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BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Commissioners of Burke County Morganton, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Burke County, North Carolina, as of, and for, the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Burke County, North Carolina's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Burke County Tourism Development Authority, which represents 100 percent of the discretely presented component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Burke County Tourism Development Authority, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The financial statements of the Burke County Tourism Development Authority were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Burke County, North Carolina as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and for the School One Cent Sales Tax Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Other Postemployment Benefits Schedules of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, the Local Government Employees' Retirement System Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions, the Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund Schedules of the County's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions and the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Schedules of the Changes in Total Pension Liability and Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll, on pages 4–10 and 56-62, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements, Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, 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 and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Burke County, North Carolina's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements, the budgetary schedules, other schedules, and the statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Award* and the State Audit Implementation Act and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

The statistical section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2021, on our consideration of Burke County, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Burke County, North Carolina'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 Burke County, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Lowdermilk Church & Co., L.L.T

Morganton, North Carolina October 31, 2021

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Burke County

Year Ended June 30, 2021

As management of Burke County, we offer readers of Burke County's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage users to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information we have furnished in the County's financial statements and notes which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

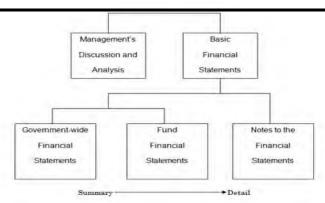
- The assets of the County exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$54,092,565.
- The County's total net position increased by \$8,650,561 primarily due to an unprecedented 16.21% increase in sales tax received over the previous year's amount. A reduction at outstanding principal debt also increased net position.
- The County's unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$28,379,793 at the end of the year, representing 33.92% of total General Fund expenditures. This is an increase of \$9,201,754 in unassigned fund balance over the previous year.
- Total fund balance increased by \$9,389,232 bringing it to \$36,164,364 including prior year adjustments.
- Total County debt decreased by \$6,148,772 outstanding principal with governmental debt decreasing by \$6,080,000.
- The Coronavirus pandemic created unique challenges and changes to how staff operated while continuing operations.
 Every effort was made to find ways to keep staff and citizens safe working within the Governor's Executive Orders to attempt to contain the virus. Not all programs were able to renew during the fiscal year which led to reduced expenditures.
- The Sallyport addition to the Courthouse was completed.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Burke County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements consist of three components, 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

The basic financial statements present two different views of the County's finances through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of Burke County.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report Figure 1



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Exhibits A and B) in the basic financial statements are the **Government-wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the County's financial status.

The next statements (Exhibits C through I) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the County's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are four parts to the fund financial statements: 1) the governmental fund statements, 2) the budgetary comparison statements 3) the proprietary fund statements and 4) the fiduciary fund statements.

The next sections of the basic financial statements are the **notes**. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. Directly following the notes is the **supplemental information**. This section first contains **required supplemental information** about the County's pension plans and the other postemployment benefits plan, followed by additional **supplemental information**. This **supplemental information** is provided to show details about the County's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the County's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the County's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the County's net position and how the net position has changed. Net position is the difference between the County's total assets and deferred outflows of resources and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the County's financial condition.

Government-wide financial statements may be divided into as many as three categories: 1) governmental activities, 2) business-type activities, and 3) component units. The governmental activities include most of the County's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes and state and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The business-type activities are those that the County charges customers to provide. This includes water, sewer and solid waste services offered by Burke County. The final category is the component units. The Burke County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) is a separate governmental entity created to administer occupancy tax funds collected to promote tourism in the County. The nine voting members of the Authority Board are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide a more detailed look at the County's most significant activities. 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. Burke County, like all governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the County's budget ordinance. All County funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Most of the County's activities are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting which focuses on current financial resources. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the County's programs. The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The County adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the County, the management of the County, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the County to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the County complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the County succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows three columns: 1) the final budget as amended by the board, 2) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund, and 3) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges. To account for the difference between the budgetary basis of accounting and the modified accrual basis, a reconciliation showing the differences in the reported activities is shown at the end of the budgetary statement.

Proprietary Funds - Burke County has three proprietary funds, the Water and Sewer Fund, the Water and Sewer Capital Fund, and the Solid Waste Fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-like activities in the government-wide financial statements. Burke County uses enterprise funds to account for its water, sewer and solid waste

operations. These funds are the same as those separate activities shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities.

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the government. Burke County has two fiduciary funds, both of which are custodial funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements start on page 23 of this report.

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning Burke County's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees and other postemployment benefits. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 56 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Burke County's Net Position Figure 2

	Govern	mental						
	Activ	<u>ities</u>	Activ	<u>/ities</u>	<u>Total</u>			
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 79,067,331	\$ 61,337,210	\$ 2,573,028	\$ 3,030,247	\$ 81,640,359	\$ 64,367,457		
Net capital assets	56,250,065	61,301,723	19,736,319	19,212,479	75,986,384	80,514,202		
Total assets	135,317,396	122,638,933	22,309,347	22,242,726	157,626,743	144,881,659		
Total deferred outflows of resources	13,470,254	9,415,499	363,659	235,557	13,833,913	9,651,056		
Long-term liabilities outstanding	52,835,984	58,659,494	1,247,522	169,254	54,083,506	58,828,748		
Other liabilities	55,025,455	42,193,740	7,128,949	6,977,257	62,154,404	49,170,997		
Total liabilities	107,861,439	100,853,234	8,376,471	7,146,511	116,237,910	107,999,745		
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,095,401	1,058,341	34,780	32,625	1,130,181	1,090,966		
Net position:								
Net investment in capital assets	37,852,760	41,891,855	18,551,001	19,091,140	56,403,761	60,982,995		
Restricted	30,790,157	26,753,785	-	-	30,790,157	26,753,785		
Unrestricted	(28,812,107)	(38,502,783)	(4,289,246)	(3,791,993)	(33,101,353)	(42,294,776)		
Total net position	\$ 39,830,810	\$ 30,142,857	\$ 14,261,755	\$ 15,299,147	\$ 54,092,565	\$ 45,442,004		

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the County exceeded liabilities by \$54,092,565 at June 30, 2021. The County's net position increased by a total of \$8,650,561 for the fiscal year. Net position is reported in three categories: Net investment in capital assets of \$56,403,761; restricted net position of \$30,790,157; and unrestricted net position of \$(33,101,353).

The net investment in capital assets is defined as the County's investment in County owned capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, automotive equipment, office and other equipment), less any related debt still outstanding that was issued to acquire those items. The County uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. At June 30, 2021, the increase in this category of net position correlates to reduced outstanding debt along with increased capital assets such as the completion of the Sallyport project at the Courthouse.

Another category of net position is restricted net position. This represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The County has restricted assets due to statutory requirements for Register of Deeds Automation Enhancement Funds, DSS, Health Department, Public Safety, Environmental Protection, and Stabilization by State Statutes. Special revenues funds (particularly for Education) and Register of Deeds pension assets account for the balance of the restricted net position.

The final category of net position is unrestricted net position. This balance may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Several particular aspects of the County's financial operations affected the reporting of total unrestricted net position:

- Liabilities for school debt of \$32,315,000 are reported with no offsetting assets creating a negative unrestricted net position;
- Increases for pension liabilities will decrease overall net position which affects unrestricted net position and are partially outside the County's control.

Burke County Changes in Net Position Figure 3

	Government	al Activities	Business-type Activities		То	tal
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 5,779,741	\$ 5,770,397	\$ 6,851,507	\$ 6,540,773	\$ 12,631,248	\$ 12,311,170
Operating grants and contributions	22,542,065	15,184,315	189,606	217,576	22,731,671	15,401,891
Capital grants	40,922	5,255,926	765,827	3,487,729	806,749	8,743,655
General revenues:						
Property taxes	56,036,350	55,318,275	-	-	56,036,350	55,318,275
Other taxes	21,141,340	18,160,125	-	-	21,141,340	18,160,125
Grant and contributions not restricted to specific programs	2,976,500	3,045,818	_	_	2,976,500	3,045,818
Other	113,750	1,109,923	(108,850)	23,253	4,900	1,133,176
Total revenues	108,630,668	103,844,779	7,698,090	10,269,331	116,328,758	114,114,110
Expenses						
General government	10,623,348	10,453,824	_	_	10,623,348	10,453,824
Public safety	32,233,510	29,506,814	_	_	32,233,510	29,506,814
Transportation	70,850	67,539	_	_	70,850	67,539
Economic & physical development	3,234,480	4,257,274	-	-	3,234,480	4,257,274
Environment protection	596,951	591,599	_	_	596,951	591,599
Human services	26,246,546	21,621,693	-	_	26,246,546	21,621,693
Cultural and recreation	1,874,753	2,968,954	-	_	1,874,753	2,968,954
Education	22,462,944	24,279,078	-	_	22,462,944	24,279,078
Interest on long-term debt	1,975,289	126,734	-	-	1,975,289	126,734
Water/Sewer	-	-	2,874,649	3,357,292	2,874,649	3,357,292
Solid Waste	-	-	5,603,518	5,292,781	5,603,518	5,292,781
Total expenses	99,318,671	93,873,509	8,478,167	8,650,073	107,796,838	102,523,582
Increase (decrease) in net position before transfers and special items	9,311,997	9,971,270	(780,077)	1,619,258	8,531,920	11,590,528
Transfers	257,315	220,210	(257,315)	(220,210)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position after transfer and special items	9,569,312	10,191,480	(1,037,392)	1,399,048	8,531,920	11,590,528
Net position, beginning, previously reported Restatement	30,142,857 118,641	19,951,377	15,299,147 -	13,900,099	45,442,004 118,641	33,851,476
Net position, beginning, restated	30,261,498	19,951,377	15,299,147	13,900,099	45,560,645	33,851,476
Net position, ending	\$39,830,810	\$30,142,857	\$14,261,755	\$15,299,147	\$ 54,092,565	\$ 45,442,004

Governmental activities: Governmental activities increased the County's net position by \$9,569,312, thereby accounting for the growth in the net position of Burke County. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Unexpected sales tax increases (16.21% over the prior year's amount), which resulted in revenues above projections;
- Continued high property tax collections at a rate of 98.75% for the current fiscal year;
- Reduction of some budgeted expenditures due to Coronavirus funding covering some of these expenditures;
- Close monitoring of expenditures throughout the year with actual expenditures below budget.

Business-type activities: Business-type activities decreased Burke County's net position by \$1,037,392. Key elements of this decrease are as follows:

- Continued high maintenance and repair cost with aging systems increased expenses;
- Large expenses for depreciation and post closure (for Solid Waste) were incurred;
- Expenses were monitored closely for saving opportunities.

Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

Burke County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and accounting requirements.

Governmental Funds – The focus of Burke County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. Specifically, fund balance available for appropriation can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund increased to \$28,379,793 while total fund balance increased to \$36,164,364. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 33.92% of total General Fund expenditures including transfers out (\$86,206,252), while total fund balance represents 41.95% of that same amount.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights - During the fiscal year, the County revised the budget on several occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once more exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as Federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services. Total amendments to the General Fund increased revenues, transfers, and expenditures by \$4,376,898 with approximately \$800,548 of the amendments related to appropriations of fund balance. The amended fund balance amount included \$603,523 carried forward from the prior fiscal year as follows: \$74,120 for the foundation drainage repair work project at the Senior Center, \$86,422 of General Services projects not completed in the prior fiscal year, and the balance was for other small projects or purchases carried forward for completion. Increases other than carried forward projects include EDC projects of \$1,564,410, \$624,684 to purchase a new public safety computer system, and other grants and revenues received throughout the year. The actual operating revenues for the General Fund were \$1,116,988 more than the budgeted amount, predominately in ad valorem taxes (1,310,049 or 2.68%). Actual operating expenses were less than budgeted by \$8,296,530. DSS expenditures below budget are \$1,478,778 (17.82%) of the total amount under budget for expenditures and the Sheriff's Office and Jail operations are \$1,619,572 (19.52%) of the amount.

Proprietary Funds - Burke County's proprietary funds are used to provide information on the water and sewer and solid waste enterprises. Total net position of the proprietary funds at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$14,261,755. The total change in proprietary net position was a decrease of (\$1,037,392). The Water and Sewer Fund (including Capital Fund) accounted for (\$775,189) of the decrease with the Solid Waste Fund showing a decrease of \$(262,203). Fees for services are in the process of evaluation to determine if they are set appropriately to fund capital replacement in future years. Charges for services are sufficient to fund daily operations but not capital replacement accounted for through depreciation expenses.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets: Burke County's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2021, totals \$75,986,384 (net of depreciation). These assets include buildings, land, equipment, improvements, and vehicles. Major capital asset transactions during the year include:

- Purchased 26 new vehicles and numerous pieces of equipment for County governmental departments;
- Completion of the sallyport revisions at the Courthouse;
- Continued work on the Overmountain Victory Trail and the Fonta Flora Trail;

Burke County's Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation

Figure 4

	Governmental Activities	Business Activities	Total
	2021	2021	2021
Land	\$ 2,647,159	\$ 1,356,659	\$ 4,003,818
Buildings	45,146,408	15,187,060	60,333,468
Other improvements	3,635,208	1,131,613	4,766,821
Equipment	1,339,402	1,348,885	2,688,287
Vehicles	3,181,740	438,323	3,620,063
Construction in progress	300,148	273,779	573,927
Total	\$ 56,250,065	\$ 19,736,319	\$ 75,986,384

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 3.A.5 of this report.

Long-term Debt. As of June 30, 2021, Burke County had \$725,000 in bonded debt outstanding with no bonds authorized but not issued.

Burke County's Outstanding Debt Figure 5

Total Outstanding Debt

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
General Obligation	\$ 475,000	\$ 725,000
Installment purchase	<u>51,425,318</u>	56,191,340
Total:	\$ 51,900,318	\$ 56,916,340

Burke County's total governmental debt decreased by (\$6,080,000) or (10.71%) during the past fiscal year due to scheduled debt service payments. Governmental debt is \$50,715,000 of the total outstanding debt. There is \$1,185,318 in debt associated with the business activities. New debt of \$1,132,750 was issued for business activities, along with decreases of \$68,772, for a net increase of \$1,063,978. The State of North Carolina limits the amount of debt that a unit of government can issue to 8 percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries less outstanding debt principal. The legal debt margin for Burke County as of June 30, 2021 is \$543,592,064. Additional information regarding Burke County's long-term debt can be found in Note 3.B.6. of this report.

Economic Factors

The following key economic factors reflect the fiscal environment the County is working in:

- The County continues to experience growth in employment with 115 new positions proposed through economic development incentive agreements in the past fiscal year;
- The County's unemployment rate of 4.2% as of July 2021 is slightly lower than the state average of 4.4% and also lower than the federal rate of 5.4%, all of which are currently affected by the Coronavirus pandemic;
- Construction and real estate sales have continued to show minor increases, with the housing market favoring sellers;
- The pandemic uncertainties are seen in slowed government projects and some business closures or changes in practices. It is unknown how long this will continue and the long term financial and social impacts of the pandemic.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Governmental activities – Revenues are projected with a minimal increase primarily due to program revenues. Other revenues are expected to maintain current levels with minor increases.

Budgeted expenditures in the General Fund are projected to increase. Nine additional fulltime and seven additional parttime positions are authorized in the budget. There is a 2 percent cost of living increase for all staff along with the next year of the pay plan review. Vehicle replacement is a primary portion of the allocation for capital purchases. The tax department was budgeted for \$350,000 for reappraisal costs. Several other departments received funding for smaller projects.

Businesses-type activities – Water and sewer rates in the County were increased by approximately 5.5% this year. Evaluations will be done during the year to determine potential increases needed for future capital. Solid waste expenditures are projected to increase mainly due to increased capital purchases costs, while Water/Sewer's budget is basically flat.

All activities may be affected by uncertainties due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and expenditures will be monitored closely until more economic certainty can be found.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the County's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Burke County Finance Director, PO Box 219, Morganton, NC 28680. The report can also be found on our website www.burkenc.org under the Finance Department.



Burke County, North Carolina Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2021

Primary Government

	_	Governmental Activities	_	Business-type Activities		Total	_	Burke County Tourism Development Authority
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	15,102,688	\$	338,922	\$	15,441,610	\$	381,961
Cash held by fiscal agents		2,695		4 550 504		2,695		-
Investments		52,567,201		1,550,524		54,117,725		-
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		367,707		115,021		482,728		95,496
Receivables (net)		2,337,204		493,529		2,830,733		-
Loan receivable		435,862		75.020		435,862		75 222
Due from other governments		8,108,110 145,864		75,032		8,183,142		75,332
Net pension asset - ROD Capital assets:		145,604		-		145,864		-
Land, intangible, and construction in progress		2,947,307		1,630,438		4,577,745		
Other capital assets, net of depreciation		53,302,758		18,105,881		71,408,639		35,173
Total capital assets	-	56,250,065	-	19,736,319	-	75,986,384	-	35,173
Total assets	-	135,317,396	-	22,309,347	-	157,626,743	-	587,962
Total assets	-	133,317,330	-	22,509,547	-	137,020,743	-	307,302
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Deferred charges on refunding debt		1,420,405		-		1,420,405		-
Pension deferrals		12,049,849		363,659		12,413,508		37,349
Total deferred outflows of resources		13,470,254		363,659	_	13,833,913		37,349
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		5,702,330		598,572		6,300,902		12,374
American Rescue Plan Act funds paid in advance		8,787,825		-		8,787,825		-
Accrued interest payable		464,675		-		464,675		-
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		2,390		-		2,390		-
Due to other governments		81,296		-		81,296		93,996
Unamortized liability on debt premiums		3,265,653		454.064		3,265,653		- F7 000
Net pension liability - LGERS		12,732,408		454,964		13,187,372		57,890
Net pension liability - LEOSSA		3,235,862		741 560		3,235,862		-
Net pension liability - OPEB		20,753,016		741,562 5,333,851		21,494,578		-
Landfill closure and post closure costs Long-term liabilities:		-		3,333,631		5,333,851		-
Due within one year		5,995,000		68,772		6,063,772		_
Due in more than one year		46,840,984		1,178,750		48,019,734		26,100
Total liabilities	-	107,861,439	-	8,376,471	-	116,237,910	-	190,360
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Pension deferrals		1,037,325		34,780		1,072,105		3,159
Prepaid taxes		58,076				58,076		-
Total deferred inflows of resources	_	1,095,401	_	34,780		1,130,181	_	3,159
NET POSITION								
Net investment in capital assets		37,852,760		18,551,001		56,403,761		35,173
Restricted for:		37,032,700		10,551,001		30,403,701		33,173
Stabilization by State Statute		5,397,494		_		5,397,494		75,332
Register of Deeds' pension plan		145,864		_		145,864		70,002
Public safety		1,427,216				1,427,216		
Register of Deeds Automation/Enhancement		24,449		_		24,449		_
Human Services		429,975		_		429,975		_
Education		22,472,781		_		22,472,781		_
Environmental Protection		19,882		-		19,882		<u>-</u>
Economic and Physical Development		872,496		-		872,496		-
Tourism promotion		5,2,430		-		-		321,287
Unrestricted (deficit)		(28,812,107))	(4,289,246)		(33,101,353)		-
Total net position	\$	39,830,810		14,261,755	\$		\$	431,792
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Burke County, North Carolina Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

						Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Rev	venues and Changes	in Net Position	
			_						-	Pri	mary Government		Component Unit
Functions/Programs		Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Burke County Tourism Development Authority
Primary government: Governmental Activities: General government Public safety Transportation Economic and physical development Environmental protection Human services Cultural and recreational Education Interest on long-term debt	\$	10,623,348 32,233,510 70,850 3,234,480 596,951 26,246,546 1,874,753 22,462,944 1,975,289	\$	420,588 4,184,649 - 233,691 - 883,697 57,116	\$	981,367 \$ 2,309,188 - 1,368,657 57,755 17,108,345 238,772 477,981	\$ <u> </u>	- - - - - 40,922 - 40,922	\$	(9,221,393) \$ (25,739,673) (70,850) (1,632,132) (539,196) (8,254,504) (1,578,865) (21,944,041) (1,975,289)	- \$ - - - - - - - -	(9,221,393) \$ (25,739,673) (70,850) (1,632,132) (539,196) (8,254,504) (1,578,865) (21,944,041) (1,975,289)	
Total governmental activities Business-type activities: Water/Sewer Solid waste Total business-type activities Total primary government	- \$ <u>-</u>	99,318,671 2,874,649 5,603,518 8,478,167 107,796,838	\$	5,779,741 1,723,440 5,128,067 6,851,507 12,631,248	- ·	22,542,065 - 189,606 189,606 22,731,671	- \$ _	765,827 - 765,827 806,749	\$	(70,955,943) - - - (70,955,943) \$	(385,382) (285,845) (671,227) (671,227) \$	(385,382) (285,845) (671,227) (71,627,170)	
Component unit: Burke County Tourism Development A	\$ <u></u>	557,424 neral revenues:	* ₌	11,433	= \$:	59,650	\$ _		=				(486,341)
	I ((I ! Ne	Investment earnir Gain/ (Loss) on o Miscellaneous, ur Transfers in/(out)	s tax icensibution ngs, diposi nresi ever posi ing a men ing r	ses ons not restricte unrestricted sal of fixed asse tricted uues, special ite tion s originally stat	ed to ets ems,	specific programs				56,036,350 19,481,973 1,659,367 2,976,500 123,774 (273,111) 263,087 257,315 80,525,255 9,569,312 30,142,857 118,641 30,261,498 39,830,810 \$	6,135 (124,717) 9,732 (257,315) (366,165) (1,037,392) 15,299,147 	56,036,350 19,481,973 1,659,367 2,976,500 129,909 (397,828) 272,819 	598,333

Burke County, North Carolina Governmental Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2021

	_	General Fund		School One cent Sales Tax Fund		Grant and Capital Project Fund		American Rescue Plan Grant Project Fund		Non-Major Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8,074,264	\$	3,470,426	\$	-	\$	1,987,768	\$	1,570,230	\$	15,102,688
Cash held by fiscal agents		-		-		-		-		2,695		2,695
Investments		29,023,855		11,874,807		-		6,801,575		4,866,964		52,567,201
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		367,707		-		-		-		-		367,707
Taxes receivable, net		895,340		-		-		-		176,079		1,071,419
Due from other governments		3,327,613		2,502,132		252,578		-		2,025,787		8,108,110
Due from other funds		214,173		-		-		-		-		214,173
Loan receivable		435,862		-		-		-		-		435,862
Accounts receivable, net		1,076,384		-		-		-		70,407		1,146,791
Total assets	\$	43,415,198	\$	17,847,365	\$	252,578	\$	8,789,343	\$	8,712,162	\$	79,016,646
LIABILITIES												
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	5,509,845	\$	_	\$	38,405	\$	_	\$	154,080	\$	5,702,330
American Rescue Plan Act funds paid in advance	*	-	•	_	Ψ.	-	۳	8,787,825	Ψ	-	*	8,787,825
Due to other governments		75,332		_		_		-,,		5,964		81,296
Due to other funds		. 0,002		_		214,173		_		-		214,173
Liabilities to be paid from restricted assets		2,390				214,170		_		_		2,390
Total liabilities	_	5,587,567				252.578	_	8,787,825	-	160,044		14,788,014
Total liabilities	-	3,307,307				232,370	-	0,707,023	-	100,044	-	14,700,014
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES												
Taxes receivable		895,340		-		-		-		176,079		1,071,419
EMS receivable, net		709,851		-		-		-		-		709,851
Prepaid taxes	_	58,076		-		-				-		58,076
Total deferred inflows of resources	_	1,663,267		-		-	_		-	176,079	-	1,839,346
FUND BALANCES Restricted for: Stabilization for State Statute		5,397,494		-		_		_		-		5,397,494
Public safety		609		_		-		_		1,426,607		1,427,216
Register of Deeds Automation/Enhancement		24,449		_		-		_		-		24,449
Human Services		322,767		-		-		-		107,208		429,975
Education		-		17,847,365		-		-		4,625,416		22,472,781
Environmental Protection		19,882		-		-		-		-		19,882
Economic and Physical Development		-		-		-		-		872,496		872,496
Committed for:												
Capital projects Assigned for:		5,000		-		-		-		1,344,312		1,349,312
Subsequent year's budget		2,014,370										2,014,370
Unassigned		28,379,793		-		-		1,518		-		28,381,311
Total fund balances	_	36,164,364		17,847,365			-	1,518	-	8,376,039	-	62,389,286
	_	30, 104,304		17,047,303			_	1,516	-	0,370,039		02,309,200
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$_	43,415,198	\$	17,847,365	\$	252,578	\$	8,789,343	\$	8,712,162	\$	79,016,646
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the SI	- tatan	ant of Not Do		n /Evhihit A) a		different been	-				-	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Si	lalen	ICHILOI NELFO	Silio	iii (Exilibit A) a	ai e C	illerent becat	JSC	•				
Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds												62,389,286
Net pension asset - ROD												145,864
Capital assets used in governmental activities are	a not	financial reso	urce	es and therefo	ro o	re not renorte	d ir	n the funds				56,250,065
Due to and from other governmental funds are no							u II	i tile itilitas.				214,173
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for							he	funds				(95,179)
Deferred inflows of resources for taxes and EMS		•	крсі	iditales and al	C ui	navanabie in t	110	idildo.				1,781,270
Pension related deferrals-all plans	1000	ivabics										11,012,524
Some liabilities, including net pension liabilities,	dob	t related nave	hlo	e and other n	oeta	mnlovment h	en.	efite are not due	or	nd navable in the		11,012,024
			anie:	s and other p	USIE	ampioyment b	CIIE	cins, are not due	аſ	iu payable ili ine		(01 867 102)
current period and therefore are not reported in the	ie iul	ilu5.									-	(91,867,193)
Net position of governmental activities											\$	39,830,810
That position of governmental activities											Ψ_	55,550,610

