include proper segregation of duties and responsibilities over accounting functions.

CONDITION: There is a lack of segregation of duties between employees who have recordkeeping responsibility and employees who have custody of the Property Appraiser's assets.

CAUSE: The Property Appraiser has limited personnel in the accounting department.

EFFECT: The possibility exists that unintentional or intentional errors or irregularities could occur and not be promptly detected.

RECOMMENDATION: We realize that due to the size of the Property Appraiser's administrative staff, it is difficult to achieve ideal separation of duties. However, the Property Appraiser should remain very active and involved in the day-to-day operations. Controls should be implemented to help compensate for these weaknesses and to provide checks and balances.

VIEW OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS: Management agrees with the finding.

NEED FOR SEGREGATION OF DUTIES, SOE2003-003 (Repeat)

CRITERIA: The internal control environment should include proper segregation of duties and responsibilities over accounting functions.

CONDITION: There is a lack of segregation of duties between employees who have recordkeeping responsibility and employees who have custody of the Supervisor of Elections' assets.

CAUSE: The Supervisor of Elections has limited personnel in the accounting department.

EFFECT: The possibility exists that unintentional or intentional errors or irregularities could occur and not be promptly detected.

RECOMMENDATION: We realize that due to the size of the Supervisor of Elections' administrative staff, it is difficult to achieve ideal separation of duties. However, the Supervisor of Elections should remain very active and involved in the day-to-day operations. Controls should be implemented to help compensate for these weaknesses and to provide checks and balances.

Washington County, Florida
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (Continued)

VIEW OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS: Management agrees with the finding.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FINDINGS

Item 2024-001 – Suspension and Debarment (Repeat)

COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery – ALN 21.027

U.S. Department of Treasury

Federal Award Year - 2021

Criteria – 2 CFR 200.303 requires the non-Federal entity to “(a) establish and maintain effective internal controls over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the non-Federal entity is managing the Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award.” Non-Federal entities are prohibited from contracting with or making subawards under covered transactions to parties that are suspended or debarred. “Covered transactions” include those procurement contracts for goods and services awarded under a nonprocurement transaction (e.g., grant or cooperative agreement) that are expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or meet certain other criteria as specified in 2 CFR section 180.220. All nonprocurement transactions entered into by a recipient (i.e., subawards to subrecipients), irrespective of award amount, are considered covered transactions, unless they are exempt as provided in 2 CFR section 180.215.

Condition – Adequate controls were not in place to provide for proper review of covered transactions for suspension and debarment. Covered transactions, over \$25,000 paid with grant funding were not reviewed for suspension and debarment.

Cause – The County lacked sufficient controls to ensure evidence of compliance with suspension and debarment.

Questioned Costs – Not determinable.

Effect – Failure to properly verify that a potential vendor has not been suspended or debarred could result in unallowable expenditures and disallowed costs.

Recommendation – We recommend that controls should be put into place to better monitor and document the compliance of vendors for suspension and debarment.

Management’s Response – Management agrees with the finding. The County will implement additional controls to ensure there is evidence of review of covered transactions over \$25,000 for suspension and debarment prior to payment. Deputy Clerk, Finance will be responsible for the corrective action and anticipates completion of corrective action will be taken before September 30, 2025.

Washington County, Florida
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

SECTION IV – SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

BCC2022-001 – Repeat finding in the current year

PA2003-003 – Repeat finding in the current year

SOE2003-003 – Repeat finding in the current year

Item 2024-001 – Repeat finding in the current year

TC2003-003 – Finding corrected in the current year

Washington County, Florida
Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024



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Single Audit Findings

Item 2022-001 – Suspension & Debarment

Contact person: Johnnie Pettis, Finance Director

Finding – Adequate controls were not in place to provide for proper review of covered transactions for suspension and debarment. Covered transactions, over \$25,000 paid with grant funding were not reviewed for suspension and debarment.

Management Response – The County will implement additional controls to ensure there is evidence of review of covered transactions over \$25,000 for suspension and debarment prior to payment. Johnnie Pettis, Deputy Clerk will be responsible for the corrective action and anticipates completion of corrective action will be taken before September 30, 2025.

Effective date of completion: within the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Honorable Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court
Washington County, Florida



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Constitutional Officers of Washington County, Florida
Chipley, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Washington County, Florida (the “County”) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 12, 2025.

Auditor’s Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our 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*; Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Major State Project and Report on Internal Control over Compliance, Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountant’s Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated June 12, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report except as noted under the heading “Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.” See tabulation of uncorrected audit findings below.

Tabulation of Uncorrected Audit Findings		
Current Year Finding No.	2022-23 FY Finding No.	2021-22 FY Finding No.
2024-001	2023-001	2022-001
BCC2022-001	BCC2022-001	BCC2022-001
PA2003-003	PA2003-003	PA2003-003
SOE2003-003	SOE2003-003	SOE2003-003

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and report the results of our determination as to whether or not the County has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the County did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures to the County. It is management’s responsibility to monitor the County’s financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Special District Component Units

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, the Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District reported:

- a. The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district’s fiscal year was 0.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district’s fiscal year was 2.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency was \$0.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency was \$14,776.
- e. No construction projects with a total cost of at least \$65,000 were approved by the district that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year.

- f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes. The district did not amend their budget, this is not applicable.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, the Highway 79 Corridor Authority reported:

- a. The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district's fiscal year was 0.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district's fiscal year was 0.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency was \$0.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency was \$0.
- e. No construction projects with a total cost of at least \$65,000 were approved by the district that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year.
- f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes. The district did not amend their budget, this is not applicable.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs

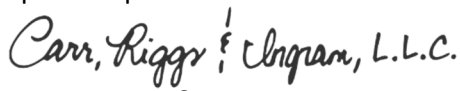
A PACE program authorized pursuant to Section 163.081 or 163.082, Florida Statutes, did not operate within the County's geographical boundaries during the fiscal year under audit.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material, but, which warrants the attention of those charges with governance. No such instances were noted.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of County Commissioners and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


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Enterprise, Alabama
June 12, 2025



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED FLORIDA STATUTE SECTIONS

Honorable Members of the
Board of County Commissioners
Washington County, Florida

We have examined Washington County, Florida’s (the “County”) compliance with the following Florida Statute sections during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

- Section 365.172(10) *Emergency communications number E911 system fund*
- Section 365.173(2)(d) *Emergency communications number E911 system fund*
- Section 218.415 *Investment guidelines*

Management of the County is responsible for the County’s compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County’s compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the County complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the County complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County’s compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Washington County, Florida Management's Response



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Single Audit Findings

Item 2022-001 – Suspension & Debarment

Contact person: Johnnie Pettis, Finance Director

Finding – Adequate controls were not in place to provide for proper review of covered transactions for suspension and debarment. Covered transactions, over \$25,000 paid with grant funding were not reviewed for suspension and debarment.

Management Response – The County will implement additional controls to ensure there is evidence of review of covered transactions over \$25,000 for suspension and debarment prior to payment. Corrective measures have been taken.

Item BCC2022-001– Accrual Accounting

Contact person: Johnnie Pettis, Finance Director

The County has addressed this recommendation and implemented additional controls to ensure that accounting methods are in accordance with GAAP.

Respectfully submitted,

Honorable Lora C. Bell, Clerk of the Court
Washington County, Florida

Washington County, Florida Management's Response



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To Whom it May Concern:

We are in receipt of the Washington County Property Appraiser's audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. In response to the internal control and compliance the following applies:

Segregation of Duties – I will continue to remain active in the day-to-day operations of the Property Appraiser's office. This is a small office with employees who have overlapping duties. I will continue to ensure there are checks and balances in the daily work and the ledger is balanced on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,

Renée Peters, CFA
Property Appraiser
Washington County, Florida

Washington County, Florida Management's Response



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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Management Response

We are in receipt of the audit report for the Washington County, Florida Supervisor of Elections for the fiscal year ending September 2024. I have reviewed the letter regarding compliance and internal control schedule of findings and questioned costs and management letter.

Segregation of Duties: This is a small office with employees who have overlapping job duties. I will continue to ensure there are checks and balances in the daily work and the ledger is fully balanced on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,

Deidra Malloy Pettis

Supervisor of Elections

Washington County, Florida



**Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court**

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September 30, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Lora C. Bell
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Washington County, Florida

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington County, Florida Clerk of the Circuit Court (the "Clerk"), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clerk's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information for the Clerk as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund, Fine and Forfeiture Fund, and Public Records Modernization Trust Fund for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Clerk'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 for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Clerk's financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and were 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 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 June 3, 2025, on our consideration of the Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Enterprise, Alabama

June 3, 2025

Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	General	Fine and Forfeiture	Public Records Modernization Trust	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 198,739	\$ 146,609	\$ 85,709	\$ 431,057
Due from Board of County Commissioners	4,424	-	-	4,424
Due from other governments	30,769	59,246	-	90,015
Due from other funds	-	166,505	37,682	204,187
Total assets	\$ 233,932	\$ 372,360	\$ 123,391	\$ 729,683
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 23,523	\$ 28,950	\$ -	\$ 52,473
Due to Board of County Commissioners	4,587	125,120	-	129,707
Due to other governments	-	97,096	-	97,096
Due to other funds	192,461	-	11,726	204,187
Unearned revenue	-	5,000	-	5,000
Total liabilities	220,571	256,166	11,726	488,463
Fund balances				
Restricted	13,361	116,194	111,665	241,220
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 233,932	\$ 372,360	\$ 123,391	\$ 729,683

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances –
Governmental Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	General	Fine and Forfeiture	Public Records Modernization Trust	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 712,747	\$ -	\$ 712,747
Charges for services	149,293	352,465	60,309	562,067
Fines and forfeitures	-	167,548	-	167,548
Investment earnings	9,557	893	563	11,013
Miscellaneous revenue	738	882	-	1,620
Total revenues	159,588	1,234,535	60,872	1,454,995
Expenditures				
General government	736,133	1,037,877	46,190	1,820,200
Court related	-	-	11,726	11,726
Total expenditures	736,133	1,037,877	57,916	1,831,926
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(576,545)	196,658	2,956	(376,931)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Appropriations from Board of County Commissioners	525,838	-	-	525,838
Transfers in	55,294	-	-	55,294
Transfers out	-	(55,294)	-	(55,294)
Reversions				
Board of County Commissioners	(4,587)	-	-	(4,587)
Clerk of Courts Trust Fund	-	(95,205)	-	(95,205)
Net other financing sources (uses)	576,545	(150,499)	-	426,046
Net change in fund balances	-	46,159	2,956	49,115
Fund balances, beginning of year	13,361	70,035	108,709	192,105
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 13,361	\$ 116,194	\$ 111,665	\$ 241,220

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual
General Fund

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 155,000	\$ 149,293	\$ 149,293	\$ -
Investment earnings	-	9,557	9,557	-
Miscellaneous revenue	-	738	738	-
Total revenues	155,000	159,588	159,588	-
Expenditures				
General government	680,838	736,133	736,133	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(525,838)	(576,545)	(576,545)	-
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Appropriations from Board of County Commissioners	525,838	525,838	525,838	-
Transfers in	-	55,294	55,294	-
Reversions Board of County Commissioners	-	(4,587)	(4,587)	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	525,838	576,545	576,545	-
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	13,361	13,361	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ 13,361	\$ 13,361	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual
Fine and Forfeiture Fund

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 679,677	\$ 712,747	\$ 712,747	\$ -
Charges for services	269,274	352,465	352,465	-
Fines and forfeitures	149,043	167,548	167,548	-
Investment earnings	-	893	893	-
Miscellaneous revenue	-	882	882	-
Total revenues	1,097,994	1,234,535	1,234,535	-
Expenditures				
General government	1,097,994	1,037,877	1,037,877	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	196,658	196,658	-
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers out	-	(55,294)	(55,294)	-
Reversions Clerk of Courts Trust Fund	-	(95,205)	(95,205)	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	-	(150,499)	(150,499)	-
Net change in fund balance	-	46,159	46,159	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	70,035	70,035	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ 116,194	\$ 116,194	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual
Public Records Modernization Trust Fund**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ 60,309	\$ 60,309	\$ -
Investment earnings	-	563	563	-
Total revenues	-	60,872	60,872	-
Expenditures				
General government	-	46,190	46,190	-
Court related	-	11,726	11,726	-
Total expenditures	-	57,916	57,916	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	2,956	2,956	-
Net change in fund balance	-	2,956	2,956	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	108,709	108,709	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ 111,665	\$ 111,665	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Custodial Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Custodial Funds
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Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 896,925
Due from other governments	4,597
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Total assets	\$ 901,522
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Liabilities	
Bank overdraft	\$ 206
Due to other governments	135,101
Due to individuals	766,215
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Total liabilities	901,522
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Total net position	\$ -
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Custodial Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Custodial Funds
Additions	
Clerk of circuit and county courts revenue	\$ 5,195,081
Deductions	
Current	
Payments of clerk of circuit and county courts distributions to other governments	5,195,081
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	-
Net position, beginning of year	-
Net position, end of year	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Washington County, Florida Clerk of the Circuit Court (the “Clerk”) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles and reporting guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and accounting practices prescribed by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, State of Florida. The more significant of these governmental accounting policies applicable to the Clerk are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Clerk is an elected official established pursuant to Article VIII Section 1(d) of the constitution of the State of Florida and serves the geographic boundary established in Florida Statutes Chapter 7.67. The Clerk's financial statements do not purport to reflect the financial position or the results of operations of Washington County, Florida (the “County”) taken as a whole. Although the Clerk's office is operationally autonomous from the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”), it does not hold sufficient corporate powers of its own to be considered a legally separate entity for financial reporting purposes. Pursuant to *GASB Codifications of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Sections 2100 and 2600*, the Clerk's financial statements are combined with those of the Board and other elected officials into the reporting entity of the County.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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 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 Clerk 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 capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or “financial flow” measurement focus. This means that, generally, only current assets and current liabilities are included in the balance sheet. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

**Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

The portion of the Clerk's revenue that is a budget appropriation from the Board, rather than a charge for services, is reported as another financing source. At year-end, excess revenue and other financial sources over expenditures are remitted to the Board and reported as reversion to the Board of County Commissioners.

