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Town of Lucama

Lucama, North Carolina

Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor And Members of the Town Council Lucama, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lucama, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town'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 controls 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 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.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' 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 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 qualified audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lucama, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where appropriate, thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General 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 on pages 3 through 9 and the Local Government Employee's Retirement System's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Contributions, on pages 44 through 47 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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 the basic financial statements of the Town of Lucama. The combining and individual fund statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary schedules and other schedules 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, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described above, the budgetary schedules and other schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 22, 2024, on our consideration of the Town of Lucama's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements, and other matters. The purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Lucama's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Nunn, Brashear, & Uzzell, P.A.

Goldsboro, North Carolina March 22, 2024 Management's Discussion and Analysis

Management's Discussion and Analysis

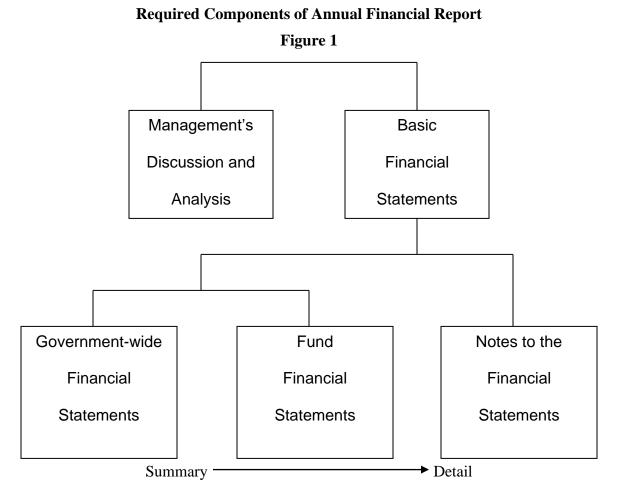
As management of Town of Lucama, we offer readers of Town of Lucama's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional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

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the fiscal year by \$11,127,924 (net position).
- The government's total net position increased by \$197,968 during the fiscal year.
- At the close of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported ending fund balance of \$1,516,782 with a net decrease of \$112,388. Approximately 25.4% of this total amount, or \$384,866, is restricted.
- At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$981,566, or 166.0% of total General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- At the close of the fiscal year, the Town's business-type activities reported combined ending net position of \$8,649,110 with a net increase of \$375,300.
- The Town's total long-term debt decreased \$33,337 (3.6%) during the current fiscal year. This is due to loan repayments.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to Town of Lucama's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the Town 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 Town of Lucama.



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Exhibits 1 and 2) in the basic financial statements are the Government-wide Financial Statements. They provide both short and long-term information about the Town's financial status.

The next statements (Exhibits 3 through 8) are Fund Financial Statements. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are three parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; 2) the budgetary comparison statements; and 3) the proprietary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the Notes. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, Supplemental Information is provided to show details about the Town'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 Town'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 Town's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Town'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 Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into two categories: 1) governmental activities; 2) business-type activities. The governmental activities include most of the Town'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 Town charges customers to provide. These include the water and sewer and electric services offered by the Town of Lucama.

The government-wide financial statements are Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 1) provide a more detailed look at the Town'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. The Town of Lucama, like all other 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 Town's budget ordinance. All of the funds of Town of Lucama can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary 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 Town's basic services 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 provides a short-term spending focus. 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 Town's programs. The relationship between government 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 Town of Lucama 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 Town, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the Town to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the Town complied with the budget ordinance and whether the Town 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 four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the board; 2) the final budget as amended by the board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Proprietary Funds – Town of Lucama has two proprietary funds. Enterprise Funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Town of Lucama uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer operations and electric operations. These funds are the same as those functions shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

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 begin on page 22 of this report.

	_	Activities	6	Activities	5	Totals			
	_	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020		
Current and other assets	\$	1,563,638 \$	1,692,504 \$	7,972,330 \$	7,560,345 \$	9,535,968 \$	9,252,849		
Capital assets		958,410	1,014,152	1,884,656	1,961,956	2,843,066	2,976,108		
Total assets		2,522,048	2,706,656	9,856,986	9,522,301	12,379,034	12,228,957		
Total deferred outflow s of resources		30,888	9,406	116,195	37,626	147,083	47,032		
Current liabilities		34,015	29,886	299,768	338,000	333,783	367,886		
Long-term liabilities		37,896	8,684	1,016,089	936,098	1,053,985	944,782		
Total liabilities	_	71,911	38,570	1,315,857	1,274,098	1,387,768	1,312,668		
Total deferred inflow s of resources		2,211	3,061	8,214	12,019	10,425	15,080		
Net position: Net investment in capital assets		958,410	1,014,152	983,296	1,027,259	1,941,706	2,041,411		
Restricted		384,866	326,471	-	-	384,866	326,471		
Unrestricted		1,135,538	1,333,808	7,665,814	7,246,551	8,801,352	8,580,359		
Total net position	\$	2,478,814 \$	2,674,431 \$	8,649,110 \$	8,273,810 \$	11,127,924 \$	10,948,241		

Town of Lucama's Net Position Figure 2

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the Town of Lucama exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$11,127,924. The Town's net position increased by \$197,968 for the fiscal year. However, a portion \$1,941,706 (17.4%) reflects the Town's net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment). The Town of Lucama uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town of Lucama's net investment in capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related 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. An additional portion of the Town of Lucama's net position, \$384,866 (3.5%), represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$8,801,352 (79.1%) is unrestricted.

Several particular aspects of the Town's financial operations positively influenced the total unrestricted governmental net position:

Town of Lucama's Changes in Net Position

- Continued diligence in the collection of property taxes by maintaining a tax collection percentage of 97.6%.
- Grant funds utilized to assist with projects and equipment.

