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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Carroll County, Ohio (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 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 accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Carroll County, Ohio as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General, Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax, County Board of Developmental Disabilities, County Home and Public Assistance funds for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 8, 2025 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Ohio Auditor of State



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September 8, 2025

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CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended December 31, 2024
Unaudited

The management's discussion and analysis of Carroll County's (the "County") financial performance provides an overall review of the County's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- The total net position of the County increased by \$7,599,340. Net position of governmental activities increased by \$7,702,683, which represents a 13% increase from 2023. Net position of business-type activities decreased by \$103,343.
- General revenues accounted for \$18,072,090 or 42% of total governmental activities revenue. Program specific revenues accounted for \$25,264,160 or 58% of total governmental activities revenue.
- The County had \$36,756,360 in total expenses, a decrease of \$1,514,669 from 2023. Program revenues of \$26,227,476 reduced the net cost of the County's functions to be financed from property and sales taxes and other general revenues to \$10,528,884.
- The County's unassigned fund balance in the General Fund was \$2,313,257 at year end, or 20% of General Fund expenditures.

Using this Annual Financial Report

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

The statement of net position and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole County, presenting both an aggregate view of the County's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the County's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the County, there are five major governmental funds. The General Fund is the largest major fund.

Reporting the County as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains a large number of funds used by the County to provide programs and activities, the view of the County as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, “How did the County perform financially during 2024?” The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year’s revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the County’s net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the County as a whole, the financial position of the County has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the County’s property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

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

- **Governmental Activities** – Most of the County’s programs and services are reported here, including human services, health, public safety, public works and general government. These services are funded primarily by taxes and intergovernmental revenues including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.
- **Business-Type Activities** – These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all or a significant portion of the expenses of the goods or services provided.

Reporting the County’s Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the County can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the County’s major funds. The County uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the County’s most significant funds. The County’s major governmental funds are the General, Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax, County Board of Developmental Disabilities (County Board of DD), County Home and Public Assistance funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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

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

Proprietary Funds

The County maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses enterprise funds to account for its sewer and sanitary landfill operations.

Fiduciary Funds

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

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's net pension liabilities and net other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liabilities/(assets).

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The statement of net position provides the perspective of the County as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the County's net position for 2024 compared to 2023.

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Assets						
Current and other assets	\$ 56,857,054	\$ 53,380,875	\$ 1,486,297	\$ 1,479,168	\$ 58,343,351	\$ 54,860,043
Net OPEB assets	818,309	52,350	14,985	-	833,294	52,350
Capital assets	40,123,511	35,189,706	3,323,817	3,544,744	43,447,328	38,734,450
Total Assets	97,798,874	88,622,931	4,825,099	5,023,912	102,623,973	93,646,843
Deferred Outflows of Resources	8,009,554	12,420,751	154,635	270,346	8,164,189	12,691,097
Liabilities						
Long-term liabilities:						
Net pension liabilities	23,526,817	26,662,753	451,082	574,052	23,977,899	27,236,805
Net OPEB liabilities	-	534,781	-	11,825	-	546,606
Other long-term amounts	4,656,373	3,102,323	3,725,289	3,774,395	8,381,662	6,876,718
Other liabilities	2,772,446	2,536,941	63,414	40,569	2,835,860	2,577,510
Total Liabilities	30,955,636	32,836,798	4,239,785	4,400,841	35,195,421	37,237,639
Deferred Inflows of Resources	9,429,047	8,943,692	10,799	7,991	9,439,846	8,951,683
Net Position						
Net investment in capital assets	38,488,465	33,576,943	1,388,856	1,487,454	39,877,321	35,064,397
Restricted	16,711,988	14,359,124	-	-	16,711,988	14,359,124
Unrestricted	10,223,292	11,327,125	(659,706)	(602,028)	9,563,586	10,725,097
Total Net Position	\$ 65,423,745	\$ 59,263,192	\$ 729,150	\$ 885,426	\$ 66,152,895	\$ 60,148,618

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the County at December 31, 2024 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27*. The net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability/(asset) is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the County's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension and OPEB liabilities to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB and the net OPEB assets.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB Statement No. 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB Statement No. 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability/(asset) to equal the County's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
- 2 Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

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

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability/(asset) are satisfied, the liability and asset are separately identified within the long-term sections of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 75, the County's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability/(asset), respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2024, the County's assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$66,152,895. This amounts to \$65,423,745 in governmental activities and \$729,150 in business-type activities.

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the County's net position. At year-end, capital assets represented 42% of total governmental and business-type assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, infrastructure, machinery and equipment, sewer lines, and right-to-use lease assets. The net investment in capital assets at December 31, 2024 was \$39,877,321. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

As of December 31, 2024, the County is able to report positive balances in all of the categories of net position for governmental activities and one of the two categories for business-type activities. The unrestricted deficit net position balance for business-type activities is primarily attributable to the recognition of the recognition of the landfill postclosure liability.

Total assets increased by \$8,977,130 during 2024. Current assets (including cash, receivables and inventories) increased by \$3,483,308 due primarily to increases in cash balances and property tax receivables, as the County benefitted from conservative budgeting and an increase in taxable property values. The net OPEB asset increased by \$780,944 due to a gain of 14.0% for the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) investment portfolio during the measurement period, compared to a 15.6% loss during the prior year, resulting in a flip to a net OPEB asset. Capital assets increased \$4,712,878 due to infrastructure improvements contributed by area oil and gas companies, the purchase of land and vehicles, and the completion of building improvements.

Total liabilities decreased by \$2,042,218 during 2024. The majority of this decrease occurred in net pension liabilities. The decrease in these liabilities was primarily attributable to the increase in the value of investment portfolios managed by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), both of which experienced significant investment gains during the measurement periods as compared to double-digit losses in the prior year.

A portion of the County's net position, \$16,711,988, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

The table below shows the changes in net position for years 2024 and 2023.

Table 2 Changes in Net Position						
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 6,239,661	\$ 6,010,494	\$ 906,839	\$ 883,663	\$ 7,146,500	\$ 6,894,157
Operating grants and contributions	14,002,838	14,559,563	56,477	40,894	14,059,315	14,600,457
Capital grants and contributions	5,021,661	2,547,907	-	-	5,021,661	2,547,907
Total program revenues	25,264,160	23,117,964	963,316	924,557	26,227,476	24,042,521
General revenues:						
Property and other taxes	10,361,801	9,202,045	-	-	10,361,801	9,202,045
Sales taxes	4,031,614	4,219,947	-	-	4,031,614	4,219,947
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	1,334,068	2,802,398	-	-	1,334,068	2,802,398
Oil and gas lease	272,618	684,256	-	-	272,618	684,256
Investment earnings	1,531,100	1,237,285	32,314	37,945	1,563,414	1,275,230
Miscellaneous	540,889	648,272	23,820	13,421	564,709	661,693
Total general revenues	18,072,090	18,794,203	56,134	51,366	18,128,224	18,845,569
Total revenues	43,336,250	41,912,167	1,019,450	975,923	44,355,700	42,888,090
Expenses						
General government	8,976,809	7,931,023	-	-	8,976,809	7,931,023
Public safety	5,085,494	4,885,764	-	-	5,085,494	4,885,764
Public works	8,569,090	9,134,504	-	-	8,569,090	9,134,504
Health	5,925,985	5,582,964	-	-	5,925,985	5,582,964
Human services	6,804,431	8,151,296	-	-	6,804,431	8,151,296
Economic development and assistance	202,821	1,387,138	-	-	202,821	1,387,138
Interest and fiscal charges	43,937	34,642	-	-	43,937	34,642
Sewer	-	-	1,102,489	1,059,691	1,102,489	1,059,691
Landfill	-	-	45,304	104,007	45,304	104,007
Total expenses	35,608,567	37,107,331	1,147,793	1,163,698	36,756,360	38,271,029
Transfers	(25,000)	(20,000)	25,000	20,000	-	-
Change in net position	7,702,683	4,784,836	(103,343)	(167,775)	7,599,340	4,617,061
<i>Net position, beginning of year, as previously reported</i>	59,263,192	54,478,356	885,426	1,053,201	60,148,618	55,531,557
<i>Implementation of GASB No. 101</i>	(1,542,130)	-	(52,933)	-	(1,595,063)	-
<i>Net position, beginning of year, restated</i>	<u>57,721,062</u>	<u>54,478,356</u>	<u>832,493</u>	<u>1,053,201</u>	<u>58,553,555</u>	<u>55,531,557</u>
Net position, end of year	\$ 65,423,745	\$ 59,263,192	\$ 729,150	\$ 885,426	\$ 66,152,895	\$ 60,148,618

Governmental Activities

Governmental net position increased by \$7,702,683 during the year.

General government represents activities related to the governing body as well as activities that directly support County programs. In 2024, general government expenses totaled \$8,976,809 or 25% of total governmental expenses. General government programs were supported by \$2,840,515 in direct charges to users.

The County program human services, which supports the operations of the county home, public assistance, and the children services board accounted for \$6,804,431 of expenses or 19% of total governmental expenses of the County during 2024. These expenses were funded by \$1,502,068 in charges to users of services and \$4,728,371 in operating grants and contributions.

The County program public works, accounted for \$8,569,090 or 24% of total governmental expenses. Public works programs include the maintenance and construction of County roads and bridges. Public works programs are primarily supported by revenues from motor vehicle licenses

and gasoline taxes.

Operating grants are a large part of program revenues. The state and federal government contributed revenues of \$14,002,838 in operating grants and contributions and \$5,021,661 in capital grants and contributions. These revenues are restricted to a particular program or purpose. Of the total operating and capital grants and contributions, \$4,728,371 subsidized human services programs and \$11,658,227 subsidized public works programs. Another type of program revenue, charges for services, made up \$6,239,661 of total governmental revenues. These charges for services and sales include fees for real estate transfers, licenses and permits, and fines and forfeitures related to judicial activities. The County experienced a decrease in operating grants and contributions, primarily in economic development and assistance as several grant programs came to a close. Capital grants and contributions increased, due to receiving \$4.2 million in contributed infrastructure improvements from area oil and gas companies in 2024, compared to \$1.8 million in 2023.

General revenues totaled \$18,072,090 and amounted to 42% of total revenues. These revenues primarily consist of property and sales tax revenue of \$14,393,415 or 80% of total general revenues in 2024. Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs decreased by \$1,468,330 due to a decrease in Federal ARPA funding, as COVID-era programs come to a close.

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

Table 3
Governmental Activities Cost of Services

	Total Cost of Services 2024	Net Cost (Revenue) of Services 2024	Total Cost of Services 2023	Net Cost (Revenue) of Services 2023
General government	\$ 8,976,809	\$ 6,092,856	\$ 7,931,023	\$ 4,839,918
Public safety	5,085,494	3,858,449	4,885,764	3,526,006
Public works	8,569,090	(3,585,575)	9,134,504	(60,154)
Health	5,925,985	3,411,680	5,582,964	3,623,282
Human services	6,804,431	573,992	8,151,296	1,932,306
Economic development and assistance	202,821	(50,932)	1,387,138	93,367
Interest and fiscal charges	43,937	43,937	34,642	34,642
	<u>\$ 35,608,567</u>	<u>\$ 10,344,407</u>	<u>\$ 37,107,331</u>	<u>\$ 13,989,367</u>

The recognition of the County's proportionate share of the state retirement systems' net pension and OPEB assets and liabilities and the annual changes can have a significant impact on the County's financial results, despite being outside the control of County management. That is the case this year, as the County recognized positive pension and OPEB expenses \$0.5 million lower than the expenses recognized in the prior year. The impact of these changes is allocated across all of the County's operations and is the primary reason for the increase in several of the expense functions and enterprise operations. Other changes are discussed in the Financial Analysis of the County's Funds section below.

Business-Type Activities

The Sewer and Landfill funds are the County's two major enterprise funds. For the year ended December 31, 2024, these operations had operating and nonoperating revenues of \$1,019,450 and operating and nonoperating expenses of \$1,147,793. Total revenue was up only 4% from 2023, while expenses decreased by 1%. The decrease in expenses was primarily due to the changes in pension and OPEB, as discussed above.

Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

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

Governmental Funds

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

The County's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$39,607,686, which is \$2,154,819 above last year's total of \$37,452,867. The schedule below indicates the fund balances and the total change in fund balances as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

	Fund Balance December 31, 2024	Fund Balance December 31, 2023	Change in Fund Balance
Major Funds:			
General	\$ 11,410,134	\$ 12,804,140	\$ (1,394,006)
Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax	6,684,925	6,469,537	215,388
County Board of DD	8,305,007	7,364,521	940,486
County Home	1,492,728	1,337,589	155,139
Public Assistance	464,447	441,334	23,113
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	11,250,445	9,035,746	2,214,699
Total	<u>\$ 39,607,686</u>	<u>\$ 37,452,867</u>	<u>\$ 2,154,819</u>

General Fund

The General Fund, the County's primary operating fund, experienced a decrease in fund balance during 2024 of \$1,394,006, compared to prior year's increase of \$2,801,235. Revenues decreased 2% from the prior year, due mainly to slightly decreased sales taxes on decreased local economic activity. Expenditures were up 27% over the prior year, primarily due to increased costs for salaries and benefits.

Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund

The Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$5,623,623 and expenditures of \$5,621,704 in 2024. The fund also had lease-purchase proceeds of \$213,469 for the purchase of a boom mower. The fund experienced an increase in fund balance of \$215,338 during the year, or 3%. Although there was an increase in revenue, this was offset by increased expenditures for ongoing road improvement projects.