Fiduciary fund (custodial fund) statements are prepared using the *economic resource measurement* focus and the *accrual basis of accounting*.

Fund Financial Statements

The Clerk's financial statements have been prepared solely for the purpose of complying with the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida (the "Rules"). These financial statements are the fund financial statements required by generally accepted accounting principles. However, these fund financial statements do not constitute a complete presentation because, in conformity with the Rules, the Clerk has not presented reconciliations to the government-wide financial statements or management's discussion and analysis. Also, certain notes to the financial statements may supplement rather than duplicate the notes included in the County's county-wide financial statements.

The Clerk reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is used to account for all revenue and expenditures applicable to the general operations of the Clerk that are not required either legally or by generally accepted accounting principles to be accounted for in another fund.

Fine and Forfeiture Fund – A special revenue fund established pursuant to Chapter 2004-265 Laws of Florida to account for court related revenues and expenditures, which are required to be reported separately from the Clerk's General Fund activities.

Public Records Modernization Trust Fund – A special revenue fund that accounts for an additional service charge for each recorded instrument. These funds are to be used exclusively for improvements to the official records system.

The Clerk also reported the following fund types:

Fiduciary Fund – Custodial funds account for assets held in a trust capacity or as an agent for individuals, other governmental units, and/or other funds.

Budgetary Information

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Florida Statutes, Chapter 218.35 and 218.36 details the preparation, adoption and administration of the Clerk's annual budget. The Clerk establishes an annual balanced budget for their office which displays the revenues available to the office and the functions for which the money is to be expended. The budgeted revenues and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Information (continued)

Budgetary Basis of Accounting (continued)

reflect all amendments approved by the Board. The budget is prepared on a basis consistent with GAAP. Budgetary control is maintained at the major object expenditure level. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the department level, and appropriations lapse at year-end. Budgetary changes within major object expenditure categories are made at the discretion of the Clerk.

The Clerk, functioning in the capacity as the Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts and as Clerk of the Board, prepares a budget in two parts:

- A. The budget relating to the state court system (Circuit and County), is filed with the Florida Clerk of the Court Operations Corporation; and
- B. The budget relating to the requirements of the Clerk as the Clerk of the Board, County Auditor, and Custodian or Treasurer of all County funds and other County-related duties.

Excess Revenue and Expenditures

Pursuant to Section 218.36(2), Florida Statutes, "...each county officer shall pay into the county general fund all money in excess of the sum to which he or she is entitled under the provisions of Chapter 145." In accordance with the statute for fiscal year 2024, the Clerk remitted \$4,587 of excess revenues over expenditures to the Board.

Pursuant to Section 28.37(2), Florida Statutes, the Clerk shall retain all fees, service charges, court costs, and fines collected to fund the Clerk's court operations. Excess revenue over expenditures at September 30th of each year will be sent to the Clerk of Courts Trust Fund. Additionally, if revenues received in any given month exceed 1/12 of the projected revenues for the year, then that excess is to be remitted to the Clerk of Courts Trust Fund as well. For the year ended September 30, 2024, excess court revenues exceeded 1/12 of revenue projections in the amount of \$95,205 and all of these funds were remitted back to the Clerk of Courts Trust Fund.

Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

It is the Clerk's policy to allow employees to accumulate a maximum of 720 hours of paid time off (PTO) at the end of the calendar year. Any PTO hours exceeding 720 will be forfeited by that employee. Any PTO hours exceeding 400 will be eligible to receive reimbursement of accrued PTO over the 400 hours, up to 40 hours annually. Upon separation, employees will receive a percentage of their unused accrued PTO depending on length of employment. The Clerk's accumulated compensated absences are reported in the statement of net position in the County's financial statements.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Employee Benefits (continued)

Retirement Plan

The Clerk and all qualified County employees participate in The Florida Retirement System (the "System"). The System's financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the requirements of the GASB. The Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Florida and is included in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Assets, liabilities and cash inflows/outflows related to the Clerk are combined with all the County's participates and reported in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The County, in accordance with Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, provides post-retirement health care benefits to all retired employees who participated in the County's group health plan while employed. Employees of the Clerk are covered under the County's plan. The County is required to measure and recognize the annual cost of the future benefits and calculate the annual employer funding requirements and, to the extent funding is not made by the County, recognize an OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position of the County. These amounts, if any, are recorded in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Fund Balance

Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables

All accounts receivable and amounts due from other governments is deemed collectible. The Clerk does not record an allowance for uncollectibles.

Interfund Activities

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" within the fund financial statements. Long-term borrowings between funds are classified as "advances to other funds" or "advances from other funds" in the fund financial statements. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the County's statement of net position, except for any residual balance outstanding between the governmental activities at the end of the fiscal year, which are reported in the County's government-wide financial statements as internal balances.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Interfund Activities (continued)

Interfund transactions are reflected as services provided, reimbursements, or transfers. Services provided, deemed to be at or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements are when a fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefitting fund, and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

The purchase method is used to account for inventory and payments to vendors for costs applicable to future periods (prepaid). Under the purchase method, expenditures are recognized when the available financial resource is expended. Inventory is not deemed significant and therefore, no amount has been reported.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenditures at the time acquired and if donated, acquisition value at the date of the donation. Title in all capital assets owned by the Clerk is retained by the County and the Clerk's capital assets are reported on the County-wide financial statements. The Clerk maintains custodial responsibility for the capital assets used by his office.

The Clerk maintains a \$5,000 threshold for capitalization of machinery and equipment and a \$25,000 threshold for land, buildings and improvements. Additionally, the Clerk maintains an inventory of all tangible personal property with a donated value or cost of \$5,000 or more and a projected useful life of one year or more as required by Florida Statute 274 and Administrative Code Sections 69I-73.002 and 69I-73.006. Depreciation is determined using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful life.

Categories and Classification of Fund Balance

Fund balance flow assumptions – The Clerk funds outlays 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 Clerk'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.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Categories and Classification of Fund Balance (continued)

Fund balance policies – Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The Clerk itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The provisions of GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, specifies the following classifications:

Nonspendable fund balance – Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Clerk's highest level of decision-making authority. The Clerk is the highest level of decision-making authority. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by formal action remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned fund balance – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Clerk for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Clerk can authorize the finance director to assign fund balance. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Unassigned fund balance – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make various estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 3, 2025, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for (a) accounting changes and (b) the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements (error correction). This Statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity and describes the transactions or other events that constitute those changes. This Statement prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for (1) each type of accounting change and (2) error corrections. This Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated. Furthermore, this Statement addresses how information that is affected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI). There were no significant impacts of implementing this Statement.

The GASB has issued statements that will become effective in future years. These statements are as follows:

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* (GASB 101). The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

In April 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. In addition to other items, the Statement:

- Addresses changes to information presented in the MD&A;
- Requires governments to display the inflows and outflows related to unusual or infrequent items separately as the last presented flow(s) of resources prior to the net change in resource flows in the government-wide, governmental fund, and proprietary fund statements of resource flows;
- Requires that a subtotal for operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies be presented before reporting other nonoperating revenues and expenses;
- Requires governments to present each major component unit separately in the reporting entity's statement of net position and statement of activities if it does not reduce the readability of the statements;
- Requires governments to present budgetary comparison information using a single method of communication (RSI).

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In September 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. This Statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, should be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset in the capital as-sets note disclosures. Subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, also should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires intangible assets other than those three types to be disclosed separately by major class. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale and that capital assets held for sale be evaluated each reporting period. Governments should disclose (1) the ending balance of capital assets held for sale, with separate disclosure for historical cost and accumulated depreciation by major class of asset, and (2) the carrying amount of debt for which the capital assets held for sale are pledged as collateral for each major class of asset. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The Clerk is evaluating the requirements of the above statements and the impact on reporting.

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Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of cash on hand and demand deposits.

Demand deposits greater than the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance coverage are secured by the qualified public depositories pledging securities with the State Treasurer in such amounts required by the Florida Security for Public Depositories Act. In the event of a default or insolvency of a qualified public depositor (depositor), the depositor will implement procedures for payment of losses according to the depositors validated claims pursuant to Section 280.08, Florida Statutes.

Custodial risk - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution a government may not be able to recover deposits. Monies placed on deposit with financial institutions in the form of demand deposits, time deposits or certificate of deposits are defined as public deposits. At year-end, all cash held in demand deposits was fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institutions collateral pool required by Section 280, Florida Statutes.

Interfund Activity

Interfund Balances - Receivables (due from other funds) and payables (due to other funds) resulting from various interfund transactions are as follows:

	Due		Net
	To	From	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ (192,461)	\$ (192,461)
Fine & Forfeiture Fund	166,505	-	166,505
Public Records Modernization Trust Fund	37,682	(11,726)	25,956
Total	\$ 204,187	\$ (204,187)	\$ -

Interfund Transfers

Transfers to/from other funds consist of the following:

Transfers to General Fund from:

Fine and Forfeiture Fund	\$ 55,294
Total interfund transfers	\$ 55,294

The transfer from the Fine and Forfeiture Fund to the General Fund is the excess funding remaining in child support at year-end. The funds were provided to cover expenditures made out of the General Fund.

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Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Due from Board of County Commissioners

The amount due from the Board of \$4,424 represents expenditures made by the Clerk for operating supplies during the fiscal year that are reimbursable by the Board. All amounts due will be paid within one year of the financial statement date.

Due from Other Governments

All receivables due from other government sources are deemed collectible and consist of the following:

Source	Amount
State of Florida	\$ 90,015

Due to Board of County Commissioners

The excess revenues over expenditures remitted to the Board after year end was \$4,587 in accordance with Section 30.50(6) Florida Statutes. This amount is reported as Reversion to Board of County Commissioners on the Statement of Revenues Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. The remaining balance due to the Board was related to life and health insurance premiums paid for by the Board and reimbursed by the Clerk after year end.

Due to Other Governments

All amounts due to other government sources will be paid within one year of the financial statement date and consist of the following:

Source	Amount
State of Florida	\$ 97,096

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Clerk and all full-time employees are participants in the Florida Retirement System (the "System"), a defined benefit, cost sharing, multiple-employer public retirement system, which is controlled by the State Legislature and administered by the State of Florida, Department of Administration, Division of Retirement. The plan covers full-time employees of various governmental units within the State of Florida. Accordingly, the actuarial information and related disclosures attributable to the Clerk's employees are not determinable.

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

The System's funding policy provides for monthly employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due (see rates below). Level percentage of payroll employer contribution rates, established by State law, is determined using the entry-age actuarial funding method. If an unfunded actuarial liability reemerges, future plan benefit changes, assumption changes, and methodology changes are amortized within 30 years, using level dollar amounts. Except for gains reserved for rate stabilization, it is anticipated future actuarial gains and losses are amortized on a rolling 10% basis, as a level dollar amount.

The System provides for those employees hired prior to July 1, 2011 vesting of benefits after six years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to employees who retire at or after age 62 with six or more years of service. Early retirement is available after six years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year prior to the normal retirement age. For those employees hired on or after July 1, 2012, the System provides for vesting of benefits after eight years of credible service. Normal retirement benefits are available to these employees who retire at or after age 65 with eight years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year. Retirement benefits are based upon age, average compensation, and years-of-service credit where average compensation is computed as the average of an individual's five highest years of earnings.

Participating employer contributions are based upon State-wide rates established by the State of Florida. These rates applied to employee salaries at year end are as follows: regular employees – 13.63%, DROP Program – 21.13%, senior management – 34.52% and elected officials – 58.68%. The rates applied to employee salaries at year end for employee contributions are 3.00% for all classifications, with the exception of the DROP program.

For the year ended September 30, 2024, total payroll for the Clerk's employees covered by the System was \$980,360 and total payroll was \$1,140,512. The Clerk's contributions to the plan for the years ended September 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$222,438, \$201,497, and \$179,181, respectively. These contributions were paid by the due date.