		Figure 3					
	Governmental Activities Business-type Activities			Activities	Total		
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	
Revenues:							
Program revenues:							
Charges for services	\$ 87,161 \$	87,424 \$	2,753,987 \$	2,547,139 \$	2,841,148 \$	2,634,563	
Opearating grants/contributions	39,489	32,116	-	-	39,489	32,116	
Capital grants/contributions	-	-	68,211	58,853	68,211	58,853	
General revenues:							
Property taxes	193,986	194,613	-	-	193,986	194,613	
Unrestricted intergovernmental	158,066	151,447	-	-	158,066	151,447	
Investment earnings	130	2,737	1,228	20,936	1,358	23,673	
Other	261	21,339	6,390	5,252	6,651	26,591	
Total revenue	479,093	489,676	2,829,816	2,632,180	3,308,909	3,121,856	
Expenses:							
General government	234,520	236,675	-	-	234,520	236,675	
Public safety	186,363	182,633	-	-	186,363	182,633	
Transportation	205,072	200,251	-	-	205,072	200,251	
Cultural and recreation	30,470	22,809	-	-	30,470	22,809	
Electric	-	-	1,697,268	1,685,835	1,697,268	1,685,835	
Water and Sew er		-	757,248	627,056	757,248	627,056	
Total expenses	656,425	642,368	2,454,516	2,312,891	3,110,941	2,955,259	
Increase (decrease) in net position	(177,332)	(152,692)	375,300	319,289	197,968	166,597	
Net position, July 1	2,674,431	2,827,123	8,273,810	7,954,521	10,948,241	10,781,644	
Restatement	(18,285)	-	-	-	(18,285)	-	
Net position, restated	2,656,146	2,827,123	8,273,810	7,954,521	10,929,956	10,781,644	
Net position, June 30	\$ 2,478,814 \$	2,674,431 \$	8,649,110 \$	8,273,810 \$	11,127,924 \$	10,948,241	

Governmental activities. Governmental activities decreased the Town's net position by \$177,332.

Business-type activities. Business-type activities increased the Town's net position by \$375,300.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted earlier, Town of Lucama uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Town of Lucama's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town of Lucama's financing requirements.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Lucama. At the end of fiscal year, fund balance available in the General Fund was \$981,566, while total fund balance reached \$1,516,782. 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 166.0% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balances represent 256.5% of that same amount for the year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights. During the fiscal year, the Town 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 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.

Revenues were greater than the budgeted amounts primarily due to greater than expected intergovernmental revenues.

Expenditures were greater than the budgeted amounts for the general government, transportation, and cultural and recreation category.

Proprietary Fund: Town of Lucama's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the basic financial statements but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Electric Fund and Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year was \$7,427,939, and \$237,875, respectively. The total change in net position for the Electric Fund and Water and Sewer Fund as of June 30, 2021 was \$634,168 and \$(258,868), respectively.

Capital Asset Administration

Capital assets: Town of Lucama's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities, totals \$2,843,066 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads and bridges, land, machinery and equipment, lines, plants, park facilities and vehicles.

		Governmental	Activities	Business-type	Activities	ies Total			
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020		
Land	\$	128,550 \$	128,550 \$	269,765 \$	269,765 \$	398,315 \$	398,315		
Construction in progress		-	-	429,535	389,472	429,535	389,472		
Buildings		778,821	804,861	50,134	52,688	828,955	857,549		
Other Improvements		11,937	13,684	-	-	11,937	13,684		
Equipment		31,604	52,868	4,896	6,541	36,500	59,409		
Vehicles		-	-	26,236	-	26,236	-		
Infrastructure & system	_	7,498	14,189	1,104,090	1,243,490	1,111,588	1,257,679		
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Total	\$	958,410 \$	1,014,152 \$	1,884,656 \$	1,961,956 \$	2,843,066 \$	2,976,108		

Town of Lucama's Capital Assets (net of depreciation and amortization) Figure 4

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-term Liabilities: As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Town of Lucama had total long-term liabilities outstanding of \$901,360 and \$934,697, respectively. This debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the Town.

Town of Lucama's Outstanding Debt Figure 5

		Governmental	Activities	Business-type	Activities	Total		
	-	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	
Note payable	\$	-	- \$	283,360 \$	301,697 \$	283,360 \$	301,697	
General obligation bonds		-	-	618,000	633,000	618,000	633,000	
Total	\$	- \$	- \$	901,360 \$	934,697 \$	901,360 \$	934,697	

Town of Lucama's Outstanding Debt. The Town of Lucama's total debt decreased \$33,337 (3.6%) during the past fiscal year, primarily due to the repayment of note payables and general obligation bonds.

Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Governmental Activities: Property taxes and other revenues are expected to be consistent with the prior year, except the ad valorem tax rate will increase to \$0.50 per \$100. The budget is expected to increase \$41,042.

Business-type Activities: The budgeted operating revenues and expenditures in the Enterprise Funds for fiscal year 2022 are increased from the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The Electric Fund is expected to increase by \$203,300 while the Water and Sewer Fund is expected to increase by \$13,150.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town'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 Town Clerk, Town of Lucama, 110 South Main Street, Lucama, NC 27851.

Basic Financial Statements

Town of Lucama Statement of Net Position June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities			siness-type Activities		Total
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	980,305	\$	5,861,785	\$	6,842,090
Investments		181,648		1,568,090		1,749,738
Taxes receivable (net)		16,818		-		16,818
Accounts receivable (net)		12,915		393,080		405,995
Due from other governments		60,003		1,199		61,202
Due to/from other funds		16,430		(16,430)		-
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		295,519		164,606		460,125
Total current assets		1,563,638		7,972,330		9,535,968
Noncurrent assets: Capital assets:						
Land and non-depreciable improvements, and						
construction in progress		128,550		699,300		827,850
Other capital assets, net of depreciation		829,860		1,185,356		2,015,216
Total capital assets		958,410		1,884,656		2,843,066
Total assets		2,522,048		9,856,986		12,379,034
		2,022,040		3,030,300		12,070,004
Deferred Outflows of Resources						
Pension deferrals		30,888		116,195		147,083
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		30,010		140,853		170,863
Customer deposits		-		120,028		120,028
Accrued interest		-		2,122		2,122
Compensated absenses - current		4,005		8,932		12,937
Current portion of long-term liabilities		-		27,833		27,833
Total current liabilities		34,015		299,768		333,783
Long-term liabilities:						
Net pension liability		37,896		142,562		180,458
Due in more than one year		-		873,527		873,527
Total liabilities		71,911		1,315,857		1,387,768
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Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Prepaid taxes		27		-		27
Pension deferrals		2,184		8,214		10,398
Total deferred inflows of resources		2,211		8,214		10,425
NET POSITION						
		958,410		983,296		1,941,706
Net investment in capital assets		956,410		903,290		1,941,706
Restricted for:		00 247				00 247
Stabilization by State Statute		89,347		-		89,347
Streets Unrestricted		295,519 1,135,538		- 7,665,814		295,519 8 801 352
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Total net position	\$	2,478,814	\$	8,649,110	\$	11,127,924