Burke County, North Carolina
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

		Major I	Funds			
		School	Grant	American	N	T.4.1
	General	One cent Sales Tax	and Project	Rescue Plan Grant Project	Non-Major Governmental	Total Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
REVENUES	- Tuliu	i unu	runa	i unu	i unus	T unus
	\$ 51,768,457	\$ - \$	-	\$ - \$	4,530,830	\$ 56,299,287
Other taxes and licenses	10,794,939	6,963,999	-	-	3,382,402	21,141,340
Unrestricted intergovernmental	2,976,500	-	-	-	-	2,976,500
Restricted intergovernmental	13,737,370	-	4,141,765	-	2,389,530	20,268,665
Permits and fees	2,308,930	-	-	-	404,078	2,713,008
Sales and services	4,542,140	-	-	-	-	4,542,140
Investment earnings	123,774	31,569	2,441	1,518	18,556	177,858
Donations	14,400	-	-	-	220,500	234,900
Miscellaneous	429,358	-	-	-	-	429,358
Total revenues	86,695,868	6,995,568	4,144,206	1,518	10,945,896	108,783,056
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	9,077,599	-	-	-	62,861	9,140,460
Public safety	22,772,304	-	152,762	-	5,143,857	28,068,923
Transportation	70,850	-	-	-	-	70,850
Economic and physical development	1,700,137	-	-	-	1,530,875	3,231,012
Environmental protection	555,613	-	-	-	-	555,613
Human services	20,491,861	-	3,996,394	-	294,806	24,783,061
Cultural and recreational	2,106,389	-	-	-	189,873	2,296,262
Education	18,729,940	-	-	-	3,733,004	22,462,944
Debt service:						
Principal	6,080,000	-	-	-	-	6,080,000
Interest	1,999,465	-	-	-	-	1,999,465
Total expenditures	83,584,158	-	4,149,156		10,955,276	98,688,590
Excess (deficiency) of						
revenues over expenditures	3,111,710	6,995,568	(4,950)	1,518	(9,380)	10,094,466
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets	1,776,206	-	-	-	-	1,776,206
Transfers from other funds	7,147,903	2,339,794	-	-	263,500	9,751,197
Transfers to other funds	(2,622,094)	(5,896,906)	-	-	(974,882)	(9,493,882)
Total other financing sources and uses	6,302,015	(3,557,112)	-	-	(711,382)	2,033,521
Net change in fund balance	9,413,725	3,438,456	(4,950)	1,518	(720,762)	12,127,987
Fund balances, beginning of year	26,775,132	14,408,909	4,950	_	8,953,667	50,142,658
Fund balances, beginning of year, restated	26,750,639	14,408,909	4,950		9,096,801	50,261,299
	\$ 36,164,364	, ,		\$ 1,518 \$		\$ 62,389,286

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds To the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$	12,127,987
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.			
Capital outlay expenditures which were capitalized Net sale of assets not fully depreciated Depreciation expense for governmental assets	1,991,555 (273,111) (4,898,006)		
Contributions to the pension plans in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities.			(3,179,562) 2,844,604
Contributions to the OPEB in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities.			603,003
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. Change in unavailable revenue for tax and EMS revenues	(383,150)		(383,150)
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. Pension expense-LGERS. LEOSSA, OPEB and ROD Compensated absences increase	(8,804,236) 256,490		(655, 155)
Deferred charges on refunding of debt Amortization of bond premiums Combined adjustment	(240,191) 211,485	·	(8,576,452)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	0.000.000		
Principal payments on long term debt Decrease in accrued interest payable	6,080,000 52,882		6,132,882
Total changes in net position of governmental activities		\$	9,569,312

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -Budget and Actual - General Fund and School One Cent Sales Tax Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

General Fund

	Bu	dget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive		
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)		
Revenues:	40.240.000	ф 40.240.000	Ф Б 4 700 4 Б 7	¢ 0.450.457		
Ad valorem taxes \$ Other taxes and licenses	49,310,000 \$ 8,514,010	\$ 49,310,000 9,393,010	\$ 51,768,457 10,794,939	\$ 2,458,457 1,401,929		
Unrestricted intergovernmental	3,151,480	3,151,480	2,976,500	(174,980)		
Restricted intergovernmental	13,926,690	16,023,322	13,737,370	(2,285,952)		
Permits and fees	1,876,980	1,876,980	2,308,930	431,950		
Sales and services	4,143,300	4,148,700	4,542,140	393,440		
Investment earnings	475,000	475,000	123,774	(351,226)		
Donations	473,000	1,335	14,400	13,065		
Miscellaneous	365,075	415,888	429,358	13,470		
Total revenues	81,762,535	84,795,715	86,695,868	1,900,153		
Expenditures:						
General government	10,507,965	11,853,944	9,077,599	2,776,345		
Public safety	23,927,635	24,607,393	22,772,304	1,835,089		
Transportation	70,850	70,850	70,850	1,000,009		
Economic and Physical Development	1,725,395	3,556,659	1,700,137	1,856,522		
Environmental Protection	546,450	559,350	555,613	3,737		
Human Services	21,818,225	22,210,497	20,491,861	1,718,636		
Cultural and Recreation	2,359,790	2,212,590	2,106,389	106,201		
Education	18,676,815	18,729,940	18,729,940	100,201		
Debt service:	10,070,010	10,720,040	10,720,040			
Principal retirement	6,080,000	6,080,000	6,080,000	<u>-</u>		
Interest and other charges	1,999,465	1,999,465	1,999,465	<u>-</u>		
Total expenditures	87,712,590	91,880,688	83,584,158	8,296,530		
·						
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(5,950,055)	(7,084,973)	3,111,710	10,196,683		
Other financing sources (uses):						
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets	90,000	90,000	1,776,206	1,686,206		
Transfers from other funds	6,456,595	6,456,595	7,147,903	691,308		
Transfers to other funds	(2,413,500)	(2,622,300)	(2,622,094)	206		
Fund balance appropriated	1,816,960	3,160,678	<u> </u>	(3,160,678)		
Total other financing sources (uses)	5,950,055	7,084,973	6,302,015	(782,958)		
Net change in fund balance	-	-	9,413,725	9,413,725		
Fund balance, beginning of year, as origina	lly reported		26,775,132			
Prior period adjustment						
Fund balance, beginning of year, restated	tated 26,750,639					
Fund balance, end of year			\$ 36,164,364	· •		

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund and School One Cent Sales Tax Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

School One Cent Sales Tax Fund

	B	Budget	- Autout	Variance with Final Budget-
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				(110941110)
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other taxes and licenses	5,200,000	5,200,000	6,963,999	1,763,999
Unrestricted intergovernmental	-	-	-	-
Restricted intergovernmental	860,000	860,000	-	(860,000)
Permits and fees	-	-	-	-
Sales and services	-	-	-	-
Investment earnings	-	-	31,569	31,569
Donations	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous		<u> </u>		
Total revenues	6,060,000	6,060,000	6,995,568	935,568
Expenditures:				
General government	_	_	_	_
Public safety	_	_	_	_
Transportation	_	_	_	_
Economic and Physical Development	_	_	_	_
Environmental Protection	_	_	_	_
Human Services	_	-	_	_
Cultural and Recreation	_	_	_	_
Education	1,938,150	1,938,150	-	1,938,150
Debt service:	, ,	, ,		, ,
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and other charges	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	1,938,150	1,938,150		1,938,150
Revenues over (under) expenditures	4,121,850	4,121,850	6,995,568	2,873,718
revenues over (under) experiultures	4,121,000	4,121,030	0,990,000	2,073,710
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers from other funds	2,150,000	2,150,000	2,339,794	189,794
Transfers to other funds	(6,271,850)	(6,271,850)	(5,896,906)	374,944
Total other financing sources (uses)	(4,121,850)	(4,121,850)	(3,557,112)	564,738
Net change in fund balance	-	-	3,438,456	3,438,456
Fund balance, beginning of year			14,408,909	-
Fund balance, end of year			\$ 17,847,365	=

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds June 30, 2021

	Water/Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Proprietary Funds Total		
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents \$	47,201 \$	291,721 \$	338,922		
Investments	553,708	996,816	1,550,524		
Restricted cash	115,021	=	115,021		
Receivables, net	13,270	480,259	493,529		
Due from other governments	24,311	50,721	75,032		
Total current assets	753,511	1,819,517	2,573,028		
Non-current assets:					
Capital assets:					
Land and construction in progress	378,756	1,251,682	1,630,438		
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	15,190,693	2,915,188	18,105,881		
Subtotal capital assets	15,569,449	4,166,870	19,736,319		
Total non-current assets	15,569,449	4,166,870	19,736,319		
Total assets	16,322,960	5,986,387	22,309,347		
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension deferrals	100,138	263,521	363,659		
Total deferred outflows of resources	100,138	263,521	363,659		
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	80,363	349,870	430,233		
Accrued salaries	9,963	43,355	53,318		
Customer deposits	115,021	=	115,021		
Loans payable, current portion	68,772		68,772		
Total current liabilities	274,119	393,225	667,344		
Non-current liabilities:					
Net pension liability	125,280	329,684	454,964		
Other post employment benefits liability	204,198	537,364	741,562		
Landfill closure and post closure costs	-	5,333,851	5,333,851		
Accrued compensated absences	8,084	54,120	62,204		
Loans payable	1,116,546	<u> </u>	1,116,546		
Total non-current liabilities	1,454,108	6,255,019	7,709,127		
Total liabilities	1,728,227	6,648,244	8,376,471		
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension deferrals	9,557	25,223	34,780		
Total deferred inflows of resources	9,557	25,223	34,780		
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	14,384,131	4,166,870	18,551,001		
Unrestricted	301,183	(4,590,429)	(4,289,246)		
Total net position \$	14,685,314 \$	(423,559) \$	14,261,755		

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	_	Water/Sewer Fund		Water/Sewer Capital Fund		Solid Waste Fund		Total Proprietary Funds
OPERATING REVENUES: Charges for services	\$	1,723,440	Ф		\$	5,128,067 \$		6,851,507
Charges for services	Ψ_	1,723,440	φ	<u>-</u>	Φ_	<u>5,120,007</u> \$	<u> </u>	0,651,507
Total operating revenues	-	1,723,440	-	-		5,128,067	_	\$6,851,507
OPERATING EXPENSES:								
Water/sewer operations		1,789,800		247,685		-		2,037,485
Solid waste disposal operations		-		-		4,577,417		4,577,417
Solid waste collection operations		- 007.404		-		663,412		663,412
Depreciation	-	837,164	-		-	362,689	_	1,199,853
Total operating expenses	_	2,626,964	. <u>-</u>	247,685		5,603,518	_	8,478,167
Operating income (loss)	-	(903,524)	-	(247,685)		(475,451)		(\$1,626,660)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):								
Interest and investment revenue		1,544		193		4,398		6,135
Contributed capital		518,142		-		_		518,142
Miscellaneous revenues		9,288		-		444		9,732
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets Restricted intergovernmental revenues		(124,717)		- 247,685		- 189,606		(124,717) 437,291
restroted intergovernmental revenues	-		-	247,000	-	100,000	_	407,201
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	-	404,257	-	247,878	-	194,448	_	846,583
Income (loss) before transfers		(499,267)		193		(281,003)		(780,077)
Transfers from/(to) other funds		(116,517)		(159,598)		18,800		(257,315)
Change in net position		(615,784)		(159,405)		(262,203)		(1,037,392)
Total net position, beginning		15,301,098	·	159,405		(161,356)	_	15,299,147
Total net position, ending	\$_	14,685,314	\$	-	\$	(423,559)	· =	14,261,755

Burke County, North Carolina Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	_	Water/Sewer Fund	Water/Sewer Capital Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total Proprietary Funds
Cash flows from operating activities:	_		_		
Cash received from customers	\$	1,752,903 \$, , ,	
Cash paid for goods and services		(1,497,561)	(133,423)	(1,028,435)	(2,659,419)
Cash paid to employees for services	-	(258,692)	(133,423)	(3,933,645)	(4,192,337)
Net cash provided by operating activities	-	(3,350)	(133,423)	161,267	24,494
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:					
Restricted intergovernmental revenues		_	247,685	189,606	437,291
Miscellaneous revenues		9,288	247,000	443	9,731
Transfer in/(out)		(116,517)	(159,598)	18,800	(257,315)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	-	(107,229)	88,087	208,849	189,707
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Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:					
Proceeds received from sale of fixed assets		(00.770)	-	-	(00.770)
Principal and interest paid on debt		(68,772)	-	(400.757)	(68,772)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	_	(7,759)		(189,757)	(197,516)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	-	(76,531)		(189,757)	(266,288)
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Interest on investments		1,544	193	4,398	6,135
Net cash provided by investing activities	-	1.544	193	4,398	6,135
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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(185,566)	(45,143)	184,757	(45,952)
Cash and cash equivalents/investments, July 1	-	901,496	45,143	1,103,780	2,050,419
Cash and cash equivalents/investments, June 30	\$	715,930 \$	\$	1,288,537	2,004,467
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Operating income (loss)	\$_	(903,524) \$	(247,685)	(475,451)	(1,626,660)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided	by c	perating activities	3:		
Depreciation		837,164	_	362,689	1,199,853
Increase in landfill closure and post-closure costs		-	_	63,247	63,247
Changes in assets, liabilities, deferred outflows and inflows on (Increase)/decrease in deferred outflow of resources-	of re	sources:		00,211	00,217
pensions/OPEB		(43,160)	-	(84,942)	(128,102)
Increase in net pension liability		47,597	-	86,213	`133,810 [′]
Increase/(decrease) in net OPEB liability		52,377	-	61,536	113,913
Increase/(decrease) in deferred inflow of resources-					
pensions/OPEB		1,665	-	490	2,155
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable		24,875	391,112	(4,720)	411,267
Increase/(decrease) in customer deposits		4,588	<u>-</u>	-	4,588
Increase/(decrease) in payables and accrued liabilities		(26,611)	(276,850)	139,595	(163,866)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued compensated absences	-	1,679	- 444.000	12,610	14,289
Total adjustments	-	900,174	114,262	636,718	1,651,154
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$_	(3,350) \$	(133,423) \$	161,267	24,494

Exhibit I

Burke County, North Carolina Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Fund June 30, 2021

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Taxes receivable for other governments, net Total assets	\$ 16,284 162,886 179,170
LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Due to other governments Total liabilities	166,624 166,624
NET POSITION Restricted for: Individuals and other governments Total fiduciary net position	12,546 \$ 12,546

Burke County, North Carolina Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

ADDITIONS	Custodial Funds
Ad valorem taxes for other governments	\$ 2,494,426
Collections on behalf of inmates	250,558
Total additions	2,744,984
DEDUCTIONS	
Tax distributions to other governments	\$ 2,626,987
Payments on behalf of inmates	252,761
Total deductions	2,879,748
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	(134,764)
Net position, beginning, as previously reported	-
Prior period restatement - change in accounting principle	147,310
Net position, beginning, as restated	147,310
Net position, ending	\$ 12,546

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>:

The accounting policies of Burke County and its component units conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity:

The County, which is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, is one of the 100 counties established in North Carolina under North Carolina General Statue 153A-10. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the County and its component units, legally separate entities for which the County is financially accountable. The discretely presented component units presented below are reported in separate columns in the County's combined financial statements in order to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County.

Burke County Industrial Facility and Pollution Control Financing Authority

Burke County Industrial Facility and Pollution Control Financing Authority operates within Burke County's boundaries to issue and service revenue bond debt of private businesses for economic development purposes. The Burke County's Board of Commissioners appoints the seven voting members of the Authority. The Authority has no financial transactions or account balances.

Burke County Tourism Development Authority

The North Carolina General Legislation enacted a law which authorized Burke County to levy a room occupancy tax; and the Burke County Commissioners adopted a resolution levying this tax and created the Burke County Tourism Development Authority (Authority). The Authority operates within Burke County's boundaries for the promotion and development of tourism, and the County provides room occupancy tax proceeds as their main source of revenue to the Authority, but the County is not responsible for the debts and is not entitled to the surpluses of the Authority. The Burke County's Board of Commissioners appoints the nine voting members of the Authority. The Burke County Tourism Development Authority has a June 30 year end and is presented as if it is a governmental fund. Complete financial statements may be obtained from the entity's administrative offices at Burke County Tourism Development Authority, 110 East Meeting St., Morganton, NC 28655.

B. Basis of Presentation - Basis of Accounting:

Basis of Presentation, Measurement Focus - Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Statements: The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the primary government (the County) and its component units. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the *governmental and business-type activities* of the County. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the County and for each function of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods and services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the County's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Grants and Special Projects Fund – This is a special revenue fund. It accounts for the County's major substance abuse grants and CARES Act COVID-19 funds.

ARP Grant Project Fund – This is a special revenue fund to track the grant project ordinance for American Rescue Plan Act funds.

School One Cent Sales Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for sales tax and other revenue that is designated to assist with payments relating to school capital and debt.

The County reports the following major enterprise funds:

Water and Sewer Fund – This fund is used to account for the water and sewer operations of the County.

Water and Sewer Capital Fund – This fund is used to account for the water and sewer capital projects.

Solid Waste Fund – This fund accounts for the operation, maintenance, and development of the County's transfer station, landfill and disposal sites.

The County reports the following other fund types:

Custodial Funds — Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, or private-purpose trust funds. Custodial funds are used to account for assets the County holds on behalf of others that meet certain criteria. The County maintains the following two custodial funds: the Municipal Tax Fund, which accounts for property taxes that are collected by the County for various municipalities within the County but are not revenues to the County and the Inmate Commissary Fund, which accounts for monies deposited with the County's Jail for the benefit of certain individuals.

Non-major Funds – The County maintains six legally budgeted special revenue funds. The Law Enforcement Restricted Fund, Emergency Telephone System Fund, Fire Districts Fund, and Grants and Capital Projects Fund, DSS Representative Payees, and Deed of Trust Fund are reported as nonmajor, special revenue funds. The Capital Projects Fund and the School One-Half Cent Sales Tax Fund are reported as nonmajor capital projects funds.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the County are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Government-wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements – The government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus, except for the custodial funds which have no measurement focus. The government-wide, proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the County gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The County considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem property taxes are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. As of September 1, 2013, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as utilities franchise tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the County are recognized as revenue. Intergovernmental revenues, and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been satisfied.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the County funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net positions available to finance the program. It is the County's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

C. Budgetary Data

The County's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund, the School Sales Tax Funds, all Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise Funds. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the departmental level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. The County Manager has authority, to transfer funds from one appropriation to another per the following guidelines (1) Amendments to receive and expend State, Federal and other non-tax revenues so long as the action does not commit additional local tax dollars, create additional positions or initiate a new County function, (2) Adjustments to pass through actual Fire Tax revenues received to respective Fire Departments, (3) Permit transfer of funds within and between departments so long as the action does not commit additional local tax dollars, create additional positions or initiate a new County function, (4) For construction projects, to negotiate and process change orders up to \$25,000, so long as such

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change orders do not alter scope or definition of the project, or exceed budgeted funds, (5) Capital purchases, service, or maintenance efforts approved within current budget, so long as the purchase or contract is secured in a manner according to State and Federal procurement regulation. The exception to this shall be those procurements in which Board action is mandated by a State or Federal requirement. During the year, several immaterial amendments to the original budget were necessary.

The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the County and the Authority are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by G.S. 159-31. The County, and the Authority may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the County, and the Authority may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30 (c)] authorizes the County and the Authority to invest in obligations of the United States of obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT).

The County's investments are carried at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. The North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT), which consists of a SEC-registered fund, is authorized by G.S. 159-30(c)(8). The Government Portfolio is a 2a7 fund which invests in treasuries and government agencies and is rated AAAm by S&P and AAmf by Moody Investor Services. The Government Portfolio is reported at fair value.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Governmental Activities:

The County pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents. The Authority considers all cash and investments to be cash and cash equivalents.

3. Restricted Cash

Money for the Register of Deeds Automation Enhancement Fund is restricted by NC General Statue 161-50 to pay for automation, preservation and technology needs for the Register of Deeds' office. Federal regulations require equitable sharing funds be used for approved law enforcement needs. Unexpended funds received on behalf of the Health Department for CC4C and OBCM are restricted per their State Agreement. Unexpended funds received on behalf of the DSS for adoption promotion are restricted to be used only for authorized purposes per their State Agreement. Unexpended funds received for Cooperative Extension are restricted for programming.

Burke County Restricted Cash

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General Fund:		
Health Dept.	CC4C & OBMC	\$ 53,288
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	609
DSS	Adopt Promotion	269,479
Register of Deeds	Automation/Enhancements	24,449
Environmental Protection	Unexpended program funds	19,882
Total Governmental Activities		\$367,707
Business-type Activities:		

Water and Sewer Fund Customer deposits \$115,021

Total Business-type Activities \$115,021

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4. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State Law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the County levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1 (lien date); however, penalties and interest do not accrue until the following January 6. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2020. As allowed by State law, the County has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid prior to the due date.

5. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

All receivables that historically experience uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

6. Capital Assets

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets received prior to July 1, 2015, are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received on or about July 1, 2015, are recorded at their acquisition value. Minimum capitalization is \$5,000 for all governmental fund assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets of the County are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Buildings	15-30
Plant and distribution systems	40-50
Improvements	15-30
Furniture and equipment	7
Vehicles	5-15
Office Equipment	5-7

Capital assets of the Authority are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Improvements	25
Vehicles	5-7
Furniture and equipment	10
Computer equipment	3

7. <u>Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources</u>

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The County has the following items that meet this criterion – pension related deferral and a charge on debt refunding. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position can also report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The County has the following items that meet the criterion for this category – prepaid taxes, taxes receivable, EMS fees receivable and pension related deferrals.

8. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities on the Statements

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of Net Position. In the fund financial statements for governmental fund types, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

9. Compensated Absences

The vacation policies of the County provide for the accumulation of up to thirty days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the County's government-wide and proprietary funds an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned.

The sick leave policies of the County provide for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement with the County may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the County has no obligation for accumulated sick leave until it is taken, no accruals for sick leave have been made by the County or the Authorities.

10. Net Positions/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements is classified as net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or b) imposed by law through State Statutes.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of four classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification includes revenue sources that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed or imposed by law. The County has the following restricted items:

Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute - portion of fund balance restricted under State Statute [G.S. 159-8(a)]. This statute prohibits units of government from budgeting or spending a portion of their fund balance. This is one of several Statutes enacted by the NC State Legislature in the 1930's that were designed to improve and maintain the fiscal health of local government units. Restricted by State Statute (RSS), is calculated at the end of each fiscal year for all annually budgeted funds. The calculation in GS 159-8(a) provides a formula for determining what portion of fund balance is available for appropriation. The amount of fund balance not available for appropriation is what is known as "restricted by State statute". Appropriated fund balance in any fund shall not exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts, as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget. Per GASB guidance, RSS is considered a resource upon which a restriction is "imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation". RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaids as they are classified as nonspendable. Outstanding encumbrances are included within RSS. RSS is included as a component of Restricted Net position and Restricted fund balance on the face of the balance sheet.

Restricted for Register of Deeds – portion of fund balance restricted by revenue source for automation and technology enhancements in the Register of Deeds' office [G.S. 161-11.3].

Restricted for Department of Social Services – portion of fund balance available for appropriation for expenditures related to adoption promotion.

Restricted for Health Department – portion of fund balance available for appropriation for expenditures related to CC4C and OBMC programs.

Restricted for Register of Deeds Pension Plan – portion of fund balance for non-cash asset for pension plan.

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Restricted for Education – portion of fund balance available for appropriation for expenditures related to debt service and other capital needs for the Burke County Public Schools.

Restricted for Environmental Protection – portion of fund balance available for appropriation for expenditures related to Cooperative Extension programs.

Restricted for Public Safety – portion of fund balance representing the aggregate of net positions for three special revenue funds and the Lifesaver Program reserves: The Emergency Telephone System Fund, and Fire Tax Fund and Law Enforcement Restricted Fund.

Committed Fund Balance – portion of fund balance which can only be used for a specific purpose by a majority vote of Burke County's governing board (highest body of decision-making authority). Any change or removal of specific purpose requires majority action by the governing board.

Committed for Capital Projects – portion of fund balance available for appropriation for expenditures related to specific capital projects.

Assigned Fund Balance – portion of fund balance that the governing board decides to use for a specific purpose.

Subsequent year's expenditures- the portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation.

Unassigned Fund Balance – portion of the total fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds at year-end.

Burke County has a revenue spending policy that provides policy for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-county funds, and county funds. For the purposes of fund balance classification expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the County.

11. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The County participates in three cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plans that are administered by the State: the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund (RODSPF), and the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance (LEOSSA) (collectively, the "state administered defined benefit pension plans"), and one other postemployment benefit plan (OPEB), the Healthcare Benefits Plan (HCB), For the purposes of measuring the net pension asset or liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net positions of the state-administered defined benefit pension plans and additions to/deductions from the state-administered defined pension plans' fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the state-administered defined benefit pension plans. For this purpose, plan member contributions recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The County's employer contributions are recognized when due and the County has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the state-administered defined benefit pension plans. For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the HCB and additions to/deductions from the HCB's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the HCB. For this purpose, the HCB recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Note 2 - <u>Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability:</u>

A. Material Violations of Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

No material violations were noted.

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Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds:

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All the County's and the Authority's deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the County's and the Authority's agents in these units' names. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the County and the Authority, these deposits are considered to be held by their agents in the entities' names. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest-bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the County or the Authority. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the County or the Authority, the potential exists for undercollateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method.

The State Treasurer enforces standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions. The County and the Authority rely on the State Treasurer to monitor those financial institutions. The County analyzes the financial soundness of any financial institution used by the County. The County complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured. The County and the Authority have no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2021, the County's deposits had a carrying amount of \$15,938,418 and a bank balance of \$16,784,678. Of the bank balance, \$752,695 was covered by federal depository insurance, and \$1,180,087 in non-interest-bearing deposits and \$14,851,896 in interest bearing deposits were covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method. At June 30, 2021, Burke County had \$4,900 cash on hand.

At June 30, 2021, the Authority's deposits had a carrying amount of \$477,457 and a bank balance of \$529,895. Of the balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method. The Authority had no cash on hand.

2. <u>Investments</u>

As of June 30, 2021, the County had the following investments and maturities:

Investments by Type	Valuation Measurement Method	Fair Value	Less Than 6 Months	1-5 Years
Commercial Paper	Fair Value Level 2	\$30,973,033	\$30,973,033	\$ -
Government Agencies	Fair Value Level 2	1,349,352	-	1,349,352
NC Capital Management Trust – Government Portfolio	Fair Value Level 1	21,795,340	21,795,340	1
Total:		<u>\$54,117,725</u>	<u>\$52,768,373</u>	<u>\$1,349,352</u>

All investments are measured using the market approach: using prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or a group of assets. Ratings are from Standard and Poor's scale.

Level of fair value hierarchy: Level 1: Debt securities are valued using directly observable, quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets. Level 2: Debt securities are valued using a matrix

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pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

Interest Rate Risk. The County has no formal investment policy regarding interest rate risk. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the County's internal investment procedure limits at least half of the County's investment portfolio to maturities of less than 12 months. Also, the County's internal management policy recommends purchases of securities to be laddered with staggered maturity dates and limits all securities to a final maturity of no more than five years.

Credit Risk. The County has no formal policy regarding credit risk but has internal management procedures that limits the County's investments to the provisions of G.S. 159-30 and restricts the purchase of securities to the highest possible ratings whenever particular types of securities are rated. State law limits investments in commercial paper to the top rating issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). As of June 30, 2021, the County's investments in commercial paper were rated A1 by Standard & Poor's and P1 by Moody's Investors Service. The County's investment in the NC Capital Management Trust Government Portfolio carried a credit rating of AAAm by Standard & Poor's as of June 30, 2021. The County's investments in US Agencies with the United States Treasury are rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service and AAmf by Moody Investor Services. The County does have an elevated credit risk due to safekeeping held in a third-party arrangement.

3. Property Tax - Use - Value Assessment on Certain Lands

In accordance with the general statutes, agriculture, horticulture, and forestland may be taxed by the County at the present-use value as opposed to market value. When the property loses its eligibility for use-value taxation, the property tax is recomputed at market value for the current year and the three preceding fiscal years, along with the accrued interest from the original due date. This tax is immediately due and payable. The following are property taxes that could become due if present use-value eligibility is lost. These amounts have not been recorded in the financial statements.

Tax Year Levied		Tax Interest Tota		Total	
2020	\$	944,118		\$ -	\$ 944,118
2019		944,081		96,768	1,040,849
2018		921,164		177,324	1,098,488
2017		914,374		258,311	1,172,685
Total	\$:	3,723,737	•	\$ 532,403	\$4,256,140

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4. Receivables

Receivables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2021, were as follows:

		Taxes	Interest		
	Accounts	Receivable	Receivable	Other	Total
Governmental Activities:					
General	\$1,884,135	\$1,614,340	\$118,994	\$435,862	\$4,053,331
Other Governmental	70,407	176,079	-	-	246,486
Total receivables	1,954,542	1,790,419	118,994	435,862	4,299,817
Allowance for doubtful					
accounts	(807,751)	(719,000)	-	-	(1,526,751)
Total-governmental activities	\$1,146,791	\$1,071,419	\$118,994	\$435,862	\$2,773,066
Business-type Activities:					
Water/Sewer	\$ 140,150	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 140,150
Solid Waste	484,545	-	-		484,545
Total receivables	624,695	-	-		624,695
Allowance for doubtful					
accounts	(131,166)	-	-		(131,166)
Total-business-type activities	493,529	_	_		493,529
Total	\$1,640,320	\$1,071,419	\$118,944	\$435,862	\$3,266,595

The due from other governments that is owed to the County consists of the following:

NC DOR	\$6,138,945
NC DOT	727,500
NC DHHS	39,353
NC BOE	130,174
NC DPS	63,160
NC DEQ	1,120,590
NC Dept of Commerce	697,878
NC DNCR	75,205
NC ITS-Emergency Telephone System	55,714
US DOJ	33,531
WP COG	103,592
City of Morganton ABC	31,400
Town of Valdese ABC	428
McDowell County Clerk of Court	9
Burke County Clerk of Court	41,509
Catawba County Clerk of Court	36
City of Morganton	65,659
Town of Hildebran	19,294
Town of Connelly Springs	22,915
Total	\$8,183,142

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5. Capital Assets

Primary Government:

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning	1	D	Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,822,530	\$ 43,640	\$ 219,011	\$ 2,647,159
Construction in progress	1,321,417	343,853	1,365,122	300,148
Total capital assets not being depreciated	4,143,947	387,493	1,390,703	2,947,307
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	69,494,796	1,484,263	3,282,960	67,696,099
Improvements	7,935,180	1,828,164	1,401,822	8,361,522
Equipment	8,643,611	39,549	5,494,846	3,188,314
Vehicles	9,325,370	1,356,253	4,702	10,676,921
Total capital assets being depreciated	95,398,957	4,708,229	10,184,330	89,922,856
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	20,591,333	3,143,284	1,184,926	22,549,691
Improvements	4,896,564	439,441	609,961	4,726,314
Equipment	6,267,455	361,240	4,779,783	1,848,912
Vehicles	6,485,829	1,009,352	-	7,495,181
Total accumulated depreciation	38,241,181	4,953,317	5,664,033	36,620,098
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	57,157,776			53,302,758
Governmental activity capital assets, net	\$ 61,301,723			\$ 56,250,065

During the fiscal year, capital assets for both activities were evaluated and some items reclassified or retired. This process accounts for the changes other than normal increases and decreases during the fiscal year.

Depreciation expense for the current year was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

General government	\$ 978,060
Public safety	3,192,569
Environmental protection	51,673
Human services	553,537
Cultural and recreational	177,478
Total depreciation expense	\$4,953,317

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	Beginning			Ending
Business type activities:	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Water and Sewer:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 378,756	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 378,756
Total capital assets not being depreciated	378,756	-	-	378,756
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	411,551	-	-	411,551
Distribution systems	27,475,090	1,650,893	-	29,125,983
Equipment	1,043,997	-	595,630	448,367
Vehicles	256,395	7,759	26,038	238,116
Total capital assets being depreciated	29,187,033	1,658,652	621,668	30,224,017
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	13,735,638	767,065	-	14,502,703
Equipment	725,630	59,593	470,913	314,310
Vehicles	231,844	10,506	26,039	216,311
Total accumulated depreciation	14,693,112	837,164	496,952	15,033,324
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	14,493,921	•		15,190,693
Water and Sewer capital assets, net	\$14,872,677		=	\$15,569,449
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	Beginning			Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Solid Waste:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 977,903	\$	\$ -	\$ 977,903
Construction in progress	254,828	18,951	-	273,779
Total capital assets not being depreciated	1,232,731	18,951	-	1,251,682
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	782,155	-	-	782,155
Improvements and Infrastructure	4,886,936	-	2,891,685	1,995,251
Equipment	2,633,248	-	572,600	2,060,648
Vehicles	978,983	170,806	-	1,149,789
Total capital assets being depreciated	9,281,322	170,806	3,464,285	5,987,843
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	607,641	22,285	-	629,926
Improvements and Infrastructure	3,658,600	96,723	2,891,685	863,638
Equipment	1,269,137	149,283	572,600	845,820
Vehicles	638,873	94,398		733,271
Total accumulated depreciation	6,174,251	362,689	3,464,285	3,072,655
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	3,107,071			2,915,188
Solid Waste capital assets, net	\$4,339,802			\$4,166,870
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Construction commitments

The County has four active construction projects as of June 30, 2021. At June 30, 2021, the government's commitments with contractors are as follows:

Project	Spent-to-date	Remaining Commitment
Fonta Flora trails	\$300,148	\$ 769,850
East Burke Container Site	14,305	544,000
Jonas Ridge Container Site	6,651	-
Landfill Gas Extraction System	252,823	-
Total	\$573,927	\$1,313,850

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Capital asset activity for the Authority for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

Beginning			Ending
Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,000
14,532	-	1,666	12,866
2,901	-	-	2,901
55,433	-	1,666	53,767
1,267	3,800	-	5,067
13,579	309	1,666	12,222
725	580	-	1,305
15,571	4,689	1,666	18,594
\$ 39,862			\$ 35,173
	\$ 38,000 14,532 2,901 55,433 1,267 13,579 725 15,571	Balances Increases \$ 38,000 \$ - 14,532 - 2,901 - 55,433 - 1,267 3,800 13,579 309 725 580 15,571 4,689	\$ 38,000 \$ - \$ - 1,666 2,901 55,433 - 1,666 1,267 3,800 - 13,579 309 1,666 725 580 - 15,571 4,689 1,666

B. Liabilities:

1. Payables

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2021, were as follows:

		Salaries /		
_	Vendors	Benefits	Other	Total
Governmental activities:				_
General	\$1,216,864	\$4,295,371	\$ 464,675	\$ 5,976,910
Other governmental	192,485	-	8,787,825	8,980,310
Total-governmental activities	1,409,349	4,295,371	9,252,500	14,957,220
Business-type activities:				_
Solid Waste	349,870	43,355	-	393,225
Water/Sewer	80,363	9,963	115,021	205,347
Total business-type activities:	\$ 430,233	\$ 53,318	\$ 115,201	\$ 598,572

Due to other governments that is owed by the County consists of the following:

Burke County TDA, occupancy taxes	\$75,332
NC DST, Deed of Trust fees	5,964
	\$81,296

2. Pension Plan Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The County is a participating employer in the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers (LEOs) of participating local government entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the County to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.org.

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Benefits Provided. LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. Plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. Plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service (age 55 for firefighters). Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age (15 years of creditable service for firefighters and rescue squad members who are killed in the line of duty) or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

LGERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

Contributions. Contribution provisions are established by General Statue 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. County employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The County's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2021, was 11.50% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 10.25% for general employees, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employees' contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the County were \$2,694,139 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Refunds of Contributions. County employees, who have terminated service as a contributing member of LGERS, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60-day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions, or any other benefit provided by LGERS.

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

At June 30, 2021, the County reported a liability of \$13,187,372 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the County's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the County's proportion was 0.36904% (measured as of June 30, 2020), which was an increase of 0.02214% from its proportion share as of June 20, 2020 (measured as of June 30, 2019).

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For the year ended June 30, 2021, the County recognized pension expense of \$4,619,817. At June 30, 2021, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	1,665,334	\$	-
Changes of assumptions		981,399		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings				
on pension plan investments		1,855,770		-
Changes in proportion and differences between County				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		372,033		130,610
County contributions subsequent to the measurement				
date	_	2,694,139		-
Total	\$_	7,568,675	\$_	130,610

\$2,694,139 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:		
2022	\$	1,341,232
2023		1,775,021
2024		1,078,459
2025		549,213
2026		-
Thereafter		-
Total	\$	4,743,925
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Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 3.0% Salary increases 3.50%

Investment rate of return 7.00% net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality rates based on the *RP-2014 Total Data Set for Healthy Annuitants Mortality Table* that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study as of December 31, 2014.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity projections are

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established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates or arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	29.0%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	100%	

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2019 asset, liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.05%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the 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.

Sensitivity of the proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)	
County's proportionate share of the				
net pension liability (asset)	\$ 26,755,739	\$13,187,371	\$1,911,103	

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

b. Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description

Burke County administers a public employee retirement system (the Separation Allowance), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the County's qualified sworn law enforcement officers under the age of 62 who have completed at least 30 years of creditable service or have attained 55 years of age and have completed five or more years of creditable service.

Benefits Provided. The Separation Allowance is equal to .85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be

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authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

All full-time County law enforcement officers are covered by the Separation Allowance. The following table summarizes the membership of the Plan as of December 31, 2019, the valuation date:

Retirees receiving benefits	13
Active plan members	92
Total	105

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. Basis of Accounting. The County has chosen to fund the Separation Allowance on a pay as you go basis. Pension expenditures are made from the General Fund, which is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The Separation Allowance has no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria which are outlined in GASB Statement 73.

Actuarial Assumptions. The entry age actuarial cost method used in the December 31, 2019 valuation. The total pension liability (TPL) was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50%

Salary increases 3.25 to 7.75%, including inflation and productivity factor

Discount rate 1.93%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as of June 30, 2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an experience study completed by the Actuary for the Local Government Employees' Retirement System for the five-year period ending December 31, 2019.

All mortality rates use Pub 2010 amount weighted tables. Mortality projections are projected from 2010 using generational improvement with Scale MP-2019.

Deaths after retirement (Healthy): Mortality rates are based on the Safety Mortality Table for Retirees. Rates for all members are multiplied by 97% and Set Forward by one year.

Deaths before retirement: Mortality rates are based on the Safety Mortality Table for Employees.

Deaths after retirement (Beneficiary): Mortality rates are based on the Below-median Teachers Mortality Table for Contingent Survivors. Rates for male members are Set Forward three years. Rates for female members are Set Forward one year. Because the contingent survivor tables have no rates prior to age 45, the Below-median Teachers Mortality Table for Employees is used for ages below 45.

Deaths after retirement (Disabled): Mortality rates are based on the Non-Safety Mortality Table for Disabled Retirees. Rates are Set Back three years for all ages.

Death prior to retirement: Mortality rates are based on the Safety Mortality Tables for employees.

Contributions. The County is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the amounts necessary to cover the benefits earned on a pay as you go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. There were no contributions made by employees. The County's obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. Administration costs of the Separation

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Allowance are financed through investment earnings. The County paid \$144,300 as benefits came due for the reporting period.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the LEOSSA Pension Plan

At June 30, 2021, the County reported a total pension liability of \$3,235,862. The total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2020 based on December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation. The total pension liability was rolled forward to December 31, 2020 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the County recognized pension expense of \$400,565.

		Deferred		Deferred
		Outflows of		Inflows of
		Resources		Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	237,684	\$	2,034
Changes of assumptions		810,599		45,708
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	_	144,300	_	
Total	\$	1,192,583	\$	47,742

The County paid \$144,300 in benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date that are reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, which will be recognized as a decrease of the total pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2022	\$ 215,719
2023	221,149
2024	198,614
2025	202,777
2026	162,282
Thereafter	-

Sensitivity of the County's total pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the County's total pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 1.93%, as well as what the County's total pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (0.93%) or one percentage point higher (2.93%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (0.93%)	Discount Rate (1.93%)	1% Increase (2.93%)
County's proportionate share of The net pension liability (asset)	\$3.513.612	\$3.235.862	\$2.982.189
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Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

Beginning balance	\$2,214,344
Service cost	114,110
Interest on the total pension liability	69,836
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in	
the measurement of total pension liability	111,339
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	870,533
Benefit payments	(144,300)
Other changes	-
Ending balance of the total pension liability	\$3,235,862

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Changes of assumptions. Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.26% at December 31, 2019 to 1.93% at December 31, 2020.

Changes in Benefit Terms: There are no changes in benefit terms since the prior Measurement Date.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study as of December 31, 2019.

c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

Plan Description. The County contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan (Plan), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the County. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy. Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 required the County to contribute each month an amount equal to five percent of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the plan.

Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2021 were \$223,862, which consisted of \$223,862 from the County and \$0 from the law enforcement officers. No amounts were forfeited.

d. Supplemental Retirement Income Plans for General Employees

The County also offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401. The Plan, available to all County employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

Employees other than law enforcement have the choice of participating in a 401(k) plan or a 457 deferred compensation plan. The County contributes up to 2 percent matching funds to the plan of their choice. Employees may make elective deferrals to each plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2021 to these plans were \$766,647, which consisted of \$206,870 from the County and \$559,777 from employees. No amounts were forfeited.

e. Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund

Plan Description. Burke County also contributes to the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund (RODSPF), a noncontributory, defined benefit plan administered by the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer. RODSPF provides supplemental pension benefits to any eligible county register of deeds who is retired under the Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) or an equivalent locally sponsored plan. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 161 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the state House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 28699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

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Benefits Provided. An individual's benefits for the year are calculated as a share of accumulated contributions available for benefits for that year, subject to certain statutory limits. An individual's eligibility is based on at least 10 years of service as a register of deeds with the individual's share increasing with years of service. Because of the statutory limits noted above, not all contributions available for benefits are distributed.

Contributions. Benefits and administrative expenses are funded by investment income and 1.5% of the receipts collected by each County Commission under Article 1 of Chapter 161 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The statutory contribution currently has no relationship to the actuary's required contribution. The actuarially determined contribution this year, and for the foreseeable future, is zero. Registers of Deeds do not contribute. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 161-50 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Contributions to the pension plan from the County were \$6,165 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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

At June 30, 2021, the County reported an asset of \$145,864 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The County's proportion of the net pension asset was based on the County's share of contributions to the pension plan, relative to contributions to the pension plan of all participating RODSPF employers. At June 30, 2020, the County's proportion was 0.63646%, which was a decrease of 0.21766% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the County recognized pension expense of \$17,804. At June 30, 2021, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	-	\$ 2,972
Changes of assumptions		-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on			
pension plan investments		-	12,481
Changes in proportion and differences between County			
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		70,924	-
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	_	6,165	-
Total	\$	77,089	\$ 15,453

\$6,165 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension asset in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2022	\$ 33,293
2023	30,955
2024	(5,633)
2025	(3,144)
2026	-
Thereafter	-
Total	\$ 55,471

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Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 3.00 percent

Salary increases 3.50 to 7.75 percent, including inflation and productivity factor Investment rate of return 3.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense,

including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study as of December 31, 2014.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The adopted asset allocation policy for the RODSPF is 100% in the fixed income asset class. The best estimate of arithmetic real rate of return for the fixed income asset class as of June 30, 2021 is 1.4%.

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2020 asset, liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the 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.

Sensitivity of the County's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 3.75%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(2.75%)	(3.75%)	(4.75%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$(123,893)	\$(145,864)	\$(164,455)

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

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f. <u>Pension Liabilities</u>, <u>Pension Expense</u>, and <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows</u> of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability for LGERS and ROD was measured as of December 31,2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The total pension liability for LEOSSA was measured as of June 30, 2019, with an actuarial valuation date of December 31, 2019.

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 contribution of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	LGERS	ROD	LEOSSA	TOTAL
Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$13,187,372	\$ (145,864)	-	\$13,041,508
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	.36904%	.63646%	-	-
Total Pension Liability			\$3,235,862	\$ 3,235,862
Pension Expense	\$ 4,604,543	\$ 17,804	\$ 400,565	\$ 4,642,064

At June 30, 2021, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	LGERS	ROD	LEOSSA	TOTAL
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,665,334	\$ -	\$ 237,684	\$ 1,903,018
Changes of assumptions	\$ 981,399	-	810,599	\$ 1,791,998
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 1,855,770	-	-	\$ 1,855,770
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 372,033	70,924	-	\$ 442,957
County contributions (LGERS, ROD)/benefit payments and administration costs (LEOSSA) subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 2,694,139	6,165	144,300	\$ 2,844,604
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 2,972	\$ 2,034	\$ 5,006
Changes of assumptions Changes in proportion and differences between County	\$ -	-	45,708	\$ 45,708
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 130 610	12,481	-	\$ 143,091

g. Other Postemployment Benefit

Health Care Benefits

Plan Description – Under the terms of a County resolution, the County administers a single-employer defined benefit Healthcare Benefits Plan (the HCB Plan). This plan provides post-employment healthcare benefits to retirees of the County, provided they participate in the North Carolina Local Government Employees' Retirement System (the System) and have at least five years of creditable service with the County. The HCB Plan is available to qualified retirees until the age of 65 or until Medicare eligible, whichever is sooner. The County provides a portion of the total cost of coverage for these benefits for individual retirees based on years of service at retirement. Also, the County's retirees can purchase coverage for their dependents at the County's group rates. The Board of Commissioners may amend the benefit provisions. A separate report was not issued for the plan.