County Board of Developmental Disabilities (County Board of DD) Fund

The County Board of DD Fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$6,524,262 and expenditures of \$5,583,776 in 2024. The fund experienced an increase in fund balance of \$940,486 during the year, compared to a \$113,519 increase in fund balance in 2023. Revenues increased by 21% primarily due to an increase in the State subsidy of residential services while expenditures increased by only 6%.

County Home Fund

The County Home Fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$2,495,627 and expenditures of \$2,340,488 in 2024. The fund performed comparably with the prior year, only increasing by \$155,139.

Public Assistance Fund

The Public Assistance Fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$2,866,687 and expenditures of \$2,910,620 in 2024. The fund experienced an increase in fund balance of \$23,113, compared to prior year's increase of \$96,992. Revenues remained relatively flat, but expenditures for employee salaries and benefits increased slightly.

Budgeting Highlights - General Fund

The County's budgeting process is prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Essentially the budget is the County's appropriations which are restricted by the amounts of anticipated revenues certified by the Budget Commission in accordance with the ORC. Therefore, the County's plans or desires cannot be totally reflected in the original budget. If budgeted revenues are adjusted due to actual activity, then the appropriations can be adjusted accordingly.

There were a few amendments made to the budget throughout the year. Original budgeted revenues were \$9,083,000 and were increased to \$12,417,525 in the final budget. The main factors were better than anticipated sales taxes and investment income. Original appropriations were \$15,652,108 and were increased to \$15,938,120 in the final appropriations, as the County anticipated slightly higher legislative and executive function expenditures than originally budgeted. Actual expenditures of \$11,279,284 were less than final budgeted appropriations by \$4,658,836. This was due primarily to actual 2024 expenditures for the Moody Avenue annex renovations project that were less than the amount budgeted by approximately \$2.3 million in the legislative and executive function. The County budgets conservatively for both revenues and expenditures.

Proprietary Funds

The County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements for business-type activities, but in more detail.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of 2024, the County had \$43,447,328 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, infrastructure, right-to-use lease assets and sewer lines. Of this total, \$40,123,511 was reported in governmental activities and \$3,323,817 was reported in business-type activities. See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for detail. The following table shows fiscal 2024 balances compared to 2023:

Table 5
Capital Assets at Year-End
(Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 1,711,076	\$ 1,711,076	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,718,576	\$ 1,718,576
Construction in progress	79,416	-	-	-	79,416	-
Land improvements	215,623	132,650	-	-	215,623	132,650
Buildings and improvements	5,031,826	4,064,986	14,620	15,216	5,046,446	4,080,202
Furniture and equipment	890,743	1,112,081	51,857	72,234	942,600	1,184,315
Vehicles	2,203,654	2,125,090	-	-	2,203,654	2,125,090
Infrastructure	29,975,315	26,021,021	-	-	29,975,315	26,021,021
Right-to-use lease assets	15,858	22,802	-	-	15,858	22,802
Sewer lines	-	-	3,249,840	3,449,794	3,249,840	3,449,794
Totals	<u>\$ 40,123,511</u>	<u>\$ 35,189,706</u>	<u>\$ 3,323,817</u>	<u>\$ 3,544,744</u>	<u>\$ 43,447,328</u>	<u>\$ 38,734,450</u>

Debt Administration

At December 31, 2024, the County had \$3,570,007 in outstanding debt, a decrease of \$100,046 from 2023. Although the County entered into a new lease-purchase agreement, the majority of the activity during 2024 was debt repayment. The County had the following long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Table 6
Outstanding Debt

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Governmental Activities:		
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,463,700	\$ 1,571,700
Lease-purchase agreements	158,032	20,575
Lease liabilities	<u>13,314</u>	<u>20,488</u>
	1,635,046	1,612,763
Business-Type Activities:		
Loans payable	<u>1,934,961</u>	<u>2,057,290</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 3,570,007</u>	<u>\$ 3,670,053</u>

See Note 11 to the basic financial statements for additional disclosures and detail regarding the County's debt activity.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following economic factors were taken into consideration in preparing the budget for 2025:

The County's unemployment rate, which increased to 8.8% during 2020 as a result of the pandemic, was down to 4.8% in 2024.

With the continuation of conservative budgeting practices, the County's financial position should be able to weather the coming year.

Contacting the County's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Staci Brady, Carroll County Auditor, 119 Public Square, Carrollton, OH 44615-1495.

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CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,006,549	\$ 1,317,867	\$ 38,324,416
Cash in segregated accounts	1,000,913	82,331	1,083,244
Receivables (net of allowances):			
Sales taxes	1,078,291	-	1,078,291
Property and other taxes	11,551,563	-	11,551,563
Accounts	150,786	84,830	235,616
Due from other governments	3,612,168	-	3,612,168
Accrued interest	206,940	-	206,940
Prepaid items	427,822	1,269	429,091
Materials and supplies inventory	1,822,022	-	1,822,022
Net OPEB assets	818,309	14,985	833,294
Nondepreciable capital assets	1,790,492	7,500	1,797,992
Depreciable capital assets, net	38,333,019	3,316,317	41,649,336
Total assets	97,798,874	4,825,099	102,623,973
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pensions	7,328,013	141,470	7,469,483
OPEB	681,541	13,165	694,706
Total deferred outflows of resources	8,009,554	154,635	8,164,189
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	769,335	35,625	804,960
Accrued wages and benefits payable	1,132,545	23,244	1,155,789
Due to other governments	345,557	4,545	350,102
Accrued interest payable	9,832	-	9,832
Amount to be repaid to claimants	2,008	-	2,008
Matured compensated absences	1,445	-	1,445
Unearned revenue	511,724	-	511,724
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	1,176,624	247,268	1,423,892
Due in more than one year:			
Net pension liability	23,526,817	451,082	23,977,899
Other amounts due more than one year	3,479,749	3,478,021	6,957,770
Total liabilities	30,955,636	4,239,785	35,195,421
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property taxes levied for next year	8,779,000	-	8,779,000
Pensions	178,679	2,217	180,896
OPEB	471,368	8,582	479,950
Total deferred inflows of resources	9,429,047	10,799	9,439,846
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	38,488,465	1,388,856	39,877,321
Restricted for:			
Public works projects	7,133,529	-	7,133,529
Human services programs	1,272,187	-	1,272,187
Health programs	6,437,926	-	6,437,926
Other purposes	1,868,346	-	1,868,346
Unrestricted (deficit)	10,223,292	(659,706)	9,563,586
Total net position	\$ 65,423,745	\$ 729,150	\$ 66,152,895

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2024

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for	Operating	Capital	Governmental	Business-Type	Total
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions	Activities	Activities	
Governmental activities:							
General government:							
Legislative and executive	\$ 6,488,722	\$ 2,339,212	\$ 6,438	\$ -	\$ (4,143,072)	\$ -	\$ (4,143,072)
Judicial	2,488,087	501,303	37,000	-	(1,949,784)	-	(1,949,784)
Public safety	5,085,494	628,831	568,954	29,260	(3,858,449)	-	(3,858,449)
Public works	8,569,090	496,438	6,706,650	4,951,577	3,585,575	-	3,585,575
Health	5,925,985	771,809	1,742,496	-	(3,411,680)	-	(3,411,680)
Human services	6,804,431	1,502,068	4,728,371	-	(573,992)	-	(573,992)
Economic development and assistance	202,821	-	212,929	40,824	50,932	-	50,932
Interest and fiscal charges	43,937	-	-	-	(43,937)	-	(43,937)
Total governmental activities	<u>35,608,567</u>	<u>6,239,661</u>	<u>14,002,838</u>	<u>5,021,661</u>	<u>(10,344,407)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,344,407)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Sewer	1,102,489	906,839	-	-	-	(195,650)	(195,650)
Landfill	45,304	-	56,477	-	-	11,173	11,173
Total business-type activities	<u>1,147,793</u>	<u>906,839</u>	<u>56,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(184,477)</u>	<u>(184,477)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 36,756,360</u>	<u>\$ 7,146,500</u>	<u>\$ 14,059,315</u>	<u>\$ 5,021,661</u>	<u>(10,344,407)</u>	<u>(184,477)</u>	<u>(10,528,884)</u>
General revenues:							
Property taxes levied for:							
General purposes					3,712,150	-	3,712,150
Human services - County Board of DD					4,410,782	-	4,410,782
Human services - County Home					1,536,825	-	1,536,825
Public works - Road Levy					702,044	-	702,044
Sales taxes					4,031,614	-	4,031,614
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					1,334,068	-	1,334,068
Oil and gas lease revenues					272,618	-	272,618
Investment earnings					1,531,100	32,314	1,563,414
Miscellaneous					540,889	23,820	564,709
Transfers					(25,000)	25,000	-
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>18,047,090</u>	<u>81,134</u>	<u>18,128,224</u>
Change in net position					7,702,683	(103,343)	7,599,340
Net position beginning of year, <i>as previously reported</i>					59,263,192	885,426	60,148,618
Implementation of GASB No. 101					(1,542,130)	(52,933)	(1,595,063)
Net position beginning of year, <i>as restated</i>					<u>57,721,062</u>	<u>832,493</u>	<u>58,553,555</u>
Net position end of year					<u>\$ 65,423,745</u>	<u>\$ 729,150</u>	<u>\$ 66,152,895</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024

	General	Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax	County Board of DD	County Home	Public Assistance
Assets					
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,892,988	\$ 4,179,813	\$ 7,773,982	\$ 1,605,156	\$ 654,342
Cash in segregated accounts	70,795	-	924,755	5,263	-
Receivables (net of allowances):					
Sales taxes	1,078,291	-	-	-	-
Property and other local taxes	4,246,381	-	4,680,292	1,788,878	-
Accounts	101,846	14,773	-	-	-
Due from other governments	557,115	2,676,085	155,400	10,500	-
Accrued interest	206,940	-	-	-	-
Interfund loans	138,191	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	19,623
Prepaid items	283,580	9,898	10,095	7,215	7,539
Materials and supplies inventory	12,033	1,800,086	-	-	1,009
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,588,160</u>	<u>\$ 8,680,655</u>	<u>\$ 13,544,524</u>	<u>\$ 3,417,012</u>	<u>\$ 682,513</u>
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 363,656	\$ 11,556	\$ 177,195	\$ 8,973	\$ 63,166
Accrued wages and benefits payable	479,919	144,068	155,282	100,783	126,200
Matured compensated absences	1,445	-	-	-	-
Due to other governments	167,530	21,887	91,748	15,150	28,700
Interfund loans payable	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts to be repaid to claimants	2,008	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>1,014,558</u>	<u>177,511</u>	<u>424,225</u>	<u>124,906</u>	<u>218,066</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Property taxes levied for next year	3,242,000	-	3,520,000	1,372,000	-
Unavailable revenue	1,921,468	1,818,219	1,295,292	427,378	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>5,163,468</u>	<u>1,818,219</u>	<u>4,815,292</u>	<u>1,799,378</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances					
Nonspendable	445,513	1,809,984	10,095	7,215	8,548
Restricted	-	4,874,941	8,294,912	1,485,513	455,899
Committed	50,606	-	-	-	-
Assigned	8,600,758	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	2,313,257	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	<u>11,410,134</u>	<u>6,684,925</u>	<u>8,305,007</u>	<u>1,492,728</u>	<u>464,447</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 17,588,160</u>	<u>\$ 8,680,655</u>	<u>\$ 13,544,524</u>	<u>\$ 3,417,012</u>	<u>\$ 682,513</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
Net Position of Governmental Activities
December 31, 2024

Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
\$ 11,900,268	\$ 37,006,549	Total governmental fund balances	\$ 39,607,686
100	1,000,913	<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</i>	
-	1,078,291		
836,012	11,551,563		
34,167	150,786	Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	40,123,511
213,068	3,612,168		
-	206,940		
-	138,191		
62,040	81,663	Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable in the funds.	5,707,754
109,495	427,822		
8,894	1,822,022		
<u>\$ 13,164,044</u>	<u>\$ 57,076,908</u>		
		Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
\$ 144,789	\$ 769,335	General obligation bonds payable	(1,463,700)
126,293	1,132,545	Lease-purchase payable	(158,032)
-	1,445	Lease liabilities	(13,314)
20,542	345,557	Compensated absences payable	(3,021,327)
138,191	138,191	Accrued interest on long-term debt	(9,832)
81,663	81,663		(4,666,205)
511,724	511,724		
-	2,008		
<u>1,023,202</u>	<u>2,982,468</u>		
		The net pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period; net OPEB assets are not current financial resources; therefore, the assets, liabilities, and related deferred outflows and inflows are not reported in the governmental funds:	
645,000	8,779,000	Deferred outflows - pensions	7,328,013
245,397	5,707,754	Deferred inflows - pensions	(178,679)
890,397	14,486,754	Net pension liabilities	(23,526,817)
		Deferred outflows - OPEB	681,541
		Deferred inflows - OPEB	(471,368)
		Net OPEB assets	818,309
118,389	2,399,744		(15,349,001)
9,698,207	24,809,472		
1,526,794	1,577,400	Net position of governmental activities	\$ 65,423,745
-	8,600,758		
(92,945)	2,220,312		
<u>11,250,445</u>	<u>39,607,686</u>		
<u>\$ 13,164,044</u>	<u>\$ 57,076,908</u>		