The Florida Division of Retirement issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing Florida Division of Retirement, P. O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000 or at the Division's website at dms.myflorida.com.

**Washington County, Florida
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Note 4: CONTINGENCIES

The Clerk is involved in several litigations and claims arising in the ordinary course of operations. Legal counsel for the Clerk believes a favorable outcome is likely. No accruals or loss contingency has been made in the financial statements.

The Clerk receives grants from federal and state sources that are subject to review and audit by the funding sources. Such reviews and audits could result in the discovery of unallowable activities and unallowable costs. Consequently, any of the funding sources may, at their discretion, request reimbursement for expenses or return of funds, or both, as a result of noncompliance by the Clerk with the terms of the grants/contracts. In the opinion of the Clerk's management, such allowances, if any, would not be significant in relation to the financial statements of the Clerk.

Note 5: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL

Capital Assets

Title in all capital assets owned by the County is retained by the Board and the below noted capital asset information and activity is reported on the county-wide financial statements.

Summary of changes in capital assets during the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Balance 10/1/23	Increases	Decreases	Balance 9/30/24
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
Capital assets depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 225,934	\$ -	-	\$ 225,934
Less accumulated depreciation	(160,336)	(10,933)	-	(171,269)
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Total governmental activities				
Capital assets, net	\$ 65,598	\$ (10,933)	-	\$ 54,665

Depreciation expense was charged to the function of government as follows:

<i>Governmental Activities</i>	
General government	\$ 10,933

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Note 5: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL (Continued)

Compensated Absences

Accrued compensated absences that will not be liquidated with expendable available financial resources of the Clerk is the obligation of the County and reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Summary of changes in compensated absences for the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Balance 10/1/23	Additions	Reductions	Balance 9/30/24	Due in One Year
<u>Compensated absences</u>	<u>\$ 117,629</u>	<u>\$ 47,984</u>	<u>\$ (42,177)</u>	<u>\$ 123,436</u>	<u>\$ 12,344</u>

Fiduciary Funds

General Trust – To account for collections held in trust including; taxes, fines and forfeitures and other miscellaneous sources.

Child Support – To account for collection of court ordered child support and alimony.

Juror and Witness – To account for advances received from the State and County for payment of jurors and witnesses.

Tax Deeds – To account for collections related to the sale of tax deeds.

Cash Bonds – To account for cash bonds collected for the release of prisoners.

Registry of Court – To account for collections held in trust as ordered by the courts.

Dependency Mediation – To account for collections of court-ordered mediation.

Washington County, Florida
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Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position –
Custodial Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	General Trust	Child Support	Jury and Witness	Tax Deeds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 235,967	\$ 15,239	\$ -	\$ 343,530
Due from other governments	2,707	-	1,890	-
Total assets	\$ 238,674	\$ 15,239	\$ 1,890	\$ 343,530
Liabilities				
Bank overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 206	\$ -
Due to other governments	122,239	1,791	1,684	4,853
Due to individuals	116,435	13,448	-	338,677
Total liabilities	238,674	15,239	1,890	343,530
Total net position	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	Cash Bonds	Registry of Court	Dependency Mediation	Total
\$	13,616	\$ 284,338	\$ 4,235	\$ 896,925
	-	-	-	4,597
\$	13,616	\$ 284,338	\$ 4,235	\$ 901,522
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	206
	116	4,408	10	135,101
	13,500	279,930	4,225	766,215
	13,616	284,338	4,235	901,522
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	-

**Washington County, Florida
Clerk of the Circuit Court**

**Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position –
Custodial Funds**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	General Trust	Child Support	Jury and Witness	Tax Deeds
Additions				
Clerk of circuit and county courts revenue	\$ 4,115,817	\$ 57,499	\$ 1,950	\$ 299,597
Deductions				
Current				
Payments of clerk of circuit and county courts distributions to other governments	4,115,817	57,499	1,950	299,597
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	-	-	-	-
Net position, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Net position, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	Cash Bonds		Registry of Court		Dependency Mediation		Total
\$	88,190	\$	627,528	\$	4,500	\$	5,195,081
	88,190		627,528		4,500		5,195,081
	-		-		-		-
	-		-		-		-
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-



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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 Lora C. Bell
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Washington County, Florida

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 each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington County, Florida Clerk of the Circuit Court (the “Clerk”), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clerk’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Clerk’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 special purpose financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clerk’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clerk’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. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Clerk'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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.

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June 3, 2025



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED FLORIDA STATUTE SECTIONS

Honorable Lora C. Bell
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Washington County, Florida

We have examined the Washington County, Florida’s Clerk of the Circuit Court’s (the “Clerk”) compliance with the following Florida Statute sections during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024:

Sections 28.35 and 38.36
Section 61.181
Section 218.415

*Performance Standards and Budget
Alimony and Child Support Payments
Local Government Investment Policy*

The Clerk’s management is responsible for the Clerk’s compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion of the Clerk’s compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Clerk complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Clerk complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Clerk’s compliance with specified requirements.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

In our opinion, the Clerk complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the aforementioned sections of the Florida Statutes, for the year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Lora C. Bell
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Washington County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Washington County, Florida Clerk of the Circuit Court (the "Clerk"), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

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; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Independent Accountant's Reports on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated June 3, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no such findings and recommendations in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Financial Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Clerk, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Enterprise, Alabama
June 3, 2025



Washington County, Florida Sheriff

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Kevin Crews
Sheriff
Washington County, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington County, Florida, Sheriff (the "Sheriff") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sheriff as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof, and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund, Emergency Medical Services Fund and Inmate Welfare Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sheriff'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 opinion. 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 for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sheriff's financial statements. The combining fiduciary fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 fiduciary fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2025, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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 the 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 the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


CARR, RIGGS & INGRAMS, L.L.C.

Enterprise, Alabama
June 3, 2025

Washington County, Florida
Sheriff
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	General	Emergency Medical Services	Inmate Welfare	Nonmajor Civil Fee	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 228,479	\$ 66,815	\$ -	\$ 23,660	\$ 318,954
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	285,778	-	360,498	-	646,276
Due from other governmental units	437,136	-	-	-	437,136
Accounts receivable, net	109,926	466,124	-	-	576,050
Due from Board of County Commission	37,320	-	-	-	37,320
Total assets	\$ 1,098,639	\$ 532,939	\$ 360,498	\$ 23,660	\$ 2,015,736
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 728,345	\$ 75,037	\$ 1,075	23,660	\$ 828,117
Due to other governmental units	-	39,927	18,955	-	58,882
Deferred revenue	25,951	5,157	-	-	31,108
Due to Board of County Commissioners	58,572	-	-	-	58,572
Total liabilities	812,868	120,121	20,030	23,660	976,679
Fund balance					
Unrestricted	-	412,818	-	-	412,818
Restricted for					
Public safety - law enforcement	285,771	-	340,468	-	626,239
Total fund balances	285,771	412,818	340,468	-	1,039,057
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,098,639	\$ 532,939	\$ 360,498	\$ 23,660	\$ 2,015,736

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**Washington County, Florida
Sheriff**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances –
Governmental Funds**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	General	Emergency Medical Services	Inmate Welfare	Nonmajor Civil Fee	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Intergovernmental	\$ 346,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 346,875
Charges for services	172,235	1,612,373	188,310	47,900	2,020,818
Grants	2,079,728	182,293	-	-	2,262,021
Investment earnings	-	-	839	-	839
Miscellaneous revenues	94,556	14,749	2,711	-	112,016
Total revenues	2,693,394	1,809,415	191,860	47,900	4,742,569
Expenditures					
Current					
Public safety and health	7,599,604	2,951,381	133,966	3,646	10,688,597
Capital outlay	788,755	440,960	-	-	1,229,715
Debt service					
Principal	-	13,033	-	-	13,033
Interest	-	7,497	-	-	7,497
Total expenditures	8,388,359	3,412,871	133,966	3,646	11,938,842
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(5,694,965)	(1,603,456)	57,894	44,254	(7,196,273)
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in	24,003	-	-	-	24,003
Transfers out	-	(14,834)	(9,169)	-	(24,003)
Appropriations from the Board of					
County Commissioners	5,777,155	1,451,215	-	-	7,228,370
Reversion to the Board of County Commissioners	(43,472)	-	-	(44,254)	(87,726)
Proceeds from long term debt	-	235,881	-	-	235,881
Net other financing sources (uses)	5,757,686	1,672,262	(9,169)	(44,254)	7,376,525
Net change in fund balances	62,721	68,806	48,725	-	180,252
Fund balances, beginning of year	223,050	344,012	291,743	-	858,805
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 285,771	\$ 412,818	\$ 340,468	\$ -	\$ 1,039,057

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**Washington County, Florida
Sheriff**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual
General Fund**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 321,875	\$ 321,875	\$ 346,875	\$ 25,000
Charges for services	960,667	1,132,531	172,235	(960,296)
Grants	85,448	954,555	2,079,728	1,125,173
Miscellaneous revenues	-	91,818	94,556	2,738
Total revenues	1,367,990	2,500,779	2,693,394	192,615
Expenditures				
Public safety and health	7,127,366	8,277,934	7,599,604	678,330
Capital outlay	-	-	788,755	(788,755)
Total expenditures	7,127,366	8,277,934	8,388,359	(110,425)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(5,759,376)	(5,777,155)	(5,694,965)	82,190
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	-	-	24,003	24,003
Appropriations from the Board of County Commissioners	5,759,376	5,777,155	5,777,155	-
Reversion to the Board of County Commissioners	-	-	(43,472)	(43,472)
Total other financing sources	5,759,376	5,777,155	5,757,686	(19,469)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	62,721	62,721
Fund balance, beginning of the year	223,050	223,050	223,050	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 223,050	\$ 223,050	\$ 285,771	\$ 62,721

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**Washington County, Florida
Sheriff**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual
Emergency Medical Services Fund**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 1,300,963	\$ 1,740,609	\$ 1,612,373	\$ (128,236)
Grants	-	-	182,293	182,293
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	14,749	14,749
Total revenues	1,300,963	1,740,609	1,809,415	68,806
Expenditures				
Public safety and health	2,674,400	3,181,824	2,951,381	230,443
Capital outlay	10,000	10,000	440,960	(430,960)
Debt service				
Principal	-	-	13,033	(13,033)
Interest	-	-	7,497	(7,497)
Total expenditures	2,684,400	3,191,824	3,412,871	(221,047)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,383,437)	(1,451,215)	(1,603,456)	(152,241)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	-	-	(14,834)	(14,834)
Appropriations from the Board of County Commissioners	1,383,437	1,451,215	1,451,215	-
Proceeds from long term debt	-	-	235,881	235,881
Total other financing sources	1,383,437	1,451,215	1,672,262	221,047
Net change in fund balance	-	-	68,806	68,806
Fund balance, beginning of the year	344,012	344,012	344,012	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 344,012	\$ 344,012	\$ 412,818	\$ 68,806

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**Washington County, Florida
Sheriff**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual
Inmate Welfare Fund**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 190,200	\$ 190,200	\$ 188,310	\$ (1,890)
Investment earnings	-	-	839	839
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	2,711	2,711
Total revenues	190,200	190,200	191,860	1,660
Expenditures				
Public safety and health	131,000	131,000	133,966	(2,966)
Capital outlay	50,000	50,000	-	50,000
Total expenditures	181,000	181,000	133,966	47,034
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	9,200	9,200	57,894	48,694
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	(9,200)	(9,200)	(9,169)	31
Net change in fund balance	-	-	48,725	48,725
Fund balance, beginning of the year	291,743	291,743	291,743	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 291,743	\$ 291,743	\$ 340,468	\$ 48,725

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Sheriff
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Custodial Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Custodial Funds
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Assets	
Cash	\$ 108,400
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Net Position	
Restricted	\$ 108,400
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Sheriff

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Custodial Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2024

Custodial Funds

Additions

Collections for others	\$	206,293
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Deductions

Payments to others		192,498
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Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position		13,795
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Net position, beginning of year		94,605
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Net position, end of year	\$	108,400
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Sheriff
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Washington County, Florida Sheriff (the “Sheriff”) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles and reporting guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and accounting practices prescribed by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, State of Florida. The more significant of these governmental accounting policies applicable to the Sheriff are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Sheriff is an elected official established pursuant to Article VIII Section 1(d) of the constitution of the State of Florida and serves the geographic boundary established in Florida Statutes Chapter 7.67. Although the Sheriff’s office is operationally autonomous from the Board of County Commissioners (the “County”), it does not hold sufficient corporate powers of its own to be considered a legally separate entity for financial reporting purposes. Pursuant to GASB *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Sections 2100 and 2600, the Sheriff’s financial statements are combined with those of the County and other elected officials into the reporting entity of the County.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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 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 Sheriff considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. 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, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures and issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources. The operations of the Sheriff are funded by the County and other taxing authorities in the County. The appropriations from the County are recorded as other financing sources.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or “financial flow” measurement focus. This means that generally, only current assets and current liabilities are included in the balance sheet. Governmental fund operating

Washington County, Florida
Sheriff
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

The portion of the Sheriff’s revenue that is a budget appropriation from the Board is reported as other financing source. At year-end, excess revenue and other financing sources over expenditures are remitted to the Board and reported as reversion to Board of County Commissioners.