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Plan Membership. At June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020, the HCB membership consisted of the following:

	2019	2020
Retirees receiving benefits Inactive members entitled to but not	82	79
receiving benefits	-	-
Active plan members	<u>584</u>	<u>516</u>
Total	<u>666</u>	<u>595</u>

Contributions. The Board of Commissioners established the contribution requirements of plan members and these requirements may be amended by the Board. The Board establishes rates based on an actuarially determined rate. For the year ended June 30, 2021, per month the County contributed \$745 per active employee and up to \$745 per retired employee. The County's contribution is dependent on the employee's number of years of creditable service with the County at retirement. Retirees with ten to twenty-five years of creditable service pay a monthly premium. Retirees with more than twenty-five years of creditable do not contribute to the plan. The Board of Commissioners may amend the benefit provisions.

County contributions to HCB Plan based on creditable years of service

Years of Creditable service	
5-9	20%
10-14	45%
15-19	60%

 15-19
 60%

 20-24
 75%

 25+
 100%

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation 2.50% Real wage growth 1.00%

Salary increases 3.50 to 7.75%, including inflation and productivity factor

Discount rate 2.21%

Healthcare cost trend rates 7.00% for 2019, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2026

The discount rate was based on the June average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Year Municipal Bond Index.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014, adopted by the LGERS Board.

Total OPEB liabilities were then rolled forward to June 30, 2020 for the employer and the plan, utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 mortality tables, with adjustments for LGERS experience and generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2015.

Net OPEB Liability of the County

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County's net OPEB liability would be if it were

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calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.21 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.21 percent) than the current discount rate:

		1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	_	(1.21%)	(2.21%)	(3.21%)
Net OPEB liability (asset)	\$	23,518,672	\$ 21,494,578	\$ 19,664,260

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

	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
Net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 18,927,396	\$ 21,494,578	\$ 24,558,852

Changes in Net OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. At June 30, 2021, the County reported a net OPEB liability of \$21,494,578. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020 utilizing the update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions.

At June 30, 2021, the components of the net OPEB liability of the County, measured as of June 30, 2020:

Balance at June 30, 2020	\$18,514,709
Changes for the year	
Service cost	984,295
Interest	669,258
Differences between expected and actual	(268,487)
Changes of assumptions	2,326,696
Benefit payments	(732,393)
Net changes	2,979,869
Balances at June 30, 2021	<u>\$21,494,578</u>

Changes of assumptions. Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.50% in 2019 to 2.21% in 2020. Medical claims cost and rates were changed based on most recent experience and changes to the current schedule.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the County recognized OPEB expense of \$1,965,439. At June 30, 20201 the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
	of Resources	of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 728,004	\$ 230,132
Changes of assumptions	2,244,154	648,168
County contributions subsequent to measurement date	603,003	-
Total	\$ 3,575,161	\$ 878,300

\$603,003 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease in the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the OPEB expense as follows:

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Year ended June 30	
2022	\$ 300,648
2023	300,648
2024	305,032
2025	413,190
2026	480,311
Thereafter	294.029

h. Other Employment Benefits Death Benefits

The County has elected to provide death benefits to all eligible employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, State administered, cost sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the System, or who die within 180 days after retirement or termination of service have at least one year of contributing membership service in the System at the time of death are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months' salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit will be a minimum of \$25,000 and will not exceed \$50,000. Because all death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan and not by the County, the County does not determine the number of eligible participants. The County has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based upon rates established annually by the State. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. The County considers these contributions to be immaterial.

3. Closure and Post closure Care Costs – Burke County Landfill Facility

State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its landfill facility when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. Although closure and post closure care costs will be paid only near, or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and post closure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. The \$5,333,851 reported as landfill closure and post closure care liability at June 30, 2021 represents a cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 100% of the total estimated capacity of the landfill. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and post closure care in 2021. The County closed the facility in 1998 to household waste material but continues to accept construction and demolition materials. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology or changes in regulations.

The County has met the requirements of a local government financial test that is one option under State and Federal Laws and regulations that help determine if a unit is financially able to meet closure and post closure care requirements.

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4. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources as of June 30, 2021 are as follows:

			Deferred Inflows of Resource		
		Deferred	Statement		Governmental
		Outflows of	of Net		Funds
	_	Resources	 Position	_	Balance Sheet
Changes in assumptions	\$	4,036,152	\$ 693,876	\$	-
Pensions – difference between expected and actual experience		2,631,022	235,138		-
Pensions – difference between projected and actual investment earnings		1,855,770	-		-
Pensions – change in proportion and difference					
between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		442,957	143,091		-
Contributions to pension plans in current year		3,447,607	_		_
		1,420,405			
Deferred charges on refunding debt		1,420,403	-		700.054
EMS fees receivable, net		-			709,851
Prepaid taxes not yet earned (General)		-	58,076		58,076
Taxes receivable, net (General)		-	-		895,340
Taxes Receivable, net (Special Revenue)		-	-	_	176,079
Total	\$	13,833,913	\$ 1,130,181	\$	1,839,346

5. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County participates in three self-funded risk-financing pools administrated by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Through these pools, the County obtains property coverage equal to replacement cost values of owned property subject to a limit of \$134,553,600 for any one occurrence, general, auto, professional, and employment practices liability coverage of \$2,000,000 per occurrence, auto physical damage coverage for owned autos at actual cash value, crime coverage of \$250,000 per occurrence and workers' compensation coverage up to the statutory limits. The pools are audited annually by certified public accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the County upon request. The pools are reinsured through a multi-state public entity captive for single occurrence losses in excess of \$500,000 up to a \$2 million limit for liability coverage, \$600,000 of aggregate annual losses in excess of \$50,000 per occurrence for property, auto physical damage, and crime coverage, and single occurrence losses of \$350,000 for workers' compensation. The County provides employee health, dental and life insurance benefits through commercial carriers.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the County's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the County's funds are covered by a blanket bond for \$250,000. The Finance Officer, Tax Administrators and Register of Deeds are each individually bonded for \$50,000 each. The Sheriff is bonded for \$25,000.

The County carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

6. <u>Long-term Obligations</u>

a. Capital Leases

The County has no capital lease agreements as a lessee.

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

b. <u>Installment Financing</u>

The County's indebtedness at June 30, 2021 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Serviced by the County's General Fund:

\$6,885,000 2013 current refunding contract, due on October 1 10 installments of various principal amounts and interest at 2.15% Final payment due 2023. Western Piedmont Community College property is pledged as collateral for this loan.	\$ 1,705,000
\$16,285,000 Refunding Certificate of Participation, Series 2013A Due on April 1 and October 1, 25 installments of various principal amounts and interest at 2.41% Final payment due 2026. Patton High School is pledged as collateral for this loan.	7,445,000
\$15,820,000 Refunding Certificate of Participation, Series 2013B Due on April 1 and October1, 25 installments of various principal amounts and interest at 2.41% Final payment due 2026. Draughn High School is pledged as collateral for this loan.	7,200,000
\$21,075,000 Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 Due on April 1 and October 1, 20 installments of various principal amounts and interest at 3.00% to 5.00%. Final payment due 2037. County Jail is pledged as collateral for this loan.	16,865,000
\$20,010,000 Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 Due on April 1 and October 1, 20 installments of various principal amounts and interest at 3.00% to 5.00%. Final payment due 2038. Mountain View Elementary is pledged as collateral for this loan.	<u>\$17,025,000</u>
Total governmental activities	50,240,000
Serviced by the Water and Sewer Fund:	
\$242,679 note payable with a principal payment for \$12,134 due on May 1; interest free. Final payment due May 2030.	109,206
\$1,132,750 note payable with a principal payment for \$56,638 due on May 1; interest free. Final payment due May 2040.	<u>1,076,112</u>
Total business -type activities	1,185,318

\$51,425,318

Total County debt outstanding

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

For Burke County, the future minimum payments as of June 30, 2021, including \$13,168,611 of interest, are:

		Governm	ental Activities		Business /	Activities
			Notes from Dire	ect Borrowings	Notes fror	n Direct
_	Bond	ds	and Direct F	Placements	Borrow	/ings
Year Ending						
June 30	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 240,000	\$ 9,120	\$ 5,755,000	\$ 1,801,263	\$ 68,772	\$ -
2023	235,000	4,512	5,670,000	1,673,053	68,772	-
2024	-	-	5,440,000	1,495,715	68,772	-
2025	-	-	4,920,000	1,312,862	68,772	-
2026	-	-	4.855,000	1,141.298	68,772	-
2027-2031	-	-	10,275,000	3,932,038	331,721	-
2032-2036	-	-	10,275,000	1,656,938	283,185	-
2037-2040	-	-	3,050,000	141,813	226,552	
Total payments	\$ 475,000	\$ 13,632	\$ 50,240,000	\$ 13,154,979	\$ 1,185,318	\$ -

c. General Obligation Indebtedness

All general obligation bonds serviced by the County's General Fund are collateralized by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County. Burke County issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major water system capital improvements. These bonds, which are recorded in the General Fund, are collateralized by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County. Principal and interest payments are appropriated when due. In the event of a default, the County agrees to pay to the Purchaser, on demand, interest on any and all amounts due and owing by the County under this Agreement.

The County's indebtedness at June 30, 2021 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Serviced by the County's General Fund

\$3,735,000 2013 Advanced Refunding Bonds, due on October 1 and April 1, 10 installments of various principal amounts and interest at 1.92%. Final payments due in fiscal year 2022-2023.

\$475,000

Total governmental activities

\$475,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the County's general bonds are as follows:

	Gover	nmental	
Year ending	Activities		
June 30	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	
2022	\$ 240,000	\$ 9,120	
2023	<u>235,000</u>	<u>4,512</u>	
Total	\$ <u>475,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,632</u>	

The legal debt margin of the County at June 20, 2021 was \$543,592,064.

d. Current Refunding

On September 24, 2013, the County issued \$6,885,000 in an installment financing contract bearing an average coupon rate of 2.15%. This contract was executed and delivered to provide funds to refinance all the remaining principal components of the County's installment financing contracts ("IFCs") Series 2000, Series 2007 and Series 2008. As a result of the current refunding, the County reduced its annual

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

debt service payments over the next 10 years by \$600,237, which resulted in an economic gain of \$290,629

e. Advance Refunding

In September 24, 2013, the County issued \$16,285,000 and \$15,820,000 certificate of participation advanced refunding bonds to provide resources to purchase U. S. Government securities that were placed in an irrevocable trust to be used for all future debt service payments of \$28,955,000 to certificate of participation bonds. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased, and the liability has been removed from the governmental activities column of the statement of net position. The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$3,000,108. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the life of the old debt. These advanced refunding's were undertaken to reduce total debt service payments of the next 13 years by \$2,944,984 and resulted in an economic gain of approximately \$1.785,000.

On September 23, 2013, the County issued \$3,735,000 in a general obligation advanced refunding bonds to provide resources to purchase U. S. Government securities that were placed in an irrevocable trust to be used for all future debt service payments of \$3,735,000 to general obligation bonds. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased, and the liability has been removed from the governmental activities column of the statement of net position. The net carrying amount of the old debt exceed the reacquisition price by \$40,527. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the life of the old debt. This advance refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over the next 10 years by \$310,511 and resulted in an economic gain of \$289,644.

f. Debt related to Capital Activities

Of the total Governmental Activities debt listed, \$18,397,305 is capital debt related to assets the County holds title. There is unspent restricted cash of \$2,695 related to school construction debt held by fiscal agents There are school and community college related debt in the amount of \$32,315,000 and the County does not report an asset balance for school properties, which are the collateral for these loans. The loans outstanding balance of \$32,315,000 and the restricted cash of \$2,695 are deducted from the total debt balance of \$50,715,000 leaving \$18,397,305 as debt related to capital activities.

g. Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of changes in the County's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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Governmental activities:		Balance July 1, 2020	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2021	Current Portion of Balance
General obligation debt	\$	725,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 240,000
Notes from direct borrowings and direct placements		56,070,000	-	5,830,000	50,240,000	5,755,000
Premium on debt issues		3,477,138	-	211,485	3,265,653	
Other post-employment benefits		17,887,060	2,865,956	_	20,753,016	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)		9,152,414	3,579,994	-	12,732,408	-
Net pension liability (LEOSSA)		2,214,344	1,021,518	_	3,235,862	-
Compensated absences	_	1,864,494	1,749,897	1,493,407	2,120,984	-
Total governmental activities	\$_	91,390,450	\$ 9,217,364	7,784,892	92,822,923	\$ 5,995,000
Business-type activities:	_					
Notes from direct borrowings and direct placements	\$	121,340	\$ 1,132,750	\$ 68,772	\$ 1,185,318	\$ 68,772
Accrued landfill closure and post closure care cost		5,270,604	63,247	-	5,333,851	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)		321,154	133,810	_	454,964	-
Other post-employment benefits		627,649	113,913	-	741,562	-
Compensated absences	_	47,915	47,074	32,785	62,204	-
Total business-type activities	\$	6,388,662	\$ 1,490,794	\$ 101,557	\$ 7,777,899	\$ 68,772

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The County's outstanding notes from direct borrowings and direct placements related to governmental activities of \$50,240,000 contain a provision that in the event of default, outstanding amounts become immediately due if the County is unable to make payment.

The County's outstanding notes from direct borrowings related to business-type activities of \$1,185,318 are unsecured. These outstanding notes contain a provision that in the event of default, the State may withhold any funds due to the County from other State revenue sources.

Compensated absences for governmental activities typically have been liquidated in the General fund and are accounted for on a LIFO basis, assuming that employees are taking leave time as it is earned.

C. Interfund Balances and Activity:

Balances due to/from other funds at June 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

Interfund loan - On June 30, 2021, the Grant Fund borrowed \$209,223 from the General Fund to fund programs and grant requirements. The funds will be returned upon receipt of grant funds from the State.

Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2021 consist of the following:

General Fund to School One-Half Cent Sales Tax Fund for school capital	\$ 250,000
General Fund to School One Cent Sales Tax Fund for school projects	2,339,794
General Fund to Grant and Capital Projects Fund for trail expenditures	13,500
General Fund to Solid Waste Fund for land purchase	18,800
Water and Sewer Capital Fund to General Fund for closed project	91,371
Capital Project Funds to General Fund for closed projects	21,999
Grant and Capital Project Funds to General Fund for closed projects	952,882
School One Cent Sales Tax Fund to General Fund for school debt service	4,751,906
Water and Sewer Fund to General Fund for bond debt service	184,745
School One Cent Sales Tax Fund to General Fund for school projects	1,145,000
Water and Sewer Capital Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund	68,228
Total	\$9,838,225

D. Net Investment in Capital Assets:

	Governmental	Business-type
Capital assets	\$ 56,443,495	\$ 19,736,319
Less long-term debt	50,715,000	1,185,318
Add unexpended proceeds	2,695	-
Add debt for assets not on County's books	32,315,000	-
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 37,852,760	\$ 18,551,001

E. Fund Balance:

Burke County has a revenue spending policy that provides policy for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, state funds, local non-county funds, county funds. For the purposes fund balance classification expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the County.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General fund balance available for appropriation:

Total fund balance – General Fund	\$36,164,364
Less:	
Stabilization by State Statute	5,397,494
Committed	5,000
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2021 budget	2,014,370
Restricted	367,707
Remaining Fund Balance	\$28,379,793

The outstanding encumbrances are amounts needed to pay any commitments related to purchase orders and contracts that remain unperformed at year-end:

General Fund	Other Major and Non-Major Funds
\$1,053,313	\$1,813,003

Note 4 - Joint Ventures:

The County, in conjunction with the state of North Carolina and the Burke County Board of Education, participates in a joint venture to operate the Western Piedmont Community College. Each of the three participants appoints four members of the thirteen-member board of trustees of the community college. The president of the community college's student government serves as an ex officio nonvoting member of the community college's board of trustees. The community college is included as a component unit of the State. The County has the basic responsibility for providing funding for the facilities of the community college and provides some financial support for the community college's operations.

In addition to providing annual appropriations for the facilities, the County may periodically issue debt to provide financing for new and restructured facilities. The County has an ongoing financial responsibility for the community college because of the statutory responsibilities to provide funding for the community college's facilities. The County contributed \$2,680,735 to the community college for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The participating governments do not have any equity interest in the joint venture; therefore, no equity interest has been reflected in the County's financial statements at June 30, 2021. Complete financial statements for the community college can be obtained from the community college's offices in Morganton, North Carolina.

The County, in conjunction with five other local governments, operates the Burke Partnership for Economic Development, Inc. The County appoints three members of the 24-member board. The County has an ongoing financial responsibility for the joint venture because the Partnership's continued existence depends on the participating governments' continued funding. None of the participating governments have any equity interest in the Partnership, so no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2021. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$290,060 to the Partnership to supplement its activities. Complete financial statements for the Partnership can be obtained from the Partnership's offices in Morganton North Carolina.

The County, in conjunction with Caldwell County, participates in Blue Ridge Community Action, A non-profit organization whose function is to address problems relating to poverty in Burke and Caldwell Counties. Burke county appoints three members of the 18-member board. No equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2021. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the organization's administrative office in Morganton, North Carolina. Burke County made payments of \$11,070 to Blue Ridge Community Action during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 5 - Jointly Governed Organization:

Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) is a regional planning organization. It consists of twenty-four municipalities and four counties within western North Carolina. WPCOG's governing board is comprised of one elected official from each of these local governments and seven at-large citizen members. Each local government has one vote. The County paid \$106,401 to the WPCOG during fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Payments consisted of \$79,148 in dues and \$27,253 for services.

Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority (WPRTA) is the first regional public transportation authority with consolidated urban-rural transit service in North Carolina. Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba Counties, in conjunction with the municipalities of Conover, Hickory and Newton, each appoint one member to the governing board of the WPRTA. The County paid \$71,924 to WPRTA during fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Payments consisted of \$70,850 in contributions and \$1,074 for services.

Note 6 - Benefit Payments Issued by the State:

The amounts listed below were paid directly to individual recipients by the State from Federal and State moneys. County personnel are involved with certain functions, primarily eligibility determinations, which cause benefit payments to be issued by the State. These amounts disclose this additional aid to County recipients that do not appear in the basic financial statements because they are not revenues and expenditures of the County.

	<u>Federal</u>		<u>State</u>
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for			
Women Infant and Children	\$ 454,445	\$	-
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	30,727,017		-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	1,015,488		-
Adoption Assistance	1,442,346		258,543
Foster Care - Title IV-E	1,460,260		369,924
Medical Assistance Program	120,954,694		46,581,131
Children's Health Insurance Program	2,483,643		498,303
Child Welfare Services Adoption	-		324,907
State / County Special Assistance program	_	_	535,500
	\$ 158,537,893	\$	48,568,308

Note 7 - <u>Summary Disclosure of Significant Commitments and Contingencies:</u>

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The County has received proceeds from several Federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required, and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) was deemed a worldwide pandemic during the fiscal year 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant effects on global economic markets, supply chains, businesses, and communities. Specific to the County, COVID-19 is expected to impact various parts of its fiscal year 2021-22 operations and financial results. Management believes the County is taking appropriate actions to mitigate the negative impact. However, the full impact of COVID-19 is unknown as events associated with the pandemic continue to develop and cannot be reasonably estimated as of October 31, 2021.

Note 8 - Commitments:

The County had outstanding construction commitments relating to projects of approximately \$1,006,367 at June 30, 2021.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Note 9 - Change in Accounting Principle

The County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, effective July 1, 2020. The statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments and provides guidance on how to report fiduciary activities within the financial statements. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The statement also describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported if criteria outlined in the statement are met: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. The use of agency funds was eliminated. The statement also provides for recognition of a liability to the beneficiaries in a fiduciary fund when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources.

As part of implementing the statement, the County performed a comprehensive review of its fiduciary relationships and applied the criteria within the guidance. As a result, fund balance and net position were restated as follows:

Governmental Activities Net Position – Increase (Decrease)	General Fund Balance – Increase (Decrease)	Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund Balance – Increase (Decrease)	Fiduciary Net Position – Custodial Fund – Increase (Decrease)	
\$ -	-	-	14,749	Cash received under the Inmate Commissary Fund net of liabilities owed for payments on behalf of beneficiaries was reclassified out of the Agency Fund into a newly created Inmate Commissary Custodial Fund. The portion of liabilities in the Agency Fund representing the net cash available at the beginning of the year was restated as custodial net position. Cash, taxes receivables and liabilities related to ad
-	-	-	132,561	valorem and vehicle property taxes collected by the County on behalf of various municipalities was reclassified out of the Agency Fund into a newly created Municipal Tax Custodial Fund. The portion of liabilities attributable taxes receivable at the beginning of the year was restated as custodial net position. Cash received under the Social Security Trust Fund
88,973	-	88,973	-	net of liabilities owed for payments on behalf of beneficiaries was reclassified out of the Agency Fund into a newly created DSS Representative Payee Special Revenue Fund. The portion of liabilities in the Agency Fund representing the net cash available at the beginning of the year was restated as fund balance.
29,668	-	29,668	-	Cash and receivables from the fines and forfeitures net of liabilities owed to the Burke County Board of Education was reclassed out of the Agency Fund into the School One-Half Cent Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund. The portion of liabilities in the Agency Fund representing receivable that was uncollected at the beginning of the year was restated as fund balance.
\$ - 118,641	-	118,641	147,310	Cash and liabilities related to deed of trust fees collected required to be remitted to the State of North Carolina was reclassified out of the Agency Fund into a newly created Deed of Trust Special Revenue Fund. The reclassifications did not result in a restatement of fund balance.

Required Supplemental Financial Data

This section contains additional information required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Schedule

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Burke County, North Carolina Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) Last Eight Fiscal Years*

	2021	 2020	_	2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	_	2015	2014	
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) %	0.36904%	0.34690%		0.33953%	0.33700%	0.33800%	0.33000%		0.32%	0.31200%	
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) \$	\$ 13,187,372	\$ 9,473,568	\$	8,054,813	\$ 5,151,024	\$ 7,170,158	\$ 1,480,842	\$	(1,880,464) \$	3,757,182	
County's covered employee payroll	\$ 24,996,198	\$ 22,598,798	\$	21,500,564	\$ 20,167,767	\$ 19,749,501	\$ 17,498,524	\$	17,939,641 \$	17,098,689	
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	52.76%	41.92%		37.46%	25.54%	36.31%	8.46%		(10.48%)	21.97%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	88.61%	90.86%		94.18%	91.47%	98.09%	98.79%		102.64%	94.35%	

^{*}The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

Burke County, North Carolina County's Contributions

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System Last Eight Fiscal Years

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,694,139 \$	2,274,957 \$	1,786,202 \$	1,648,938 \$	1,504,918 \$	1,350,003 \$	1,248,357 \$	1,279,616
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	2,694,139	2,274,957	1,786,202	1,648,938	1,504,918	1,350,003	1,248,357	1,279,616
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	-
County's covered employee payroll	\$ 26,191,445 \$	24,996,198 \$	22,598,798 \$	21,500,564 \$	20,167,767 \$	19,749,501 \$	17,498,524 \$	5 17,939,641
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	10.29%	9.10%	7.90%	7.67%	7.46%	6.84%	7.13%	7.13%

Burke County, North Carolina Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund (RODSPF) Last Eight Fiscal Years*

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) %	0.63646%	0.8541%	1.3019%	1.1050%	1.0700%	0.8360%	0.7680%	0.6960%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) \$	\$ (145,864)	\$ (168,620)	\$ (215,625)	\$ (188,558)	\$ (199,982)	\$ (193,630)	\$ (174,018)	\$ (148,651)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	173.62%	164.11%	153.31%	153.77%	160.17%	197.29%	193.88%	190.50%

^{*}The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

Burke County, North Carolina County's Contributions

Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund (RODSPF) Last Eight Fiscal Years

	_	2021	_	2020	_	2019	_	2018	_	2017	_	2016	_	2015	_	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$	6,165	\$	6,094	\$	9,169	\$	10,090	\$	9,598	\$	8,738	\$	6,686	\$	6,268
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		6,165		6,094		9,169		10,090		9,598		8,738		6,686		6,268
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

Burke County, North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

Schedule of the Changes in the Total Pension Liability*

	_	2021	_	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total pension liability							
Service cost	\$	114,110	\$	97,184 \$	101,215	\$ 87,844 \$	89,864
Interest		69,836		67,416	60,350	66,610	62,773
Change of benefit terms		-		-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience		111,339		200,282	(4,188)	39,102	-
Changes of assumptions and other inputs		870,533		67,167	(77,031)	122,762	(42,681)
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions		(144,300)		(139,592)	(136,569)	(127,722)	(157,560)
Net change in total pension liability	\$	1,021,518	\$	292,457	(56,223)	\$ 188,596 \$	(47,604)
	_		_				
Total pension liability-beginning	\$_	2,214,344	_ \$ _	1,921,887	1,010,110	· · _	1,837,118
Total pension liability-ending	\$_	3,235,862	\$ _	2,214,344 \$	1,921,887	\$ <u>1,978,110</u> \$	1,789,514

^{*}The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior December 31.