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General	Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax	County Board of DD	County Home	Public Assistance
Revenues					
Property and other local taxes	\$ 3,485,552	\$ -	\$ 4,026,619	\$ 1,446,713	\$ -
Sales taxes	3,970,579	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	1,756,734	-	625,654	1,017,082	-
Licenses and permits	14,338	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	38,521	7,248	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,135,446	5,359,221	1,871,989	21,519	2,534,260
Investment income	1,519,807	212,970	-	-	-
Rental income	18,000	-	-	-	-
Contributions and donations	-	11,752	-	1,249	-
Oil and gas lease	272,618	-	-	-	-
Other	465,563	32,432	-	9,064	332,427
Total revenues	<u>12,677,158</u>	<u>5,623,623</u>	<u>6,524,262</u>	<u>2,495,627</u>	<u>2,866,687</u>
Expenditures					
Current:					
General government:					
Legislative and executive	5,124,651	-	-	-	-
Judicial	2,109,622	-	-	-	-
Public safety	4,138,421	-	-	-	-
Public works	162,091	5,538,989	-	-	-
Health	37,942	-	5,583,776	-	-
Human services	289,417	-	-	2,336,588	2,910,620
Economic development and assistance	12,739	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:					
Principal retirement	6,181	72,642	-	3,370	-
Interest and fiscal charges	684	10,073	-	530	-
Issuance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>11,881,748</u>	<u>5,621,704</u>	<u>5,583,776</u>	<u>2,340,488</u>	<u>2,910,620</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>795,410</u>	<u>1,919</u>	<u>940,486</u>	<u>155,139</u>	<u>(43,933)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Lease-purchase proceeds	-	213,469	-	-	-
Transfers in	412,318	-	-	-	67,046
Transfers out	(2,601,734)	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(2,189,416)</u>	<u>213,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,046</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,394,006)	215,388	940,486	155,139	23,113
Fund balance, beginning of year	12,804,140	6,469,537	7,364,521	1,337,589	441,334
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 11,410,134</u>	<u>\$ 6,684,925</u>	<u>\$ 8,305,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,728</u>	<u>\$ 464,447</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
		Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,154,819
		<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:</i>	
\$ 662,877	\$ 9,621,761	Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense:	
-	3,970,579	Capital asset additions	8,082,776
2,274,326	5,673,796	Depreciation expense	(3,133,045)
9,038	23,376		
27,686	73,455		
5,025,557	15,947,992		
344	1,733,121		
-	18,000		
21,000	34,001	In the statement of activities, loss on disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas only proceeds from sales are reported in the funds.	(15,926)
-	272,618		
148,779	988,265		
8,169,607	38,356,964	Revenue in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	798,145
		The inception of lease-purchase liabilities are recorded as other financing sources in the governmental funds, but are used to increase lease-purchase liabilities on the statement of net position.	(213,469)
1,383,490	6,508,141		
405,505	2,515,127	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:	
682,845	4,821,266	Compensated absences	10,363
2,027,102	7,728,182	Interest on long-term debt	(2,290)
200,365	5,822,083		
2,330,291	7,866,916		
186,994	199,733		
696,333	696,333		
108,993	191,186	Repayment of long-term obligations is reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces the long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. In the current year, these amounts consisted of general obligation bonds, lease-purchases, and lease liabilities.	191,186
30,360	41,647		
-	-		
8,052,278	36,390,614	Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.	
117,329	1,966,350	Pensions	2,144,020
-	213,469	OPEB	14,302
2,528,716	3,008,080	Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension liability and net OPEB assets and liabilities are reported as pension and OPEB expenses in the statement of activities.	
(431,346)	(3,033,080)	Pensions	(2,433,268)
2,097,370	188,469	OPEB	105,070
2,214,699	2,154,819		
9,035,746	37,452,867	Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 7,702,683
\$ 11,250,445	\$ 39,607,686		

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -

Budget and Actual - Budgetary (Non-GAAP) Basis

General Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance
	Original	Final	Actual	From Final Budget
Revenues				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 3,485,552	\$ 3,485,552	\$ -
Sales taxes	3,000,000	3,978,971	3,978,971	-
Charges for services	1,166,600	1,548,116	1,548,116	-
Licenses and permits	11,900	14,338	14,338	-
Fines and forfeitures	26,500	38,982	38,982	-
Intergovernmental	925,000	1,132,572	1,132,572	-
Investment income	450,000	1,587,553	1,587,553	-
Rental income	15,000	18,000	18,000	-
Contributions and donations	1,000	-	-	-
Oil and gas lease	300,000	272,618	272,618	-
Other	287,000	340,823	340,823	-
Total revenues	<u>9,083,000</u>	<u>12,417,525</u>	<u>12,417,525</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	7,355,084	7,592,645	4,559,048	3,033,597
Judicial	2,372,979	2,364,429	2,057,029	307,400
Public safety	5,043,373	5,064,374	4,180,560	883,814
Public works	126,470	162,470	158,932	3,538
Health	8,300	8,300	8,228	72
Human services	733,152	733,152	302,748	430,404
Economic development and assistance	12,750	12,750	12,739	11
Total expenditures	<u>15,652,108</u>	<u>15,938,120</u>	<u>11,279,284</u>	<u>4,658,836</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(6,569,108)</u>	<u>(3,520,595)</u>	<u>1,138,241</u>	<u>4,658,836</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	-	418,856	418,856	-
Transfers out	(1,902,046)	(2,600,159)	(2,599,312)	847
Advances in	-	-	143,274	143,274
Advances out	-	(79,008)	(220,200)	(141,192)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,902,046)</u>	<u>(2,260,311)</u>	<u>(2,257,382)</u>	<u>2,929</u>
Net change in fund balances	(8,471,154)	(5,780,906)	(1,119,141)	<u>\$ 4,661,765</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>9,801,681</u>	<u>9,801,681</u>	<u>9,801,681</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,330,527</u>	<u>\$ 4,020,775</u>	<u>\$ 8,682,540</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -

Budget and Actual - Budgetary (Non-GAAP) Basis

Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance From Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,248	\$ 7,248	\$ -
Intergovernmental	5,000,000	5,352,169	5,352,169	-
Investment income	120,000	198,197	198,197	-
Contributions and donations	500	11,752	11,752	-
Other	25,000	32,432	32,432	-
Total revenues	<u>5,154,000</u>	<u>5,601,798</u>	<u>5,601,798</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public works	<u>5,937,711</u>	<u>6,247,597</u>	<u>5,453,571</u>	<u>794,026</u>
Total expenditures	<u>5,937,711</u>	<u>6,247,597</u>	<u>5,453,571</u>	<u>794,026</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(783,711)</u>	<u>(645,799)</u>	<u>148,227</u>	<u>(794,026)</u>
Net change in fund balances	(783,711)	(645,799)	148,227	<u>\$ 794,026</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>4,027,775</u>	<u>4,027,775</u>	<u>4,027,775</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 3,244,064</u>	<u>\$ 3,381,976</u>	<u>\$ 4,176,002</u>	

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CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget and Actual - Budgetary (Non-GAAP) Basis
County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance
	Original	Final	Actual	From Final Budget
Revenues				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 3,640,000	\$ 4,026,619	\$ 4,026,619	\$ -
Charges for services	495,000	603,420	603,420	-
Intergovernmental	1,372,900	1,889,017	1,889,017	-
Total revenues	5,507,900	6,519,056	6,519,056	-
Expenditures				
Current:				
Health	5,490,000	5,763,924	5,304,424	459,500
Total expenditures	5,490,000	5,763,924	5,304,424	459,500
Net change in fund balances	17,900	755,132	1,214,632	\$ 459,500
Fund balance, beginning of year	6,231,472	6,231,472	6,231,472	
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 6,249,372	\$ 6,986,604	\$ 7,446,104	

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CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -

Budget and Actual - Budgetary (Non-GAAP) Basis

County Home

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance
	Original	Final	Actual	From Final Budget
Revenues				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 1,507,000	\$ 1,446,713	\$ 1,446,713	\$ -
Charges for services	1,050,000	1,020,085	1,020,085	-
Intergovernmental	20,800	21,519	21,519	-
Contributions and donations	-	-	1,249	1,249
Other	3,000	9,064	9,064	-
Total revenues	<u>2,580,800</u>	<u>2,497,381</u>	<u>2,498,630</u>	<u>1,249</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Human services	<u>2,667,076</u>	<u>2,667,076</u>	<u>2,326,536</u>	<u>340,540</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,667,076</u>	<u>2,667,076</u>	<u>2,326,536</u>	<u>340,540</u>
Net change in fund balances	(86,276)	(169,695)	172,094	<u>\$ 341,789</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>1,307,114</u>	<u>1,307,114</u>	<u>1,307,114</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,220,838</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,419</u>	<u>\$ 1,479,208</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -

Budget and Actual - Budgetary (Non-GAAP) Basis

Public Assistance Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance
	Original	Final	Actual	From Final Budget
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,888,546	\$ 2,578,560	\$ 2,578,560	\$ -
Other	192,700	336,068	336,068	-
Total revenues	<u>3,081,246</u>	<u>2,914,628</u>	<u>2,914,628</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Human services	<u>3,892,393</u>	<u>3,892,393</u>	<u>3,554,892</u>	<u>337,501</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,892,393</u>	<u>3,892,393</u>	<u>3,554,892</u>	<u>337,501</u>
Excess expenditures over revenues	<u>(811,147)</u>	<u>(977,765)</u>	<u>(640,264)</u>	<u>337,501</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers in	<u>762,800</u>	<u>749,915</u>	<u>749,915</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>762,800</u>	<u>749,915</u>	<u>749,915</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(48,347)	(227,850)	109,651	<u>\$ 337,501</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>543,573</u>	<u>543,573</u>	<u>543,573</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 495,226</u>	<u>\$ 315,723</u>	<u>\$ 653,224</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds - Enterprise Funds
December 31, 2024

	Sewer	Landfill	Total
Assets			
Current assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,243,490	\$ 74,377	\$ 1,317,867
Cash in segregated accounts	82,331	-	82,331
Receivables (net of allowances):			
Accounts	84,830	-	84,830
Prepaid items	1,269	-	1,269
Total current assets	<u>1,411,920</u>	<u>74,377</u>	<u>1,486,297</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Net OPEB asset	14,985	-	14,985
Nondepreciable capital assets	7,500	-	7,500
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>3,316,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,316,317</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>3,338,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,338,802</u>
Total assets	<u>4,750,722</u>	<u>74,377</u>	<u>4,825,099</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pensions	141,470	-	141,470
OPEB	<u>13,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,165</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>154,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,635</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	24,227	11,398	35,625
Accrued wages and benefits payable	23,244	-	23,244
Due to other governments	4,545	-	4,545
Compensated absences payable	47,054	-	47,054
Estimated liability for landfill postclosure costs	-	76,382	76,382
OWDA loans payable	<u>123,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,832</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>222,902</u>	<u>87,780</u>	<u>310,682</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences	72,166	-	72,166
Estimated liability for landfill postclosure costs	-	1,594,726	1,594,726
OWDA loans payable	1,811,129	-	1,811,129
Net pension liability	<u>451,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>451,082</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,334,377</u>	<u>1,594,726</u>	<u>3,929,103</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,557,279</u>	<u>1,682,506</u>	<u>4,239,785</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Pensions	2,217	-	2,217
OPEB	<u>8,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,582</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,799</u>
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	1,388,856	-	1,388,856
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>948,423</u>	<u>(1,608,129)</u>	<u>(659,706)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,337,279</u>	<u>\$ (1,608,129)</u>	<u>\$ 729,150</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position

Proprietary Funds - Enterprise Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Landfill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 906,839	\$ -	\$ 906,839
Other	<u>23,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,820</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>930,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>930,659</u>
Operating Expenses			
Personal services	408,532	-	408,532
Contract services	180,566	45,231	225,797
Materials and supplies	266,323	73	266,396
Depreciation	<u>220,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,927</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,076,348</u>	<u>45,304</u>	<u>1,121,652</u>
Operating loss	<u>(145,689)</u>	<u>(45,304)</u>	<u>(190,993)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)			
Interest and fiscal charges	(26,141)	-	(26,141)
Interest income	32,314	-	32,314
Intergovernmental	<u>-</u>	<u>56,477</u>	<u>56,477</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>6,173</u>	<u>56,477</u>	<u>62,650</u>
Income before transfers	(139,516)	11,173	(128,343)
Transfers in	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Change in net position	(139,516)	36,173	(103,343)
Net position beginning of year, <i>as previously reported</i>	2,529,728	(1,644,302)	885,426
Implementation of GASB No. 101	<u>(52,933)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(52,933)</u>
Net position beginning of year, <i>restated</i>	<u>2,476,795</u>	<u>(1,644,302)</u>	<u>832,493</u>
Net position end of year	<u>\$ 2,337,279</u>	<u>\$ (1,608,129)</u>	<u>\$ 729,150</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds - Enterprise Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Sewer	Landfill	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash received from customers	\$ 890,406	\$ -	\$ 890,406
Cash received from other receipts	23,820	-	23,820
Cash payments for employee services and benefits	(400,584)	-	(400,584)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(435,677)	(51,776)	(487,453)
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>77,965</u>	<u>(51,776)</u>	<u>26,189</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities			
Cash received from other funds	-	25,000	25,000
Cash received from grants	-	56,477	56,477
Net cash flows from noncapital financing activities	-	<u>81,477</u>	<u>81,477</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Principal paid on bonds	(122,329)	-	(122,329)
Interest paid on bonds	(26,141)	-	(26,141)
Net cash flows from capital and related financing activities	<u>(148,470)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(148,470)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Interest on investments	<u>32,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,314</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>32,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,314</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(38,191)	29,701	(8,490)
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	<u>1,364,012</u>	<u>44,676</u>	<u>1,408,688</u>
Cash and cash equivalents end of year	<u>\$ 1,325,821</u>	<u>\$ 74,377</u>	<u>\$ 1,400,198</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash flows from operating activities:			
Operating loss	\$ (145,689)	\$ (45,304)	\$ (190,993)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash from operating activities:			
Depreciation	220,927	-	220,927
Changes in assets, liabilities and deferred outflows/inflows:			
Receivables (excluding interest on investments)	(16,433)	-	(16,433)
Prepaid items	814	-	814
Accounts payable	9,876	11,398	21,274
Accrued wages and benefits	1,049	-	1,049
Due to other governments	522	-	522
Compensated absences	38,160	-	38,160
Landfill postclosure liability	-	(17,870)	(17,870)
Deferred outflows-pension and OPEB	115,711	-	115,711
Deferred inflows-pension and OPEB	2,808	-	2,808
Net OPEB asset	(14,985)	-	(14,985)
Net pension and OPEB liabilities	<u>(134,795)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(134,795)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>\$ 77,965</u>	<u>\$ (51,776)</u>	<u>\$ 26,189</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Custodial Funds
December 31, 2024