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental fund financial statements are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The major modifications to the accrual basis are: (a) revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they become available and measureable (available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, considered to be sixty days for property taxes and ninety days for all other revenue) and (b) expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measureable, except for accumulated sick and vacation compensation which is expensed when paid.

The fiduciary fund (custodial fund) statements are prepared using *economic resources measurement* focus and the *accrual basis of accounting*.

Fund Financial Statements

The Sheriff’s financial statements have been prepared solely for the purpose of complying with the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida (the “Rules”). These financial statements are the fund financial statements required by generally accepted accounting principles. However, these fund statements do not constitute a complete presentation because, in conformity with the Rules, the Sheriff has not presented reconciliations to the government-wide financial statements or management’s discussion and analysis. Also, certain notes to the financial statements may supplement rather than duplicate the notes included in the County’s county-wide financial statements.

The fund financial statements provide information about the Sheriff’s funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category—governmental and fiduciary—are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Washington County, Florida
Sheriff
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The Sheriff reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is used to account for all revenue and expenditures applicable to the general operations of the Sheriff that are not required either legally or by generally accepted accounting principles to be accounted for in another fund.

Emergency Medical Services Fund (EMS) – The EMS fund is used to account for all revenue and expenditures applicable to the operations of the County’s ambulance service.

Inmate Welfare Fund – Accounts for the activities related to operation of the inmate commissary.

The Sheriff has one additional non-major special revenue fund (“Civil Fees”). Special revenue funds account for specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

The Sheriff also reported the following fund type:

Fiduciary Funds – The fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Sheriff as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments. These funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of changes in financial position.

Budgetary Information

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Florida Statutes Chapters 30.49 and 129.03 detail the preparation, adoption and administration of the Sheriff’s annual budget. The Sheriff establishes an annual balanced budget for his office which displays the revenues available to the office and the functions for which the money is to be expended and submits it to the County for approval. By June 1 of each year, the Sheriff shall certify to the County a proposed budget of expenditures for carrying out the duties of his office for the ensuing fiscal year. The County has until September 30 to approve and/or modify the Sheriff’s proposed budget during hearings held pursuant to Florida Statutes 129. Once approved, any subsequent amendments must be approved by the County. Once approved, any subsequent amendments must be approved by the Board.

Budgetary control is maintained at the major object expenditure level. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the department level, and appropriations lapse at year-end. Budgetary changes within major object expenditure categories are made at the discretion of the Sheriff.

Washington County, Florida
Sheriff
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Information (continued)

Budgetary Basis of Accounting (continued)

The budgeted revenues and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements reflect all amendments approved by the Board.

Supplemental Budget Appropriations

During fiscal year 2024, the EMS fund had supplemental budget appropriations of \$507,424 or 18.90% of the original budget, and the general fund had supplemental budget appropriations of \$1,150,568 or 16.14% of the original budget. These appropriations were for various operating costs.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended September 30, 2024, expenditures within the General and EMS funds exceeded appropriations by \$110,425 and \$221,047, respectively. The excess expenditures were funded by unanticipated revenues.

Excess Revenues over Expenditures

Pursuant to Section 30.50(6), Florida Statutes, any excess revenues over expenditures determined as of the date specified in Section 30.50(5), Florida Statutes, "shall be refunded to the Board of County Commissioners". Excess revenues over expenditures returned to the County as required by Florida Statutes are accrued and reported as other financing (uses). All special revenue funds excess revenue, except civil trust, remains with the Sheriff.

Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

It is the Sheriff's policy to allow employees to accumulate vacation and sick leave depending on length of employment. Accumulated annual leave is limited to 96 hours for the first 10 years of employment, 144 hours from 10 years to 20 years of employment, and 192 hours thereafter. Accumulated annual leave is payable upon termination at the full value of the hours accumulated up to 240 hours, while sick leave is subject to various criteria. Expenditures for compensated absences in governmental funds are those paid during the current fiscal year and the amount unpaid at the end of the reporting period that normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Accrued compensated absences that will not be liquidated with expendable available financial resources of the Sheriff are the obligation of the County and are reported at the county-wide level.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Employee Benefits (continued)

Retirement Plan

The Sheriff and all qualified County employees participate in The Florida Retirement System (the "System"). The System's financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the requirements of the *Retirement Plan (continued)* GASB. The Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Florida and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Assets, liabilities and cash inflows/outflows related to the Sheriff are combined with all the County's participants and reported in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The County, in accordance with Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, provides post-retirement health care benefits to all retired employees who participated in the County's group health plan while employed. Employees of the Sheriff are covered under the County's plan. The County is required to measure and recognize the annual cost of the future benefits and calculate the annual employer funding requirements and, to the extent funding is not made by the County, recognize an OPEB liability on the balance sheet of the County. These amounts, if any, are recorded in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balance

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the government.

Receivables

Receivables are shown at their net realizable value. See Note 2 for allowance for doubtful accounts.

Capital Assets

The Sheriff has custodial responsibility for capital assets used by his office and maintains a \$5,000 threshold for capitalization of equipment. Additionally, the Sheriff maintains an inventory of all tangible personal property with a value or cost of \$5,000 or more and a projected useful life of one year or more as required by Florida Statute 274 and Florida Administrative Code Sections 69I-73.002 and 69I-73.006. Title in all capital assets held by the Sheriff is retained by the Board and the Sheriff's assets are reported in the county-wide financial statements. At the fund level, capital assets are recorded as expenditures at the time an asset is acquired. At the county-wide level, capital assets are capitalized at cost if purchased and if donated at acquisition value when received. Depreciation is

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

determined using the straight-line method with estimated useful lives of 3 to 39 years for all tangible personal property.

Categories and Classification of Fund Balance

Fund balance flow assumptions – The Sheriff funds outlays 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 Sheriff'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.

Fund balance policies – Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The Sheriff can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The provisions of GASB Statement No. 54 (GASB 54), *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, specifies the following classifications:

Nonspendable fund balance – Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Sheriff's highest level of decision-making authority. The County is the highest level of decision-making authority for the County that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Categories and Classification of Fund Balance (continued)

Assigned fund balance – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Sheriff for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Board has by resolution authorized the finance director to assign fund balance. The Sheriff may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between the estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Unassigned fund balance – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make various estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The Sheriff has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the financial statements were available to be issued, June 3, 2025, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure.

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for (a) accounting changes and (b) the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements (error correction). This Statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity and describes the transactions or other events that constitute those changes. This Statement prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for (1) each type of accounting change and (2) error corrections. This Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections,

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated. Furthermore, this Statement addresses how information that is affected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI). The requirements of GASB 100 are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. There were no significant impacts of implementing this Statement.

The GASB has issued statements that will become effective in future years. These statements are as follows:

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* (GASB 101). The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In April 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. In addition to other items, the Statement:

- Addresses changes to information presented in the MD&A;

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

- Requires governments to display the inflows and outflows related to unusual or infrequent items separately as the last presented flow(s) of resources prior to the net change in resource flows in the government-wide, governmental fund, and proprietary fund statements of resource flows;
- Requires that a subtotal for operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies be presented before reporting other nonoperating revenues and expenses;
- Requires governments to present each major component unit separately in the reporting entity's statement of net position and statement of activities if it does not reduce the readability of the statements;
- Requires governments to present budgetary comparison information using a single method of communication (RSI).

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In September 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. This Statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, should be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset in the capital as-sets note disclosures. Subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, also should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires intangible assets other than those three types to be disclosed separately by major class. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale and that capital assets held for sale be evaluated each reporting period. Governments should disclose (1) the ending balance of capital assets held for sale, with separate disclosure for historical cost and accumulated depreciation by major class of asset, and (2) the carrying amount of debt for which the capital assets held for sale are pledged as collateral for each major class of asset. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The Sheriff is evaluating the requirements of the above statements and the impact on reporting.

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Note 2: DETAILED NOTED ON ALL FUNDS

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of cash on hand and demand deposits.

Demand deposits greater than the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance coverage are secured by the qualified public depositories pledging securities with the State Treasurer in such amounts required by the Florida Security for Public Depositories Act. In the event of a default or insolvency of a qualified public depositor (depositor), the depositor will implement procedures for payment of losses according to the depositors validated claims pursuant to Section 280.08, Florida Statutes.

Custodial risk - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution a government may not be able to recover deposits. Monies placed on deposit with financial institutions in the form of demand deposits, time deposits or certificate of deposits are defined as public deposits. At year-end, all cash held in demand deposits was fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institutions collateral pool required by Section 280, Florida Statutes.

The Sheriff does not have a written investment policy but historically has placed surplus funds in interest bearing depository accounts with local banking institutions. At September 30, 2024, all deposits were fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institution collateral pool required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Due From Other Governmental Units

Due from other governments at September 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

	General Fund
Due from Other Governments	
State of Florida	\$ 287,646
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	8,372
Due from DEA	81
FDLE Safe Grant	5,271
US Marshall	3,689
JAG Grant	98,570
Adam Walsh Grant	33,507
Total	\$ 437,136

Note 2: DETAILED NOTED ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Accounts Receivable

EMS accounts receivable total \$1,818,473 and are shown net of allowance for doubtful accounts and contractual adjustments totaling \$1,352,349. This allowance represents an uncollected billing ratio based on past history of collections and aged accounts receivable listings. All other accounts receivable are considered fully collectible.

Due to Board of County Commissioners

The excess revenues over expenditures remitted to the County after year end was \$43,472 in accordance with Section 30.50(6) Florida Statutes. This amount is reported as Reversion to Board of County Commissioners on the Statement of Revenues Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. The remaining balance due to the County was related to amounts received for housing inmates.

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Sheriff and all full-time employees are participants in the Florida Retirement System (the "System"), a defined benefit, cost sharing, multiple-employer public retirement system, which is controlled by the State Legislature and administered by the State of Florida, Department of Administration, Division of Retirement. The plan covers full-time employees of various governmental units within the State of Florida. Accordingly, the actuarial information and related disclosures attributable to the Sheriff's employees are not determinable.

The System's funding policy provides for monthly employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due (see rates below). Level percentage of payroll employer contribution rates, established by state law, is determined using the entry-age actuarial funding method. If an unfunded actuarial liability reemerges, future plan benefit changes, assumption changes, and methodology changes are amortized within 30 years, using level dollar amounts. Except for gains reserved for rate stabilization, it is anticipated future actuarial gains and losses are amortized on a rolling 10% basis, as a level dollar amount.

The System provides for employees hired prior to July 1, 2011 vesting of benefits after six years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to employees who retire at or after age 62 with six or more years of service. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 55 with at least 6 years of Special Risk service, or 25 years of Special Risk service, regardless of age, or age 52 with 25 years of Special Risk service and military service. Early retirement is available after six years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year prior to the normal retirement age. For those employees hired on or after July 1, 2011, the System provides for vesting of benefits after eight years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to these employees who retire at or after age 65 with eight years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year. For Special Risk

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Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Class members, normal retirement is age 60 with at least 8 years of Special Risk service, or 30 years of Special Risk service, regardless of age, or age 57 with 30 years of Special Risk service and military service. Retirement benefits are based upon age, average compensation and years-of-service credit where average compensation is computed as the average of an individual's five highest years of earnings.

Participating employer contributions are based upon State-wide rates established by the State of Florida. These rates applied to employee salaries at year end are as follows: regular employees – 13.63%, DROP Program – 21.13%, senior management – 34.52%, special risk – 32.79% and elected officials – 58.68%. These rates are applied to employee salaries each pay period. Employee contributions are 3.00% for all classifications, with the exception of the DROP program.

Total payroll for the Sheriff's employees covered by the System was \$5,960,910 for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Sheriff's total payroll was \$6,053,755 for the same period. The Sheriff's contribution to the plan for the years ended September 30, 2024, **2023**, and 2022 were \$1,777,981, \$1,411,137, and \$1,116,285, respectively, and were paid by the due date for the contributions.

The Sheriff has no responsibility to the System other than to make the periodic payments required by state statutes. The Florida Division of Retirement issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the Florida Division of Retirement, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000 or at the Division's website at dms.myflorida.com.

Note 4: CONTINGENCIES

At September 30, 2024, the Sheriff was involved in several litigations and claims arising in the normal course of operations. It is the opinion of management that coverage provided by the Self- Insurance Fund is more than adequate to eliminate any material exposure resulting from those claims. The Sheriff receives grants from federal and state sources that are subject to review and audit by the funding sources. Such reviews and audits could result in the discovery of unallowable activities and unallowable costs. Consequently, any of the funding sources may, at their discretion, request reimbursement for expenses or return of funds, or both, as a result of noncompliance by the Sheriff with the terms of the grants/contracts. In the opinion of the Sheriff's management, such allowances, if any, would not be significant in relation to the financial statements of the Sheriff. No accruals for loss contingencies have been made in these financial statements.