Burke County, North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

Covered Payroll

	-	2021	2020	_	2019	 2018	_	2017
Total pension liability (TPL)	\$	3,235,862 \$	2,214,344	\$	1,921,887	\$ 1,978,110	\$	1,789,514
Covered-employee payroll		4,414,350	3,895,779		3,789,936	3,678,138		3,605,083
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		73.30%	56.84%	6	50.71%	53.78%		49.64%

Burke County, North Carolina Other Post Employment Benefits-Healthcare Benefits Plan

Schedule of the Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

2021		2020		2019	2018	
	_		•			
,	\$	907,414	\$	932,000 \$	997,857	
669,758		638,351		589,390	502,801	
-		-		-	-	
(268,487)		954,152		25,502	75,144	
2,326,696		349,779		(512,077)	(838,989)	
(732,393)		(1,475,987)		(891,636)	(880,155)	
2,979,869	\$	1,373,709	\$	143,179 \$	(143,342)	
18,514,709	\$	17,141,000	\$	16,997,821 \$	17,141,163	
21,494,578	\$	18,514,709	\$	17,141,000 \$	16,997,821	
,000,000	\$	21,053,866 87.94%	\$	19,792,401 \$ 86.60%	19,792,401 85.88%	
	984,295 669,758 - (268,487) 2,326,696 (732,393) 2,979,869 18,514,709 21,494,578	984,295 669,758 - (268,487) 2,326,696 (732,393) 2,979,869 \$ 18,514,709 \$ 21,494,578 \$ 21,053,866 \$	984,295 \$ 907,414 669,758 638,351 - (268,487) 954,152 2,326,696 349,779 (732,393) (1,475,987) 2,979,869 \$ 1,373,709 18,514,709 \$ 17,141,000 21,494,578 \$ 18,514,709 21,053,866 \$ 21,053,866	984,295 \$ 907,414 \$ 669,758 638,351 (268,487) 954,152 2,326,696 349,779 (732,393) (1,475,987) 2,979,869 \$ 1,373,709 \$ 18,514,709 \$ 17,141,000 \$ 21,494,578 \$ 18,514,709 \$ 21,053,866 \$ 21,053,866 \$	984,295 \$ 907,414 \$ 932,000 \$ 669,758 638,351 589,390	

^{*}Benefit payments shown above include the implicit subsidy, if there is any for the given year.

Notes to Schedule

Changes of assumptions: Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate of each period. Below are the discount rates used in each period:

Fiscal Year	<u>Rate</u>
2021	2.21%
2020	3.50%
2019	3.89%
2018	3 56%

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

REVENUES:	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Taxes - ad valorem:	_		_
Current year	\$	\$ 51,068,117	\$
Discounts		(572,710)	
Prior years		813,407	
Advertising and interest		459,643	
Total Taxes - ad valorem	49,310,000	51,768,457	2,458,457
Taxes - other:			
Local option sales taxes		9,135,572	
Real estate transfer tax		432,663	
		614,477	
Occupancy tax		· ·	
ABC Tax Distribution		250,902	
NC Unauthorized substance abuse tax		81,161	
Gross receipts tax		54,134	
Franchise tax		226,030	
Total Taxes - other	9,393,010	10,794,939	1,401,929
Unrestricted Intergovernmental:			
Medicaid hold harmless		1,689,350	
Health Medicaid cost settlement		207,601	
Library contributions			
•		304,000	
Payments in lieu of taxes		144,378	
Other unrestricted intergovermental		631,171	-
Total Unrestricted Intergovernmental	3,151,480	2,976,500	(174,980)
Restricted Intergovernmental:			
Grants-Federal and State-Other		762,367	
Grants-Federal and State-DSS		11,100,342	
Grants-Federal and State-Health		1,221,616	
Grants-Federal and State-Senior Services		254,027	
State Aid to Libraries		139,132	
COVID-19			
		157,486	
Court facilities fees	16 022 222	102,400 13,737,370	(2.205.052)
Total Restricted Intergovernmental	16,023,322	13,737,370	(2,285,952)
Permits and Fees:			
Sheriff's office permits and fees		256,797	
Planning and zoning fees		257,291	
Register of deeds fees		494,667	
•		386,279	
Building Inspections			
Health Department services		761,338	
Library		15,870	
DSS fees		122,359	
Other permits and fees		14,329_	
Total Permits and Fees	1,876,980	2,308,930	431,950
Sales and Service:			
EMS ambulance charges		3,870,302	
Animal Services		85,343	
Recreation fees		57,116	
Reimbursement for inmates		108,791	
Rent		401,901	
Other sales and services		18,687	
Total Sales and Service	4,148,700	4,542,140	393,440
Investment earnings:	475,000	123,774	(351,226)
Miscellaneous:			
Other		429,358	
Donations			
Total Miscellaneous	417,223	<u>14,400</u> 443,758	26,535
Total Missolianious			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 84,795,715	\$86,695,868_	\$1,900,153_

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government			
Governing Body:			
Salaries and benefits	\$	\$ 150,128 \$	
Operating expenses		27,948_	
Total Governing Body	185,615	178,076	7,539
County Manager's Office:		005 477	
Salaries and benefits		305,477	
Operating expenses	200.050	4,923	40.450
Total County Manager's Office	322,850	310,400	12,450
Finance:			
Salaries and benefits		489,291	
Operating expenses		39,793	
Total Finance	588,145	529,084	59,061
Tax Administration:		070.404	
Salaries and benefits		879,494	
Operating expenses		522,918	
Capital outlay	4 405 005	22,665	
Total Tax Administration	1,425,835	1,425,077	758
Tax Revaluation:		000 577	
Salaries and benefits		236,577	
Operating expenses		4,037	004
Total Tax Revaluation	240,835	240,614	221
Human Resources:		226.260	
Salaries and benefits		336,269	
Operating expenses		212,319	1.010
Total Human Resources	549,600	548,588	1,012
Legal and Courts:			
Legal expenses		174,105	
Court expenses		15,864	
Total Legal and Courts	193,470	189,969	3,501
Board of Elections:			
Salaries and benefits		310,506	
Operating expenses	457.475	93,180	50.400
Total Board of Elections	457,175	403,686	53,489
Register of Deeds:			
Salaries and benefits		315,822	
Operating expenses		110,813	
Capital outlay		33,794_	
Total Register of Deeds	469,652	460,429	9,223
Non Departmental:			
Operating expenses		514,348	
COVID-19 grant expenses		33,322	
Capital outlay		44,208_	
Total Non Departmental	2,446,751	591,878	1,854,873
Information Technologies:		000 540	
Salaries and benefits		828,518	
Operating expenses	4.055.005	974,823	450 501
Total Information Technologies	1,955,865	1,803,341	152,524

	Final Budget		Actual	-	Variance
General Services:	- mar Baagot	,	riotaai	-	Variance
Salaries and benefits	\$	\$	657,119	\$	
Operating expenses			128,833		
Capital outlay			4,032	<u>-</u>	
Total General Services	834,328		789,984	-	44,344
Buildings:					
Operating expenses			1,510,004		
Capital outlay			96,469		
Total Public Buildings	2,183,823	,	1,606,473	-	577,350
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Total General Government	11,853,944	•	9,077,599	- -	2,776,345
Public Safety					
Sheriff's Office:					
Salaries and benefits			6,415,466		
Operating expenses			785,916		
Capital outlay			666,911	<u>-</u>	
Total Sheriff's Office	8,767,949		7,868,293		899,656
Jail:					
Salaries and benefits			2,980,043		
Operating expenses			1,140,324	<u>-</u>	
Total Jail	4,801,660		4,120,367		681,293
Animal Services:					
Salaries and benefits			278,436		
Operating expenses			117,956		
Total Animal Services	435,015		396,392	-	38,623
Emergency Services:					
Salaries and benefits			253,274		
Operating expenses			58,452		
Capital outlay			7,154		
Total Emergency Services	339,225		318,880	-	20,345
Communications/911 Center:					
Salaries and benefits			1,826,695		
Operating expenses			377,385		
Total Communications/911 Center	2,369,810		2,204,080	-	165,730
Emergency Medical Services:					
Salaries and benefits			4,925,480		
Operating expenses			906,904		
Capital outlay			412,062		
Total Emergency Medical Services	6,245,015	•	6,244,446	-	569
Community Development:					
Salaries and benefits			525,292		
Operating expenses			37,444		
Total Community Development	562,884		562,736	-	148
Building Inspections:					
	\$	\$	280,770	\$	
Operating expenses			22,432		
Total Building Inspections	316,215		303,202	- -	13,013
Other Public Safety:	769,620		753,908	-	15,712
Total Public Safety	24,607,393		22,772,304	-	1,835,089

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Transportation Transportation:	70,850	70,850	
Economic and Physical Development Economic development: Aids and donations: Occupancy tax: Total Economic and Physical Development	3,556,659	743,991 357,813 598,333 1,700,137	1,856,522
Environmental Protection Cooperative Extension: Salaries and benefits Operating expenses Total Cooperative Extension	403,125	358,450 41,875 400,325	2,800
Soil and Water Conservation: Salaries and benefits Operating expenses Capital outlay Total Soil and Water Conservation	156,225	123,795 8,828 22,665 155,288	937
Total Environmental Protection	559,350	555,613	3,737
Human Services Public Health Salaries and benefits Operating and program expenses Capital outlay Total Public Health Mental Health:	3,594,095 265,000	2,770,299 563,657 25,208 3,359,164 265,000	234,931
Social Services: Salaries and benefits Operating expenses Capital outlay Beneficiary programs Total Social Services	17,787,247	9,551,713 1,409,197 22,665 5,324,894 16,308,469	1,478,778
Senior Services Salaries and benefits Operating expenses Capital outlay Total Senior Services	520,605	314,665 126,299 75,019 515,983	4,622
Veterans Services: Salaries and benefits Operating expenses Total Veterans Services Total Human Services	43,550 22,210,497	42,138 1,107 43,245	305
Education	22,210,497	20,491,861	1,718,636
Public Schools - current Community College - current Total Education	18,729,940	16,049,205 2,680,735 18,729,940	<u>-</u>
Cultural and Recreational Library: Salaries and benefits Operating expenses Total Library	\$ 	\$ 1,256,645 234,594 1,491,239	\$ 39,831

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Recreation:			
Salaries and benefits		417,305	
Operating expenses		171,369	
Capital outlay		26,476	
Total Recreation	681,520	615,150	66,370
Total Cultural and Recreational	2,212,590	2,106,389	106,201
Debt Service			
Principal retirement		6,080,000	
Interest and fees		1,999,465	
Total Debt Service	8,079,465	8,079,465	<u> </u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	91,880,688	83,584,158	8,296,530
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(7,084,973)	3,111,710	10,196,683
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets	90,000	1,776,206	1,686,206
Transfer from Water/Sewer Fund	184,745	184,745	-
Transfer from School One Cent Sales Tax Fund	1,145,000	1,145,000	-
Transfer from School One Cent Sales Tax Fund	5,126,850	4,751,906	(374,944)
Transfer from Capital Project Funds	-	1,066,252	1,066,252
Transfer to Solid Waste Fund	(18,800)	(18,800)	-
Transfer to School One-Half Cent Sales Tax Fund	(250,000)	(250,000)	-
Transfer to School One Cent Sales Tax Fund	(2,340,000)	(2,339,794)	206
Transfer to Grants and Capital Projects Fund	(13,500)	(13,500)	-
Fund Balance Appropriated	3,160,678		(3,160,678)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	7,084,973	6,302,015	(782,958)
Net change in fund balance	\$	9,413,725	9,413,725
Fund balance, beginning of year, originally reported		26,775,132	
Prior year adjustment for FY 18-19, Emergency Tele	phone System Fund	(27,085)	
Prior year adjustment for FY 19-20, Emergency Tele		2,592	
Fund balance, beginning of year, restated	· •	26,750,639	
Fund balance, end of year		\$ <u>36,164,364</u>	

Burke County, North Carolina
BCPS One Cent Sales Tax Capital Project Fund (Major Fund) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental			
Local option sales tax Public school capital building funds	\$ 5,200,000 860,000	\$ 6,963,999	\$ 1,763,999 (860,000)
Investment Earnings	<u> </u>	31,569	31,569
Total revenues	6,060,000	6,995,568	935,568
Expenditures:			
Equipment	1,938,150		1,938,150
Total expenditures	1,938,150		1,938,150
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	4,121,850	6,995,568	2,873,718
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfer from General Fund	2,150,000	2,339,794	189,794
Transfer to General Fund	(6,271,850)	(5,896,906)	374,944
Total Other Financing sources (uses):	(4,121,850)	(3,557,112)	564,738
Net change in fund balance	\$	3,438,456	\$ 3,438,456
Fund balance, beginning of year		14,408,909	
Fund balance, end of year		\$ 17,847,365	

Burke County, North Carolina
Grants and Special Project Fund (Major Fund)
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

		Project thorization	_	Prior Years	_	Actual		Total to Date		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental US DOJ	\$	1,100,000	\$	129,614	\$	152,762	\$	282,376	\$	(817,624)
DHHS-COVID-19 Contributions Interest earnings		5,527,479 5,000 -	_	275,665 4,950	, -	3,989,003 - 2,441	,	4,264,668 4,950 2,441	•	(1,262,811) (50) 2,441
Total revenues	(6,632,479	_	410,229	_	4,144,206		4,554,435		(2,078,044)
Expenditures: Public safety Human services-COVID-19 Total expenditures		1,100,000 5,532,479 6,632,479	_	129,614 275,665 405,279	_	152,762 3,996,394 4,149,156	,	282,376 4,272,059 4,554,435		817,624 1,260,420 2,078,044
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		-	_	-	_	(4,950)	,	-		-
Net change in fund balance	\$		\$ _	4,950		(4,950)	\$	-	\$	
Fund balance, beginning of year					_	4,950				
Fund balance, end of year				\$	=					

	_	Project Authorization	•	Prior Years	Actual	 Total to Date	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental Interest earnings	\$_	- -	\$	- \$ -	- 1,518	\$ - \$ 1,518_	- 1,518
Total revenues	_	-		- -	1,518	 1,518	1,518
Expenditures: Public health projects Water/Sewer improvement projects Total expenditures	_	<u>-</u>	-	- -	-	 <u>-</u>	
rotal experioltures	-		•	 -	-		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-		-		1,518	 1,518	1,518
Net change in fund balance	\$_	-	\$		1,518	\$ 1,518 \$	1,518
Fund balance, beginning of year				-			
Fund balance, end of year				\$	1,518		

Burke County, North Carolina Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

					Nor	nmajor Speci	ial F	Revenue Funds	s					Nonmajor Capital Project Funds								
	_	Law Enforcement Restricted Fund		Emergency Telephone System Fund		Fire Districts Fund		Grant and Projects Fund	R	DSS epresentative Payee Fund	, _	Deed of Trust Fund		Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	_	Capital Projects Fund	(School One-Half Cent Sales Tax Fund	_	Total Nonmajor Capital Project Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS:																						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,131	\$	298,965	\$	12,683	\$	88,600	\$	107,208	\$	5,964	\$	524,551	\$	212,132 \$;	833,547	\$	1,045,679	\$	1,570,230
Cash held by fiscal agents		-		-		-		2,695		-		-		2,695		-		-		-		2,695
Investments		38,086		1,022,972		-		303,164		-		-		1,364,222		650,581		2,852,161		3,502,742		4,866,964
Due from other governments		-		55,714		50,579		943,843		-		-		1,050,136		9,783		965,868		975,651		2,025,787
Accounts receivable		-		-				70,407		-		-		70,407		-		-		-		70,407
Taxes receivable, net		-			_	176,079		- 4 400 700		-		-	_	176,079		400		-		-	_	176,079
Total assets	\$ =	49,217	\$ _	1,377,651	\$	239,341	\$	1,408,709	\$	107,208	\$ _	5,964	\$	3,188,090	\$ _	872,496 \$	_	4,651,576	\$_	5,524,072	\$	8,712,162
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF F	RES	OURCES, AND	FU	ND BALANCES	3:																	
Liabilities:	_		_		_		_		_		_		_		_					00.400		454.000
' '	\$	-	\$	261	\$	63,262	\$	64,397	\$	-	\$		\$	127,920	\$	- \$	•	26,160	\$	26,160	\$	154,080
Due to other governments	_		_	-	_	-		-			_	5,964		5,964	_			-	_	-	_	5,964
Total Liabilities	-		_	261		63,262		64,397		-	_	5,964		133,884	_			26,160	_	26,160	_	160,044
Deferred Inflows of Resources:																						
Taxes paid in advance		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Taxes receivable	_				_	176,079		-	_	-	_			176,079						-		176,079
Total deferred inflows of resources	_	-	_	-	_	176,079		-		-	_			176,079	_	<u>-</u>			_	-		176,079
Fund Balances:																						
Committed for:																						
Capital projects		-		-		-		1,344,312		-		-		1,344,312		-		-		-		1,344,312
Restricted for:																						
Economic and Physical Development	t	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		872,496		-		872,496		872,496
Education		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		4,625,416		4,625,416		4,625,416
Human Services		-		-		-		-		107,208		-		107,208		-		-		-		107,208
Public Safety	_	49,217	_	1,377,390	_	-		-		-	_			1,426,607	_				_	-	_	1,426,607
Total fund balances	_	49,217	_	1,377,390	_	<u> </u>		1,344,312		107,208	_	<u> </u>		2,878,127	_	872,496		4,625,416	_	5,497,912	_	8,376,039
Total liabilties, deferred inflows																						
of resources, and fund balances	\$_	49,217	\$_	1,377,651	\$_	239,341	\$	1,408,709	\$_	107,208	\$_	5,964	\$	3,188,090	\$_	872,496 \$		4,651,576	\$_	5,524,072	\$_	8,712,162
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Burke County, North Carolina
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

		N	onmajor Specia	l Revenue Fund	ds			Nonmajor Capit	al Project Funds	_	
	Law Enforcement Restricted Fund	Emergency Telephone System Fund	Fire Districts Fund	Grant and Capital Projects Fund	DSS Representative Payee Fund	Deed of Trust Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Fund	School One-Half Cent Sales Tax Fund	Total Nonmajor Capital Project Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES											
Ad valorem taxes Permits and fees Other taxes and licenses	; - - -	\$ - ·	\$ 4,530,830 : - -	\$ - - -	\$ - \$ - -	- \$ 62,861 -	4,530,830 62,861	\$ - - -	\$ - \$ 341,217 3,382,402	341,217 3,382,402	\$ 4,530,830 404,078 3,382,402
Restricted intergovernmental Contributions Investment earnings	28,622 - 170	668,565 - 2,846	-	1,217,515 220,500 3,935	313,041 -	-	2,227,743 220,500 6,951	25,023 - 2,252	136,764 - 9,353	161,787 - 11,605	2,389,530 220,500 18,556
Total revenues	28,792	671,411	4,530,830	1,441,950	313,041	62,861	7,048,885	27,275	3,869,736	3,897,011	10,945,896
EXPENDITURES											
General government Public safety Education Cultural and Recreation Human Services Economic and physical development	92,784 - - -	520,243	4,530,830 - - - -	- - 189,873 - 1,530,875	- - - - 294,806	62,861 - - - -	62,861 5,143,857 - 189,873 294,806 1,530,875	- - - -	3,733,004 - - -	3,733,004 - -	62,861 5,143,857 3,733,004 189,873 294,806 1,530,875
Total expenditures	92,784	520,243	4,530,830	1,720,748	294,806	62,861	7,222,272		3,733,004	3,733,004	10,955,276
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)											
Transfer from other funds Transfer to other funds				13,500 (952,883)	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	13,500 (952,883)	(21,999)	250,000	250,000 (21,999)	263,500 (974,882)
Total other financing sources/uses				(939,383)			(939,383)	(21,999)	250,000	228,001	(711,382)
Net change in fund balances	(63,992)	151,168	-	(1,218,181)	18,235	-	(1,112,770)	5,276	386,732	392,008	(720,762)
Fund balances, beginning of year Prior period adjustments Fund balances, beginning of year, restated		1,201,729 24,493 1,226,222		2,562,493 - 2,562,493	88,973 88,973	- - -	3,877,431 113,466 3,990,897	867,220 - 867,220	4,209,016 29,668 4,238,684	5,076,236 29,668 5,105,904	8,953,667 143,134 9,096,801
Fund balances, end of year	49,217	\$ 1,377,390	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>1,344,312</u>	\$ 107,208 \$	\$	2,878,127	\$ 872,496	\$ <u>4,625,416</u> \$	5,497,912	\$ 8,376,039

	_	Budget	_	Actual	(1	Variance Favorable Unfavorable)
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental Investment Earnings	\$_	-	\$_	28,622 170	\$ _	28,622 170
Total revenues	_		_	28,792		28,792
Expenditures: Public Safety Capital outlay	_	23,835 78,355	_	23,835 68,949	_	- 9,406
Total expenditures	_	102,190	_	92,784		9,406
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(102,190)	_	(63,992)	_	38,198
Other financing sources (uses): Appropriated Fund Balance	_	102,190	_	<u>-</u>	_	(102,190)
Total other financing sources (uses)	_	102,190	_	-	_	(102,190)
Net change in fund balance	\$ <u>_</u>			(63,992)	\$_	(63,992)
Fund balance, beginning of year			_	113,209		
Fund balance, end of year			\$ _	49,217		

	Budget	_	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental: Emergency Telephone Surcharge funds Investment earnings	660,855 28,645	\$_	668,565 2,846	\$ 7,710 (25,799)
Total revenues	689,500	_	671,411	(18,089)
Expenditures: Public safety: Functions Software Training Telephones Hardware	55,000 459,210 26,000 179,000 315,044		40,508 86,960 10,119 178,088 204,568	14,492 372,250 15,881 912 110,476
Total expenditures Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,034,254	<u>-</u>	520,243 151,168	514,011 495,922
Other financing sources (uses): Appropriated fund balance	344,754	_		(344,754)
Total Other Financing sources (uses):	344,754	_	<u>-</u>	(344,754)
Net change in fund balance \$			151,168	\$ 151,168
Fund balance, beginning of year, previously reported Prior year adjustment for FY 18-19, 911 Board change Prior year adjustment for FY 19-20, 911 Board change Fund balance, beginning of year, restated		_	1,201,729 27,085 (2,592) 1,226,222	
Fund balance, end of year		\$ _	1,377,390	