Town of Lucama Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

			Program Revenues					
Functions/Programs	Expenses			Charges for Services C		Operating Grants and Contributions		bital Grants and ntributions
Primary government:								
Governmental Activities:								
General government	\$	234,520	\$	2,900	\$	10,000	\$	-
Public safety		186,363		-		-		-
Transportation		205,072		83,759		29,489		-
Cultural and recreation		30,470		502		-		-
Total governmental activities								
(See Note 1)		656,425		87,161		39,489		-
Business-type activities:								
Electric		1,697,268		2,323,871		-		-
Water and Sewer		757,248		430,116		-		68,211
Total business-type activities		2,454,516		2,753,987		-		68,211
Total primary government	\$	3,110,941	\$	2,841,148	\$	39,489	\$	68,211

General revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes, levied for general purpose

Grant and contributions not restricted to

specific programs

Unrestricted investment earnings

- Miscellaneous
 - Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position, beginning

Restatement (see note VI)

Net position, beginning, as restated

Net position, ending

	Primary Government								
Go	overnmental	Business-type							
	Activities	Activities		Total					
\$	(221,620)	\$-	\$	(221,620					
	(186,363)	-		(186,363					
	(91,824)	-		(91,824					
	(29,968)	-		(29,968					
	(529,775)	<u> </u>		(529,775					
	-	626,603		626,603					
	-	(258,921))	(258,921					
	-	367,682		367,682					
	(529,775)	367,682		(162,093					
	193,986	-		193,986					
	158,066	-		158,066					
	130	1,228		1,358					
	261	6,390		6,651					
	352,443	7,618		360,061					
	(177,332)	375,300		197,968					
	2,674,431	8,273,810		10,948,241					
	(18,285)	-		(18,285					
	2,656,146	8,273,810		10,929,956					
\$	2,478,814	\$ 8,649,110	\$	11,127,924					

Town of Lucama Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2021

	Major Fund	
	General Fund	_
ASSETS		
	\$ 980,305	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	295,519	
Investments	181,648	
Receivables, net:	40.040	
Taxes	16,818	
Accounts Due from other governments	12,915 60,003	
Due from other funds	16,430	
Total assets	1,563,638	_
=	1,000,000	-
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	30,010	
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Prepaid taxes	27	
Property taxes receivable	16,819	
Total deferred inflows of resources	16,846	
Restricted	00.047	
Stabilization by State Statute Streets	89,347 295,519	
Assigned	295,519	
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	150,350	
Unassigned	981,566	
	1,516,782	
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Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 1,563,638	
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Exhibit 3

Town of Lucama Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2021

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net	
Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds	\$ 1,516,782
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	
Gross capital assets at historical cost Accumulated depreciation	2,168,969 (1,210,559)
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds	
Compensated absences Net pension liability	(4,005) (37,896)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds	30,888
Amounts for unavailable revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements	16,819
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds	(2,184)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 2,478,814

Town of Lucama Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Major Fund		
	General Fund		
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$	193,821	
Unrestricted intergovernmental		158,066	
Restricted intergovernmental		39,489	
Premits and fees		200	
Sales and services		86,961	
Investment earnings		130	
Miscellaneous		261	
Total revenues		478,928	
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government		203,447	
Public safety		178,145	
Transportation		184,818	
Culture and recreation		24,906	
Total expenditures		591,316	
Excess (deficiency) of		(440.000)	
revenues over expenditures		(112,388)	
Net change in fund balance		(112,388)	
Fund balances, beginning		1,647,455	
Prior period adjustment (Note VI)		(18,285)	
Fund balances, beginning as restated		1,629,170	
Fund balances, ending	\$	1,516,782	

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Exhibit 4

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - 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:	9			
Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (112,388)			
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.				
Depreciation expense	(55,742)			
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the				
Change in unavailable revenue for tax revenues	165			
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.				
Compensated absences Pension expense - NCLGERS	(2,458) (6,909)			
Total changes in net position of governmental activities	\$ (177,332)			

Town of Lucama

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

	General Fund							
Revenues:		Original		Final	ļ	Actual Amounts	Fin	riance with al Budget - Positive Negative)
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Ad valorem taxes	\$	203,200	\$	203,200	\$	193,821	\$	(9,379)
Unrestricted intergovernmental		151,400		151,400		158,066		6,666
Restricted intergovernmental		750		750		39,489		38,739
Permits and fees		1,000		1,000		200		(800)
Sales and services		97,600		97,600		86,961		(10,639)
Investment earnings Miscellaneous		800 650		800 650		130 261		(670)
Total revenues		455,400		455,400		478,928		(389)
Total revenues		455,400		455,400		470,920		23,528
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government		96,582		96,582		203,447		(106,865)
Public safety		188,320		188,320		178,145		10,175
Transportation		159,268		159,268		184,818		(25,550)
Cultural and recreation		11,230		11,230		24,906		(13,676)
Total expenditures		455,400		455,400		591,316		(135,916)
Net change in fund balance	\$	-	\$	-		(112,388)	\$	(112,388)
Fund balances, beginning as previously reported						1,647,455		
Prior period adjustment (See Note VI)						(18,285)		
Fund balances, beginning as restated						1,629,170	-	
Fund balances, ending						1,516,782	_	
							-	