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Note 5: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL

The following capital assets and long term debt are in the custody of and accounted for by the Sheriff and reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Capital Assets

Title in capital assets owned by the County is retained by the Board. The below noted capital asset information and activity is reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year is as follows:

	Balance 9/30/23	Additions	Deletions	Balance 9/30/24
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Tower Grant CIP	\$ 383,487	\$ 227,293	\$ (610,780)	\$ -
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Equipment	3,646,541	1,362,799	(429,989)	4,579,351
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,673,614)	(416,025)	372,909	(2,716,730)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	972,927	946,774	(57,080)	1,862,621
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,356,414	\$ 1,174,067	\$ (667,860)	\$ 1,862,621

Depreciation expense was charged to the function of government as follows:

<i>General Government</i>	
Public safety	\$ 416,025

Long -Term Debt

Compensated absences' that will not be liquidated with expendable available financial resources of the Sheriff is the obligation of the County and reported at the county-wide level. The following is a summary of changes in compensated absences and long-term debt for 2024:

	Balance 10/1/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 9/30/2024	Due in One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 418,629	\$ 435,321	\$ 447,319	\$ 406,631	\$ 40,663
Note payable	-	235,881	13,033	\$ 222,848	33,435
Total	\$ 418,629	\$ 671,202	\$ 460,352	\$ 629,479	\$ 74,098

**Washington County, Florida
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Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 5: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL (Continued)

Long -Term Debt (continued)

The Sheriff entered into a note payable for financing the acquisition of EMS ambulance vehicles.

Maturities of long-term debt subsequent to September 30, 2024 consists of the following:

<i>For the years ending September 30,</i>	<i>Long-term debt</i>
2025	\$ 49,273
2026	49,273
2027	49,273
2028	49,273
2029	49,273
2030	27,743
Total minimum payments	274,108
Less: amount representing interest	(51,260)
Total	\$ 222,848

FIDUCIARY FUND

Forfeiture Fund - To account for collections and disbursements of forfeitures.

Inmate Trust Fund - To account for cash received for and due to inmates

Washington County, Florida
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Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position –
Custodial Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Forfeiture	Inmate Trust	Total
Assets			
Cash	\$ 85,663	\$ 22,737	\$ 108,400
Net Position			
Restricted	\$ 85,663	\$ 22,737	\$ 108,400

Washington County, Florida
 Sheriff

**Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position –
 Custodial Funds**

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Forfeiture	Inmate Trust	Total
Additions			
Collections for others	\$ 1,998	\$ 204,295	\$ 206,293
Deductions			
Payments to others	-	192,498	192,498
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	1,998	11,797	13,795
Net position, beginning of year	83,665	10,940	94,605
Net position, end of year	\$ 85,663	\$ 22,737	\$ 108,400



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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 Kevin Crews
Sheriff
Washington County, Florida

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 major funds, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington County, Florida Sheriff, (the “Sheriff”) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Reports on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Sheriff’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 the Sheriff’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff’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.

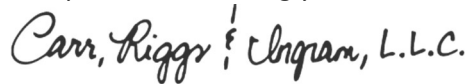
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sheriff'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff'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.


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Enterprise, Alabama
June 3, 2025



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION
218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES**

Honorable Kevin Crews
Sheriff
Washington County, Florida

We have examined Washington County, Florida Sheriff (the “Sheriff”) compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for the Sheriff’s compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Sheriff’s compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Sheriff complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Sheriff complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Sheriff’s compliance with specified requirements.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

In our opinion, the Sheriff complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investments Policies* for the year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Sheriff and the State of Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Kevin Crews
Sheriff
Washington County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Washington County, Florida, Sheriff (the "Sheriff"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reports Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated June 3, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Financial Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we had no such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Washington County, Florida Sheriff and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Enterprise, Alabama
June 3, 2025



**Washington County, Florida
Property Appraiser**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Renea Peters
Property Appraiser
Washington County, Florida

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the major fund of the Washington County, Florida Property Appraiser (the "Property Appraiser"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Property Appraiser's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the major fund of the Property Appraiser as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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 the Property Appraiser, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Property Appraiser'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 for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2025, on our consideration of the Property Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Property Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Enterprise, Alabama
June 3, 2025

Washington County, Florida
Property Appraiser
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	General Fund
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72,264
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 7,113
Due to Board of County Commissioners	65,151
Total liabilities	72,264
Fund balance	-
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 72,264

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Property Appraiser

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Governmental Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	General Fund
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Revenues	
Miscellaneous	\$ 21,026
Expenditures	
Current	
General government	764,003
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Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(742,977)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	
Appropriations from Board of County Commissioners	808,128
Reversion to Board of County Commissioners	(65,151)
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Net other financing sources (uses)	742,977
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Net change in fund balance	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	-
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Fund balance, end of year	\$ -
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Property Appraiser

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual –
General Fund

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,026	\$ 21,026
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	791,463	800,428	764,003	36,425
Reserve for contingencies	7,700	7,700	-	7,700
Total expenditures	799,163	808,128	764,003	44,125
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(799,163)	(808,128)	(742,977)	65,151
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Appropriations from Board of County Commissioners				
Commissioners	799,163	808,128	808,128	-
Reversion to Board of County Commissioners	-	-	(65,151)	(65,151)
Net other financing sources (uses)	799,163	808,128	742,977	(65,151)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**Washington County, Florida
Property Appraiser
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Washington County, Florida Property Appraiser (the “Property Appraiser”) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles and reporting guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and accounting practices prescribed by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, State of Florida. The more significant of these governmental accounting policies applicable to the Property Appraiser are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Property Appraiser is an elected official established pursuant to Article VIII Section 1(d) of the constitution of the State of Florida and serves the geographic boundary established in Florida Statutes chapter 7.67. Although the Property Appraiser’s office is operationally autonomous from the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”), it does not hold sufficient corporate powers of its own to be considered a legally separate entity for financial reporting purposes. Pursuant to GASB *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Section 2100 and 2600*, the Property Appraiser’s financial statements are combined with those of the Board and other elected constitutional officers into the reporting entity of Washington County, Florida (the “County”).

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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.

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 Property Appraiser considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 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 capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or “financial flow” measurement focus. This means that generally, only current assets and current liabilities are included in the balance sheet. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

Washington County, Florida
Property Appraiser
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

The operations of the Property Appraiser are funded by the Board of County Commissioners and other taxing authorities in the County. The appropriations from the Board are recorded as other financing sources. At year-end, excess revenue and other financial sources received over expenditures are remitted to the Board and other taxing authorities in proportion to the amounts received from each taxing authority.

Fund Financial Statements

The Property Appraiser's financial statements have been prepared solely for the purpose of complying with the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida (the "Rules"). These financial statements are the fund financial statements required by generally accepted accounting principles. However, these fund statements do not constitute a complete presentation because, in conformity with the Rules, the Property Appraiser has not presented reconciliations to the government-wide financial statements, the government-wide financial statements, or management's discussion and analysis. Also, certain notes to the financial statements may supplement rather than duplicate the notes included in the County's county-wide financial statements.

In preparing these financial statements, the following is reported as a major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* accounts for all revenue and expenditures applicable to the general operations of the Property Appraiser that are not required either legally or by GAAP to be accounted for in another fund.

Budgetary Information

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Florida Statutes Chapter 195.087 details the preparation, adoption and administration of the Property Appraiser's annual budget. On or before June 1 of each year, the Property Appraiser shall certify to the Department of Revenue (the "Department") a proposed budget. The Department has until August 15 to approve or modify the budget. The Board has until September 30 to approve a final budget during hearings held pursuant to Florida Statute 200.065. Budgetary control is maintained at the major object expenditure level. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the department level, and appropriations lapse at year-end. Budgetary changes within major object expenditure categories are made at the discretion of the Property Appraiser. Budgeted revenues and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements reflect all amendments approved by the Department and Board.

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Information (continued)

Excess Revenues over Expenditures

Pursuant to Section 218.36(2), Florida Statutes, any excess revenues over expenditures, determined as of the fiscal year end, "...shall be divided into parts for each governmental unit which was billed and which paid for the operation of the Property Appraiser's office in the same proportion as the governmental units were originally billed.

Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

A liability exists for accrued annual and sick leave, which will be taken by employees. The Property Appraiser does not pay employees for unused sick leave upon termination. Vacation time is earned depending on the length of employment and up to 240 hours may be carried forward to future years. The Property Appraiser's accumulated compensated absences are reported in the statement of net position in the County's financial statements.

Retirement Plan

The Property Appraiser and all qualified County employees participate in The Florida Retirement System (the "System"). The System's financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the requirements of the GASB. The Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Florida and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Assets, liabilities and cash inflows/outflows related to the Property Appraiser are combined with all the County's participants and reported in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The Property Appraiser, in accordance with Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, provides post-retirement health care benefits to all retired employees who participated in the County's group health plan while employed. Employees of the Property Appraiser are covered under the County's plan. The County is required to measure and recognize the annual cost of the future benefits and calculate the annual employer funding requirements and, to the extent funding is not made by the County, recognize an OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position of the County. These amounts, if any, are recorded in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the government.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

The purchase method is used to account for inventory and payments to vendors for costs applicable to future periods (prepaid). Under the purchase method, expenditures are recognized when the available financial resource is expended. Inventory is not deemed material.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenditures at the time acquired and if donated, acquisition value at the date of donation. Title in all capital assets owned by the County is retained by the Board and the Property Appraiser capital assets are reported on the county-wide financial statements. The Property Appraiser maintains custodial responsibility for the capital assets used by his office.

The Property Appraiser maintains a \$5,000 threshold for capitalization of machinery and equipment and a \$25,000 threshold for land, buildings and improvements. Additionally, the Property Appraiser maintains an inventory of all tangible personal property with a donated value or cost of \$5,000 or more and a projected useful life of one year or more as required by Florida Statute 274 and Florida Administrative Code Sections 69I-73.002 and 69I-73.006. Depreciation is determined using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful life.

Categories and Classification of Fund Balance

Fund balance flow assumptions – The Property Appraiser funds outlays 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 Property Appraiser'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.

Fund balance policies – Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The Property Appraiser itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance (continued)

Categories and Classification of Fund Balance (continued)

The provisions of GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, specifies the following classifications:

Nonspendable fund balance – Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Property Appraiser's highest level of decision-making authority. The Property Appraiser is the highest level of decision-making authority. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the formal action remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned fund balance – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Property Appraiser for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Property Appraiser can authorize the finance director to assign fund balance. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment.

Unassigned fund balance – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make various estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 3, 2025, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* (GASB 100). GASB 100 prescribes accounting and financial reporting for (1) each category of accounting change and (2) error corrections. GASB 100 also addresses how accounting changes and error corrections should be displayed in financial statements, disclosed in notes, and presented in required supplementary information and supplementary information. The requirements of GASB 100 are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. There were no significant impacts of implementing this Statement.

The GASB has issued statements that will become effective in future years. These statements are as follows:

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* (GASB 101). The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In April 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. In addition to other items, the Statement:

- Addresses changes to information presented in the MD&A;
- Requires governments to display the inflows and outflows related to unusual or infrequent items separately as the last presented flow(s) of resources prior to the net change in resource flows in the government-wide, governmental fund, and proprietary fund statements of resource flows;
- Requires that a subtotal for operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies be presented before reporting other nonoperating revenues and expenses;

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

- Requires governments to present each major component unit separately in the reporting entity's statement of net position and statement of activities if it does not reduce the readability of the statements;
- Requires governments to present budgetary comparison information using a single method of communication (RSI).

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In September 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. This Statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, should be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset in the capital as-sets note disclosures. Subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, also should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires intangible assets other than those three types to be disclosed separately by major class. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale and that capital assets held for sale be evaluated each reporting period. Governments should disclose (1) the ending balance of capital assets held for sale, with separate disclosure for historical cost and accumulated depreciation by major class of asset, and (2) the carrying amount of debt for which the capital assets held for sale are pledged as collateral for each major class of asset.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The Property Appraiser is evaluating the requirements of the above statements and the impact on reporting.

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of cash on hand and demand deposits.

Demand deposits greater than the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance coverage are secured by the qualified public depositories pledging securities with the State Treasurer in such amounts required by the Florida Security for Public Depositories Act. In the event of a default or insolvency of a qualified public depositor (depositor), the depositor will implement procedures for payment of losses according to the depositors validated claims pursuant to Section 280.08, Florida Statutes.

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

Custodial risk - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution a government may not be able to recover deposits. Monies placed on deposit with financial institutions in the form of demand deposits, time deposits or certificate of deposits are defined as public deposits. At year-end, all cash held in demand deposits was fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institutions collateral pool required by Section 280, Florida Statutes.

The Property Appraiser does not have a written investment policy but historically has placed surplus funds in interest bearing depository accounts with local banking institutions. At September 30, 2024, all deposits were fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institution collateral pool required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Due to Board of County Commissioners

Pursuant to Section 218.36(2), Florida Statutes, each County Officer shall pay into the county general fund all money in excess of the sum to which he or she is entitled under the provisions of Chapter 145. For the year ended September 30, 2024, excess revenues over expenditures of \$65,151 are accrued and reported as Reversion to Board of County Commissioners on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance.