Assets

Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,987,365
Cash in segregated accounts	321,616
Receivables:	
Property and other taxes	49,828,736
Accounts	48,923
Special assessments	228,758
Intergovernmental	<u>1,986,074</u>
Total assets	<u>57,401,472</u>

Liabilities

Accounts payable	45,346
Due to other governments	<u>4,791,749</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,837,095</u>

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Property taxes levied for next year	<u>41,508,136</u>
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Net Position

Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	<u>\$ 11,056,241</u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Custodial Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Additions

Collections for other governments and organizations:

Property and other taxes	\$ 77,381,522
Charges for services	1,175,211
Licenses, permits and fees	593,448
Fines and forfeitures	6,326,578
Grants and intergovernmental	3,644,821
Investment earnings	110,262
Contributions and donations	20,073
Other	<u>858,168</u>

Total additions	<u>90,110,083</u>
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Deductions

Distributions to other governments and organizations	10,448,004
Distributions as fiscal agent	3,613,050
Distributions of property and other taxes	<u>74,740,448</u>

Total deductions	<u>88,801,502</u>
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Change in net position	1,308,581
Net position beginning of year	<u>9,747,660</u>
Net position end of year	<u>\$ 11,056,241</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY

Carroll County, Ohio (the "County"), was created in 1812. The County is governed by a board of three commissioners elected by the voters of the County. The County Commissioners serve as the taxing authority, the contracting body, and the chief administrators of public services for the County. Other officials elected by the voters of the County that manage various segments of the County's operations are: the County Auditor, County Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, a Common Pleas Court Judge, a Probate Court Judge and a County Municipal Court Judge.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

A. Reporting Entity

The County's reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units* and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*. The basic financial statements include all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and component units for which the County and the County Commissioners are "accountable". Accountability as defined in GASB Statement No. 14, GASB Statement No. 39 and GASB Statement No. 61 was evaluated based on financial accountability, the nature and significance of the potential component unit's (PCU) relationship with the County and whether exclusion would cause the County's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Among the factors considered were separate legal standing; appointment of a voting majority of the PCU's Board; fiscal dependency and whether a benefit or burden relationship exists; imposition of will; and the nature and significance of the PCU's relationship with the County.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the financial activities of the following PCU's have been reflected in the accompanying basic financial statements as:

Blended Component Units

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) - The financial activities of the EMA will be blended into the County's financial statements. The County Commissioners appoint a majority of the Board members and finance the operations of the EMA. The operations of the EMA are accounted for in the general fund. Capital assets and long-term obligations associated with the EMA are reflected in the statement of net position.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

Carroll County Economic Development Council (Council) - The Council's Board is comprised of the Carroll County Commissioners which appoint an Advisory Committee to oversee the operations of the Council. The Council is not legally separate from the County and, therefore, its financial activities are blended with that of the County. The operations of the Council are accounted for as a separate nonmajor governmental fund.

Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) - The LEPC consists of an eleven to fifteen-member Board. The Board, which oversees the operations of the LEPC, is recommended by the County Commissioners and appointed by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). The members consist of County officials, a fire enforcement representative and representatives from County agencies, Red Cross, emergency medical services, a legal representative and a township trustee.

The LEPC receives its funding strictly through grant money received from the SERC to be used for the purpose of developing, preparing, reviewing, exercising or revising chemical emergency response and preparedness plans and awareness and education programs in the County. The approval of the County Commissioners is required for most major expenditures to be made. The operations of the LEPC are accounted for as a separate nonmajor governmental fund. Capital assets and long-term obligations associated with these operations are reflected in the statement of net position.

Related Organizations

Carroll County Public Library (Library) - The Library is statutorily created as a separate and distinct political subdivision of the State. Four trustees of the Library are appointed by the County Commissioners and three trustees are appointed by the Judge of Common Pleas court. The Board of Library trustees is a body politic and corporate, capable of suing and being sued, contracting, acquiring, holding, possessing, and disposing of real and personal property, and of exercising such other powers and privileges as are conferred upon them by law. The Library Board approves their own budget and then sends a copy to the County budget commission. The County serves as the taxing authority for the Library, but the Library is not considered part of the County. The trustees adopt their own appropriations, hire and fire their own staff, authorize Library expenditures and do not rely on the County to finance deficits.

Carroll County Airport Authority (Authority) - The Authority is a separate legal entity from the County. The County appoints a voting majority of the Authority's Board, but is not "accountable" for its operations. The Authority is not fiscally dependent upon the County nor is there a financial benefit/burden relationship.

Excluded Potential Component Units

As counties are structured in Ohio, the County Auditor and County Treasurer, respectively, serve as fiscal officer and custodian of funds for various agencies, boards, and commissions. As fiscal officer, the County Auditor certifies the availability of cash and appropriations prior to the processing of payments and purchases. As the custodian of all public funds, the County Treasurer invests public monies held on deposit in the County Treasury.

CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

In the case of the separate agencies, boards, and commissions listed below the County serves as fiscal agent and custodian, but is not accountable; therefore the operations of the following PCU's have been excluded from the County's basic financial statements, but the funds held on behalf of these PCU's in the County Treasury are included in the custodial funds.

Carroll County Board of Health
Soil and Water Conservation District
Carroll County Regional Planning Commission
Family & Children First Council
Solid Waste
Blue Farm Park
Carroll County Parks District

Jointly Governed Organization

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

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

Mid East Ohio Regional Council of Governments (MEORC) - MEORC is a jointly governed organization which serves eighteen counties in Ohio. MEORC provides services to the developmentally disabled residents in the participating counties. MEORC is made up of the superintendents of each county's Board of Developmental Disabilities. Revenues are generated by fees and State grants. Continued existence of MEORC is not dependent on the County's continued participation. The County has no equity interest in, or financial responsibility for the MEORC. MEORC has no outstanding debt. During 2024, Carroll County paid \$93,628 to MEORC for services.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP) US 30 Extension Project – The RTIP is a jointly governed transportation improvement agency authorized under Ohio law and serving Carroll, Columbiana and Stark counties. The RTIP uses tax increment financing and other innovative means to project finance to raise funds for transportation improvements. One County Commissioner and the County Engineer from each of the member counties serve on the Board. Stark County is the fiscal agent for the agency. The current project is an extension of the four-lane US 30 freeway from Trump Avenue, east of Canton, to SR 44, in Stark County.

Joint Ventures Without Equity Interest

Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (Attention System) - The Attention System, a six-county operation, provides services to Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne Counties. The Attention System consists of four group homes, four detention facilities, one treatment center and one shelter care facility. The Board of Trustees consists of three members from each County, with the exception of Stark County which has four members. Two members from each county are appointed by a Judge from that county (three from Stark County), and one member from each county is a County Commissioner. A Superintendent of the Attention System is appointed by the Board of Trustees. State grant monies are applied for from the Ohio Department of Youth Services and received by the Board of Trustees. Other revenues consist of County contributions based on prior year's usage and County population, and donations from organizations.

Policies are outlined by State guidelines, as well as the Board of Trustees of the Attention System.

The County cannot significantly influence operations, the Board has sole budgetary authority, the Board controls surpluses and deficits and the County is not legally or morally obligated for any debt. In 2024, the County contributed \$46,507 to the Attention System. Complete financial statements for the Attention System can be obtained from Melissa Clark, Director of Administrative Services of Multi-County Juvenile Attention System, 815 Faircrest St. S.W., Canton, Ohio 44706.

Carroll/Columbiana/Harrison Solid Waste Management District (Solid Waste District) - The Solid Waste District is a three-county district. The twenty-one-member committee consists of the County Health Commissioner, or his appointee; the chairman of the County Commissioners, or his appointee; a member of the County Trustees Association; the Mayor of the largest municipality, or his appointee; two members of the public at large; and a representative of the generators of waste or an appointee, from each of the three counties.

The plan for the Solid Waste District has been in effect for approximately five years. The committee has thus far been financed through a portion of the tipping/disposal fees from the landfills, as well as from grant monies. Complete financial statements for the Solid Waste District can be obtained from their office located at 1138 Cobbler Rd NE, Carrollton, Ohio 44615.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties (ADAMH Board) - The ADAMH Board is a two County non-profit corporation whose general purpose is to provide leadership in planning for and supporting community-based alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services in cooperation with public and private resources with emphasis on the development of prevention and early intervention programming, while respecting, protecting and advocating for the rights of persons as consumers of alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services. The Board of Trustees of the ADAMH Board consists of eighteen members. Four members are appointed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and four members are appointed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. The remaining members are appointed by the County Commissioners of Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties in the same proportion as each County's population bears to the total population of the two counties combined.

Tuscarawas County acts as the fiscal agent for the ADAMH Board. The Board receives tax revenue from Tuscarawas County and receives federal and State funding grant monies which are applied for and received by the Board of Trustees.

The County cannot significantly influence operations of the ADAMH Board. The Board has sole budgetary authority and controls surpluses and deficits and the County is not legally or morally obligated for the Board's debt. The ADAMH Board will not be included as part of Carroll County. Due to the ongoing financial relationship of the County to the ADAMH Board, it will be disclosed as a joint venture without equity interest in the County's financial statements. Complete financial statements from the ADAMH Board can be obtained from their office located at P.O. Box 6217, 1260 Monroe Street N.W., Suite 27N, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

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

C. Fund Accounting

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

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

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund - This fund accounts for and reports monies received by the County for State gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees that are restricted for County road and bridge maintenance, construction and improvements.

County Board of Developmental Disabilities (County Board of DD) Fund - This fund accounts for and reports financial resources received from countywide property tax levy and Federal and State grants that are restricted for use in the operation of a school and the costs of administering a workshop for the developmentally disabled.

County Home Fund - This fund accounts for and reports financial resources received from a countywide tax levy, Medicare and charges for services that are restricted to providing room, board and care of the indigent elderly population of the County.

Public Assistance Fund - This fund accounts for and reports financial resources received from Federal and State sources that are restricted for human service programs.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

Other governmental funds of the County are used to account for (a) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, (b) specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects and (c) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Proprietary Funds - Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The County's only proprietary funds are enterprise funds which are used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The County has presented the following major enterprise funds:

Sewer - This fund accounts for sanitary sewer services provided to individual and commercial users in the majority of the unincorporated areas of Carroll County. The costs of providing these services are financed primarily through user charges. The sanitary sewer district has its own facilities and rate structure.

Landfill - This fund accounts for the maintenance and monitoring functions of the sanitary landfill.

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. The County's only fiduciary funds are custodial funds. The County's custodial funds account for assets held by the County for political subdivisions in which the County acts as fiscal agent and for taxes, State-levied shared revenues and fines and forfeitures collected and distributed to other political subdivisions.

D. Measurement Focus

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

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

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

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary and fiduciary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the County finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

E. Basis of Accounting

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

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

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

Nonexchange transactions, in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include sales taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On a full accrual basis, revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the year in which the sales are made (See Note 7). Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the County must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from all other nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the County, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statements of net position for pensions and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) and are explained in Notes 13 and 14, respectively.

In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time. For the County, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, unavailable revenue, pensions and other postemployment benefits. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2024, but which were levied to finance 2025 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the County unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, delinquent property taxes, sales taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are explained in Notes 13 and 14, respectively.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

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

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

F. Budgetary Data

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the Tax Budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified.

All funds, other than agency funds, are required to be budgeted and appropriated. The primary level of budgetary control is at the object level within each department. Budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of the County Commissioners.

Tax Budget - A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is submitted to the County Auditor, as secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year. The purpose of the Tax Budget is to reflect the need for existing (or increased) tax rates.

Estimated Resources - The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy the full amount of authorized property tax rates and reviews revenue estimates. The Commission certifies its actions to the County by September 1. As part of this certification, the County receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund.

On or about January 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include unencumbered fund balances at December 31. Further amendments may be made during the year if the County Auditor determines that revenue to be collected will be greater than or less than the prior estimates and the Budget Commission find the revised estimates to be reasonable. The amounts set forth in the budgetary statements represent estimates from the original and final amended certificate issued during 2024.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

Appropriations - A temporary appropriation resolution to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual Appropriation Resolution must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation resolution may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The County legally adopted several supplemental appropriations during the year. The original budget and all budgetary amendments and supplemental appropriations necessary during 2024 are included in the final budget amounts in the budget-to-actual comparisons.

Lapsing of Appropriations - At the close of each year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the succeeding year and is not reappropriated.

G. Cash and Investments

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

Investments in nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit, are reported at amortized cost.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during 2024 amounted to \$1,519,807, which includes \$984,033 assigned from other County funds.