Town of Lucama Statement of Net Position Proprietary Fund June 30, 2021

	Major Enterprise Funds				
	Water and				
ASSETS	Electric Fund	Sewer Fund	Total		
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,714,698	\$ 147,087	\$ 5,861,785		
Investments	1,553,239	14,851	1,568,090		
Accounts receivable (net) - billed	187,484	48,461	235,945		
Accounts receivable (net) - unbilled	132,880	24,255	157,135		
Due from other governments	476	723	1,199		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	100,824	63,782	164,606		
Total current assets	7,689,601	299,159	7,988,760		
Noncurrent assets:					
Capital assets:					
Capital assets not being depreciated	54,132	645,168	699,300		
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	130,579	1,054,777	1,185,356		
Capital assets	184,711	1,699,945	1,884,656		
Total noncurrent assets	184,711	1,699,945	1,884,656		
Total assets	7,874,312	1,999,104	9,873,416		
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension deferrals	91,191	25,004	116,195		
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable and other liabilities	126,947	13,906	140,853		
Customer deposits	100,824	19,204	120,028		
Accrued interest	-	2,122	2,122		
Due to other funds	-	16,430	16,430		
Compensated absences - current	6,751	2,181	8,932		
General obligation bonds - current	-	16,000	16,000		
Notes payable - current	-	11,833	11,833		
Total current liabilities	234,522	81,676	316,198		
New survey (Pele 1991					
Noncurrent liabilities:	444.004	20.679	140 500		
Net pension liability	111,884	30,678	142,562		
General obligation bonds - noncurrent	-	602,000	602,000		
Notes payable - noncurrent	-	271,527	271,527		
Total noncurrent liabilities	111,884	904,205	1,016,089		
Total liabilities	346,406	985,881	1,332,287		
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension deferrals	6,447	1,767	8,214		
NET POSITION					
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Net investment in capital assets	184,711	798,585	983,296 7 665 814		
Unrestricted	<u>7,427,939</u> \$ 7,612,650	<u>237,875</u> \$ 1,036,460	7,665,814 \$ 8,649,110		
Total net position	\$ 7,612,650	\$ 1,036,460	\$ 8,649,110		

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

	Major Enterprise Funds				
	Water and				
	Electric Fund	Sewer Fund	Total		
OPERATING REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$ 2,319,391	\$ 430,116	\$ 2,749,507		
Other operating revenues	4,480	-	4,480		
Total operating revenues	2,323,871	430,116	2,753,987		
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Electric operations	560,932	-	560,932		
Electric power purchases	1,093,830	-	1,093,830		
Waste collection and treatment	-	297,940	297,940		
Water treatment and distribution	-	329,086	329,086		
Depreciation	42,506	102,967	145,473		
Total operating expenses	1,697,268	729,993	2,427,261		
Operating income (loss)	626,603	(299,877)	326,726		
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Miscellaneous	6,340	50	6,390		
Investment earnings	1,225	3	1,228		
Interest and other charges	-	(27,255)	(27,255)		
Total Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	7,565	(27,202)	(19,637)		
Income (loss) Before contributions and transfers	634,168	(327,079)	307,089		
Restricted Intergovernmental	-	68,211	68,211		
Change in net position	634,168	(258,868)	375,300		
Total net position - beginning	6,978,482	1,295,328	8,273,810		
Total net position - ending	\$ 7,612,650	\$ 1,036,460	\$ 8,649,110		

Town of Lucama Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Major Enterprise Funds			
	Water and			
	Electric Fund	Sewer Fund	Total	
Cash flows from (used for) operating activities:				
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,337,578	\$ 417,084	\$ 2,754,662	
Cash paid for goods and services	(1,327,537)	(541,760)	(1,869,297)	
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	(309,487)	(92,436)	(401,923)	
Customer deposits received, net	(1,630)	(311)	(1,941)	
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	698,924	(217,423)	481,501	
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:				
Nonoperating revenues received	6,340	68,261	74,601	
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	6,340	68,261	74,601	
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	-	(68,173)	(68,173)	
Principal paid on long-term debt	-	(33,337)	(33,337)	
Interest paid on long-term debt	-	(27,307)	(27,307)	
Net cash (used) for capital and related financing				
activities		(128,817)	(128,817)	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchase of investments	(296)	(2,213)	(2,509)	
Interest earned	1,225	3	1,228	
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	929	(2,210)	(1,281)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	706,193	(280,189)	426,004	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	5,109,329	491,058	5,600,387	
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$ 5,815,522	\$ 210,869	\$ 6,026,391	
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Town of Lucama Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Major Enterprise Funds					
	Water and					
	Electric Fund		Sewer Fund		Total	
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used for operation activities:						
Operating income (loss)	\$	626,603	\$	(299,877)	\$	326,726
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash						
used for operating activities:						
Depreciation		42,506		102,967		145,473
(Increase) decrease in operating assets						
Accounts receivable (net)		13,707		(13,032)		675
Due from other governments		(206)		(371)		(577)
Deferred outflows of resources for pensions		(60,620)		(17,949)		(78,569)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities						
Accounts payable and other liabilities		(3,067)		(30,271)		(33,338)
Customer deposits		(1,630)		(311)		(1,941)
Due to other funds		-		16,430		16,430
Compensated absences		1,290		1,313		2,603
Deferred inflows of resources for pensions		(3,318)		(487)		(3,805)
Net pension liability		83,659		24,165		107,824
Net cash used for operating activities	\$	698,924	\$	(217,423)	\$	481,501

Notes to the Financial Statements

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Lucama, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

The Town of Lucama is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and five-member board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town of Lucama.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the *governmental* and *business-type activities* of the Town of Lucama. 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 Town of Lucama and for each function of the Town of Lucama'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 or 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 Town of Lucama's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental and proprietary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on the major 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 result from non-exchange transactions. Other non-operating revenues are ancillary activities such as investment earnings.