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLANS

The Property Appraiser and all full-time employees are participants in the Florida Retirement System (the "System"), a defined benefit, cost sharing, multiple-employer public retirement system, which is controlled by the State Legislature and administered by the State of Florida, Department of Administration, Division of Retirement. The plan covers full-time employees of various governmental units within the State of Florida. Accordingly, the actuarial information and related disclosures attributable to the Property Appraiser's employees are not determinable.

The System's funding policy provides for monthly employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due (see rates below). Level percentage of payroll employer contribution rates, established by State law, is determined using the entry-age actuarial funding method. If an unfunded actuarial liability reemerges, future plan benefit changes, assumption changes, and methodology changes are amortized within 30 years, using level dollar amounts. Except for gains reserved for rate stabilization, it is anticipated future actuarial gains and losses are amortized on a rolling 10% basis as a level dollar amount.

The System provides for those employees hired prior to July 1, 2011 vesting of benefits after six years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to employees who retire at or after age 62 with six or more years of service. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 55 with at least six years of Special Risk service, or twenty-five years of Special Risk service,

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Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

regardless of age, or age 52 with 25 years of Special Risk service and up to four years of active duty wartime service. Early retirement is available after six years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year prior to the normal retirement age. For those employees hired on or after July 1, 2011, the System provides for vesting of benefits after eight years of credible service. Normal retirement benefits are available to these employees who retire at or after age 65 with eight years of service or thirty-three years regardless of age. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 60 with at least eight years of Special Risk service, or thirty years of Special Risk service, regardless of age. Retirement benefits are based upon age, average compensation and years-of-service credit where average compensation is computed as the average of an individual's five highest years of earnings.

Participating employer contributions are based upon State-wide rates established by the State of Florida. These rates applied to employee salaries at year end are as follows: regular employees – 13.63%, DROP Program – 21.13%, senior management – 34.52%, and elected officials – 58.68%. The rate applied to employee salaries for employee contributions was 3.00% for all classifications, with the exception of the DROP Program.

Total payroll for the Property Appraiser's employees covered by the System was \$448,504 for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Property Appraiser's total payroll was \$448,504 for the same period. The Property Appraiser's contributions to the plan for the years ended September 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$59,428, \$54,689, and \$52,303, respectively and were paid by the due date for the contribution.

The Property Appraiser has no responsibility to the System other than to make the periodic payments required by State Statutes. The Florida Division of Retirement issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing Florida Division of Retirement, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000 or at the Division's website at dms.myflorida.com.

Note 4: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Property Appraiser is currently involved in litigation arising in the normal course of operations. Those claims are challenging property valuations. Potential recoveries or liabilities in excess of insurance coverage, if any, are not determinable. No accruals for loss contingency have been made in the financial statements.

Note 5: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL

The following capital assets and compensated absences are in the custody of and accounted for by the Property Appraiser and reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Washington County, Florida
Property Appraiser
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL (Continued)

Capital Assets

Title in all capital assets owned by the County is retained by the Board of County Commissioners and the below noted capital asset information and activity is reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Summary of capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Balance 10/01/23	Increases	Decreases	Balance 9/30/24
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
Capital assets depreciated				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 410,965	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410,965
Less: accumulated depreciation	198,008	54,953	-	252,961
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Total governmental activities				
Capital assets, net	\$ 212,957	(54,953)	\$ -	\$ 158,004

Depreciation expense of \$54,953 was charged to the general government function.

Long-Term Debt

Accrued compensated absences that will not be liquidated with expendable available financial resources of the Property Appraiser are the obligation of the County and are reported at the county-wide level.

Summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Balance 10/01/23	Increases	Reductions	Balance 9/30/24	Due in One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 19,945	\$ 13,750	\$ (11,197)	\$ 22,498	\$ 2,250



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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 Gil Carter
Property Appraiser
Washington County, Florida

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 major fund of Washington County, Florida, Property Appraiser (the “Property Appraiser”) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Property Appraiser’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Property Appraiser’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Property Appraiser’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Property Appraiser’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 have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described below as finding No. PA2003-003 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

PA2003-003 Segregation of Duties (Repeat Finding)

Criteria – The internal control environment should include proper segregation of duties and responsibilities over accounting functions.

Condition – There is a lack of segregation of duties between employees who have recordkeeping responsibility and employees who have custody of the Property Appraiser’s assets.

Cause – The Property Appraiser has limited personnel in the accounting department.

Effect – The possibility exists that unintentional or intentional errors or irregularities could occur and not be promptly detected.

Recommendation – We realize that due to the size of the Property Appraiser’s administrative staff, it is difficult to achieve ideal separation of duties. However, the Property Appraiser should remain very active and involved in the day-to-day operations. Controls should be implemented to help compensate for these weaknesses and to provide checks and balances.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions – See management’s response on page 22.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Property Appraiser’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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Property Appraiser’s Response to Findings

The Property Appraiser’s response to the finding identified in our audit is located on page 22. The Property Appraiser’s response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Property Appraiser’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.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL
GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES**

Honorable Renea Peters
Property Appraiser
Washington County, Florida

We have examined Washington County, Florida, Property Appraiser’s (the “Property Appraiser”) compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2024. Management of the Property Appraiser is responsible for the compliance with the specific requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Property Appraiser’s compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Property Appraiser complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Property Appraiser complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagements.

In our opinion, the Property Appraiser complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, for the year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Renea Peters
Property Appraiser
Washington County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Washington County, Florida Property Appraiser (the "Property Appraiser"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated June 3, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. Finding PA2003-003 found in the 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* has not been corrected.

Financial Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Property Appraiser and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Enterprise, Alabama

June 3, 2025

**Washington County, Florida
Property Appraiser
Management's Response**



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To Whom it May Concern:

We are in receipt of the Washington County Property Appraiser's audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. In response to the internal control and compliance the following applies:

Segregation of Duties – I will continue to remain active in the day-to-day operations of the Property Appraiser's office. This is a small office with employees who have overlapping duties. I will continue to ensure there are checks and balances in the daily work and the ledger is balanced on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Renea Peters".

Renea Peters, CFA
Property Appraiser
Washington County, Florida



**Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections**

Financial Statements

September 30, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Deidra Malloy Pettis
Supervisor of Elections
Washington County, Florida

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the major fund of the Washington County, Florida Supervisor of Elections (the "Supervisor of Elections"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Supervisor of Elections' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the major fund of the Supervisor of Elections as of September 30, 2024, the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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 the Supervisor of Elections, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Supervisor of Elections' 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 for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2025, on our consideration of the Supervisor of Elections' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Supervisor of Elections' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Enterprise, Alabama

June 3, 2025

**Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds**

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	General Fund
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Assets	
Cash	\$ 47,467
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Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 16,744
Due to Board of County Commissioners	30,723
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Total liabilities	47,467
Fund balance	-
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Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 47,467
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Governmental Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2024

General Fund

Revenue

Miscellaneous	\$	7,221
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Expenditures

General government		666,716
Capital outlay		18,400

Total expenditures		685,116
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Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(677,895)
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Appropriations from Board of County Commissioners		694,560
Reversion to Board of County Commissioners		(16,665)

Net other financing sources (uses)		677,895
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Net change in fund balance		-
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Fund balance, beginning of year		-
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Fund balance, end of year	\$	-
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual
General Fund

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenue				
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,221	\$ 7,221
Expenditures				
General government	676,160	676,160	666,716	9,444
Capital outlay	18,400	18,400	18,400	-
Total expenditures	694,560	694,560	685,116	9,444
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(694,560)	(694,560)	(677,895)	16,665
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Appropriations from Board of County Commissioners	694,560	694,560	694,560	-
Reversion to Board of County Commissioners	-	-	(16,665)	(16,665)
Net other financing sources (uses)	694,560	694,560	677,895	(16,665)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Washington County, Florida Supervisor of Elections (the “Supervisor of Elections”), have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles and reporting guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and accounting practices prescribed by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, State of Florida. The more significant of these governmental accounting policies applicable to the Supervisor of Elections are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Supervisor of Elections is an elected official established pursuant to Article VIII Section 1(d) of the constitution of the State of Florida, and serves the geographic boundary established in Florida Statutes chapter 7.67. Although the Supervisor of Elections’ office is operationally autonomous from the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”), it does not hold sufficient corporate powers of its own to be considered a legally separate entity for financial reporting purposes. Pursuant to GASB *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Section 2100 and 2600*, the Supervisor of Elections’ financial statements are combined with those of the Board and other elected constitutional officers into the reporting entity of Washington County, Florida (the “County”).

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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.

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 Supervisor of Elections 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 capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or “financial flow” measurement focus. This means that, generally, only current assets and current liabilities are included in the balance sheet. Governmental fund

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

The operations of the Supervisor of Elections are primarily funded by the Board, and appropriations from the Board are reported as other financing source. At year-end, excess revenue and other financing sources over expenditures are remitted to the Board and reported as reversion to the Board of County Commissioners.

Fund Financial Statements

The Supervisor of Elections’ financial statements have been prepared solely for the purpose of complying with the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida (the “Rules”). These financial statements are the fund financial statements required by generally accepted accounting principles. However, these fund financial statements do not constitute a complete presentation because, in conformity with the Rules, the Supervisor of Elections has not presented reconciliations to the government-wide financial statements, or management’s discussion and analysis. Also, certain notes to the financial statements may supplement, rather than duplicate, the notes included in the County’s countywide financial statements.

The Supervisor of Elections reports the following major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* accounts for all financial resources that are not required either legally or by generally accepted accounting principles, to be accounted for in another fund.

Budgetary Information

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Florida Statutes Chapter 129.201 and 129.03 details the preparation, adoption and administration of the Supervisor of Elections’ annual budget. By June 1 of each year, the Supervisor of Elections shall submit to the Board a tentative budget for carrying out the duties of his office for the ensuing fiscal year. The Board has until September 30 to approve and/or modify the Supervisor of Elections’ proposed budget during hearings held pursuant to Florida Statutes 129. The budgeted revenues and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements reflect all amendments approved by the Board. Budgetary control is maintained at the major object expenditure level. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the department level, and appropriations lapse at year-end. Budgetary changes within major object expenditure categories are made at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgetary Information (continued)

Excess Revenues over Expenditures

Pursuant to Section 129.202(1)(f), Florida Statutes, "all unexpended balances at the end of each fiscal year shall be returned to the Board and deposited to the County fund or funds from which payment was originally made." Excess revenues over expenditures returned to the Board as required by Florida Statutes are accrued and reported as other financing (uses).

Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

It is the Supervisor of Elections' policy to allow employees to accumulate up to 240 hours of annual leave and sick leave, a total of 120 hours, all of which is allowed for payment upon separation from employment. Expenditures for compensated absences in governmental funds are those paid during the current fiscal year and the amount unpaid at the end of the reporting period that normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Retirement Plan

The Supervisor of Elections and all qualified County employees participate in The Florida Retirement System (the "System"). The System's financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the requirements of the GASB. The Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Florida and is included in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Assets, liabilities and cash inflows/outflows related to the Supervisor of Elections are combined with all the County's participates and reported in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The Supervisor of Elections, in accordance with Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, provides post-retirement health care benefits to all retired employees who participated in its group health plan while employed. Employees of the Supervisor of Elections are covered under the County's plan. The County is required to measure and recognize the annual cost of the future benefits and calculate the annual employer funding requirements and, to the extent funding is not made by the County, recognize an OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position of the County. These amounts, if any, are recorded in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

The purchase method is used to account for inventory and payments to vendors for costs applicable to future periods (prepaid). Under the purchase method, expenditures are recognized when the available financial resource is expended. Inventory is not deemed material.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenditures at the time acquired and if donated, acquisition value at the date of donation. Title in all capital assets owned by the County is retained by the Board and the Supervisor of Elections' capital assets are reported on the county-wide financial statements. The Supervisor of Elections maintains custodial responsibility for the capital assets used by his office.

The Supervisor of Elections maintains a \$5,000 threshold for capitalization of machinery and equipment, and a \$25,000 threshold for land, buildings and improvements. Additionally, the Supervisor of Elections maintains an inventory of all tangible personal property with a donated value or cost of \$5,000 or more and a projected useful life of one year or more, as required by Florida Statute 274 and Florida Administrative Code Sections 69I-73.002 and 69I-73.006. Depreciation is determined using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful life.

Categories and Classification of Fund Balance

Fund balance flow assumptions – The Supervisor of Elections funds outlays 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 Supervisor of Elections' 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.

Fund balance policies – Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The Supervisor of Elections itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance (continued)

Categories and Classification of Fund Balance (continued)

The provisions of GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, specifies the following classifications:

Nonspendable fund balance – Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either: (a) not in spendable form; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Supervisor of Elections' highest level of decision-making authority. The Supervisor of Elections is the highest level of decision-making authority. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by formal action remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned fund balance – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Supervisor of Elections for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Supervisor of Elections can authorize the finance director to assign fund balance. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Unassigned fund balance – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make various estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued June 3, 2025, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure.