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

For presentation on the basic financial statements, investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the County are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

An analysis of the County's investment account at year end is provided in Note 4.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

H. Materials and Supplies Inventory

On government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at cost. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

On the fund financial statements, reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

I. Capital Assets

Governmental capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide Statement of Net Position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide Statement of Net Position and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value as of the date received. The County maintains its capitalization threshold at \$2,500. The County's infrastructure consists of roads, bridges, culverts and sanitary sewers. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

Right-to-use lease assets are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying assets. All other reported capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County's historical records of necessary improvements and replacements.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	10 - 40 years	N/A
Buildings and improvements	5 - 40 years	40 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 100 years	5 - 20 years
Infrastructure	4 - 60 years	50 years
Vehicles	5 - 30 years	N/A

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J. Compensated Absences

The County recognizes a liability for compensated absences for leave time that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled during or upon separation from employment. Based on the criteria listed, two types of leave qualify for liability recognition for compensated absences – vacation and sick leave.

A liability for compensated absences is recorded as incurred in the government-wide statement of net position using the first-in, first-out flow assumption, where the oldest accumulated leave is the leave used first. A liability for compensated absences is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured because of employee resignations or retirements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary related benefits, where applicable.

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is more likely than not that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The County records a liability for all accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees with more than one year of service.

Sick leave benefits considered more likely than not to be used or settled at termination are recognized as a liability in the financial statements. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employee wage rates at fiscal year-end taking into consideration any limits specified in the County's termination policy.

K. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2024, are recorded as prepayments using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which services are consumed.

On the fund financial statements, reported prepaid items are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though they are a component of net current assets.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

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

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

M. Interfund Transactions

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

During the normal course of operations, the County has numerous transactions between funds. Transfers represent movement of resources from a fund receiving revenue to a fund through which those resources will be expended and are recorded as other financing sources (uses) in governmental funds and as transfers in proprietary funds. Interfund transactions that would be treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses if they involved organizations external to the County are treated similarly when involving other funds of the County.

Outstanding advances between funds are reported as "interfund loans receivable/payable" and "due from/to other funds". These amounts are eliminated in the statement of net position, except for any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities, which are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

N. Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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

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

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the County for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Board of Commissioners.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

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

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

O. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the proprietary funds. For the County, these revenues are charges for services for the sewer operations and other revenues related to the Landfill Fund. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or service that is the primary activity of the fund. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating.

P. Restricted Assets

Certain cash and cash equivalents are classified as restricted cash on the financial statements because their use is limited by debt covenants. Restricted cash balances have been reported also as restricted net position since they are not available for general operating use. There was no restricted cash reported as of December 31, 2024.

Q. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. The net position component “net investment in capital assets,” consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes consists primarily of programs to enhance the security of persons and property and the community environment.

The County applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

R. Estimates

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

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued*

S. Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at December 31, 2024 included the following individual fund deficits:

Nonmajor Governmental Funds:

School Resource Officer	\$ 90,831
Community Based Corrections Program	2,114

Enterprise Fund:

Landfill	1,608,129
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These funds complied with State law, which does not permit a cash basis deficit at year end. The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities. The deficit net position in the Landfill enterprise fund resulted from the reporting of a \$1,671,108 liability for estimated post closure care costs.

NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the County into two categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the County treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

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NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – *continued*

Monies held by the County which are not considered active are classified as inactive. Inactive monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Protection of the County's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

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NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – *continued*

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the County, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Cash in Segregated Accounts

At year-end, the County had \$1,404,860 cash and cash equivalents deposited separate from the County's internal investment pool. This amount is included in the amount of "Deposits with Financial Institutions" below.

B. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2024, the carrying amount of all County deposits was \$44,716,641. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*, as of December 31, 2024, \$43,401,411 of the County's bank balance of \$45,474,737 was exposed to custodial risk, as discussed below, while \$2,073,326 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As permitted by Ohio Revised Code, the County's deposits are collateralized by a pool of eligible securities deposited with Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the Federal Reserve System in the name of the depository bank. Financial institutions participating in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a centralized collateral system monitored by the Ohio Treasurer of State, must pledge eligible securities equal to at least 102% of the carrying value of all public deposits held by each institution. Financial institutions choosing not to participate in the OPCS must pledge eligible securities equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of all public deposits held by each institution. The County has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all the statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the County to a successful claim by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

C. Investments

At December 31, 2024, the County had no investments.

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NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – *continued*

D. Reconciliation of Deposits to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of deposits and investments as reported in the note above to cash and cash equivalents as reported on the statement of net position as of December 31, 2024:

<u>Deposits per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	<u>\$ 44,716,641</u>
 <u>Cash and cash equivalents per financial statements</u>	
Governmental Activities	38,007,462
Business-Type Activities	1,400,198
Custodial Funds	<u>5,308,981</u>
	<u>\$ 44,716,641</u>

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

A. Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2024, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund	\$ 412,318	\$ 2,601,734
Public Assistance Fund	67,046	-
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	2,528,716	431,346
Landfill Fund	25,000	-
	<u>\$ 3,033,080</u>	<u>\$ 3,033,080</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, (3) close out several old and completed grant program funds, and (4) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. These transfers were made in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

Transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting on the statement of activities.

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NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS – *continued*

B. Interfund Loans

Interfund loans consisted of the following at December 31, 2024, as reported on the fund financial statements:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ 138,191	\$ -
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	-	138,191
	<u>\$ 138,191</u>	<u>\$ 138,191</u>

The interfund loan balances result from resources provided by the receivable fund to the payable fund to provide cash flow resources until anticipated revenues are received. Interfund loans payable/receivable between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

C. Due From/To Other Funds

Due from/to other funds consisted of the following at December 31, 2024, as reported on the fund financial statements:

	Due From Other Funds	Due To Other Funds
Public Assistance Fund	\$ 19,623	\$ -
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	62,040	81,663
	<u>\$ 81,663</u>	<u>\$ 81,663</u>

Amounts due from/to other funds represent amounts owed between funds for goods or services provided. The balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that payments between the funds are made. Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

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NOTE 6 – PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility and tangible personal property located in the County. Taxes from real property taxes (other than public utility) collected during 2024 were levied after October 1, 2023 on assessed values as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35% of appraised market value. All property is required to be revalued sexennial, with a triennial update. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due in February. If paid semi-annually, the first payment is due in February, with the remainder payable by July. In certain circumstances, State statute permits earlier or later payment dates to be established.

Public utility real property taxes collected in 2024 were levied on assessed values as of January 1, 2023, the tax lien date. Public utility tangible personal property values are assessed by the Ohio Tax Commissioner at various assessment rates depending on the type of utility and property. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County. The County Auditor periodically remits to the County its portion of the taxes collected. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, public utility taxes, delinquent tangible personal property taxes and other outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2024 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by a deferred inflow of resources since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2024 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by a deferred inflow of resources since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on a modified accrual basis the revenue is considered a deferred inflow of resources.

The full tax rate for all County operations for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$11.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2024 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real Property:	
Residential/Agricultural	\$ 694,855,630
Commercial/Industrial/Mineral	197,281,640
Public Utility Personal Property	384,782,680
	<u>\$ 1,276,919,950</u>

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NOTE 7 – PERMISSIVE SALES AND USE TAX

In 1985, the County Commissioners by resolution imposed a one percent tax on all retail sales, except sales of motor vehicles, made in the County, and on the storage, use, or consumption in the County of tangible personal property, including automobiles, not subject to the sales tax. Vendor collections of the tax are paid to the State Treasurer by the twenty-third day of the month following collection. The State Tax Commissioner certifies to the Office of Budget and Management the amount of the tax to be returned to the County. The Tax Commissioner's certification must be made within forty-five days after the end of the month of collection. In 2006, this tax was approved as a permanent tax by the voters of the County.

Proceeds of the sales and use tax are credited to the general fund. A receivable is recognized on the fund statements at year end for amounts that will be received from sales which occurred during 2024 and amounts that are measurable and available at year end are accrued as revenue. Sales and use tax revenue for 2024 amounted to \$3,970,579 in the General Fund.

NOTE 8 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2024, consisted of accounts (billings for user charged services, including unbilled utility services); sales taxes; accrued interest; amounts due from other governments including grants, entitlements, shared revenues, and property taxes. All receivables are considered collectible in full and within one year, except for property taxes which, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year, and loans which are repaid over several years.

Receivables recorded on the County's financial statements are recorded to the extent the amounts are determined material and substantiated, not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation and collectability. Using these criteria, the County has elected to not record child support arrearages in the agency funds. These amounts, while potentially significant, are not considered measurable and, because collections are often significantly in arrears, the County is unable to determine a reasonable value.

As of December 31, 2024, the County has \$917,905 outstanding in Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) mortgage loans. However, these loans receivable are fully reserved. Funds received under this program are loaned to eligible recipients to fund home repairs and are forgiven if the homeowner remains in the home for a specified number of years. Under certain conditions, such as a transfer of ownership, sale or death, the mortgage loan may become due.

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NOTE 9 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Governmental activities capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated</i>				
Land	\$ 1,711,076	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,711,076
Construction in progress	-	79,416	-	79,416
Total capital assets not being depreciated	1,711,076	79,416	-	1,790,492
<i>Capital assets being depreciated</i>				
Land improvements	366,705	117,984	(23,210)	461,479
Building and improvements	18,075,491	1,318,204	(3,750)	19,389,945
Furniture and equipment	7,058,384	86,881	(13,560)	7,131,705
Vehicles	8,325,901	804,622	(136,583)	8,993,940
Infrastructure	62,706,558	5,675,669	-	68,382,227
Right-to-use lease assets	34,719	-	-	34,719
Total capital assets being depreciated	96,567,758	8,003,360	(177,103)	104,394,015
<i>Less: Accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(234,055)	(24,133)	12,332	(245,856)
Building and improvements	(14,010,505)	(351,364)	3,750	(14,358,119)
Furniture and equipment	(5,946,303)	(305,969)	11,310	(6,240,962)
Vehicles	(6,200,811)	(723,260)	133,785	(6,790,286)
Infrastructure	(36,685,537)	(1,721,375)	-	(38,406,912)
Right-to-use lease assets	(11,917)	(6,944)	-	(18,861)
Total accumulated depreciations	(63,089,128)	(3,133,045)	161,177	(66,060,996)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	33,478,630	4,870,315	(15,926)	38,333,019
Net governmental activities capital assets	\$ 35,189,706	\$ 4,949,731	\$ (15,926)	\$ 40,123,511

Depreciation and amortization expense were charged to governmental functions as follows:

Legislative and executive	\$ 289,680
Judicial	35,124
Public safety	170,230
Public works	2,373,537
Health	94,889
Human services	169,585
Total	<u>\$ 3,133,045</u>

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NOTE 9 – CAPITAL ASSETS – *continued*

Business-type activities capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>				
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated</i>				
Land	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500
<i>Capital assets being depreciated</i>				
Building and improvements	469,079	-	-	469,079
Machinery and equipment	1,168,341	9,500	(9,500)	1,168,341
Sewer lines	9,997,708	-	-	9,997,708
Total capital assets being depreciated	11,635,128	9,500	(9,500)	11,635,128
<i>Less: Accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Building and improvements	(453,863)	(596)	-	(454,459)
Machinery and equipment	(1,096,107)	(20,377)	-	(1,116,484)
Sewer lines	(6,547,914)	(199,954)	-	(6,747,868)
Total accumulated depreciations	(8,097,884)	(220,927)	-	(8,318,811)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	3,537,244	(211,427)	(9,500)	3,316,317
Net business-type activities capital assets	\$ 3,544,744	\$ (211,427)	\$ (9,500)	\$ 3,323,817

NOTE 10 – COMPENSATED ABSENCES

County employees earn vacation at varying rates ranging from two to five weeks per year. Sick leave is accumulated at the rate of 4.6 hours per 80 hours worked. Vacation and sick leave are accumulated on an hours-worked basis. Vacation pay is vested after one year and sick pay upon eligibility for retirement. Accumulated vacation cannot exceed three times the annual accumulation rate for an employee.

Upon termination of County service, fully vested employees are entitled to a percentage of their accumulated sick leave based on their years of service not to exceed 30 days and all accumulated vacation.

At December 31, 2024, the compensated absences liability for vacation leave for governmental fund type employees totaled \$1,092,285 and the liability for sick leave totaled \$1,929,042. For proprietary fund types, the compensated absences liability for vacation leave totaled \$27,127 and the liability for sick leave totaled \$92,093.

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NOTE 11 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following activity occurred in the County's governmental long-term obligations during 2024:

	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Restated Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:							
<i>Direct Placement:</i>							
General Obligation Bonds:							
Various Purpose Refunding 1.93%	9/30/21	10/1/36	\$ 1,571,700	\$ -	\$ (108,000)	\$ 1,463,700	\$ 110,000
<i>Direct Borrowing:</i>							
Lease-Purchase Agreements	various	various	20,575	213,469	(76,012)	158,032	76,608
Lease Liabilities	various	various	20,488	-	(7,174)	13,314	4,385
<i>Other Long-Term Obligations:</i>							
Compensated Absences *			2,858,802	162,525	-	3,021,327	985,631
Total Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 4,471,565</u>	<u>\$ 375,994</u>	<u>\$ (191,186)</u>	<u>\$ 4,656,373</u>	<u>\$ 1,176,624</u>

* The change in compensated absences above is a net change for the year.

General Obligation Bonds: The direct placement general obligation bonds are supported by the full faith and credit of the County. The bonds were issued to provide resources for building renovations and improvements, including energy conservation measures, jail improvements and bell tower renovations. These bonds are being retired through rental charges and other County operating sources.

In 2021, the County issued \$1,781,700 in various purpose refunding bonds to refund the County Building and County Facilities general obligation bonds. The bonds are being retired from the county facilities bond fund.