The Town of Lucama reports one major governmental fund:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town of Lucama. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for public safety, street maintenance and construction, sanitation services, and general government services.

The Town reports the following major enterprise funds:

Electric Fund – This fund is used to account for the Town's electric operations.

Water and Sewer Fund – This fund is used to account for the Town's water and sewer operations. Two capital project funds have been consolidated into the Water and Sewer Fund for financial reporting purposes. The budgetary comparison for the Water Capital Project Fund and the 2018 Water System Improvement Capital Project Fund have been included in the supplemental information.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements: The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary 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 Town of Lucama gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, 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 and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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 providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Town of Lucama's enterprise find are charges to customers for sales and services. The Town of Lucama also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the water and sewer system. 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 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 Town of Lucama considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable 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. Also, 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 are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2013 and for limited registration plates are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as the utilities franchise tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town of Lucama are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered a shared revenue for the Town of Lucama because the tax is levied by Wilson County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Most 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. Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town of Lucama funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town of Lucama's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then general revenues.

D. Budgetary Data

The Town of Lucama's budgets are adopted as required by North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget ordinance is adopted for the General Fund, the Electric Fund, and the Water and Sewer Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal yearend. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Project budget ordinances were not adopted for the two water capital project funds. The

enterprise fund projects are consolidated with their respective operating fund for reporting purposes. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund or that change functional appropriations by more than \$2,500. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. 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.

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

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Town of Lucama are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The Town of Lucama may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town of Lucama 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 Town of Lucama to invest in obligations of the United States or 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 Town's investments are reported at fair value. The NCCMT Government Portfolio, a SEC-Registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund, is measured at fair value. Because the NCCMT Government and Term Portfolios have a weighted average maturity of less than 90 days, they are presented as an investment with a maturity of less than 6 months.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town of Lucama pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income and considers all cash and investments to be cash and cash equivalents.

3. <u>Restricted Assets</u>

The unexpended loan proceeds of the Water Capital Project Fund are classified as restricted assets for the enterprise fund because their use is completed restricted to the purpose for which the loan was originally issued. Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash for transportation because it can be expended only for purposes of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing, or widening of local streets as outlined in G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Customer deposits held by the Town before any services are supplied are restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected.

Town of Lucama Restricted Cash

	Jur	ne 30, 2021
Governmental Activities Transportation	\$	295,519
Business-type Activities		
Electric fund		
Customer deposits		100,824
Water and Sewer Fund		
Capital projects		44,578
Customer deposits		19,204
Total business-type activities		164,606
Total restricted cash	\$	460,125

4. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the Town of Lucama levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1st (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6th. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2020. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid prior to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

5. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

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

6. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements and expensed as the items are used.

7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The Town has not adopted minimum capitalization policies. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. General infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003, consist of the road network and water and sewer system assets that were acquired or that received substantial improvements subsequent to July 1, 1980, and are reported at estimated historical cost using deflated replacement cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Infrastructure	11-40
Buildings	15-39
Improvements	15-39
Vehicles	3-5
Maintenance and construction equipment	3-8
Furniture and office equipment	5-11

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Town of Lucama has one item that meets this criterion, contributions made to the pension plan deferrals for the 2021 fiscal year. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Town of Lucama has several items that meet the criterion for this category - prepaid taxes, property taxes receivable, and pension deferrals.

9. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discount. Bond issuance costs, except for prepaid insurance costs, are expensed in the reporting period in which they are incurred. Prepaid insurance costs are expensed over the life of the debt.

In fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of debt issued as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

10. Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the Town of Lucama provides for the accumulation of up to thirty days earned vacation with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Town of Lucama's government-wide fund and proprietary funds, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned. The Town of Lucama has assumed a first-in, first-out method of using accumulated compensated time. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements.

The Town of Lucama's sick leave policy provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the Town of Lucama does not have any obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

11. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

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

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five 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:

Non-spendable Fund Balance - This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance - This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute - North Carolina G.S. 159-8 prohibits units of government from budgeting or spending a portion of their fund balance. This is one of several statutes enacted by the North Carolina 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 G.S. 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 Streets - Powell Bill portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill funds.

Committed Fund Balance - portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of the Town of Lucama's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). The governing body can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned fund balance – portion of fund balance that the Town of Lucama intends to use for specific purposes.

Unassigned fund balance -the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

The Town has a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-town funds, and town funds. For 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 Town.

The Town of Lucama has not formally adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the General Fund as of June 30, 2021.

12. Defined Benefit Cost-Sharing Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and additions to/deductions from LGERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LGERS. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Town of Lucama's employer contributions are recognized when due and the Town of Lucama has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of LGERS. Investments are reported at fair value.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Noncompliance with North Carolina General Statutes For the fiscal year ended in June 30, 2021, the Town had the following statutory violations:

- a. The Town adopted the 2020-2021 budget late on July 3, 2020.
- b. The Town did not properly authorize the new fund or adopt a budget for the Water Capital Project Fund during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
- c. The Town did not ensure the completion of a timely audit for the year ending June 30, 2021.

B. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the expenditures made in the City's General Fund exceeded the authorized appropriations made by the governing board for general government activities by \$106,865, transportation activities by \$25,550, cultural and recreation activities by \$13,676, and water and sewer activities by \$271,096. Management and the Board will more closely review the budget reports to ensure compliance in future years.

III. DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All deposits of the Town are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Town's agent in the unit's name. 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 Town, these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's agent in the entity's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest-bearing deposits and the 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 Town or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the Town under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under collateralization, 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 for collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Town has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but relies on the State Treasurer to

enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The Town complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2021, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$7,301,965 and a bank balance of \$7,321,100. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the pooling method. At June 30, 2021, the Town's petty cash fund totaled \$250.