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* (GASB 100). GASB 100 prescribes accounting and financial reporting for (1) each category of accounting change and (2) error corrections. GASB 100 also addresses how accounting changes and error corrections should be displayed in financial statements, disclosed in notes, and presented in required supplementary information and supplementary information. The requirements of GASB 100 are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. There were no significant impacts from implementing this statement.

The GASB has issued statements that will become effective in future years. These statements are as follow:

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* (GASB 101). The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In April 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. In addition to other items, the Statement:

- Addresses changes to information presented in the MD&A;
- Requires governments to display the inflows and outflows related to unusual or infrequent items separately as the last presented flow(s) of resources prior to the net change in resource flows in the government-wide, governmental fund, and proprietary fund statements of resource flows;
- Requires that a subtotal for operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies be presented before reporting other nonoperating revenues and expenses;

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

- Requires governments to present each major component unit separately in the reporting entity's statement of net position and statement of activities if it does not reduce the readability of the statements;
- Requires governments to present budgetary comparison information using a single method of communication (RSI).

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In September 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. This Statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, should be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset in the capital assets note disclosures. Subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, also should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires intangible assets other than those three types to be disclosed separately by major class. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale and that capital assets held for sale be evaluated each reporting period. Governments should disclose (1) the ending balance of capital assets held for sale, with separate disclosure for historical cost and accumulated depreciation by major class of asset, and (2) the carrying amount of debt for which the capital assets held for sale are pledged as collateral for each major class of asset. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The Supervisor of Elections is evaluating the requirements of the above statements and the impact on reporting.

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of cash on hand and demand deposits.

Demand deposits greater than the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance coverage are secured by the qualified public depositories pledging securities with the State Treasurer in such amounts required by the Florida Security for Public Depositories Act. In the event of a default or insolvency of a qualified public depositor (depositor), the depositor will implement procedures for payment of losses according to the depositors validated claims pursuant to Section 280.08, Florida Statutes.

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued)

Custodial risk - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution a government may not be able to recover deposits. Monies placed on deposit with financial institutions in the form of demand deposits, time deposits or certificate of deposits are defined as public deposits. At year-end, all cash held in demand deposits was fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institutions collateral pool required by Section 280, Florida Statutes.

The Supervisor of Elections does not have a written investment policy but historically has placed surplus funds in interest bearing depository accounts with local banking institutions. At September 30, 2024, all deposits were fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institution collateral pool required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Due to Board of County Commissioners

Pursuant to Section 218.36(2), Florida Statutes, each County Officer shall pay into the county general fund all money in excess of the sum to which he or she is entitled under the provisions of Chapter 145. For the year ended September 30, 2024, excess revenues over expenditures of \$16,665 are accrued and reported as Reversion to Board of County Commissioners on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance.

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Supervisor of Elections and all full-time employees are participants in the System, a defined benefit, cost sharing, multiple-employer public retirement system, which is controlled by the State Legislature and administered by the State of Florida, Department of Administration, Division of Retirement. The plan covers full-time employees of various governmental units within the State of Florida. Accordingly, the actuarial information and related disclosures attributable to the Supervisor of Elections' employees are not determinable.

The System's funding policy provides for monthly employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due (see rates below). Level percentage of payroll employer contribution rates, established by state law, is determined using the entry-age actuarial funding method. If an unfunded actuarial liability reemerges, future plan benefit changes, assumption changes, and methodology changes are amortized within 30 years, using level dollar amounts. Except for gains reserved for rate stabilization, it is anticipated future actuarial gains and losses are amortized on a rolling 10% basis, as a level dollar amount.

Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

The System provides for those employees hired prior to July 1, 2011 vesting of benefits after six years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to employees who retire at or after age 62 with six or more years of service. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 55 with at least six years of Special Risk service, or twenty-five years of Special Risk service, regardless of age, or age 52 with 25 years of Special Risk service and up to four years of active duty wartime service. Early retirement is available after six years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year prior to the normal retirement age. For those employees hired on or after July 1, 2011, the System provides for vesting of benefits after eight years of credible service. Normal retirement benefits are available to these employees who retire at or after age 65 with eight years of service or thirty-three years regardless of age. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 60 with at least eight years of Special Risk service, or thirty years of Special Risk service, regardless of age. Retirement benefits are based upon age, average compensation and years-of-service credit where average compensation is computed as the average of an individual's five highest years of earnings.

Participating employer contributions are based upon state-wide rates established by the State of Florida. These rates applied to employee salaries at year end are as follows: regular employees – 13.63%, DROP Program – 21.13%, senior management – 34.52% and elected officials – 58.68%. These rates applied to employee salaries at year end for employee contributions are 3.00% for all classifications, with the exception of the DROP program.

Total payroll for the Supervisor of Elections' employees covered by the System was \$224,529 for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Supervisor of Elections' total payroll was \$224,529 for the same period. The Supervisor of Elections' contributions to the plan for the years ended September 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$84,120, \$67,777, and \$65,803, respectively. These contributions were paid by the due date for the contribution.

The Supervisor of Elections has no responsibility to the System other than to make the periodic payments required by State Statutes. The Florida Division of Retirement issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing the: Florida Division of Retirement, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000, or at the Division's website at dms.myflorida.com.

Note 4: CONTINGENCIES

The Supervisor of Elections receives grants from federal and state sources that are subject to review and audit by the funding sources. Such reviews and audits could result in the discovery of unallowable activities and unallowable costs. Consequently, any of the funding sources may, at their discretion, request reimbursement for expenses or return of funds, or both, as a result of noncompliance by the Supervisor of Elections with the terms of the grants/contracts. In the opinion of the Supervisor of Elections' management, such allowances, if any, would not be significant in relation to the financial statements of the Supervisor of Elections.

Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL

The following capital assets and compensated absences are in the custody of and accounted for by the Supervisor of Elections and reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Capital Assets

Title in all capital assets owned by the County is retained by the Board of County Commissioners and the below noted capital asset information and activity is reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Summary of changes in capital assets during the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Balance 10/1/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 9/30/2024
Governmental Activities				
Equipment	\$ 174,088	\$ 18,400	\$ -	\$ 192,488
Less accumulated depreciation for Equipment	174,088	-	-	174,088
Capital assets, net	\$ -	\$ 18,400	\$ -	\$ 18,400

Depreciation expense was charged to the functions of the government as follows:

<i>Governmental Activities</i>	
General government	\$ -

Long-Term Debt

Debt that will not be liquidated with expendable available financial resources of the Supervisor of Elections is the obligation of the County and reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Balance 09/30/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 9/30/2024	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 5,124	\$ 5,796	\$ 3,633	\$ 7,287	\$ 729



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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 Deidra Malloy Pettis
Supervisor of Elections
Washington County, Florida

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 Washington County, Florida, Supervisor of Elections (the “Supervisor of Elections”) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Supervisor of Elections’ basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Supervisor of Elections’ 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 the Supervisor of Elections’ internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Supervisor of Elections’ 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 Supervisor of Election’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 identified a deficiency in internal control, described below as finding SOE 2003-003 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Need for Segregation of Duties, SOE 2003-003

CRITERIA: The internal control environment should include proper segregation of duties and responsibilities over accounting functions.

CONDITION: There is a lack of segregation of duties between employees who have recordkeeping responsibility and employees who have custody of Supervisor of Elections' assets.

CAUSE: The Supervisor of Elections has limited personnel in the accounting department.

EFFECT: The possibility exists that unintentional or intentional errors or irregularities could occur and not be promptly detected.

RECOMMENDATION: We realize that due to the size of the Supervisor of Elections' administrative staff, it is difficult to achieve ideal separation of duties. However, the Supervisor of Elections should remain very active and involved in the day-to-day operations. Controls should be implemented to help compensate for these weaknesses and to provide checks and balances.

STATUS: This condition continues to exist.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Supervisor of Election'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Supervisor of Elections' Response to Finding

The Supervisor of Elections' response to the finding identified in our audit is described on page 23. The Supervisor of Elections' response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Supervisor of Elections' 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.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES**

Honorable Deidra Malloy Pettis
Supervisor of Elections
Washington County, Florida

We have examined Washington County, Florida, Supervisor of Elections (the "Supervisor of Elections") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2024. Management of the Supervisor of Elections is responsible for the Supervisor of Elections' compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Supervisor of Elections' compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Supervisor of Elections complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Supervisor of Elections complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

In our opinion, the Supervisor of Elections complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Supervisor of Elections and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Deidra Malloy Pettis
Supervisor of Elections
Washington County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Washington County, Florida Supervisor of Elections (the "Supervisor of Elections"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated June 3, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Finding SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION 2003-003, found in the 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*, has not been corrected. All other prior year findings have been corrected.

Financial Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)2, Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3, Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and the Washington County Supervisor of Elections and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Enterprise, Alabama
June 3, 2025

**Washington County, Florida
Supervisor of Elections
Management's Response**



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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Management Response

We are in receipt of the audit report for the Washington County, Florida Supervisor of Elections for the fiscal year ending September 2024. I have reviewed the letter regarding compliance and internal control schedule of findings and questioned costs and management letter.

Segregation of Duties: This is a small office with employees who have overlapping job duties. I will continue to ensure there are checks and balances in the daily work and the ledger is fully balanced on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,

Deidra Malloy Pettis
Supervisor of Elections
Washington County, Florida



**Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Ken Naker
Tax Collector
Washington County, Florida

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington County, Florida Tax Collector (the "Tax Collector"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tax Collector's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the major fund and the fiduciary fund type of the Tax Collector as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Tax Collector'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 for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Tax Collector's financial statements. The accompanying combining

individual fund financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 individual fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2025, on our consideration of the Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to solely describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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June 3, 2025

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector
Balance Sheet – Governmental Fund

September 30, 2024

General Fund

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	19,489
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Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$	8,493
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Due to Board of County Commissioners		10,996
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Total liabilities		19,489
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Fund balance		-
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Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	19,489
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
Governmental Fund

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	General Fund
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Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 494,660
Expenditures	
General government	930,624
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Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(435,964)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	
Appropriations from Board of County Commissioners	446,960
Reversion to Board of County Commissioners	(10,996)
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Net other financing sources (uses)	435,964
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Net change in fund balance	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	-
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Fund balance, end of year	\$ -
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual –
General Fund

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 544,524	\$ 555,657	\$ 494,660	\$ (60,997)
Expenditures				
General government	989,635	1,000,768	930,624	70,144
Capital outlay	1,849	1,849	-	1,849
Total expenditures	991,484	1,002,617	930,624	71,993
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(446,960)	(446,960)	(435,964)	10,996
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Appropriations from Board of County Commissioners	446,960	446,960	446,960	-
Reversion to Board of County Commissioners	-	-	(10,996)	(10,996)
Net other financing sources (uses)	446,960	446,960	435,964	(10,996)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Custodial Funds
Assets	
Cash	\$ 242,967
Accounts receivable	3,779
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Total assets	246,746
Liabilities	
Due to other governments	246,746
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Total net position	\$ -
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Custodial Funds
Additions	
Tax collections, auto tag fees, and other fees for other governments	\$ 25,952,912
Deductions	
Payments of tax, auto tag fees, and other fees to other governments	25,952,912
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Net change in fiduciary net position	-
Net position, beginning of year	-
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Net position, end of year	\$ -
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Washington County, Florida Tax Collector (the “Tax Collector”) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles and reporting guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and accounting practices prescribed by Chapter 10.550 Rules of the Auditor General, State of Florida. The more significant of these governmental accounting policies applicable to the Tax Collector are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Tax Collector is an elected official established pursuant to Article VIII Section 1(d) of the constitution of the State of Florida and serves the geographic boundary established in Florida Statutes chapter 7.67. Although the Tax Collector’s office is operationally autonomous from the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”), it does not hold sufficient corporate powers to be considered a legally separate entity for financial reporting purposes. Pursuant to GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Sections 2100 and 2600, the Tax Collector’s financial statements are combined with those of the Board and the other elected constitutional officers of the county into the reporting entity of Washington County, Florida (the “County”).

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

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 governmental fund financial statements are prepared 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 Tax Collector considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. 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 and issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources. The operations of the Tax Collector are funded by the Board of County Commissioners and other taxing authorities in the County. The appropriations from the Board are recorded as other financing sources.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or “financial flow” measurement focus. This means that generally,

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

only current assets and current liabilities are included in the balance sheet. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

The operations of the Tax Collector are funded by charging for services and appropriations from the Board. The appropriations from the Board are recorded as other financing sources.

Fiduciary fund (custodial fund) statements are prepared using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*.

Fund Financial Statements

The Tax Collector’s financial statements have been prepared solely for the purpose of complying with the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida (the “Rules”). These financial statements are the fund financial statements required by generally accepted accounting principles. However, these fund statements do not constitute a complete presentation because, in conformity with the Rules, the Tax Collector has not presented reconciliations to the government-wide financial statements, or management’s discussion and analysis. Also, certain notes to the financial statements may supplement rather than duplicate the notes included in the County’s county-wide financial statements.