Lease-Purchase Agreements: In prior years the County entered into a various direct borrowing lease-purchase agreements with Huntington Public Capital and U.S. Bank Equipment Finance to finance the purchase of vehicles and copier equipment. In 2024, the County entered into a new lease-purchase agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. for the purchase of a boom mower. Title of the equipment transfers to the County upon maturity of the lease-purchase agreements. The lease-purchase agreements are being retired from the General, Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax, and County Home funds, mature at various intervals, and bear interest rates ranging from 2.17% to 7.831%.

Lease Liabilities: The County entered into lease liability agreements with ComDoc and Graphic Enterprises Office Solutions for various copier equipment. Corresponding intangible right-to-use lease assets were recorded with capital assets (see Note 9). Many of the lease liability agreements include a fixed-payment component and a variable usage-based maintenance payment component. The variable usage-based maintenance component were recognized as outflows of resources as incurred instead of being included in the measurement of the lease liabilities. The lease liabilities are being retired from the General and Dog and Kennel funds and, mature at various intervals, and bear interest rates ranging from 4.13% to 6%.

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NOTE 11 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – continued

Compensated Absences: Sick leave and vacation benefits are presented net of actual increases and decreases because of the practicality of determining these values.

Future Debt Service Requirements: The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service principal and interest requirements for governmental long-term obligations:

Year Ended December 31,	<i>Direct Placement</i> General Obligation Bonds		<i>Direct Borrowing</i> Lease-Purchase		Lease Liabilities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 110,000	\$ 28,250	\$ 76,608	\$ 10,007	\$ 4,385	\$ 468
2026	112,000	26,126	78,938	5,076	4,570	283
2027	114,000	23,964	2,486	70	4,359	91
2028	116,000	21,764	-	-	-	-
2029	118,000	19,526	-	-	-	-
2030-2034	626,000	62,560	-	-	-	-
2035-2036	267,700	7,766	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,463,700</u>	<u>\$ 189,956</u>	<u>\$ 158,032</u>	<u>\$ 15,153</u>	<u>\$ 13,314</u>	<u>\$ 842</u>

The following activity occurred in the County's business-type long-term obligations during 2024:

	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Restated Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Business-Type Activities:							
<i>Direct Borrowing:</i>							
Loans Payable:							
OWDA Loan No. 9434 - 0.84%	9/23/21	1/1/32	\$ 246,823	\$ -	\$ (29,956)	\$ 216,867	\$ 30,207
OWDA Loan No. 9435 - 1.35%	9/23/21	7/1/41	1,810,467	-	(92,373)	1,718,094	93,625
			2,057,290	-	(122,329)	1,934,961	123,832
Other Long-Term Obligations:							
Compensated Absences *			75,417	43,803	-	119,220	47,054
Landfill post-closure payable			1,688,978	33,906	(51,776)	1,671,108	76,382
			<u>\$ 3,821,685</u>	<u>\$ 77,709</u>	<u>\$ (174,105)</u>	<u>\$ 3,725,289</u>	<u>\$ 247,268</u>

* The change in compensated absences above is a net change for the year.

Loans Payable: In 2021, the County refinanced revenue bonds, originally issued for improvements to the Brown Township/Malvern sewer lines, with OWDA loans. These loans will be retired through revenues derived from sewer operations in the sewer fund.

Estimated Landfill Closure and Post Closure Costs: See Note 17 to the financial statements for detail.

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NOTE 11 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – *continued*

Future Debt Service Requirements: The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service principal and interest requirements for business-type long-term obligations:

<i>Direct Borrowing</i> OWDA Loans			
Year Ended			
<u>December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2025	\$ 123,832	\$ 24,638	
2026	125,355	23,115	
2027	126,896	21,574	
2028	128,457	20,013	
2029	130,039	18,431	
2030-2034	577,713	68,739	
2035-2039	550,246	32,274	
2040-2041	<u>172,423</u>	<u>2,332</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 1,934,961</u>	<u>\$ 211,116</u>	

The Ohio Revised Code provides that the net general obligation debt of the County, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed one percent of the total assessed valuation of the County.

The Code further provides that the total voted and unvoted net debt of the County, less the same exempt debt, shall never exceed a sum equal to three percent of the first \$100,000,000 of the assessed valuation, plus one and one-half percent of such valuation in excess of \$100,000,000 and not in excess of \$300,000,000, plus two and one-half percent of such valuation in excess of \$300,000,000. The assessed valuation used in determining the County's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in calculating the County's legal debt margin calculation excludes tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The statutory limitations on debt are measured by a direct ratio of net debt to tax valuation and expressed in terms of a percentage. Based on this calculation, at December 31, 2024, the County's voted legal debt margin was \$28,959,299 and the unvoted legal debt margin was \$11,305,500.

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NOTE 12 – RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General Insurance

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage to or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries, and natural disasters.

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

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

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

There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in any category of risk. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

B. Health Care Insurance

The County has elected to provide health care insurance to employees through a fully-insured program. The County purchases commercial health care insurance from the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO). The entire risk of loss transfers to the commercial insurance carrier. During 2024, the County offered a fully funded plan.

NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Net Pension Liability

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

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NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – *continued*

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

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

GASB Statement No. 68 assumes any net pension liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits or overfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *due to other governments* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

County employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-share, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan with defined contribution features. Effective January 1, 2022, members may no longer select the combined plan. While members (e.g., City employees) may have elected the member-directed plan or the combined plan, the majority of employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

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

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NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – *continued*

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

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

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

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

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

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

	<u>State and Local</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>
2024 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates			
Employer	14.0%	18.1%	18.1%
Employee	10.0%	12.0%	13.0%**
2024 Actual Contribution Rates			
Employer:			
Pension	14.0%	18.1%	18.1%
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	*	*	*
Total Employer	<u>14.0%</u>	<u>18.1%</u>	<u>18.1%</u>
Employee	<u>10.0%</u>	<u>12.0%</u>	<u>13.0%</u>

* This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC. For 2024, the rate was 0% for the Traditional Pension Plan, 2% for the Combined Plan, and 4% for the Member-Directed Plan.

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

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The County's contractually required contribution for the Traditional Pension Plan was \$2,158,333 for 2024. Of this amount, \$175,925 is reported as due to other governments.

Plan Description – State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

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

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

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The DB Plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. The calculation will be 2.2% of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. For members who were eligible to retire on July 1, 2015, the annual benefit is the greater of the benefit amount calculated upon retirement under the new benefit formula or the frozen benefit amount as of July 1, 2015. Effective August 1, 2021 to July 1, 2023, any member can retire with unreduced benefits with 34 years of service credit at any age or 5 years of service credit and age 65. Retirement eligibility for reduced benefits is 30 years of service credit at any age; or 29 years of service credit and age 55; or 5 years of service credit and age 60. Effective August 1, 2023 to May 31, 2025, any member can retire with unreduced benefits with 34 years of service credit at any age or 5 years of service credit at age 65. Retirement eligibility for reduced benefits is 29 years of service credit at any age; or 5 years of service credit and age 60. Effective June 1, 2025 to July 1, 2027, any member can retire with unreduced benefits with 33 years of service credit at any age or 5 years of service credit and age 65. Effective on or after August 1, 2027, any member can retire with unreduced benefits with 34 years of service credit at any age or 5 years of service credit and age 65. Retirement eligibility for reduced benefits is 29 years of service credit at any age or 5 years of service credit and age 60.

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

The CO Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the CO Plan, 12% of the 14% member rate is deposited into the member's DC account and the remaining 2% is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the CO Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with 5 years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50 and after termination of employment.

New members who choose the DC Plan or CO Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS Ohio plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's CO Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS Ohio bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS Ohio therefore has included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB Statement No. 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or CO Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. New members on or after July 1, 2013 must have at least 10 years of qualifying service credit to apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance.

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Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, plan members were required to contribute 14% of their annual covered salary. The School District was required to contribute 14%; the entire 14% was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2025 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The County's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$44,668 for 2024. Of this amount, \$3,967 is reported as due to other governments.

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

The net pension liability for the OPERS Traditional Pension Plan was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. STRS total 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 that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the County's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$23,445,198	\$532,701	\$23,977,899
Proportion of Net Pension Liability	0.089554%	0.002768%	
Change in Proportion	-0.000687%	0.000077%	
Pension Expense	\$2,425,752	\$17,608	\$2,443,360

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At December 31, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 393,018	\$ 33,545	\$ 426,563
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings	4,795,216	-	4,795,216
Change in assumptions	6,412	24,550	30,962
Change in County's proportionate share and difference in employer contributions	-	31,196	31,196
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,158,333</u>	<u>27,213</u>	<u>2,185,546</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 7,352,979</u>	<u>\$ 116,504</u>	<u>\$ 7,469,483</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 17,088	\$ 292	\$ 17,380
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings	-	45,802	45,802
Change in assumptions	-	18,479	18,479
Change in County's proportionate share and difference in employer contributions	<u>98,131</u>	<u>1,104</u>	<u>99,235</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 115,219</u>	<u>\$ 65,677</u>	<u>\$ 180,896</u>

\$2,185,546 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Year Ending December 31:			
2025	\$ 1,113,233	\$ (14,006)	\$ 1,099,227
2026	1,596,626	54,023	1,650,649
2027	3,057,074	(8,393)	3,048,681
2028	(684,696)	(8,010)	(692,706)
2029	(771)	-	(771)
Thereafter	<u>(2,039)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,039)</u>
	<u>\$ 5,079,427</u>	<u>\$ 23,614</u>	<u>\$ 5,103,041</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

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

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Wage inflation	2.75%
Future salary increases (including inflation)	2.75% to 10.75%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	Pre 1/7/2013 retirees: 3% simple; Post 1/7/2013 retirees: 3% simple through 2024, then 2.05% simple
Investment rate of return	6.90%
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age

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

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

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NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – *continued*

During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Defined Contribution portfolio and the Health Care portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a gain of 11.2% for 2023.

The allocation of investment assets within the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	24.00%	2.85%
Domestic Equities	21.00%	4.27%
Real Estate	13.00%	4.46%
Private Equity	15.00%	7.52%
International Equities	20.00%	5.16%
Risk Parity	2.00%	4.38%
Other Investments	5.00%	3.46%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

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

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NOTE 13 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – *continued*

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

	<u>1% Decrease (5.9%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate of 6.9%</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.9%)</u>
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 36,909,619	\$ 23,445,198	\$ 12,247,385

Actuarial Assumptions – STRS

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5% to 8.5%
Payroll increases	3.00%
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount rate of return	7.00%
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0%

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

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation are based on the results of the latest available actual experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return**
Domestic Equity	26.00%	6.90%
International Equity	22.00%	7.70%
Alternatives	19.00%	9.10%
Fixed Income	22.00%	4.50%
Real Estate	10.00%	5.10%
Liquidity Reserves	1.00%	2.40%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

** 10-year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.4%, and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS Ohio's investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.0% as of June 30, 2024. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2024. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.0% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following table presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.0%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.0%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.0%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.0%)	Discount Rate of 7.0%	1% Increase (8.0%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 859,340	\$ 532,701	\$ 256,420

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NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS

Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)

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

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

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

GASB Statement No. 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The ORC permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide health care to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability/(asset). Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The proportionate share of each plan's funded or unfunded benefits are presented as either a long-term *net OPEB asset* or *net OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for contractually-required OPEB contributions outstanding at the end of the year is included in *due to other governments* on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

Plan Description—Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

The OPERS administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan. Effective January 1, 2022, the combined plan is no longer available for member selection. In October 2023, the legislature approved House Bill 33 which allows for the consolidation of the combined plan with the traditional pension plan with the timing of the consolidation at the discretion of OPERS.

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NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS – *continued*

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. This trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

Effective January 1, 2022, OPERS discontinued the group plans currently offered to non-Medicare retirees and re-employed retirees. Instead, eligible non-Medicare retirees will select an individual medical plan. OPERS will provide a subsidy or allowance via a Health Reimbursement Arrangement allowance to those retirees who meet health care eligibility requirements. Retirees will be able to seek reimbursement for plan premiums and other qualified medical expenses.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' ACFR referenced below for additional information.

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

Funding Policy—The ORC provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS' Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans.

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

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0% for members in the Traditional Pension and 2% for members in the Combined Plan.

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NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS – *continued*

The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. As recommended by OPERS' actuary, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0% for the traditional pension plan and 2% for the combined plan. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited for member-directed plan participants was 4%.

The County's contractually required contribution to OPERS for the Member-Directed Plan was \$13,136 for 2024.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer health care plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS Board to offer this plan.

Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees and prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of the monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Health care premiums credit beginning in 2023. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy— Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, no employer allocation was made to the health care fund.

OPEB Liability/(Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The net OPEB (asset) for STRS was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net OPEB liability/(asset) was based on the County's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

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NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS – *continued*

Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability / (Asset)	\$ (780,782)	\$ (52,512)	\$ (833,294)
Proportion of Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	0.086465%	0.002768%	
Change in Proportion	-0.000160%	0.000077%	
(Negative) OPEB Expense	\$ 93,841	\$ (12,222)	\$ 81,619

At December 31, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 2,284	\$ 2,284
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings	468,904	-	468,904
Change in assumptions	201,012	6,463	207,475
Change in County's proportionate share and difference in employer contributions	2,907	-	2,907
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	13,136	-	13,136
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 685,959</u>	<u>\$ 8,747</u>	<u>\$ 694,706</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 111,128	\$ 5,659	\$ 116,787
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings	-	2,254	2,254
Change in assumptions	335,635	23,682	359,317
Change in County's proportionate share and difference in employer contributions	397	1,195	1,592
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 447,160</u>	<u>\$ 32,790</u>	<u>\$ 479,950</u>

\$13,136 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending December 31, 2025.