Burke County, North Carolina Fire Districts Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

			Variance
	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes and interest	\$ 4,537,945	\$ 4,530,830	\$(7,115)
Total revenues	4,537,945	4,530,830	(7,115)
Expenditures:			
Public safety:			
Brendleton Fire Department	326,200	325,853	347
Carbon City Fire Department	11,495	11,048	447
Chesterfield Fire Department	161,400	160,153	1,247
Drowning Creek Fire Department	81,130	80,633	497
Enola Fire Department	114,100	113,874	226
George Hildebran Fire Department	290,700	290,680	20
Glen Alpine Fire Department	29,050	29,044	6
Icard Fire Department	654,500	653,819	681
Jonas Ridge Fire Department	176,220	176,183	37
Lake James Fire Department	344,150	343,976	174
Longtown Fire Department	152,750	152,368	382
Lovelady Fire Department	520,725	520,702	23
North Catawba Fire Department	23,375	23,225	150
Oak Hill Fire Department	426,700	426,450	250
Salem Fire Department	342,100	342,042	58
South Mountain Fire Department	100,300	100,300	-
Triple Community Fire Department	375,550	375,539	11
West End Fire Department	407,500	404,941	2,559
Total expenditures	4,537,945	4,530,830	7,115
Net change in fund balance	\$	-	\$
Fund balance, beginning of year			
Fund balance, end of year		\$	

Overmountain Victory Trail Revenues:	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Actual	Total to	Variance Favorable
			Actual	Date	(Unfavorable)
Payanuasi					
Contributions	656,600	656,600		656,600	
Total revenues	656,600	656,600		656,600	
Expenditures:					
Program supplies	88,988	34,297	-	34,297	54,691
Easements	106,563	5,503	21,082	26,585	79,978
Improvements other than buildings	221,049	121,049	10,576	131,625	89,424
Grant match	240,000				240,000
Total expenditures	656,600	160,849	31,658	192,507	464,093
		405.754	(04.050)	404.000	404.000
Subtotal revenues over/(under) expenditures		495,751	(31,658)	464,093	464,093
Fonta Flora County Park and Trail Revenues:					
Transfer from General Fund	850,500	837,000	13,500	850,500	-
State grants	1,340,000	540,151	69,358	609,509	(730,491)
Contributions	550,000	547,099	, <u>-</u>	547,099	(2,901)
Interest	1,025	47,234	3,935	51,169	50,144
Total revenues	2,741,525	1,971,484	86,793	2,058,277	(683,248)
Evnanditurasi					
Expenditures:	60 700	EE 202	12,118	67 400	1 202
Supplies	68,782	55,282	•	67,400	1,382
Improvements other than buildings	2,672,743	1,721,128	146,097	1,867,225	805,518
Total expenditures	2,741,525	1,776,410	158,215	1,934,625	806,900
Subtotal revenues over/(under) expenditures		195,074	(71,422)	123,652	123,652
BDI Water Tank Revenues:					
County and City contributions	415,250	415,250	-	415,250	-
BDI contribution	228,000	7,500	220,500	228,000	-
NC Commerce IDF Grant	1,929,750		1,148,157	1,148,157	(781,593)
Total revenues	2,573,000	422,750	1,368,657	1,791,407	(781,593)
Francis differences					
Expenditures: Construction	2,573,000	7,500	1,530,875	1,538,375	1,034,625
Total expenditures	2,573,000	7,500	1,530,875	1,538,375	1,034,625
Subtotal revenues over/(under) expenditures		415,250	(162,218)	253,032	253,032
Closed projects	-	1,871,668	(952,883)	918,785	(918,785)
Total revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u> </u>	2,562,493 \$	(1,218,181) \$	1,759,562	(78,008)
Fund balance, beginning of year		\$	2,562,493		
Fund balance, end of year		\$	1,344,312		

	Budget	_	Actual	F	Variance Favorable nfavorable)
Revenues:					
Beneficiary payments	\$ 187,000	\$	203,133	\$	16,133
	108,000		109,908		1,908
	295,000		313,041		18,041
Total revenues	295,000		313,041		18,041
Expenditures:					
Adult clients	187,000		186,870		130
Child clients	108,000		107,936		64
	295,000		294,806		194
Total expenditures	295,000	_	294,806		194_
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over					
expenditures	-		18,235		18,235
Net change in fund balance	\$		18,235	\$	18,235
Fund balance, beginning of year, previously report					
Prior period restatement - for change in acco			- 88,973		
Fund balance, beginning of year, as restated	arrang printolpio	_	88,973		
		_			
Fund balance, end of year		\$ _	107,208		

Burke County, North Carolina Deed of Trust Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Permits and fees	\$62,900	\$ 62,861	\$ (39)
Total revenues	62,900	62,861	(39)
Expenditures: General government	62,900	62,861	39_
Total expenditures	62,900	62,861	39
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures			
Net change in fund balance	\$	-	\$
Fund balance, beginning of year, previously repor Prior period restatement - for change in accor Fund balance, beginning of year, as restated		- - -	
Fund balance, end of year		\$	

	Proj Authori		Prior Years		Actual	Total to Date	 Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Crescent South Point fees Morganton Surcharges Interest earnings	9 13	2,000 \$ 0,100 3,300	364,372 178,690	\$ 	- \$ 25,023 2,252	389,395 180,942	\$ 12,825 299,295 47,642
Total revenues	51	5,400	847,887	_	27,275	875,162	 359,762
Expenditures: Economic and physical development	75	2,400	250,000	_		250,000	 502,400
Total expenditures	75	2,400	250,000			250,000	 502,400
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(23	7,000)	597,887	_	27,275	625,162	 862,162
Other financing sources (uses): Transfers from other funds Transfer from General Fund Total other financing sources (uses)	5	7,000 0,000 7,000	197,334 71,999 269,333		(21,999) (21,999)	197,334 50,000 247,334	 10,334
Net change in fund balance	\$	- \$	867,220		5,276	872,496	\$ 872,496
Fund balance, beginning of year				_	867,220		
Fund balance, end of year			\$	_	872,496		

Burke County, North CarolinaBCPS One-Half Cent Sales Tax Capital Project Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	-	Budget		Actual	•	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental Other taxes and licenses-Sales tax Fines and forfeitures ABC Profits	\$	2,983,000 371,220 90,000 3,444,220	\$	3,382,402 341,217 136,764 3,860,383	\$	399,402 (30,003) 46,764 416,163
Interest earnings	-	40,000		9,353		(30,647)
Total revenues	-	3,484,220		3,869,736		385,516
Expenditures: Fines and forfeitures Equipment	-	371,220 3,363,000		370,885 3,362,119		335 881
Total expenditures	-	3,734,220		3,733,004		1,216
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	_	(250,000)		136,732		386,732
Other financing sources (uses): Appropriated fund balance Transfer from General Fund	_	250,000		- 250,000		- -
Total Other Financing sources (uses):	-	250,000		250,000		
Net change in fund balance	\$			386,732	\$	386,732
Fund balance, beginning of year, previously reported Prior period restatement - for change in accounting principle Fund balance, beginning of year, as restated				4,209,016 29,668 4,238,684		
Fund balance, end of year			\$	4,625,416		

Burke County, North Carolina Water and Sewer Fund

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (NON-GAAP) For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Charges for services	Revenues: Operating revenues:	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Miscellaneous revenue 9,288 Contributed capital 518,142 Investment earnings 1,544 Total 94,645 528,974 434,329 Total revenues 1,860,395 2,252,414 392,019 Expenditures: Operations: 258,692 Other operating expenditures 1,470,950 1,729,642 323 Capital outlay 1,729,965 1,729,642 323 Capital outlay 7,759 241 Capital outlay 8,000 7,759 241 Debt service 68,835 68,771 64 Total capital outlay 68,835 68,771 64 Total expenditures 1,806,800 1,806,172 628 Revenues under/(over) expenditures 53,595 446,242 392,647 Other financing sources (uses): 1 (184,745) (184,745) - Transfer to General Fund for debt payment (184,745) (184,745) - - Tansfer to General Fund for debt payment (184,745) (184,745)	•	7 1,1 00,1 00		
Operations: Salaries and employee benefits	Miscellaneous revenue Contributed capital Investment earnings Total Total revenues		518,142 1,544 528,974	
Capital outlay 7,759 241 Total capital outlay 8,000 7,759 241 Debt service 68,771 68,771 64 Total debt service 68,835 68,771 64 Total expenditures 1,806,800 1,806,172 628 Revenues under/(over) expenditures 53,595 446,242 392,647 Other financing sources (uses): Transfer to General Fund for debt payment (184,745) (184,745) - Transfer from Water/sewer Capital Project Fund - 68,228 - Gain/(Loss) on retirement of fixed assets - (124,717) (131,150) - (131,150) - (131,150) - (131,150) - (131,150) - (131,150) - (131,150) - (137,639) (241,234) (187,639) (187,639) - 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 205,008 </td <td>Operations: Salaries and employee benefits Other operating expenditures</td> <td>1,729,965</td> <td>1,470,950</td> <td>323</td>	Operations: Salaries and employee benefits Other operating expenditures	1,729,965	1,470,950	323
Principal on debt	Capital outlay Total capital outlay	8,000		241
Revenues under/(over) expenditures 53,595 446,242 392,647	Principal on debt Total debt service		68,771	
Transfer to General Fund for debt payment Transfer from Water/sewer Capital Project Fund Gain/(Loss) on retirement of fixed assets Gain/(Loss) on retirement of fixed assets Appropriated fund balance Total other financing sources (uses) Total other financing sources (uses) Revenues over expenditures and other sources (uses) Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual: Reconciling items: Increase in deferred outflow of resources - pensions and OPEB Increase in net pension liability Increase in OPEB liability Capital outlay Depreciation Principal payment on debt Increase in accrued compensated absences Total reconciling items (184,745) - 68,228 - (124,717) - (131,150) - (131,150) - (241,234) (187,639) (187,639) (187,64) - (1,665) - (1	·			
Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual: Reconciling items: Increase in deferred outflow of resources - pensions and OPEB Increase in deferred inflow of resources - pensions and OPEB Increase in net pension liability Increase in OPEB liability Increase in OPEB liability Increase in OPEB liability Increase in OPEB liability Increase in operation Increase in accrued compensated absences Increase in accrued compensated accrued compensated accrued compensated accrued compensated accrued compensa	Transfer to General Fund for debt payment Transfer from Water/sewer Capital Project Fund Gain/(Loss) on retirement of fixed assets Appropriated fund balance	- - 131,150	68,228 (124,717)	
Reconciling items: Increase in deferred outflow of resources - pensions and OPEB Increase in deferred inflow of resources - pensions and OPEB Increase in net pension liability Increase in OPEB liability Increase in OPEB liability Capital outlay T,759 Depreciation Principal payment on debt Increase in accrued compensated absences Total reconciling items 43,160 (1,665) (1,679) (820,792)	Revenues over expenditures and other sources (uses)	\$	205,008	\$ 205,008
Increase in deferred outflow of resources - pensions and OPEB Increase in deferred inflow of resources - pensions and OPEB Increase in net pension liability Increase in OPEB liability Capital outlay T,759 Depreciation Central payment on debt Increase in accrued compensated absences Total reconciling items 43,160 (1,665) (1,665) (47,597) (52,377) (52,377) (837,164) (837,164) (837,164) (837,164) (837,164) (820,792)	Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to	full accrual:		
Unange in net position \$(615,/84)	Increase in deferred outflow of resources - pension Increase in deferred inflow of resources - pensions Increase in net pension liability Increase in OPEB liability Capital outlay Depreciation Principal payment on debt Increase in accrued compensated absences		(1,665) (47,597) (52,377) 7,759 (837,164) 68,771 (1,679)	

Eckard Creek Project	<u>A</u>	Project uthorization	·	Prior Years	•	Actual		Total to Date	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
	\$	1,634,000	\$	1,370,528	\$	247,685	\$	1,618,213	\$ (15,787)
Interest earnings		-		2,200	_	193		2,393	2,393
Total revenues		1,634,000	•	1,372,728	_	247,878		1,620,606	(13,394)
Expenditures:									
Grant administration		57,680		53,193		3,880		57,073	607
Infrastructure		1,538,705		1,234,429		235,022		1,469,451	69,254
Engineering		137,500	,	115,586		8,783		124,369	13,131
Total expenditures		1,733,885		1,403,208	-	247,685		1,650,893	82,992
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over									
expenditures		(99,885)	,	(30,480)		193		(30,287)	69,598
Other financing sources (uses):									
Transfers from other funds		99,885		99,885		68,228		31,657	(68,228)
Transfer from General Fund		_		90,000		91,370		(1,370)	(1,370)
Total other financing sources (uses)		99,885		189,885		159,598		30,287	(69,598)
Net change in fund balance	\$		\$	159,405	=	(159,405)	\$		\$
Fund balance, beginning of year						159,405			
Fund balance, end of year					\$:		

Burke County, North Carolina Solid Waste Fund

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (NON-GAAP) For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Revenues:	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Operating revenues:	Dudget	Actual	(Offiavorable)	-
Charges for services	\$	\$ 5,128,067	\$	
Total operating revenues	5,022,720	5,128,067	105,347	_
Non energting revenues:				
Non-operating revenues: Miscellaneous revenue		444		
Investment earnings		4,398		
Restricted intergovernmental revenues		189,606		
Total non-operating revenues	200,100	194,448	(5,652	<u> </u>
. c.a operaning revenues			(0,002	_
Total revenues	5,222,820	5,322,515	99,695	_
Expenditures:				
Disposal operations:				
Salaries and employee benefits		697,990		
Other operating expenditures		3,740,273		
Total disposal operations	4,467,240	4,438,263	28,977	_
·				_
Collection operations:				
Salaries and employee benefits		470,040		
Other operating expenses		193,372		_
Total collection operations	826,455	663,412	163,043	_
Capital outlay:				
Capital outlay		189,757		
Total capital outlay	213,446	189,757	23,689	_
Total Capital Outlay	213,440	109,737	23,009	_
Total expenditures	5,507,141	5,291,432	215,709	_
Revenues over/(under) expenditures	(284,321)	31,083	315,404	
Trevendes even (under) experiationes	(204,021)	01,000	010,404	_
Other financing sources (uses):				
Sale of fixed assets	25,000	-	(25,000)
Transfer from General Fund	18,800	18,800	-	
Appropriated fund balance	240,521	-	(240,521)
Total other financing sources (uses)	284,321	18,800	(265,521)
Revenues over expenditures and other sources (uses)	\$ -	49,883	\$ 49,883	
Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to	full accrual:		·	=
Trootionation from Budgetary Budie (modified decidar) to	Tall addital.			
Reconciling items:				
Increase in deferred outflow of resources - pension	ns and OPEB	84,942		
Increase in deferred inflow of resources - pensions	s and OPEB	(490)		
Increase in net pension liability		(86,213)		
Increase in OPEB liability		(61,536)		
Capital outlay		189,757		
Depreciation		(362,689)		
Increase in closure and post-closure accrual		(63,247)		
Increase in accrued compensated absences		(12,610)		
Total reconciling items		(312,086)		
Change in net position		\$ (262,203)		
Change in het position		(202,200)		

COMBINING FIDUCIARY FUND STATEMENTS - CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Burke County, North CarolinaCombining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Custodial Funds June 30, 2021

			Inmate	
	Municipal		Commissary	Total Custodial
ASSETS	Tax Fund		Fund	Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,738	\$	12,546	\$ 16,284
Taxes received for other governments, net	162,886		-	162,886
Total assets	166,624	•	12,546	179,170
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Due to other governments	166,624		-	166,624
Total liabilities	166,624		-	166,624
NET POSITION				
Restricted for:				
Individuals and other governments	-		12,546	12,546
Total net position	\$ -	\$	12,546	\$ 12,546

Burke County, North CarolinaCombining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Custodial Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

ADDITIONS		Municipal Tax Fund		Inmate Commissary Fund		Total Custodial Funds
Ad valorem taxes for other governments	\$	2,494,426	\$	-	\$	2,494,426
Collections on behalf of inmates		-	_	250,558	_	250,558
Total additions	_	2,494,426		250,558		2,744,984
DEDUCTIONS						
Tax distributions to other governments	\$	2,626,987	\$	_	\$	2,626,987
Payments on behalf of inmates		-		252,761		252,761
Total deductions		2,626,987		252,761		2,879,748
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position		(132,561)		(2,203)		(134,764)
Net position, beginning, as previously reported		-		-		_
Prior period restatement - change in accounting principle		132,561		14,749		147,310
Net position, beginning, as restated	_	132,561	•	14,749		147,310
Net position, ending	\$	-	\$	12,546	\$	12,546



Burke County, North Carolina General Fund

Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

		Uncollected Balance 6/30/2020		Collections and Additions Credits			Uncollected Balance 6/30/2021	
Fiscal year:			_				_	
2020 - 2021	\$	-	\$	51,867,085	\$	51,217,161	\$	649,924
2019 - 2020		815,072		-		570,137		244,935
2018 - 2019		270,197		-		130,799		139,398
2017 - 2018		146,821		-		45,987		100,834
2016 - 2017		116,705		-		31,741		84,964
2015 - 2016		87,860		-		20,036		67,824
2014 - 2015		79,276		-		9,575		69,701
2013 - 2014		94,180		-		5,767		88,413
2012 - 2013		73,804		-		2,371		71,433
2011 - 2012		57,819		-		1,285		56,534
2010 - 2011		58,515	_	<u>-</u>		58,515	_	-
	\$	1,800,249	\$	51,867,085	\$	52,093,374	_	1,573,960
Plus: 2020 - 2021 receivable	Э							40,380
Less: Allowance for uncollectible accounts General Fund							_	(719,000)
Ad valorem taxes receivable - net General Fund							\$ _	895,340

Reconcilement with revenues:

Ad valorem taxes - General Fund		\$	51,068,117
Reconciling items:			
Advertising and interest collected	459,643		
Discounts	(572,710)		
Prior year collections	813,407		
Taxes written off	73,459		
Prior year releases	251,458		
Total reconciling items		_	1,025,257
Total collections and credits		\$_	52,093,374

Burke County, North Carolina Analysis of Current Tax Levy County-wide Levy For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

					_		l Lev	у
Original levy:	Property Valuation	Rate	_	Amount of Levy	_	Property excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	_	Registered Motor Vehicles
Property taxed at current year's rate \$	6,707,756,727 \$	0.695	\$	46,691,123	\$	46,691,123	\$	
Property taxed at current years rate \$	0,707,730,727 \$	0.095	φ	40,091,123	φ	40,091,123	φ	-
Motor vehicles	801,177,610	0.695		5,568,184		-		5,568,184
Penalties	<u>-</u>		_	164,446	_	164,446	_	
Total _	7,508,934,337		_	52,423,753	_	46,855,569	_	5,568,184
Discoveries:								
Property taxed at current year's rate	16,971,537	0.695		117,952		117,952		-
Abatements:	(97,067,580)		_	(674,620)	_	(674,620)	_	
Total property valuation \$	7,428,838,294							
	Net levy			51,867,085		46,298,901		5,568,184
Uncollected tax	kes at June 30, 2021		_	649,924	_	649,924	_	· -
Current ye	ar's taxes collected		\$_	51,217,161	\$_	45,648,977	\$_	5,568,184
Current levy co	98.75%	=	98.60%	=	100.00%			

Burke County, North Carolina

Analysis of Current Tax Levy County-wide Levy For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Secondary Market Disclosures:

Assessed Valuation:		
Assessment Ratio		100%
Real Property	\$	6,449,329,034
Personal Property		706,102,908
Public Service Companies		273,406,352
Total Assessed Valuation	\$	7,428,838,294
Tax Rate per \$100		0.695
Net Levy (Includes penalties, discoveries, releases and abatements)	\$_	51,867,085

In addition to the County-wide rate, the following table lists the levies by the County on behalf of fire protection districts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021:

Fire Protection District	Tax Rate per \$100	Net Levy
Brendleton Fire District	0.105	\$ 278,972
Carbon City Fire District	0.080	9,609
Chesterfield Fire District	0.090	134,993
Drowning Creek Fire District	0.120	68,693
Enola Fire District	0.105	95,736
George Hildebran Fire District	0.110	241,826
Glen Alpine Fire District	0.080	137,293
Icard Fire District	0.080	571,064
Jonas Ridge Fire District	0.080	165,606
Lake James Fire District	0.100	215,090
Longtown Fire District	0.135	148,605
Lovelady Fire District	0.080	464,817
Oak Hill Fire District	0.120	366,036
Salem Fire District	0.105	289,882
Smokey Creek Fire District	0.118	29,852
South Mountain Fire District	0.136	86,862
Triple Community Fire District.	0.078	317,213
West End Fire District	0.110	 355,681
Total Net Fire Protection District Levies		\$ 3,977,830

Burke County, North Carolina Ten Largest Taxpayers For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Taxpayer	Type of Business		2020 Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total Assesso Valuation	
Duke Energy Corp	Utility	\$	161,120,729	2.17	%
Continental Automotive Systems	Manufacturing		120,957,120	1.63	
Walmart Real Estate	Retail		55,416,755	0.75	
Rutherford Electric Membership Corp	Utility		42,376,585	0.57	
SGL Carbon LLC	Manufacturing		40,910,591	0.55	
Case Farms	Food Processing		35,757,808	0.48	
ARCP MT Morganton NC LLC	Retail		34,395,416	0.46	
Leviton Manufacturing Co LLC	Manufacturing		29,748,043	0.40	
Seiren North America LLC	Manufacturing		24,551,441	0.33	
SAFT America, Inc	Manufacturing	_	20,594,582	0.28	_
		\$_	565,829,070	7.62	<u></u> %

Burke County, North Carolina Analysis of Current Tax Levy Fire Districts

For the Voor	Endod	luna 20	2021
For the Year	∟naea	June 30	, 2021

	•	Brendleton Fire District		Carbon City District	-	Chesterfield Fire District		Drowning Creek Fire District	_	Enola Fire District	_	George Hildebran Fire District
Tax rate	:	0.105		0.08	=	0.09	= :	0.12	=	0.105	=	0.11
Net levy	\$	278,972	\$	9,609	\$	134,993	\$	68,693	\$	95,736	\$	241,826
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2021		5,101		159	-	3,876		2,051	_	1,806	_	4,876
Current year's taxes collected	\$	273,871	\$	9,450	\$	131,117	\$	66,642	\$	93,930	\$	236,950
Current levy collection percentage	:	98.17%	: :	98.35%	=	97.13%	= ;	97.01%	=	98.11%	=	97.98%
		Glen Alpine District		lcard Fire District		Jonas Ridge Fire District		Lake James District	_	Longtown District	_	Lovelady Fire District
Tax rate		0.10	: :	0.10	=	0.135	= :	0.08	=	0.12	=	0.105
Net levy	\$	137,293	\$	571,064	\$	165,606	\$	215,090	\$	148,605	\$	464,817
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2021		678		11,778	-	1,896		2,359	_	955	_	6,550
Current year's taxes collected	\$	136,615	\$	559,286	\$	163,710	\$	212,731	\$	147,650	\$_	458,267
Current levy collection percentage	:	99.51%	: :	97.94%		98.86%	= :	98.90%	=	99.36%	=	98.59%
		Oak Hill District		Salem District		Smokey Creek Fire District		South Mountain Fire District	_	Triple Community Fire District	_	West End Fire District
Tax rate		0.09	: :	0.07	=	0.118	= :	0.136	=	0.078	=	0.11
Net levy	\$	366,036	\$	289,882	\$	29,852	\$	86,862	\$	317,213	\$	355,681
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2021	•	5,199		4,829	-	241		4,426	-	5,460	_	5,267
Current year's taxes collected	\$	360,837	\$	285,053	\$	29,611	\$	82,436	\$	311,753	\$_	350,414
Current levy collection percentage	:	98.58%		98.33%	=	99.19%		94.90%	=	98.28%	_	98.52%

STATISTICAL SECTION

The information presented in this section does not provide full and adequate disclosure of financial information for prior years required by generally accepted accounting principles. Such information is provided for supplementary analysis purposes and should be relied on only for the purpose specified.