The fund financial statements provide information about the Tax Collector’s funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category—governmental and fiduciary—are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or custodial capacity for others that cannot be used to support the government’s own programs. Custodial funds are purely custodial and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

The Tax Collected reported the following major governmental fund:

General Fund – Accounts for all financial resources that are not required either legally or by GAAP to be accounted for in another fund.

**Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (continued)

The Tax Collector also reported the following fiduciary fund type:

Custodial Funds – These funds are custodial in nature and account for assets held in a trust capacity or as an agent for individuals, other governmental units, and/or other funds. Custodial funds only report assets and liabilities and do not measure results of operations.

The Tax Collector has three custodial funds which have been combined into a single aggregate presentation as fiduciary funds. Individual data for these fiduciary funds is provided in the combining statements of this report. Custodial funds account for specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Budgetary Information

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Florida Statutes, Chapter 195.087 details the preparation, adoption, and administration of the Tax Collector's annual budget. On or before August 1 of each year, the Tax Collector submits an annual budget to the Department of Revenue (the "Department"). If the Department finds the budget inadequate or excessive, it shall return such budget to the Tax Collector, together with its ruling thereon. The Tax Collector shall revise the budget as required and resubmit it to the Department. After final approval by the Department, there shall be no reduction or increase by the Tax Collector or Board without the approval of the Department. Budgetary control is maintained at the major object expenditure level. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the department level, and appropriations lapse at year-end. Budgetary changes within major object expenditure categories are made at the discretion of the Tax Collector.

Excess Revenue over Expenditures

Pursuant to Section 218.36(2), Florida Statutes, whenever a tax collector has excess revenue over expenditures determined as of the fiscal year end, "...he or she shall distribute the excess to each governmental unit in the same proportion as the fees paid by the governmental unit bear to the total fee income of his or her office."

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

A liability exists for accrued annual and sick leave, which will be taken by employees. The Tax Collector does not pay employees for unused sick leave upon termination. Vacation time is earned depending on the length of employment and up to 240 hours may be carried forward to future years. Expenditures for compensated absences in governmental funds are those paid during the current fiscal year and the amount unpaid at the end of the reporting period that normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Accrued compensated absences that will not be liquidated with expendable available financial resources of the Tax Collector are the obligation of the County and are reported at the county-wide level.

Retirement Plan

The Tax Collector and all qualified County employees participate in The Florida Retirement System (the "System"). The System's financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the requirements of the GASB. The Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Florida and is included in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Assets, liabilities and cash inflows/outflows related to the Tax Collector are combined with all the County's participants and reported in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The Tax Collector, in accordance with Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, provides post-retirement health care benefits to all retired employees who participated in its group health plan while employed. Employees of the Tax Collector are covered under the County's plan. The County is required to measure and recognize the annual cost of the future benefits and calculate the annual employer funding requirements and, to the extent funding is not made by the County, and recognize an OPEB liability on the balance sheet of the County. These amounts, if any, are recorded in the County's government-wide financial statements.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balance

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Tax Collector's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Inventories and Prepaid Items

The purchase method is used to account for inventory and payments to vendors for costs applicable to future periods (prepaid). Under the purchase method, expenditures are recognized when the available financial resource is expended. Inventory is not deemed material.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenditures at the time acquired and if donated, acquisition value at the date of donation. Title in all capital assets held by the Tax Collector is retained by the Board and the Tax Collector's capital assets are reported on the county-wide financial statements. The Tax Collector maintains custodial responsibility for the capital assets used by his office.

The Tax Collector maintains a \$5,000 threshold for capitalization of machinery and equipment, and a \$25,000 threshold for land, buildings and improvements. Additionally, the Tax Collector maintains an inventory of all tangible personal property with a donated value or cost of \$5,000 or more and a projected useful life of one year or more, as required by Florida Statute 274 and Florida Administrative Code Sections 69I-73.002 and 69I-73.006. Depreciation is determined using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful life.

Categories and Classification of Net Position and Fund Balance

Fund balance flow assumptions – The Tax Collector funds outlays for 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 Tax Collector'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.

Fund balance policies – Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The Tax Collector can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The provisions of GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, specifies the following classifications:

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balance (continued)

Categories and Classification of Net Position and Fund Balance (continued)

Nonspendable fund balance – Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Tax Collector’s highest level of decision-making authority. The Tax Collector is the highest level of decision-making authority. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the formal action remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned fund balance – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Tax Collector for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Tax Collector can authorize the finance director to assign fund balance. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Unassigned fund balance – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make various estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 3, 2025, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for (a) accounting changes and (b) the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements (error correction). This Statement defines accounting changes as changes in accounting principles, changes in accounting estimates, and changes to or within the financial reporting entity and describes the transactions or other events that constitute those changes. This Statement prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for (1) each type of accounting change and (2) error corrections. This Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated. Furthermore, this Statement addresses how information that is affected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI). There were no significant impacts of implementing this Statement.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued statements that will become effective in future years. These statements are as follows:

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* (GASB 101). The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

In April 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. In addition to other items, the Statement:

- Addresses changes to information presented in the MD&A;
- Requires governments to display the inflows and outflows related to unusual or infrequent items separately as the last presented flow(s) of resources prior to the net change in resource flows in the government-wide, governmental fund, and proprietary fund statements of resource flows;
- Requires that a subtotal for operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies be presented before reporting other nonoperating revenues and expenses;
- Requires governments to present each major component unit separately in the reporting entity's statement of net position and statement of activities if it does not reduce the readability of the statements;
- Requires governments to present budgetary comparison information using a single method of communication (RSI).

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

In September 2024, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. This Statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, should be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset in the capital assets note disclosures. Subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, also should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires intangible assets other than those three types to be disclosed separately by major class. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale and that capital assets held for sale be evaluated each reporting period. Governments should disclose (1) the ending balance of capital assets held for sale, with separate disclosure for historical cost and accumulated depreciation by major class of asset, and (2) the carrying amount of debt for which the capital assets held for sale are pledged as collateral for each major class of asset. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

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Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Recently Issued and Implemented Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

The Tax Collector is evaluating the requirements of the above statements and the impact on reporting.

Note 2: DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of cash on hand and demand deposits.

Demand deposits greater than the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance coverage are secured by the qualified public depositories pledging securities with the State Treasurer in such amounts required by the Florida Security for Public Depositories Act. In the event of a default or insolvency of a qualified public depositor (depositor), the depositor will implement procedures for payment of losses according to the depositors validated claims pursuant to Section 280.08, Florida Statutes.

Custodial risk - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution a government may not be able to recover deposits. Monies placed on deposit with financial institutions in the form of demand deposits, time deposits or certificate of deposits are defined as public deposits. At year-end, all cash held in demand deposits was fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institutions collateral pool required by Section 280, Florida Statutes.

The Tax Collector does not have a written investment policy but historically has placed surplus funds in interest bearing depository accounts with local banking institutions. At September 30, 2024, all deposits were fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the multiple financial institution collateral pool required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Due to Board of County Commissioners

There was \$10,996 of excess revenue over expenditures needed to be returned to the Board by October 31, 2024 as required by Florida Statutes Section 218.36(2). Amount is reported as Reversion to Board of County Commissioners on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds.

Washington County, Florida
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Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Tax Collector and all full time employees are participants in the System, a defined benefit, cost sharing, multiple-employer public retirement system, which is controlled by the State Legislature and administered by the State of Florida, Department of Administration, Division of Retirement. The System covers full-time employees of various governmental units within the State of Florida. Accordingly, the actuarial information and related disclosures attributable to the Tax Collector's employees are not determinable.

The System's funding policy provides for monthly employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due (see rates below). Level percentage of payroll employer contribution rates, established by State law, is determined using the entry-age actuarial funding method. If an unfunded actuarial liability reemerges, future plan benefit changes, assumption changes, and methodology changes are amortized within 30 years, using level dollar amounts. Except for gains reserved for rate stabilization, it is anticipated future actuarial gains and losses are amortized on a rolling 10% basis, as a level dollar amount.

The System provides for those employees hired prior to July 1, 2011 vesting of benefits after six years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to employees who retire at or after age 62 with six or more years of service. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 55 with at least six years of Special Risk service, or twenty-five years of Special Risk service, regardless of age, or age 52 with 25 years of Special Risk service and up to four years of active duty wartime service. Early retirement is available after six years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year prior to the normal retirement age. For those employees hired on or after July 1, 2011, the System provides for vesting of benefits after eight years of creditable service. Normal retirement benefits are available to these employees who retire at or after age 65 with eight years of service or thirty-three years regardless of age. For Special Risk Class members, normal retirement is age 60 with at least eight years of Special Risk service, or thirty years of Special Risk service, regardless of age. Retirement benefits are based upon age, average compensation and years-of-service credit where average compensation is computed as the average of an individual's five highest years of earnings.

Normal retirement benefits are available to these employees who retire at or after age 65 with eight years of service with a 5% reduction of benefits for each year. Retirement benefits are based upon age, average compensation, and years-of-service credit where average compensation is computed as the average of an individual's five highest years of earnings.

Participating employer contributions are based upon State-wide rates established by the State of Florida. These rates applied to employee salaries at year end are as follows: regular employees – 13.63%, DROP Program – 21.13%, senior management – 34.52% and elected officials – 58.68%. These rates applied to employee salaries at year end for employee contributions are 3.00% for all classifications, with the exception of the DROP program.

Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector
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Note 3: RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Total payroll for the Tax Collector’s employees covered by the System was \$616,475 for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Tax Collector’s total payroll was \$616,475 for the same period. The Tax Collector’s contributions to the plan for the years ended September 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022 were \$141,510, \$123,643 and \$107,294, respectively, and were paid by the due date for the contributions.

The Tax Collector has no responsibility to the System other than to make the periodic payments required by State Statutes. The Florida Division of Retirement issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing Florida Division of Retirement, PO Box 9000, Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000 or at the Division’s website at dms.myflorida.com.

Note 4: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL

The following capital assets and compensated absences are in the custody of and accounted for by the Tax Collector and reported in the county-wide financial statements.

Capital Assets

Title in all capital assets owned by the County is retained by the Board. The below noted capital asset information and activity is reported on the county-wide financial statements.

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year is as follows:

	Balance 10/1/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 9/30/2024
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
Capital assets depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 150,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,124
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Machinery and equipment	(102,223)	(13,645)	-	(115,868)
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 47,901	\$ (13,645)	\$ -	\$ 34,256

**Washington County, Florida
Tax Collector
Notes to Financial Statements**

Note 4: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES REPORTED AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL (Continued)

Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to the general government functions of the government.

<i>General Government</i>	\$ 13,645
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Compensated Absences

Compensated absences that will not be liquidated with expendable available financial resources of the Tax Collector is the obligation of the County and are reported at the county-wide level.

Summary of changes in compensated absences for the year ended September 30, 2024:

		Balance 10/1/2023		Additions		Reductions		Balance 9/30/2024	Due in One Year
Compensated absences	\$	17,617	\$	54,410	\$	45,387	\$	26,640	\$ 2,664

Fiduciary Funds

Escrow – To account for the collection and disbursement of funds held in escrow.

Tag – To account for the collection of motor vehicle and driver’s license registration receipts and subsequent remittance of licenses and permits.

Tax – To account for the collection and disbursement of local property taxes.

Washington County, Florida
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Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position –
Custodial Funds

<i>September 30, 2024</i>	Escrow	Tag	Tax	Total
Assets				
Cash	\$ 207,091	\$ -	\$ 35,876	\$ 242,967
Accounts receivable	-	3,779	-	3,779
Total assets	207,091	3,779	35,876	246,746
Liabilities				
Due to other governments	207,091	3,779	35,876	246,746
Total net position	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Washington County, Florida
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Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position –
Custodial Funds

<i>For the year ended September 30, 2024</i>	Escrow	Tag	Tax	Total
Additions				
Tax collections, auto tag fees, and fees for other governments	\$ 304,986	\$ 4,521,468	\$ 21,126,458	\$ 25,952,912
Deductions				
Payments of tax, auto tag fees, and fees to other governments	304,986	4,521,468	21,126,458	25,952,912
Net change in fiduciary net position	-	-	-	-
Net position, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Net position, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



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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 Ken Naker
Tax Collector
Washington County, Florida

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 major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington County, Florida, Tax Collector (the "Tax Collector") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tax Collector's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the 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 the Tax Collector's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tax Collector'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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weakness may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tax Collector'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tax Collector'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.

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June 3, 2025



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES**

Honorable Ken Naker
Tax Collector
Washington County, Florida

We have examined Washington County, Florida Tax Collector (the “Tax Collector”) compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for the Tax Collector’s compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Tax Collector’s compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Tax Collector complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Tax Collector complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Tax Collector’s compliance with specified requirements.

We are required to be independent and to meet other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

In our opinion, Tax Collector complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, for the year ended September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Ken Naker
Tax Collector
Washington County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Washington County, Florida, Tax Collector (the "Tax Collector"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated June 3, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Financial Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)2, Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and the Tax Collector and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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June 3, 2025