2. Investments

At June 30, 2021, the Town of Lucama had \$1,749,738 invested with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Government Portfolio which carried a credit rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. The City has no policy regarding credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk. The Town 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 Town limits Certificate of Deposit maturities to less than 12 months.

3. Receivables - Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

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

Governmental Activities:	A	ccounts	Taxes	_	ue from Other ernments	Total
General	\$	13,623	\$ 16,818	\$	60,003	\$ 90,444
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		(708)	-		-	(708)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	12,915	\$ 16,818	\$	60,003	\$ 89,736
<i>Business-type Activities:</i> Electric Fund Water and Sewer Fund Total receivables Allowance for doubtful accounts Total Business-type Activities	\$	340,038 76,225 416,263 (23,183) 393,080	\$ - - - - -	\$	476 723 1,199 - 1,199	\$ 340,514 76,948 417,462 (23,183) 394,279

The due from other governments that is owed to the Town consisted of the following at June 30, 2021:

Governmental Activities:	
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 16,519
County and State Sales Tax	 43,484
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 60,003
Business-type Activities:	
County and State Sales Tax	\$ 1,199

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the Primary Government ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 128,550	\$ -	\$-	\$ 128,550
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	1,291,440	-	-	1,291,440
Other Improvements	43,510	-	-	43,510
Equipment	379,628	-	-	379,628
Vehicles and motorized equipment	107,472	-	-	107,472
Infrastructure	218,369	-	-	218,369
Total capital assets being				
depreciated	2,040,419			2,040,419
Less Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	486,579	26,040	-	512,619
Other Improvements	29,826	1,747	-	31,573
Equipment	326,760	21,264	-	348,024
Vehicles and motorized equipment	107,472	-	-	107,472
Infrastructure	204,180	6,691	-	210,871
Total accumulated				
depreciation	1,154,817	\$ 55,742	\$ -	1,210,559
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	885,602			829,860
Total capital assets, net	\$ 1,014,152			\$ 958,410

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

General government	21,706
Public safety	8,218
Transportation	20,254
Cultural and recreational	 5,564
Total depreciation expense	\$ 55,742

		Beginning Balance	In	creases	Dec	reases		Ending Balance
Business-type activities:								
Electric Fund:								
Capital assets not being depreciated:								
Land	\$	54,132	\$	-	\$	-	\$	54,132
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Buildings		102,129		-		-		102,129
Electric system		910,564		-		-		910,564
Equipment		41,508		-		-		41,508
Vehicles		248,878		-		-		248,878
System improvements		356,081		-		-		356,081
Total capital assets being depreciated		1,659,160		-		-		1,659,160
Less Accumulated depreciation:								
Buildings		49,441		2,554		-		51,995
Electric system		844,938		32,411		-		877,349
Equipment		41,495		13		-		41,508
Vehicles		248,878		-		-		248,878
System improvements		301,323		7,528		-		308,851
Total accumulated depreciation		1,486,075	\$	42,506	\$	-		1,528,581
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		173,085						130,579
Electric Fund capital assets, net	\$	227,217					\$	184,711
Water and Sewer Fund:		· · · · · ·						· · · · ·
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land	\$	215,633	\$		\$		\$	215,633
Construction in progress	φ	389,472	φ	40,063	φ	-	φ	429,535
Total capital assets not being depreciated		605,105		40,063				645,168
		000,100		+0,000				0-0,100
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Water plant and wells		265,678		-		-		265,678
Water distribution system		791,582		-		-		791,582
Equipment		25,473		29 110		-		25,473
Vehicles Sower system		44,578 3,630,730		28,110		-		72,688 3,630,730
Sewer system Total capital assets being depreciated		4,758,041		28,110				4,786,151
		4,730,041		20,110				+,700,131
Less Accumulated depreciation:								
Water plant and wells		263,216		985		-		264,201
Water distribution system		604,875		15,498		-		620,373
Equipment		18,945		1,632		-		20,577
Vehicles		44,578		1,874		-		46,452
Sewer system Total accumulated depreciation		2,696,793 3,628,407	\$	82,978	\$	-		2,779,771 3,731,374
			φ	102,967	Φ	-		3,731,374
Total capital assets being depreciated, net Water and Sewer Fund capital		1,129,634						1,054,777
assets, net Business-type Activities Capital	\$	1,734,739					\$	1,699,945
Assets, Net	\$	1,961,956					\$	1,884,656

B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plan Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The Town of Lucama is a participating employer in the statewide Local Government 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 governmental entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 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 Local Government Employees' Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State of North Carolina. The State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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, or by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

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 of 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 with15 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 Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Town of Lucama employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The Town of Lucama's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2021, was 10.22% of compensation for general employees, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town of Lucama were \$40,397 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The Town of Lucama has no covered-employees engaged in law enforcement as these services are contracted with Wilson County.

Refunds of Contributions. Town of Lucama 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 Town of Lucama reported a liability of \$180,458 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability 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 Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town'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, 2020 (measurement date), the Town of Lucama's proportion was 0.00505% which was an increase of 0.00346% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Town recognized pension expense of \$72,558. At June 30, 2021, the Town of Lucama reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows		Deferred Inflows	
	of	Resources	of	Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	22,789	\$	-
Changes in assumption		13,430		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on				
pension plan investments		25,394		-
Changes in proportion and differences between Town				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		45,271		10,398
Town contributions subsequent to measurement date		40,199		-
Total	\$	147,083	\$	10,398

\$40,199 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Town of Lucama contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension asset in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ended June 30,	
2022	\$ 28,079
2023	34,381
2024	26,509
2025	 7,517
	\$ 96,486

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 percent
Salary increases	3.5 to 8.1 percent, including inflation and
	productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.00 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 for the period January 1, 2010 through 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 return projections are 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 of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term Expected Real
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Rate of Return
Fixed Income	29.0%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternative	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	100.0%	

The information above is based on 30 years expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2019 asset, liability, and investment policy study of the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic 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 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 benefits 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 Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the Town's 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 percent) or percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	 1% Decrease (6.00%)		Current Discount Rate (7.00%)		1% Increase (8.00%)	
Town's proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	\$ 366,130	\$	180,458	\$	26,152	

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

b. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Employees

Plan Description. The Town 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 general employees (non-law enforcement personnel) employed by the Town. 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 is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's ACFR includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan. 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. The Town of Lucama voluntarily contributes each month an amount equal to 3.5% of each employee's salary. Also, the employees may make voluntary contributions to the plan.