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BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Net Position by Component of Government Last Ten Fiscal Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

				Fiscal Yea	r					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Governmental activities										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ (131,445)	\$ 1,716	\$ 8,914,569	\$28,877,694	\$23,700,967	\$29,414,660	\$30,475,792	\$39,335,032	\$41,891,855	\$37,852,760
Restricted	11,657,246	9,832,150	17,298,374	14,416,622	16,950,142	39,835,828	44,031,117	25,017,233	26,679,140	30,168,938
Unrestricted	(31,347,877)	(26,218,548)	(25,465,159)	(22,512,116)	(9,531,498)	(32,009,003)	(56,304,520)	(44,400,888)	(38,428,138)	(28,190,888)
Total governmental activities net position	\$(19,822,076)	\$(16,384,682)	\$ 747,784	\$20,782,200	\$31,119,611	\$37,241,485	\$18,202,389	\$19,951,377	\$30,142,857	\$39,830,810
Business-type activities										
Net investment in capital assets	20,081,255	19,643,017	18,863,966	18,716,461	18,870,527	18,303,046	17,978,011	17,473,775	19,091,140	18,551,001
Unrestricted	(2,214,790)	(2,077,455)	(2,337,457)	(3,117,615)	(4,261,873)	(4,056,278)	(3,539,869)	(3,573,676)	(3,791,993)	(4,289,246)
Total business-type activities	\$ 17,866,465	\$ 17,565,562	\$ 16,526,509	\$15,598,846	\$14,608,654	\$14,246,768	\$14,438,142	\$13,900,099	\$15,299,147	\$14,261,755
Primary government										
Net investment in capital assets	19,949,810	19,644,733	27,778,535	47,594,155	42,571,494	47,717,706	48,453,803	56,808,807	60,982,995	56,403,761
Restricted	11,657,246	9,832,150	17,298,374	14,416,622	16,950,142	39,835,828	44,031,117	25,017,233	26,753,785	30,168,938
Unrestricted	(33,562,667)	(28,296,003)	(27,802,616)	(25,629,731)	(13,793,371)	(36,065,281)	(59,844,389)	(47,974,564)	(42,294,776)	(32,480,134)
Total primary government net position	\$ (1,955,611)	\$ 1,180,880	\$ 17,274,293	\$36,381,046	\$45,728,265	\$51,488,253	\$32,640,531	\$33,851,476	\$45,442,004	\$54,092,565

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Changes in Net Position, accrual basis of accounting Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 **Expenses** Governmental activities: General government \$ 7,714,712 \$ 8,603,392 \$ 8,612,488 \$ 6,833,477 \$ 9,158,876 \$ 9,353,345 \$ 9,625,513 \$ 9,661,377 \$ 10,453,824 \$ 10,623,348 19,016,754 21.943.196 22.806.814 23.154.608 26,027,584 29.506.814 32.233.510 Public safety 17,675,525 18,552,637 15,016,283 Transportation 36,871 36,058 32,902 47,048 42,462 33,986 53,173 67,566 67,539 70,850 4.506.914 2.794.816 3.085.936 3.234.480 Economic and physical development 2.467.326 2.403.200 2.420.451 2.144.022 2.769.354 4.257.274 Environmental protection 245,439 116,207 114,927 57,180 91,475 69,458 162,446 539,363 591,599 596,951 Human services 18.742.962 18.324.701 18.295.759 20.162.722 18.428.394 21.477.512 19.850.366 20.535.142 21.621.693 26.246.546 1,852,201 1,969,715 2,968,954 Cultural and recreation 1,814,636 2,067,025 1,419,663 2,146,219 2,989,309 2,261,645 1,874,753 Education 18.431.125 17.820.570 18.050.716 19.698.669 19.948.678 23.300.034 36.000.244 24.964.134 24.279.078 22.462.944 Interest on long term debt 2,601,862 2,248,359 2,000,040 1,448,943 1,258,353 1,265,300 1,994,615 2,426,744 126,734 1,975,289 Total governmental activities 71,770,046 70,236,275 70,378,987 67,478,801 75,261,600 82,596,690 96,599,628 89,569,491 93,873,509 99,318,671 Business-type activities: Water and Sewer 1,737,958 1,833,137 1,850,076 1,767,771 1,842,328 1,797,462 1,776,450 2,087,220 3,357,292 2,874,649 Solid Waste 3,974,264 4,521,716 3,991,111 4,370,609 4,319,326 5,503,959 4,666,253 5,427,254 5,292,781 5,603,518 6.279 Interest on long term debt 4.296 14.489 10.384 2.173 Total business-type activities 5,733,365 5,821,890 6,231,069 6,093,376 6,366,217 7,301,421 6,442,703 7,514,474 8,650,073 8,478,167 Total primary government expenses 77,503,411 76,058,165 76,610,056 73,572,177 81,627,817 89,898,111 103,042,331 97,083,965 102,523,582 107,796,838 **Program Revenues** Governmental activities Charges for services: General government 732.325 904.261 1.086.041 1.257.864 1.630.055 1.695.598 1.074.020 729.051 927.520 420.588 Public safety 4,383,468 3,798,048 4,538,319 4,201,356 4,308,446 4,263,138 3,971,435 4,687,337 4,412,027 4,184,649 Economic and physical development 263.291 233.691 Environmental protection 79,032 77,832 79,004 94,008 85,969 109,984 101,828 25,140 21,413 Human services 1.408.450 1.341.262 1.271.222 934.318 1.068.701 1,318,335 1.208.862 683.988 324,135 883.697 Cultural and recreation 140,385 118,410 92,422 95,861 93,355 98,252 98,814 109,886 81,575 57,116 Operating grants and contributions: General government 4,920 38,496 308,070 69,180 106,679 12,836 352,751 318,231 981,367 6,198 1.252.002 2.309.188 Public safety 2.511.258 Economic and physical development 725,683 1,291,592 1,368,657 Environmental protection 24.650 31.494 30.835 57.755 12,413,532 11,882,418 Human services 12,844,453 13,706,435 12,266,560 15,043,204 12,162,765 12,472,558 12,139,853 17,108,345 Cultural and recreation 547,099 694,527 460,357 151,802 238,772 Education 75,946 69.402 67,592 63,202 66,759 10.747 9,406 333,856 477,981 Capital grants and contributions: General government 198,973 40.149 297,572 280,309 25,257 69,880 291,338 Public safety 561.109 659.181 6.492.601 1.268.009 913.547 130.751 726.725 277,934 92.193 Economic and physical development 1,979,363 522,266 286,824 896,996 503,420 562,433 483,449 966,926 Environmental protection 136,864 415,250 Cultural and recreation 628,638 266,727 426,070 409,209 467,037 629,251 695,481 408,466 423,476 Education 3.569.077 1.489.176 1.167.134 1.069.626 1.695.000 5.492.746 3.332.824 40.922

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Total governmental activities program revenues

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Changes in Net Position, accrual basis of accounting Last Ten Fiscal Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

						ıl Year				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Program Revenues (Continued)										
Business-type activities:										
Charge for services	5,658,703	5,935,834	5,591,903	5,635,323	5,740,022	6,023,037	6,663,581	6,914,316	6,540,773	6,851,507
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-		118,986	217,576	189,606
Capital grants and contributions	-				-	333,328	64,785		3,487,729	765,827
Total business-type activities program revenues	5,658,703	5,935,834	5,591,903	5,635,323	5,740,022	6,356,365	6,728,366	7,033,302	10,246,078	7,806,940
Total primary government program revenues	31,970,785	28,102,930	33,060,195	28,895,301	29,127,348	31,310,602	29,249,296	36,595,371	36,456,716	36,169,668
Net (Expense)/Revenue										
Governmental activities	(45,457,970)	(48,069,179)	(42,910,695)	(44,218,823)	(51,874,274)	(57,642,453)	(57,642,453)	(58,984,834)	(67,662,871)	(70,955,943
Business-type activities	(74,663)	113,944	(639,166)	(458,053)	(626,195)	(945,056)	(945,056)	(481,172)	1,596,005	(671,227
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Total primary government net (expense)/revenue	(45,532,633)	(47,955,235)	(43,549,861)	(44,676,876)	(52,500,469)	(58,587,509)	(58,587,509)	(59,466,006)	(66,066,866)	(71,627,170
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Asse	ets									
Governmental activities:										
Property taxes	37,979,191	38,551,628	47,140,118	46,814,869	47,493,525	48,277,055	49,453,349	50,774,360	55,318,275	56,036,350
Local option sales tax	9,945,486	10,402,633	10,383,066	11,206,100	12,423,005	13,440,643	14,487,614	7,516,853	13,849,829	19,481,973
Other taxes and licenses	536,955	502,339	592,661	1,405,309	1,529,053	1,805,203	1,797,437	4,076,594	4,310,296	1,659,367
Grants and contributions not restricted to										
specific programs	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,486,153	3,045,818	2,976,500
Permits and fees	1,357,749	1,598,811	1,565,556	87,587	86,807	-	-	-	-	-
Investment earnings	(38,533)	12,425	19,283	13,788	77,857	201,304	721,510	626,920	505,599	123,774
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(273,111
Miscellaneous	478,443	20,095	(74,115)	283,831	180,020	1,722,039	1,940,696	77,497	604,324	263,087
Transfers	475,322	418,642	416,591	400,906	421,418	(539,678)	(95,518)	98,141	220,210	257,315
Total governmental activities:	50,734,613	51,506,573	60,043,160	60,212,390	62,211,685	64,906,566	68,305,088	65,656,518	77,854,351	80,525,255
Business-type activities:										
Investment earnings	2,912	2,930	2,725	2,286	4,896	10,569	23,146	32,178	18,662	6,135
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	, <u>-</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	(124,717
Miscellaneous	(3,829)	866	13,977	6,493	52,523	32,922	54,525	9,093	4,591	9,732
Transfers	(475,322)	(418,642)	(416,591)	(400,906)	(421,418)	539,678	95,518	(98,141)	(220,210)	(257,315
Total business-type activities	(476,239)	(414,846)	(399,889)	(392,127)	(363,999)	583,169	173,189	(56,870)	(196,957)	(366,165
Total primary government	50,258,374	51,091,727	59,643,271	59,820,263	61,847,686	65,489,735	68,478,277	65,599,648	77,657,394	80,159,090
Change in Net Position										
Governmental activities	5,276,643	3,437,394	17,132,465	15,993,567	10,337,411	7,264,113	(5,773,610)	5,649,096	10,191,480	9,569,312
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Business-type activities	(550,903)	(300,902)	(1,039,053)	(850,178)	(990,194)	(361,887)	458,851	(538,042)	1,399,048	(1,037,392

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Fund Balances of Governmental Funds Last Ten Fiscal Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
General Fund										
Prepaid expenses	\$ 52,938	\$ 61,351	\$ 41,038	\$ 58,671	\$ 77,571	\$ 90,490	\$ 115,331	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State statute	4,012,526	4,100,602	8,048,183	4,431,848	4,286,681	4,619,898	4,617,019	6,804,197	5,476,678	4,776,275
Restricted, all others	413,226	458,594	534,922	793,703	781,742	641,232	683,725	408,976	303,455	367,707
Committed	23,947	15,476	43,705	35,075	39,195	51,182	283,747	-	-	5,000
Assigned	2,927,527	241,180	1,702,220	433,400	2,682,400	979,769	2,213,911	1,338,885	1,816,960	2,014,370
Unassigned	6,742,503	10,564,782	7,197,076	12,351,795	13,673,602	15,874,461	15,224,971	16,987,127	19,179,039	29,001,012
Total General Fund	\$ 14,172,667	\$ 15,441,985	\$ 17,567,144	\$ 18,104,492	\$ 21,541,191	\$ 22,257,032	\$ 23,138,704	\$ 25,539,185	\$ 26,776,132	\$ 36,164,364
All Other Governmental Funds										
State statute	\$ 3,126,519	\$ 1,778,452	\$ 1,753,591	\$ 2,174,649	\$ 1,952,691	\$ 1,916,204	\$ 3,410,584	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted, all others	4,104,975	3,479,026	6,917,973	6,174,877	8,378,967	30,703,589	17,359,447	17,588,435	20,805,032	24,879,092
Committed	-	-	-	815,733	1,514,283	1,712,451	17,488,037	6,584,984	2,562,493	1,344,312
Unassigned	(290,782)	851,744	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,518
Total all other governmental funds	\$ 6,940,712	\$ 6,109,222	\$ 8,671,564	\$ 9,165,259	\$ 11,845,941	\$ 34,332,244	\$ 38,258,068	\$ 24,173,419	\$ 23,367,525	\$ 26,224,922

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds Last Ten Fiscal Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenues										
Taxes:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 37,977,423	\$ 38,513,260	\$ 47,188,565	\$ 46,792,188	\$ 47,451,409	\$ 48,236,424	\$ 49,453,349	\$ 50,363,670	\$ 54,562,742	\$ 56,299,287
Other taxes and licenses	10,482,441	10,904,972	10,975,727	11,887,592	13,147,669	14,297,959	15,496,685	11,593,447	18,160,125	21,141,340
Total taxes	48,459,864	49,418,232	58,164,292	58,679,780	60,599,078	62,534,383	64,950,034	61,957,117	72,722,867	77,440,627
Intergovernmental	19,468,841	15,858,648	20,478,502	16,434,286	15,333,084	16,415,876	14,594,961	24,349,691	23,703,948	23,245,165
Permits and fees	7,402,154	6,968,380	7,366,719	6,362,705	6,740,814	7,026,985	6,939,431	1,997,693	1,454,379	2,713,008
Sales and services	986,966	1,012,714	1,060,083	1,711,033	2,022,702	2,216,557	2,168,914	4,136,183	4,497,997	4,542,140
Investment earnings	(38,533)	14,110	19,284	13,788	77,856	201,307	721,510	1,242,695	858,840	177,858
Other revenues	78,601	780	84,331	4,113	547,099	2,826,663	1,774,256	760,681	383,473	664,258
Total Revenues	76,357,893	73,272,864	87,173,211	83,205,705	85,320,633	91,221,771	91,149,106	94,444,060	103,621,504	108,783,056
Expenditures										
General Government	5,359,095	6,640,310	8,784,084	7,182,649	6,722,558	6,798,263	7,207,538	8,635,213	10,928,446	9,140,460
Public Safety	16,909,932	17,918,323	25,172,906	22,207,984	21,773,827	21,898,933	28,737,879	37,265,686	32,603,733	28,068,923
Transportation	32,212	32,212	32,212	42.631	50.075	41.599	54,582	67.566	67.539	70.850
Economic and physical development	4,422,695	2,390,529	2,367,984	2,725,553	2.400.436	2,125,886	2.771.483	3,084,281	4,253,444	3,231,012
Environmental protection	241,283	115,999	120,574	104,461	105.047	108,873	112,978	488.206	530,063	555,613
Human services	18,691,357	18,066,581	18,273,999	20,283,094	18,983,962	21,734,490	19,653,152	19,791,351	20,445,022	24,783,061
Cultural and recreational	1,681,714	1,929,893	1,772,233	2,339,972	2,077,150	5,313,207	2,943,451	3,087,798	3,170,756	2,296,262
Education	18,431,125	17,820,570	18,050,716	19,853,068	19,948,677	23,300,034	36,000,244	24,964,134	23,065,093	22,462,944
Other expenses	2,011,018	1,796,117	1,716,744	1,487,955	1,469,788	1,611,686	1,630,814	-	-	-
Debt Service:	. ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,			
Principal	4,552,465	4,399,933	11,472,731	5,060,490	5,011,167	4,761,167	5,543,333	6,355,000	6,210,000	6,080,000
Interest and other charges	2,676,041	2,481,213	2,211,632	1,287,714	1,081,981	890,807	1,570,638	2,430,906	2,188,208	1,999,465
Total Expenditures	75,008,937	73,591,680	89,975,815	82,575,571	79,624,669	88,584,946	106,226,093	106,170,141	103,462,304	98,688,590
Excess of revenues over (under)										
expenditures	1,348,956	(318,816)	(2,802,604)	630,134	5,695,964	2,636,825	(15,076,987)	(11,726,081)	159,200	10,094,466
Other Financian Courses (U)										
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								00.076	E0 C42	4 776 006
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets	0.700.455	40 407 544	- 6 070 450	7 404 407	- 6 470 460	- 0 505 007	- 0.540.564	83,876	50,643	1,776,206
Transfers in	8,728,455	10,127,511	6,273,153	7,491,127	6,170,460	8,595,007	8,510,561	9,846,634	9,218,292	9,751,197
Transfers out	(8,253,133)	(9,708,867)	(5,856,563)	(7,090,221)	(5,749,042)	(9,134,685)	(8,606,078)	(9,888,565)	(8,998,082)	(9,493,882)
Issuance of debt	400.405	338,000	7,073,517	-	-	21,075,000	20,010,000	-	-	-
Lease principal payments	138,495	750.044	7 400 407	400.000	404 440	-	- 10.014.400	- 44.045	- 270.050	0.000.504
Total other financing sources (uses)	613,817	756,644	7,490,107	400,906	421,418	20,535,322	19,914,483	41,945	270,853	2,033,521
Net change in fund balances	\$ 1,962,773	\$ 437,828	\$ 4,687,503	\$ 1,031,040	\$ 6,117,382	\$ 23,172,147	\$ 4,837,496	\$ (11,684,136)	\$ 430,053	\$ 12,127,987

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Assessed Value of Taxable Property Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal	Real	Personal	Public Service	Total Taxable Assessed	Total Direct Tax	Estimated Actual Market
Year	Property	Property	Companies (1)	Value	Rate (2)	Value (3)
2012	5,413,307,614	1,122,129,705	201,007,104	6,736,444,423	0.520	5,865,428,318
2013	5,451,446,487	1,203,039,254	228,510,412	6,882,996,153	0.520	6,846,708,597
2014	4,878,822,675	1,155,969,001	215,312,709	6,250,104,385	0.680	6,142,608,732
2015	4,953,868,463	1,085,185,781	222,954,856	6,262,009,100	0.680	6,296,640,623
2016	4,980,609,649	1,260,195,412	243,102,733	6,483,907,794	0.680	6,759,703,705
2017	5,238,103,946	1,168,827,778	248,533,718	6,655,465,442	0.680	7,068,251,319
2018	5,296,190,556	1,604,352,580	262,245,785	7,162,788,921	0.695	7,607,042,912
2019	5,767,661,364	680,452,235	260,557,693	6,708,671,292	0.695	7,124,763,998
2020	6,209,332,377	677,094,548	272,652,164	7,159,079,089	0.695	8,072,935,373
2021	6,449,329,034	706,102,908	273,406,352	7,428,838,294	0.695	8,604,167,586

Source: Annual County Report of Valuation and Property Tax Levies

Notes

- (1) Public service companies valuations are provided to the County by the North Carolina Department of Revenue. These amounts include both real and personal property.
- (2) Per \$100 of value.
- (3) The estimated market value is calculated by dividing the assessed value by an assessment-to-sales ratio determined by the State Department of Revenue. The ratio is based on actual property sales which took place during the fiscal year. NCDOR website (Median).

get the newest sales ratio for formula in column M from tax-danny

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2012	2013	2014 (1)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (1)	2020	2021
County Direct Rates										
Burke County	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.680	\$ 0.680	\$ 0.680	\$ 0.680	\$ 0.695	\$ 0.695	\$ 0.695	\$ 0.695
Municipality Rates:										
City of Hickory	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.567	0.567	0.567	0.588	0.575	0.575
City of Morganton	0.460	0.480	0.530	0.530	0.530	0.530	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570
Special Downtown Morganton	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140
Town of Connelly Springs	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050
Town of Drexel	0.320	0.320	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380
Town of Glen Alpine	0.270	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.405	0.405	0.370	0.350	0.350	0.350
Town of Hildebran	0.222	0.222	0.222	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150
Town of Long View	0.400	0.400	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.520	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570
Town of Rhodhiss	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550
Town of Rutherford College	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.120	0.120	0.120
Town of Valdese	0.400	0.400	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.545	0.545	0.545	0.545	0.545
Fire Districts:										
Brendletown	0.066	0.066	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.105
Carbon City	0.074	0.074	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080
Chesterfield	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090
Drowning Creek	0.102	0.102	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120
Enola	0.092	0.092	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105
George Hildebran	0.068	0.068	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110
Glen Alpine	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.100
lcard	0.072	0.072	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
Jonas Ridge	0.120	0.120	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135
Lake James	0.060	0.060	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080
Longtown	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120
Lovelady	0.080	0.080	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105
Oak Hill	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090
Salem	0.058	0.058	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070
Smokey Creek	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118
South Mountain	0.113	0.113	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136
Triple Community	0.071	0.071	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078
West End	0.070	0.070	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.110	0.110	0.110

⁽¹⁾ Revaluation years.

⁽²⁾ The rates are shown per \$100 of taxable value. All taxable property is subject to the county-wide tax. Real property is reappraised at 100% of fair market value every six years. Personal property is reappraised annually at 100% of fair market value.

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Principal Property Tax Payers, Current Year and Ten Years Ago

		Fisca	al Year 20	021	Fisca	al Year 20	011
				Percentage of Total			Percentage of Total
T	Time of Dissipace	Assessed	Dank	Assessed	Assessed	Dank	Assessed
Taxpayer	Type of Business	Valuation	Rank	Valuation	Valuation	Rank	Valuation
Duke Energy Corp	Electric utility	\$ 161,120,729	1	2.17%	\$ 87,594,464	1	1.35%
Continental Automotive Systems	Tire manufacturing	120,957,120	2	1.63%	68,252,225	2	1.05%
Walmart Real Estate	Retail	55,416,755	3	0.75%	34,125,103	5	0.52%
Rutherford EMC	Electric membership co-op	42,376,585	4	0.57%	36,820,413	4	0.57%
SGL Carbon LLC	Carbon manufacturing	40,910,591	5	0.55%			
Case Farms Processing Inc.	Food processing	35,757,808	6	0.48%	22,161,956	9	0.34%
ARCP MT Morganton NC LLC	Retail	34,395,416	7	0.46%			
Leviton Mfg. Co. Inc.	Manufacturing	29,748,043	8	0.40%			
Sieren North America LLC	Manufacturing	24,551,441	9	0.33%			
SAFT America, Inc	Manufacturing	20,594,582	10	0.28%			
Carolina Centers LLC	Real Estate	, ,			41,620,324	3	0.64%
Viscotec	Automotive parts manufacturing				22,182,319	8	0.34%
Sypris Technologies Inc.	Manufacturing				32,807,506	6	0.50%
Gerresheimer Glass, Inc.	Manufacturing				22,956,907	7	0.35%
Bellsouth Telephone Company	Utility				21,917,116	10	0.34%
Totals		\$565,829,070		7.62%	\$ 390,438,333		6.00%

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Property Tax Levies and Collections Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	 Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	 Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy	Percentage of Original Levy	_	Collections in Subsequent Years	_	Total Collections to Date	Percentage of Adjusted Levy
2012	\$ 35,089,376	\$ 33,948,471	96.75%	\$	1,084,371	\$	35,032,842	99.84%
2013	\$ 35,791,580	\$ 34,511,075	96.42%	\$	1,209,072	\$	35,720,147	99.80%
2014	\$ 43,900,065	\$ 42,807,902	97.51%	\$	1,003,750	\$	43,811,652	99.80%
2015	\$ 44,127,461	\$ 43,203,344	97.91%	\$	854,416	\$	44,057,760	99.84%
2016	\$ 44,151,751	\$ 43,289,007	98.05%	\$	794,920	\$	44,083,927	99.85%
2017	\$ 45,340,513	\$ 44,465,034	98.07%	\$	790,515	\$	45,255,549	99.81%
2018	\$ 49,861,915	\$ 49,154,063	98.58%	\$	607,018	\$	49,761,081	99.80%
2019	\$ 46,841,472	\$ 45,998,431	98.20%	\$	703,643	\$	46,702,074	99.70%
2020	\$ 49,808,133	\$ 48,993,061	98.36%	\$	570,137	\$	49,563,198	99.51%
2021	\$ 51,867,085	\$ 51,217,161	98.75%	\$	-	\$	51,217,161	98.75%

Source: Burke County Tax Department

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type Last Ten Fiscal Years

Business-Type Activities

	Governmental Activities					s	_	Activities	_			
Fiscal Year		Certificates General of Participation Obligation or Limited Bonds Obligation Bonds			Installment Loans		Installment Loans		Total Primary Government	Per Capita (1)	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	
2012	\$	3,975,000	\$	40,585,000 \$	5	9,434,821	\$	332,214	\$	54,327,035	604	2.10%
2013	\$	3,570,000	\$	37,680,000 \$	5	8,682,888	\$	290,350	\$	50,223,238	562	1.95%
2014	\$	3,235,000	\$	37,720,000 \$	5	7,705,157	\$	248,487	\$	48,908,644	551	1.83%
2015	\$	2,770,000	\$	34,350,000 \$	5	6,470,667	\$	211,739	\$	43,802,406	493	1.57%
2016	\$	2,305,000	\$	30,985,000 \$	5	5,289,500	\$	169,875	\$	38,749,375	436	1.34%
2017	\$	1,840,000	\$	48,670,000 \$	5	4,383,333	\$	157,741	\$	55,051,074	611	1.81%
2018	\$	1,425,000	\$	64,290,000 \$	5	3,645,000	\$	145,607	\$	69,505,607	776	2.20%
2019	\$	1,020,000	\$	58,995,000 \$	5	2,990,000	\$	133,473	\$	63,138,473	698	1.93%
2020	\$	725,000	\$	53,725,000 \$	5	2,345,000	\$	121,340	\$	56,916,340	650	-

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

^{*} Information not yet available

⁽¹⁾ See Table 12 for personal income and population data. These ratios are calculated using personal income and the prior calendar year.