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

	OPERS	STRS	Total
Year Ending December 31:			
2025	\$ (18,343)	\$ (8,533)	\$ (26,876)
2026	37,337	(3,709)	33,628
2027	364,999	(4,650)	360,349
2028	(158,330)	(4,330)	(162,660)
2029	-	(3,525)	(3,525)
Thereafter	-	704	704
	<u>\$ 225,663</u>	<u>\$ (24,043)</u>	<u>\$ 201,620</u>

Actuarial Assumptions—OPERS

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

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverages provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OBEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 74:

Wage inflation	2.75%
Projected salary increases	2.75% to 10.75%, including wage inflation
Single discount rate:	
Current measurement period	5.70%
Prior measurement period	5.22%
Investment rate of return	6.00%
Municipal bond rate:	
Current measurement period	3.77%
Prior measurement period	4.05%
Health care cost trend rate:	
Current measurement period	5.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2038
Prior measurement period	5.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age

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

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

During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was a gain of 14.0% for 2023.

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. The System's primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	37.00%	2.82%
Domestic Equities	25.00%	4.27%
REITs	5.00%	4.68%
International Equities	25.00%	5.16%
Risk Parity	3.00%	4.38%
Other Investments	5.00%	2.43%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

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Discount Rate. A single discount rate of 5.70% was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2023. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on the actuarial assumed rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00% and a municipal bond rate of 3.77%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2070. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2070, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following table presents the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset) calculated using the single discount rate of 5.70%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.0% point lower (4.70%) or 1.0% point higher (6.70%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.70%)	Current Discount Rate of 5.70%	1% Increase (6.70%)
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$ (428,868)	\$ (780,782)	\$ (1,782,051)

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

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2024 is 5.50%. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50% in the most recent valuation.

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	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumption</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ (812,774)	\$ (780,782)	\$ (743,602)

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Salary increases	Varies by service from 2.5% to 8.5%	
Payroll increases	3.0%	
Investment rate of return	7.0%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	
Discount rate of return	7.0%	
Health care cost trends	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>
Medical		
Pre-Medicare	7.50%	3.94%
Medicare	-112.22%	3.94%
Prescription Drug		
Pre-Medicare	8.00%	3.94%
Medicare	-15.14%	3.94%

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation are based on the results of the latest available actual experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return**
Domestic Equity	26.00%	6.90%
International Equity	22.00%	7.70%
Alternatives	19.00%	9.10%
Fixed Income	22.00%	4.50%
Real Estate	10.00%	5.10%
Liquidity Reserves	1.00%	2.40%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

** 10-year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.4%, and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS Ohio's investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.0% as of June 30, 2024. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS Ohio continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members as of June 30, 2024. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets of 7.0% was applied to all periods of projected health care costs to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate and the Health Care Cost Trend Rates – The following table presents the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset) calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.0%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.0%) and one percentage point higher (8.0%) than the current rate. Also shown is the net OPEB (asset) as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower and one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	<u>1% Decrease (6.0%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate of 7.0%</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.0%)</u>
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ (42,696)	\$ (52,512)	\$ (61,055)
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	\$ (61,632)	\$ (52,512)	\$ (41,545)

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NOTE 15 – BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund and major special revenue funds are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to assigned or committed fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis);
- (d) Advances-in and advances-out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis); and,
- (e) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements (as reported in the fund financial statements) to the budgetary basis statements for all governmental funds for which a budgetary basis statement is presented:

	Net Change in Fund Balance				
	<u>General</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax</u>	<u>County Board of DD</u>	<u>County Home</u>	<u>Public Assistance</u>
GAAP Basis	\$ (1,394,006)	\$ 215,388	\$ 940,486	\$ 155,139	\$ 23,113
Funds reclassified	(76,255)	-	-	-	-
Revenue accruals	111,254	(21,825)	40,149	3,003	47,941
Expenditure accruals	299,156	168,133	233,997	13,952	(644,272)
Other Financing	<u>(59,290)</u>	<u>(213,469)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>682,869</u>
Budget Basis	<u>\$ (1,119,141)</u>	<u>\$ 148,227</u>	<u>\$ 1,214,632</u>	<u>\$ 172,094</u>	<u>\$ 109,651</u>

Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the unclaimed monies fund, trust fund, recorder's equipment fund, auditor's termination benefits fund and the title administration fund.

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NOTE 16 – CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The County receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal and State agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the County at December 31, 2024.

B. Litigation

The County is party to legal proceedings. The County's management is of the opinion that ultimate disposition of these claims and legal proceedings will not have a material adverse effect, if any, on the financial condition of the County at December 31, 2024.

C. Asset Retirement Obligations

Ohio Revised Code Section 6111.44 requires the County to submit any changes to their sewage treatment system to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval. Through this permitting process, the County would be responsible to address any public safety issues associated with their sewage treatment facility and the permit would specify the procedures required to dispose of all or part of the sewage treatment plant. At this time, the County does not have an approved permit from Ohio EPA to dispose of all or part of their sewage treatment plant. Due to the lack of specific legal requirements for retiring the sewage treatment plant, the County has determined that the amount of the asset retirement obligation cannot be reasonably estimated.

NOTE 17 – LANDFILL POST CLOSURE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require that the County perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the closed landfill site for thirty years after closure. The landfill was closed in 1993. During 2014, the County reached a legal agreement with the Ohio EPA, which reduced the amount of the landfill closure costs to be paid by the County. The landfill was capped during 2015 and the process moved into post closure as of December 31, 2015. The Village of Carrollton shares in the estimated liability disclosed. The Village and the County have pending negotiations regarding the Village's share of the liability. The estimated liability for the landfill is \$1,671,108 for post closure costs at December 31, 2024. The estimated cost of landfill postclosure care expenses is based on the amount that would be paid if all materials and services required to monitor and maintain the closed landfill were acquired as of December 31, 2024. However, the actual cost of post closure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

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NOTE 18 – FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS

The Carroll County Department of Human Services (Welfare Department) distributes federal food stamps to entitled recipients within the County. The receipt and issuance of these stamps have the characteristics of federal grants. However, the Welfare Department merely acts in an intermediary capacity. Therefore, the inventory value of the stamps is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements as the only economic interest related to the stamps rest with the ultimate recipient.

NOTE 19 – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

According to State law, the County entered into a tax increment financing exemption agreement on September 17, 2015, with Chaela Enterprises, LLC (the “property owner”) under which the County has granted a property tax exemption to the property owner. The property owner has agreed to construct certain public infrastructure improvements, and in return, the County will return 75% of any increase in taxes collected back to the property owner by September 30th of each year as a service payment in lieu of taxes to help pay the costs of those improvements. The amount of those payments generally reflects all or a portion of the property taxes which the property owner would have paid if their taxes had not been exempt. The property owners’ contractual promise to make these payments in lieu of taxes generally continues until the costs of the improvement have been paid or the agreement expires, whichever occurs first. Future development by the owners or others may result in subsequent agreements to make payments in lieu of taxes and may therefore spread the costs of the improvements to a larger number of property owners. In 2024, the County collected and remitted back to the property owner \$28,862.

NOTE 20 – TAX ABATEMENTS

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, the County is required to disclose certain information on its use of tax abatement incentives. A tax abatement incentive, under this Statement is an agreement between the County and an individual or entity in which the County promises to forgo tax revenue, while the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the County or the citizens of the County.

The Enterprise Zone Program is an economic development tool administered by the County, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sec. 5709, that provides real and personal property exemptions to businesses making investments within an enterprise zone. Enterprise zones are designated areas of land in which businesses can receive tax incentives in the form of tax exemptions on eligible new investment. The Enterprise Zone Program can provide tax exemptions for a portion of the value of new real and personal property investment (when that personal property is still taxable) when the investment is made in conjunction with a project that includes job creation. Existing land values and existing building values are generally not eligible.

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NOTE 20 – TAX ABATEMENTS – *continued*

Carroll County, Washington Township, and Carroll County Energy LLC entered into an Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement effective December 22, 2014. The agreement was established to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property within the economic zone. Carroll County Energy LLC is constructing a new electric generating facility (the “Project”), which will create new employment opportunities in the enterprise zone. The Project is estimated to generate construction payroll of \$91,200,000 for a period of two to three years during the construction of the Project and create approximately 21 new full-time jobs upon completion. The Agreement provides Carroll County Energy LLC with a 100 percent tax exemption on real estate and public utility personal property improvements for 15 years commencing on tax year 2020 and ending tax year 2034.

The amount of taxes abated during 2024 was \$184,130.

Carroll County and Aurora Gold Limited and Seven Ranges Manufacturing Corporation (the Corporation) entered into an Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement effective March 21, 2014. The agreement was established to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property within the economic zone. The Corporation constructed additional building space to create new employment opportunities in the enterprise zone. The Corporation is estimated to generate an increase in payroll of \$127,000 and create and maintain 3 new full-time permanent positions and 2 part-time permanent positions. The Agreement provides the Corporation with a tax exemption on real property improvements for 10 years, as follows:

- 100 percent tax exemption for years one and two;
- 50 percent tax exemption for years three through six; and
- 25 percent tax exemption for years seven through ten.

The amount of taxes abated during 2024 for the Corporation was \$5,941.

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NOTE 21 – FUND BALANCES

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

Fund Balance	General	Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax	County Board of DD	County Home	Public Assistance	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<i>Nonspendable:</i>							
Materials and supplies inventory	\$ 12,033	\$ 1,800,086	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,009	\$ 8,894	\$ 1,822,022
Prepaid items	283,580	9,898	10,095	7,215	7,539	109,495	427,822
Unclaimed monies	149,900	-	-	-	-	-	149,900
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>\$ 445,513</u>	<u>\$ 1,809,984</u>	<u>\$ 10,095</u>	<u>\$ 7,215</u>	<u>\$ 8,548</u>	<u>\$ 118,389</u>	<u>\$ 2,399,744</u>
<i>Restricted:</i>							
Legislative and executive	-	-	-	-	-	2,197,789	2,197,789
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	932,189	932,189
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	379,451	379,451
Public works	-	4,874,941	-	-	-	1,443,666	6,318,607
Health	-	-	8,294,912	-	-	23,349	8,318,261
Human services	-	-	-	1,485,513	455,899	3,046,532	4,987,944
Economic development and assistance	-	-	-	-	-	1,668,897	1,668,897
Other	-	-	-	-	-	6,334	6,334
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,874,941</u>	<u>8,294,912</u>	<u>1,485,513</u>	<u>455,899</u>	<u>9,698,207</u>	<u>24,809,472</u>
<i>Committed:</i>							
Legislative and executive	50,606	-	-	-	-	3,721	54,327
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	6,736	6,736
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	447,333	447,333
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	1,069,004	1,069,004
<i>Total Committed</i>	<u>50,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,526,794</u>	<u>1,577,400</u>
<i>Assigned:</i>							
Subsequent year appropriations	8,600,758	-	-	-	-	-	8,600,758
<i>Unassigned</i>	<u>2,313,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(92,945)</u>	<u>2,220,312</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 11,410,134</u>	<u>\$ 6,684,925</u>	<u>\$ 8,305,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,728</u>	<u>\$ 464,447</u>	<u>\$ 11,250,445</u>	<u>\$ 39,607,686</u>

NOTE 22 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND RESTATEMENT

During 2024, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, and GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*.

GASB Statement No. 100 enhances accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 is presented on the financial statements of the County.

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NOTE 22 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND RESTATEMENT – *continued*

GASB Statement No. 101 provides updated guidance on accounting for and reporting compensated absences, which includes recognizing a liability for leave that is attributable to service already rendered and is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 101 has the following impact on beginning net position:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities / Sewer Fund</u>
Net Position at December 31, 2023	\$ 59,263,192	\$ 885,426
Adjustments:		
GASB No. 101 Implementation	<u>(1,542,130)</u>	<u>(52,933)</u>
Restated Net Position at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 57,721,062</u>	<u>\$ 832,493</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
and County Pension Contributions

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Pension Plan

Measurement Year (1)	County's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	County's Covered Payroll	County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.089051%	9,856,329	10,017,725	98.39%	86.45%
2016	0.090848%	14,634,735	10,423,800	140.40%	81.08%
2017	0.085941%	19,515,373	11,048,669	176.63%	77.25%
2018	0.088175%	13,832,914	11,414,440	121.19%	84.66%
2019	0.089491%	24,509,923	11,634,209	210.67%	74.70%
2020	0.092012%	18,186,181	12,431,544	146.29%	82.17%
2021	0.092193%	13,652,012	12,762,691	106.97%	86.88%
2022	0.093109%	8,100,497	12,996,100	62.33%	92.62%
2023	0.090241%	26,657,138	14,375,014	185.44%	75.74%
2024	0.089554%	23,445,198	14,878,000	157.58%	79.01%

Calendar Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	County's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2015	1,250,856	(1,250,856)	-	10,423,800	12.00%
2016	1,347,831	(1,347,831)	-	11,048,669	12.00%
2017	1,516,109	(1,516,109)	-	11,414,440	13.00%
2018	1,685,073	(1,685,073)	-	11,634,209	14.00%
2019	1,801,331	(1,801,331)	-	12,431,544	14.00%
2020	1,849,735	(1,849,735)	-	12,762,691	14.00%
2021	1,932,644	(1,932,644)	-	12,996,100	14.00%
2022	2,012,502	(2,012,502)	-	14,375,014	14.00%
2023	2,082,920	(2,082,920)	-	14,878,000	14.00%
2024	2,158,333	(2,158,333)	-	15,416,664	14.00%