The Town made contributions of \$8,066 for the reporting year. No amounts were forfeited during the reporting year.

2. Other Employment Benefit

The Town has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Government 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 and 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 may not exceed \$50,000 or less than \$25,000. Because all death benefit payments are from the Death Benefit Plan and not by the Town, the Town does not determine the number of eligible participants. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the postemployment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based upon rates established annually by the State. The Town of Lucama considers these contributions to be immaterial.

3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources at year-end are comprised of the following:

Source	 Amount
Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year	\$ 40,397
Differences between expected and actual experience	22,591
Changes in assumptions	13,430
Net difference between projected and actual	 25,394
Total	\$ 147,083

Deferred inflows of resources at year-end are comprised of the following:

Source	Statement of Net Position		General Fund Balance Sheet	
Taxes receivable (General Fund)	\$	-	\$ 16,818	
Prepaid taxes (General Fund)		27	27	
Changes in proprotion and differences between				
employer contributions and proportionate share of		10,398	 -	
Total	\$	10,425	\$ 16,845	

4. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town participates in three self-funded risk-financing pools administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through these pools, the Town obtains general liability and auto liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence, property coverage up to the total insured values of the property policy, workers' compensation coverage up to statutory limits, and employee health coverage. The liability and property exposures are reinsured through commercial carriers for claims in excess of retentions as selected by the Board of Trustees each year. Excess insurance coverage is purchased by the Board of Trustees to protect against large workers' compensation claims that exceed certain dollar cost levels. Medical stop loss insurance is purchased by the Board of Trustees to protect against large medical claims that exceed certain dollar cost levels. Specific information on the limits of the reinsurance, excess and stop loss policies purchased by the Board of Trustees can be obtained by contacting the Risk Management Services Department of the NC League of Municipalities. The pools are audited annually by certified public accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the Town upon request.

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

The Town does not have any buildings or land located in the flood plain; therefore, the Town has not purchased and did not carry flood insurance for the year ended June 30, 2021.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Town's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Town's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$50,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$11,000.

5. <u>Claims, Judgements and Contingent Liabilities</u>

A lawsuit by five former employees was filed for discrimination. The lawsuit was settled in July, 2022. The insurance company paid \$80,000 and the Town paid \$20,000. No liability for this settlement has been recorded. At June 30, 2021, there were no other lawsuits against the Town of Lucama that materially impact its financial statements.

6. Long-term Obligations

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation 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. The legal debt margin for the Town is \$2,989,920.

a. Notes Payable

Serviced by the Water and Sewer Fund - On January 6, 2020, the Town entered into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality for a \$366,742, 0% interest loan. The amount requested and remaining principal balance was \$283,360 as of June 30, 2021.

Future maturities of the bonds are as follows:

NC Dept. of Environmental Quality									
Year Ending									
June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total						
2022	\$ 11,833	\$-	\$ 11,833						
2023	15,085	-	15,085						
2024	15,085	-	15,085						
2025	15,085	-	15,085						
2026	15,085	-	15,085						
2027 - 2031	75,424	-	75,424						
2032 - 2036	75,424	-	75,424						
2037 - 2040	60,339	-	60,339						
Total	\$283,360	\$-	\$283,360						

b. General Obligation Indebtedness

Serviced by the Water and Sewer Fund - On October 23, 2006, the Town issued Series 2006A bonds in the amount of \$631,000 and Series 2006B bonds in the amount of \$169,000. The proceeds from the bonds were used to finance improvements to the Town's sanitary sewer system. The bonds bear interest at

4.375% and 4.125%, respectively, and mature in 2046. The remaining principal balance was \$487,000 and \$131,000, respectively, as of June 30, 2021. Future maturities of the bonds are as follows:

USDA Series 2006A					USDA Series 2006B					
Year Ending				_						
June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total	_	Principal		Principal Interes			Total
2022	\$ 13,000	\$ 21,306	\$ 34,306		\$	3,000	\$	5,404	\$	8,404
2023	13,000	20,738	33,738			3,000		5,280		8,280
2024	13,000	20,169	33,169			4,000		5,156		9,156
2025	14,000	19,600	33,600			4,000		4,991		8,991
2026	14,000	18,988	32,988			4,000		4,826		8,826
2027 - 2031	79,000	85,181	164,181			21,000		21,656		42,656
2032 - 2036	95,000	66,544	161,544			25,000		16,912		41,912
2037 - 2041	112,000	44,319	156,319			30,000		11,344		41,344
2041 - 2046	134,000	17,938	151,938	_		37,000 4,703		4,703		41,703
Total	\$487,000	\$314,783	\$801,783	=	\$1	31,000	\$	80,272	\$2	211,272

c. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Governmental Activities:	Beginr	ning Balance	<u>In</u>	creases	De	creases	Ending Balances	Po	Current ortion of alance
Compensated absences	\$	1,547	\$	2,458	\$	-	\$ 4,005	\$	4,005
Net pension liability (LGERS)		8,684		29,212		-	 37,896		-
Total Governmental Activities	\$	10,231	\$	31,670	\$	-	\$ 41,901	\$	4,005
Business-type Activities: Electric Fund									
Compensated absences	\$	5,461	\$	1,290	\$	-	\$ 6,751	\$	6,751
Net pension liability (LGERS)		28,225		83,659		-	 111,884		-
Total Electric Fund	\$	33,686	\$	84,949	\$	-	\$ 118,635	\$	6,751
Water and Sewer Fund									
Compensated absences	\$	868	\$	1,313	\$	-	\$ 2,181	\$	2,181
Net pension liability (LGERS)		6,513		24,165		-	30,678		-
Note payable		301,697		-		18,337	283,360		11,833
General obligation bonds		633,000				15,000	618,000		16,000
Total Water and Sewer Fund	\$	942,078	\$	25,478	\$	33,337	\$ 934,219	\$	30,014
Business activity long-term									
liabilities	\$	975,764	\$	110,427	\$	33,337	\$ 1,052,854	\$	36,765