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type Last Ten Fiscal Years

Business-Type Activities

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Fiscal Year		General Obligation Bonds	of	Certificates Participation or Limited ligation Bonds	Installment Loans	<u> </u>	Installment Loans G		Total Primary Government	Per Capita (1)	Percentage of Personal Income (1)
2012	\$	3,975,000	\$	40,585,000 \$	9,434,821	\$	332,214	\$	54,327,035	604	2.10%
2013	\$	3,570,000	\$	37,680,000 \$	8,682,888	\$	290,350	\$	50,223,238	562	1.95%
2014	\$	3,235,000	\$	37,720,000 \$	7,705,157	\$	248,487	\$	48,908,644	551	1.83%
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2016	\$	2,305,000	\$	30,985,000 \$	5,289,500	\$	169,875	\$	38,749,375	436	1.34%
2017	\$	1,840,000	\$	48,670,000 \$	4,383,333	\$	157,741	\$	55,051,074	611	1.81%
2018	\$	1,425,000	\$	64,290,000 \$	3,645,000	\$	145,607	\$	69,505,607	776	2.20%
2019	\$	1,020,000	\$	58,995,000 \$	2,990,000	\$	133,473	\$	63,138,473	698	1.93%
2020	\$	725,000	\$	53,725,000 \$	2,345,000	\$	121,340	\$	56,916,340	650	-
2021	\$	475,000	\$	48,535,000 \$	1,705,000	\$	1,185,318	\$	51,900,318	-	-

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

Governmental Activities

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BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Legal Debt Margin Information Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Assessed Value of Property	\$ 6,736,444,423	\$ 6,882,996,153	\$ 6,445,976,324	\$ 6,477,527,647	\$ 6,483,907,794	\$ 6,655,465,442	\$ 7,162,788,921	\$ 6,708,671,292	\$ 7,159,079,089	\$ 7,428,838,294
Debt Limit, 8% of Assessed Value (Statutory Limitation)	538,915,554	550,639,692	515,678,106	518,202,212	518,712,624	532,437,235	573,023,114	536,693,703	572,726,327	594,307,064
Amount of Debt Applicable to Limit										
General obligation debt	3,975,000	3,570,000	3,235,000	2,770,000	2,305,000	1,840,000	1,425,000	1,020,000	725,000	475,000
Installment Purchases	50,019,821	46,362,888	45,425,157	40,820,667	36,274,500	53,053,333	67,935,000	61,985,000	56,070,000	50,240,000
Total net debt applicable to limit	53,994,821	49,932,888	48,660,157	43,590,667	38,579,500	54,893,333	69,360,000	63,005,000	56,795,000	50,715,000
Legal Debt Margin	\$ 484,583,402	\$ 495,729,145	\$ 437,469,463	\$ 474,399,806	\$ 479,452,837	\$ 477,543,902	\$ 503,663,114	\$ 473,688,703	\$ 515,931,327	\$ 543,592,064
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	10.02%	9.07%	9.44%	8.41%	7.44%	10.31%	12.10%	11.74%	9.92%	10.80%

Note: NC Statute GS 159-55 limits the county's outstanding debt to 8% of the appraised value of property subject to taxation. The following deductions are made from gross debt to arrive at net debt applicable to the limit: money held for payment of prinicpal; debt incurred for water, sewer, gas, or electric power purposes; uncollected special assessments, funding and refunding bonds not yet issued; and revenue bonds. The legal debt margin is the difference between the debt limit and the county's net debt outstanding applicable to the limit, and represents the County's legal borrowing authority.

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Demographic and Economic Statistics Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year	Population (1)	Personal Income (1) (thousands of dollars)	Per Capita Personal Income (1)	Median Age (2)	Public School Enrollment (3)	Unemployment Rate (4)
2012	89,995	2,584,080	28,714	41.7	13,389	10.80%
2013	89,386	2,571,128	28,764	42.1	13,266	9.50%
2014	88,807	2,676,314	30,136	42.4	13,404	6.80%
2015	88,842	2,794,772	31,458	42.7	13,180	5.80%
2016	88,851	2,891,036	32,538	42.9	12,360	5.00%
2017	90,127	3,041,519	33,747	43.3	12,113	4.00%
2018	89,519	3,156,887	35,265	40.1	12,497	3.57%
2019	90,485	3,276,618	36,212	44.1	12,140	4.10%
2020	87,570	*	23,466	43.6	11,809	7.30%

^{*} Information not available.

Notes:

- (1) Information obtained from U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.
- (2) Information obtained from N. C. State Data Center.
- (3) Information obtained from N. C. Department of Public Instruction.
- (4) Information obtained from N. C. Employment Security Commission.

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Principal Employers Current Year and Five Years Ago

Fiscal Year 2021 Fiscal Year 2016* Percentage Percentage of Total of Total County County **Employer Employees Employment Employees** Rank **Employment** Rank **Burke County Schools** 1,570 1 4.17% 1,550 1 4.12% Broughton Hospital 1,440 2 3.83% 1,200 3 3.72% Carolina Healthcare-Blue Ridge 1,330 3 3.53% 1,400 2 3.19% J. Iverson Riddle Dev. Center 1,000 4 2.66% 1,000 5 2.78% Case Farms 950 5 2.52% 1,045 4 2.66% 6 6 Valdese Weavers 650 1.73% 750 1.99% 7 7 600 600 Leviton Mfg. Co. Inc. 1.59% 1.59% 8 8 **Burke County** 525 1.39% 530 1.41% Continental Automotive Systems 9 470 9 500 1.33% 1.25% Western Piedmont Community College 420 10 1.12% 450 10 1.20% 23.91% Totals 8,985 23.87% 8,995

*Note: Prior years not available.

Source: Burke Partnership for Economic Development, Inc.

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Full-time Equivalent County Government Employees by Function Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function/Program	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
General Government	49.3	50.3	50.3	54.8	54.8	54.8	54.8	55.3	55.3	57.3
Public Safety	186	186	200	200	210	213	214	224	264	275
Human Services	187	190	193	199.5	204	214	220	224	238	240
Cultural and Recreational	29	29	29	29	29	29	29.5	31.5	31.5	31.5
Environmental Protection	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Economic and Physical Development	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Enterprise	15.2	17.2	18.2	18.7	18.7	19.7	19.7	19.7	19.7	22.7
Total	470.5	476.5	494.5	506	520.5	534.5	542	558.5	612.5	630.5

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Capital Asset Statistics by Function/Program Last Ten Fiscal Years

					Fisca	al Year				
Function/Program	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
General Government										
County Government buildings	22	22	22	24	25	25	25	25	26	26
Public Safety										
Sheriff										
Centers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Squad Cars	76	84	87	97	100	87	87	87	87	87
Jail										
Sq footage	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	72,000	72,000
Total bed count	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	264	264
Emergency medical service										
Quick response vehicles	3	1	3	1	4	4	4	4	4	4
Advanced life support vehicles	16	14	14	13	14	15	16	16	16	16
Stations	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Human services										
Health Department Locations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Culture and recreation										
Total acreage-all parks	176	164	164	164	164	164	474	474	474	474
Number of parks	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6	6
Solid waste disposal facility										
Number of collection sites	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

Source: Various County departments.



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Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Commissioner of Burke County Morganton, North Carolina

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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Burke County, North Carolina as of, and for, the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Burke County, North Carolina's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2021. Our report includes a reference to the other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Burke County Tourism Development Authority, as described in our report on Burke County, North Carolina's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. The financial statements of the Burke County Tourism Development Authority were not audited in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Burke County, North Carolina'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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Lowdermilk Church & Co., L.L.T.

Morganton, North Carolina October 31, 2021

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Independent Auditors' Report On Compliance For Each Major Federal Program And On Internal Control Over Compliance Required By The Uniform Guidance And the State Single Audit Implementation Act

To the Board of Commissioners of Burke County Morganton, North Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Burke County, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of Burke County, North Carolina's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. Burke County, North Carolina's major federal programs are identified in the summary of the auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and responses.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Burke County, North Carolina's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Burke County, North Carolina's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Burke County, North Carolina's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Burke County, North Carolina complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of Burke County, North Carolina, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Burke County, North Carolina's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program, 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Burke County, North Carolina's 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

Lowdermilk Church & Co., L.L.T.

Morganton, North Carolina October 31, 2021

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Independent Auditors' Report On Compliance For Each Major State Program And On Internal Control Over Compliance Required By The Uniform Guidance And The State Single Audit Implementation Act

To the Board of Commissioners of Burke County Morganton, North Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

We have audited Burke County, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of Burke County, North Carolina's major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. Burke County, North Carolina's major State programs are identified in the summary of the auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and responses.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with State statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its State awards applicable to its State programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Burke County, North Carolina's major State programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the applicable sections of Title 2 *U.S. Code of State Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) as described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major State program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Burke County, North Carolina's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major State program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Burke County, North Carolina's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major State Program

In our opinion, Burke County, North Carolina complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of Burke County, North Carolina is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Burke County, North Carolina's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major State program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major State program, 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Burke County, North Carolina's internal control over compliance.

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Lowdermilk Church & Co., L.L.T.

Morganton, North Carolina October 31, 2021

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

I. Summary of Auditor's Results				
Financial Statements Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP		Unmodifi	ed	
Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weakness identified?		_Yes	Х	_No
Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be material weaknesses		_Yes	Х	_None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted		Yes	Х	_No
Federal Awards Internal control over major Federal programs:				
Material weakness identified?		_Yes	Х	_No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses		_Yes	Х	_None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major Federal programs:		Unmodifi	ed	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?		_Yes	Х	_No
Identification of major Federal programs:				
Program Name State Adminstrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance F Medicaid Assistance Program - Administration Foster Care and Adoption Cluster Coronovirus Relief Fund Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant	Program	CFDA# 10.561 93.778 93.658 & 21.019 93.568	93.65	59
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:		\$750,000		
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee	Х	_Yes		_No
State Awards Internal control over major State programs:				
Material weakness identified?		_Yes	Х	_No
Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be material weaknesses		_Yes	Х	_None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major State programs:		Unmodifi	ed	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act		_Yes	Х	_No

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Identification of major State programs:
State Foster Care Benefits Program
Foster Care and Adoption Cluster
Industrial Development Fund/Utility Account

II. Financial Statement Findings			
None reported.			
III. Federal Award Findings and Respon	ses		
None reported.			
IV. State Award Findings and Response	 S		

None reported.





Kenneth B. Steen, County Manager Kay H. Draughn, Clerk to the Board J. R. Simpson, II, County Attorney Kania Law Firm, P.A., Tax Attorney

Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

None reported.

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Responses

None reported.

Section IV. State Award Findings and Responses

None reported.

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Finding 2020-001

Status: Corrected as of June 30, 2021

Burke County, North Carolina Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program/Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	For the Year Ended June 30, 202 Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Federal (Direct & Pass- Through) Expenditures	State Expenditures	Passed-through to Subrecipients	Local Expenditures
Federal Awards:						
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed-through the N.C. Department of Health and Human S Division of Social Services: State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Services:		\$ 763,999 \$; -	\$ - \$	\$ 763,999
Division of Public Health: Administration: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, & Children (Note 5) Total U.S. Department of Agriculture	10.557		454,445 1,218,444	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	763,999
Federal Highway Administration Passed-through N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Res Recreational trails program Total Federal Highway Administration	ources	RTP2020-7817	71,435 71,435		<u> </u>	23,812 23,812
U.S. Department of Treasury Passed-through the N.C. Office of Mangement and Budget, N Coronovirus Relief Fund Custom and Boarder Patrol Division Federal Equitable Sharing Funds	I.C. Pande 21.019 21.016	mic Recovery Office: 02-12 NC0120000	3,203,881 	- 	818,609	2,441
Total U.S. Department of Treasury Election Assistance Commission Passed-through the N.C. State Board of Elections: Coronovirus Relief Fund 2020 Help Amercans Vote Act Funds Total Election Assistance Commission	21.019 90.404	03-25-12 NC20101001-012	78,102 149,035 227,137	-	818,609 - -	2,441
National Endowment for the Humanities Passed-through State Library of N.C., N.C. Department of Na LSTA State Grant COVID-19 Response Total National Endowment for the Humanities	tural and C 45.310 45.310	Cultural Resources: LS-246155-OLS-20 LS-00-19-0034-19	9,877 4,344 14,221	-	- - -	- -
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Passed-through N.C. Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Fund-N.C. Clean Water Grant Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	66.458	CS370400-01	247,685 247,685	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
U.S. Department of Homeland Security Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Safety: Division of Emergency Management Emergency Management Performance Grant Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security	97.042 97.036	EMA-2020-EP-00009-2020011 HMGP DR-4465	53,753 <u>37,554</u> 91,307	- -	2,917 2,917	53,753
U.S. Department of Justice Burke County Recovery Court Implementation Burke County Recovery Court Implementation Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Safety:	16.585 16.838	2018-DC-BX-0060 2019-AR-BX-K090	97,134 55,628	-	97,134 55,628	-
Bryne Justice Assistance Grant Total U.S. Department of Justice U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Provider Relief Fund	16.738 93.498	2018-DJ-BX-0041 HHS-71407145609	21,522 174,284 33,322	-	152,762	-
Administration on Aging Aging Cluster: Passed-through Western Piedmont Council of Governments: Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) - Title III B - Access Services	93.044	20/21 AANCT3SS	84,813	4,989		9,978
90% State Funds Title III C1 - Congregate Nutrition Families First - Home Delivered Meals Cares - Nutrition Services	93.045 93.045 93.045	20/21 AANCT3CM	391 72,372 61,493	23	- - -	46
Senior Center Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) Total Aging Cluster	93.053	20/21 AANCNSIP	34,591 253,660	17,526 - 22,538		10,024
Passed-through N.C. Department of Insurance: Seniors Health Insurance Information Program Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act	93.779 93.779	90SAPG0099-01-03 1801NCMISH-00	8,340 4,819 13,159	- - -	- -	- - -

Burke County, North Carolina Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program/Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Federal (Direct & Pass- Through) Expenditures	State Expenditures	Passed-through to Subrecipients	Local Expenditures
Administration for Children and Families	_					
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Health and Hum	an Services:					
Division of Social Services: Family Reunification	93.556	1901NCFPSS & 1901NCFPSS	54,672	_	_	_
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	30.000	190 1101 1 33 & 190 1101 1 33	04,072		_	_
Administration	93.558	1902NCTANF & 2002NCTANF	786,067	-	-	1,182,111
Special Childrens Adoption Child Support Enforcement	93.558 93.563	1901NCTANF & 2001NCTANF	18,570 592,048	779	-	304,216
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant						
Administration	93.568	G19B1NCLIEA & G20B1NCLIEA	70,918	-	-	-
Direct Benefit Payments	93.568	G19B1NCLIEA & G20B1NCLIEA	601,614	12	-	-
Crisis Intervention Payments Permanency Planning	93.568 93.645	G19B1NCLIEA & G20B1NCLIEA G1901NCCWSS & G2001NCCWSS	399,640 30,596	-	-	- 10,199
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G1901NCCWSS & G2001NCCWSS G1901NCSOSR & G2001NCSOSR	503,377	4,371	-	159,585
Total Division of Social Services	00.007	0.00.110.000.110.000.11	3,057,502	5,162		1,656,111
Foster Care and Adoption Cluster (Note 4)						
Title IV-E Foster Care	93.658	2001NCFOST	547,036	57,779	-	483,521
Adoption Assistance - Direct Benefit Payments Adoption/Foster Care Special Provision	93.659 93.658	2001NCADPT 2001NCFOST	1,442,346 182,304	258,543	-	280,183 16,404
Total Foster Care and Adoption Cluster (Note 4)	93.030	2001110F031	2,171,686	316,322		780,108
Subsidized Child Care Child Care Development Fund Cluster Division of Social Services						
Child Care Development Fund - Administration	93.596		131,021	-	_	_
Total Subsidized Child Care Cluster			131,021			
Health Care Financing Administration Passed-through the N.C. Department of Health and Human Division of Social Services: Medical Assistance Program (Note 5)		VIV MADOO	2.747.402	12.067		000.400
Administration Health Choice	93.778 93.767	XIX-MAP20 CHIP20	2,747,462 84,546	13,967 1,351	-	996,166 15,323
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G1901NC1420 & G2001NC1420	85,103	7,419	-	49,275
Total Division of Medical Assistance			2,917,111	22,737		1,060,764
Passed-through the N.C. Department of Health and Human Division of Public Health:	Services:					
COVID-19 Relief Fund	21.019		119,750	_	-	-
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069		27,775	-	-	-
Project Grants for TB Control	93.116		50	-	-	-
Immunization Grant Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	93.268 93.994		174,811 27,303	-	-	- 11,462
Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Grant	93.994		100	-	-	11,402
Family Planning Services	93.217		53,934	-	-	-
Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991		40,523	-	-	-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious	93.558		12,594	-	-	-
Diseases	93.353		140,107	-	-	-
Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response Total Division of Public Health	93.354		596,947			11,462
				200 750		
Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services			9,174,408	366,759		3,518,469
US Forestry Service Passed-through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction:						
Timber Receipts	10.666	FY 2020 SRS	62,479		62,479	
Total Federal Awards			14,513,903	366,759	1,036,767	4,362,474
State Awards:						
N.C. Department of Health and Human Services						
Division of Social Services				204.22=		74.007
Adoption Subsidy Extended Foster Care Maximization			-	324,907 62,095	-	74,867
State Foster Home Maximization			-	155,016	-	155,016
State Foster Care Benefits Program			-	632,562	-	81,487
Extended Foster Care >20 Stipend			-	7,700	-	-
Foster Care Stipend			-	94,300	-	-
APS/CPS Care COVID-19 Total Division of Social Services				33,673 1,310,253		311,370
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Burke County, North Carolina

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Grantor/Pass-Through	Federal Assistance Listing	Pass-Through Grantor's	Federal (Direct & Pass- Through)	State	Passed-through to	Local
Grantor/Program/Cluster Title	Number	Number	Expenditures	Expenditures	Subrecipients	Expenditures
Division of Public Health:						
Healthly Community Activities			-	3,747	-	-
HIV/STD SSBG Aid			-	500	-	-
Tuberculosis			-	18,741	-	-
Communicable Diseases			-	1,610	-	-
Child Health			-	279 40,485	-	-
Family Planning Maternal Health			-	40,485 34.408	-	-
Women Health Service Fund			-	9,899	-	-
School Nurse Funding Incentive			_	100,000	_	_
STD Drugs			-	1,501	-	-
General Aid to Counties			-	114,459	-	-
Food and Lodging Fees				12,433		
Total Division of Public Health				338,062		
Total N.C. Department of Health and Human Services				1,648,315		311,370
N.C. Department of Public Safety						
Emergency Management						
NC Tier II Noncompetitive Grant		MOA#2070049	_	1,000	_	_
Division of Administration, Community Programs				1,000		
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Programs		012-XXXX	-	387,074	387,074	116,122
Total N.C. Department of Public Safety			-	388,074	387,074	116,122
N.C. Department of Commerce						
Industrial Development Fund / Utiltiy Account		U-505	-	1,148,157	-	390,218
One NC Grant - Jackson Corrugated		2017-21318	-	75,000	-	39,595
Rural Center Development Grant - Synergy Rural Center Development Grant - Marves		2019-139-3201-2587 2019-122-3201-2587	-	51,303 15,463	-	18,367 2,644
Total N.C. Department of Commerce		2019-122-3201-2367		1,289,923		450,824
Total N.S. Department of Commerce				1,200,020		400,024
N.C. Department of Cultural and Natural Resources						
Division of State Library:						
Aid to Public Libraries Fund				139,132		
Total N.C. Department of Cultural and Natural Resource	es			139,132		
N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services						
Soil Conservation Assistance	•	18-024-4014	_	3,600	_	3,600
Soil Conservation Technician Cost Sharing		18-024-4014		26,880	_	122,044
Spay and Neuter Grant			-	8,897	8,897	
Total N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Se	rvices			39,377	8,897	125,644
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality						
Abandoned Mobile Home Grant		Contract No. 8138		9,000		3,800
N.C. Division of Votoran's Affairs						
N.C. Division of Veteran's Affairs				2,084		41,246
Veteran's Service Program				2,004		41,240
Total State Awards				3,515,905	395,971	1,049,006
Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 14,513,903	3,882,664	\$ 1,432,738 \$	5,411,480

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Financial Awards:

1. Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State award activity of Burke County under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2021. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Burke County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of Burke County.

2. Summary of Significant Account Policies:

Expenditures reported in the SEFSA are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rate:

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

4. The following are clustered by the NC Department of Health and Human Services and are treated separately for state audit requirement purposes: Foster Care and Adoption

Burke County, North Carolina Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Federal		Federal			
	Assistance	Pass-Through	(Direct & Pass-		Passed-through	
Grantor/Pass-Through	Listing	Grantor's	Through)	State	to	Local
Grantor/Program/Cluster Title	Number	Number	Expenditures	Expenditures	Subrecipients	Expenditures

5. Benefit Payments Issued by the State:
The amounts listed below were paid directly to individual receipients by the State from federal and State moneys. County personnel are involved with certain functions, primarily eligibility determinations that cause benefit payments to be issued by the State. These amounts disclose this additional aid to County recipients that do not appear in the basic financial statements because they are not revenues and expenditures of the County.

Program Title	CFDA No.	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infant and Children	10.557	454,445	-
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.551	30,727,017	-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	1,015,488	-
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1,442,346	258,543
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658	1,460,260	369,924
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	120,954,694	46,581,131
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	2,483,643	498,303
Child Welfare Services Adoption		-	324,907
State / County Special Assistance program		-	535,500