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

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

CARROLL COUNTY

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

and County Pension Contributions

State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Measurement Year (1)	County's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	County's Covered Payroll	County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.003319%	917,225	344,564	266.20%	72.1%
2016	0.002980%	997,338	333,586	298.98%	66.8%
2017	0.003065%	728,152	330,300	220.45%	75.3%
2018	0.003020%	664,068	357,043	185.99%	77.3%
2019	0.002665%	589,426	319,600	184.43%	77.4%
2020	0.002483%	600,917	325,786	184.45%	75.5%
2021	0.002413%	308,502	304,757	101.23%	87.8%
2022	0.002649%	588,796	355,500	165.62%	78.9%
2023	0.002692%	579,667	360,279	160.89%	80.0%
2024	0.002768%	532,701	400,693	132.94%	82.5%

Calendar Year (3)	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	County's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2015	46,702	(46,702)	-	333,586	14.00%
2016	46,242	(46,242)	-	330,300	14.00%
2017	49,986	(49,986)	-	357,043	14.00%
2018	44,744	(44,744)	-	319,600	14.00%
2019	45,610	(45,610)	-	325,786	14.00%
2020	42,666	(42,666)	-	304,757	14.00%
2021	49,770	(49,770)	-	355,500	14.00%
2022	50,439	(50,439)	-	360,279	14.00%
2023	56,097	(56,097)	-	400,693	14.00%
2024	44,668	(44,668)	-	319,057	14.00%

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

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

CARROLL COUNTY

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)

and County OPEB Contributions

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Measurement Year (1) (2)	County's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	County's Covered Payroll	County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
2017	0.083554%	\$ 8,439,275	\$ 11,048,669	76.38%	54.05%
2018	0.084991%	9,229,157	11,414,440	80.86%	54.14%
2019	0.085790%	11,185,240	11,634,209	96.14%	46.33%
2020	0.087980%	12,152,669	12,431,544	97.76%	47.80%
2021	0.088525%	(1,576,631)	12,762,691	(12.35%)	115.57%
2022	0.088957%	(2,786,132)	12,996,100	(21.44%)	128.23%
2023	0.086625%	546,606	14,375,014	3.80%	94.79%
2024	0.086465%	(780,782)	14,878,000	(5.25%)	107.76%

Calendar Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	County's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2015	208,476	(208,476)	-	10,423,800	2.00%
2016	224,639	(224,639)	-	11,048,669	2.03%
2017	113,584	(113,584)	-	11,414,440	1.00%
2018	4,775	(4,775)	-	11,634,209	0.04%
2019	4,989	(4,989)	-	12,431,544	0.04%
2020	4,037	(4,037)	-	12,762,691	0.03%
2021	4,319	(4,319)	-	12,996,100	0.03%
2022	8,264	(8,264)	-	14,375,014	0.06%
2023	12,164	(12,164)	-	14,878,000	0.08%
2024	13,136	(13,136)	-	15,416,664	0.09%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available. The County will continue to present information for years available until a full ten-year trend is compiled.

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

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

CARROLL COUNTY

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)
and County OPEB Contributions
State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Measurement Year (1) (2)	County's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/ (Asset)	County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/ (Asset)	County's Covered Payroll	County's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
2017	0.003065%	\$ 119,594	\$ 330,300	36.21%	47.1%
2018	0.003020%	(48,531)	357,043	(13.59%)	176.0%
2019	0.002665%	(44,144)	319,600	(13.81%)	174.7%
2020	0.002483%	(43,648)	325,786	(13.40%)	182.1%
2021	0.002413%	(50,872)	304,757	(16.69%)	174.7%
2022	0.002649%	(68,582)	355,500	(19.29%)	230.7%
2023	0.002692%	(52,350)	360,279	(14.53%)	168.5%
2024	0.002768%	(52,512)	400,693	(13.11%)	158.0%

Calendar Year (3)	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions (4)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	County's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330,300	0.00%
2017	-	-	-	357,043	0.00%
2018	-	-	-	319,600	0.00%
2019	-	-	-	325,786	0.00%
2020	-	-	-	304,757	0.00%
2021	-	-	-	355,500	0.00%
2022	-	-	-	360,279	0.00%
2023	-	-	-	400,693	0.00%
2024	-	-	-	319,057	0.00%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available. The County will continue to present information for years available until a full ten-year trend is compiled.

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

(3) Information prior to 2016 is not available. The County will continue to present information for years available until a full ten-year trend is compiled.

(4) STRS allocated the entire 14% employer contribution rate towards pension benefits.

Notes to Pension Information

Changes of Benefit Terms

There have been no changes in benefit terms.

Changes of Assumptions

In 2017, changes in assumptions were made based upon an updated experience study that was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2015. Significant changes included a reduction of the discount rate from 8.0% to 7.5%, a reduction in the wage inflation rate from 3.75% to 3.25%, and transition from the RP-2000 mortality tables to the RP-2014 mortality tables.

In 2019, a reduction of the discount rate was made from 7.5% to 7.2%.

In 2022, changes in assumptions were made based upon an updated experience study that was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020. Significant changes included a reduction of the discount rate from 7.2% to 6.9%, a reduction in wage inflation from 3.25% to 2.75%, and transition from RP-2014 mortality tables to Pub-2010 mortality tables.

Notes to OPEB Information

Changes of Benefit Terms

There have been no changes in benefit terms.

Changes of Assumptions

In 2018, the single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85%.

In 2019, the single discount rate changed from 3.85% to 3.96%, the investment rate of return changed from 6.50% to 6.00%, and the health care cost trend rate changed from 7.5% initial to 10.0% initial.

In 2020, the single discount rate changed from 3.96% to 3.16% and the health care cost trend rate changed from 10.0% initial, 3.25% ultimate in 2028 to 10.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2030.

In 2021, the single discount rate changed from 3.16% to 6.00% and the health care cost trend rate changed from 10.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2030 to 8.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2035.

In 2022, changes in assumptions were made based upon an updated experience study that was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020. Significant changes included a reduction in wage inflation from 3.25% to 2.75%, and transition from RP-2014 mortality tables to Pub-2010 mortality tables.

In 2023, the single discount rate changed from 6.00% to 5.22% and the health care cost trend rate changed from 5.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034 to 5.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036.

In 2024, the single discount rate changed from 5.22% to 5.70% and the health care cost trend rate changed from 5.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036 to 5.5% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2038.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

Notes to Pension Information

Changes of Benefit Terms

For measurement period 2017, the COLA was reduced to zero.

Changes of Assumptions

For the measurement period 2017, changes in assumptions were made based upon an updated experience study that was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2016. Significant changes included a reduction of the discount rate from 7.75% to 7.45%, the inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, the payroll growth assumption was lowered to 3.00%, and total salary increases rate was lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, in addition to a decrease of 0.25% due to lower inflation. The health and disabled mortality assumptions were updated to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016. Rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

For measurement period 2021, the discount rate was adjusted to 7.00% from 7.45%.

For measurement period 2022, demographic assumptions were changed based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021.

For measurement period 2024, retirement rates were extended to younger ages intended to ensure that the ranges in retirement eligibility impacted participants at such ages.

Notes to OPEB Information

Changes of Benefit Terms

For the measurement period 2017, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1% to 1.9% per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 1, 2019.

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

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

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

For measurement year 2021, the non-Medicare subsidy percentage was increased effective January 1, 2022 from 2.055% to 2.10%. The non-Medicare frozen subsidy base premium was increased effective January 1, 2022. The Medicare Part D subsidy was updated to reflect it is expected to be negative in CY2022. The Part B monthly reimbursement elimination date was postponed indefinitely.

For measurement year 2022, salary increase rates were updated based on the actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021 and were changed from age-based to service-based.

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

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio

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Notes to OPEB Information (continued)

Changes of Benefit Terms (continued)

For measurement year 2024, healthcare trends were updated to reflect emerging claims and recoveries experience as well as benefit changes effective January 1, 2025. The larger Medicare trends for Years 2027 and 2028 reflect the assumed impact of the expiration of current Medicare Advantage contract on December 31, 2028.

Changes of Assumptions

For measurement year 2017, the discount rate was increased from 3.26% to 4.13% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB)*, and the long-term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75% to 7.45%. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trends were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

For measurement year 2018, the discount rate was increased from the blended rate of 4.13% to the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45% based on the methodology defined under GASB Statement No. 74. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated.

For measurement year 2021, the discount rate was adjusted to 7.00% from 7.45%.

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

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**CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTER/PROGRAM OR CLUSTER TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
PASSED THROUGH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES			
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP Cluster) (PA FEDERAL GRANTS 2024 EXPENDITURE)	10.561	G-2425-11-6116	\$ 114,740
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			114,740
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP			
CDBG PY 21	14.228	B-F-21-1AJ-1	53,076
CDBG-PY23	14.228	B-F-23-1AJ1	19,071
CHIP (CDBG) PY21	14.228	B-C-21-1AJ-1	26,705
CHIP (CDBG) PY23	14.228	B-C-23-1AJ-1	27,997
Total Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii			126,849
FY21 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program	14.239	B-C-21-1AJ-2	34,890
FY23 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program	14.239	B-C-23-1AJ-2	8,332
			43,222
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			170,071
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PASSED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE			
FY 24 Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2024-VOCA-135502955	34,301
FY 25 Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2025-VOCA-135901398	10,925
Total Crime Victim Assistance			45,226
Total U.S. Department of Justice			45,226
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VIA AREA 16 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD			
<i>WIOA Cluster:</i>			
WIOA Adult	17.258	n/a	66,735
WIOA Youth Activities	17.259	n/a	75,818
WIOA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.278	n/a	17,981
Total WIOA Cluster			160,534
Total U.S. Department of Labor			160,534
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	RPTF-4094-025-231	103,725
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	RPTF-4094-025-233	216,824
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	RPTM-0094-025-232	12,714
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	RPTM-0094-025-233	36,742
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	RPTF-4094-025-251	228,952
Total Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas			598,957
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			598,957
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY			
PASSED THROUGH THE OHIO DEPT OF DEVELOPMENT			
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery of Funds	21.027	Appalachian Community Grant	25,000
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery of Funds	21.027	Lead Abatement Program	20,000
Total Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery of Funds			45,000

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CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
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FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTER/PROGRAM OR CLUSTER TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY			
Local Assistance And Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032	n/a	100,000
PASSED THROUGH OHIO DEPT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES			
Medicaid Unwinding Regular (Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds)	21.027	G-2425-11-6116	71,466
Total Medicaid Unwinding Regular			71,466
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			216,466
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
PASSED THROUGH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Special Education Cluster:</i>			
Special Education- Grants to States	84.027	n/a	28,289
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	n/a	8,678
Total Special Education Grant Cluster			36,967
Total U.S. Department of Education			36,967
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
PASSED THROUGH VARIOUS SOURCES			
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	G-2223-11-6906	645
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	G-2425-11-6116	36,314
Total Promoting Safe and Stable Families			36,959
Title IV-E Prev Program	93.472	G-2223-11-6906	1,235
Title IV-E Prev Program	93.472	G-2425-11-6116	1,882
			3,117
Ohio APS Program - Elder Abuse	93.747	G-2021-11-5906	33,000
Total Ohio APS Program - Elder Abuse			33,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF Cluster)	93.558	G-2223-11-6906	53,405
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF Cluster)	93.558	G-2425-11-6116	839,145
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF Cluster)			892,550
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	G-2223-11-6907	107,401
Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDF Cluster)	93.575	G-2425-11-6116	33,652
Total Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDF Cluster)			33,652
Child Welfare Services - State Grants	93.645	G-2425-11-6116	42,432
Total Child Welfare Services - State Grants			42,432
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	G-2425-11-6116	1,148
			1,148
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	G-2425-11-6116	47,869
Total Foster Care Title IV-E			47,869
Adoption Assistance	93.659	G-2425-11-6116	53,755
Total Adoption Assistance			53,755
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-2425-11-6116	164,052
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	n/a	20,015
Total Social Services Block Grant			184,067
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-2223-11-6906	3,971
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-2425-11-6116	18,129
Total Chafee Foster Care Independence Program			22,100
<i>Medicaid Cluster:</i>			
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	G-2425-11-6116	616,610
Total Medicaid Cluster			616,610
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			2,074,660

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CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
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FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTER/PROGRAM OR CLUSTER TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Emergency Management Preparedness Grants	97.042	EMC-2024-EP-05000	43,079
Total Emergency Management Preparedness Grants			43,079
Emergency Management Improve Security	97.067	EMC-2023-SS-0024	8,009
Total Emergency Management Improve Security			8,009
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			51,088
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership	16.607	n/a	973
Total U.S. Department of Justice			973
Total Federal Expenditures			\$ 3,469,682

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

CARROLL COUNTY

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Carroll County, Ohio (the "County") under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance"). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the County.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

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

NOTE D – MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

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

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

Carroll County
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Carrollton, Ohio 44615

To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Carroll County, Ohio (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 8, 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 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.

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

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

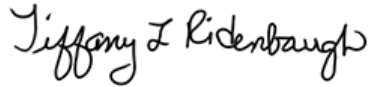
Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed 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 County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State



Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

September 8, 2025

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

Carroll County
119 South Lisbon Street
Carrollton, Ohio 44615

To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Carroll County's, (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Carroll County's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024. Carroll County's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Carroll County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

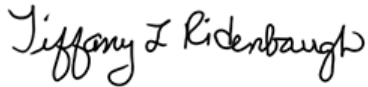
Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant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

Carroll County
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to the Major Federal Program and on Internal Control
Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
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Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
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September 8, 2025

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CARROLL COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 21, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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

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

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
2CFR § 200.511(B)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2023-001	AL # 21.027 Significant Deficiency over Reporting Requirements	Corrected	

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



CARROLL COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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