C. Interfund Balances and Activity

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

Due from Water and Sewer Fund to General Fund <u>\$16,430</u>

D. Net Investment in Capital Assets

	Gov	/ernmental	Bu	usiness-type	
	A	Activities	Activities		
Capital Assets	\$	958,410	\$	1,884,656	
Less: Long-term debt		-	_	901,360	
Net investment in capital assets	\$	958,410	\$	983,296	

D. Fund Balance

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

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The Town of Lucama has not adopted a formal minimum fund balance policy.

IV. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Town of Lucama 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 funds.

V. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 22, 2024 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

The entire personnel staff, administrative and maintenance, has been replaced since the fiscal year-end. The governing board, with the exception of two board members, have changed.

A lawsuit by five former employees was filed for discrimination. The lawsuit was settled in July, 2022. The insurance company paid \$80,000 and the Town paid \$20,000. No liability for this settlement has been recorded.

In August, 2018, NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) awarded the Town a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grant for up to \$2,227,200. The final project is projected to be \$1,924,966. No expenses have been occurred as of June 30, 2020.

In March, 2020, NCDEQ awarded the Town a CWSRF loan of \$1,467,500 under the CWSRF loan for sanitary sewer improvements. The project has not started construction as the Division of Water infrastructure has not issued an "Authority to Award" based on outstanding audit reports that are needed to be submitted for the Local Government Commission to approve. For their project, up to \$500,000 of the awarded funds will be forgiven loan funds and recognized as grants. The remaining \$967,500 will be in the form of a 20-year loan, with 0% interest loan, and an annual principal payment of \$48,375.

In March 2022, NCDEQ awarded the Town a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan of \$1,405,000 for construction of an elevated storage tank and replacement of waterlines on Spring Street and Campbell Street. This project is in the design phase and final plans/specifications will be submitted over the next month. As with the sewer project, this project will not be allowed to move forward without audit reports being completed and obtaining Local Government Commission approval. Based on the awarded funds, \$500,000 of funds will be grant funds (forgiven loan). The remaining \$905,000 will be in the form of a 20-year loan, with 0% interest. This will result in an annual debt service payment of \$45,250.

In July, 2021 and July, 2022, the Town received two separate disbursements from the American Rescue Plan Act for funding for revenue replacement. The amount funded was \$183,570 for a total of \$367,140.

VI. <u>Restatements</u>

Fund Level and Government Wide – During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Town determined the fund balance and net assets of the General Fund needed restatement caused by a financial software change during the year as follows:

Unidentified discrepancy <u>\$ (18,285)</u>

Required Supplementary Information

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

*Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability -Local Government Employees' Retirement System

*Schedule of Contributions -Local Government Employees' Retirement System

Town of Lucama Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Last Eight Fiscal Years *

	2021	 2020
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) %	0.00505%	0.00159%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 180,458	\$ 43,422
Town's covered employee payroll	\$ 351,518	\$ 182,188
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	51.33%	23.83%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability**	91.63%	94.18%

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

** This will be the same percentage for all particpant employers in the LGERS plan.

Note: Town implemented GASB Statement No. 68 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; therefore, ten years of data is not yet available.

 2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	 2015	 2014
0.00322%	0.00434%	0.00460%	0.00467%	0.00441%	0.00500%
\$ 76,389	\$ 66,302	\$ 97,628	\$ 90,959	\$ (26,008)	\$ 60,269
\$ 231,894	\$ 267,091	\$ 271,625	\$ 285,122	\$ 260,231	\$ 288,929
32.94%	24.82%	35.94%	7.35%	-9.99%	20.86%
91.47%	98.09%	99.07%	102.64%	94.35%	96.45%

Town of Lucama Schedule of Town Contributions Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Last Eight Years

	2021		 2020	2019	
Contractually required contribution	\$	40,199	\$ 31,461	\$	14,247
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		40,199	 31,461		14,247
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	396,049	\$ 351,518	\$	182,188
Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll		10.15%	8.95%		7.82%

Note: Town implemented GASB Statement No. 68 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; therefore, ten years of data is not yet available.

 2018	 2017	 2016	 2015		2014
\$ 17,243	\$ 19,924	\$ 21,302	\$ 20,614	\$	19,073
\$ 17,243	\$ 19,924 -	\$ 21,302	\$ 20,614	\$	19,073 -
\$ 231,894	\$ 267,091	\$ 271,625	\$ 285,122	\$	260,231
7.44%	7.46%	7.84%	7.23%		7.33%

Fund Financial Statements

General Fund - The General Fund is the main operating fund of the Town.

Town of Lucama General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

		Dudaat		A = (+ - = 1		Variance Positive
Devenues		Budget	·	Actual		(Negative)
Revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes:	^		•		•	
Taxes	\$	199,700	\$	192,214	\$	(7,486)
Penalties and interest		3,500		1,607		(1,893)
Total	. <u> </u>	203,200	· —	193,821		(9,379)
Unrestricted intergovernmental:						
Local option sales taxes		69,000		84,785		15,785
Utilities franchise tax		69,000		68,415		(585)
Sales tax refund		6,500		-		(6,500)
Gas tax refund		1,900		-		(1,900)
Beer and wine tax		5,000		4,866		(134)
Total		151,400		158,066		6,666
Restricted intergovernmental:						
State Powell Bill allocation		-		28,833		28,833
Solid waste disposal tax		750		20,000		(94)
COVID 19 Grant		750		10,000		10,000
Total		750	· <u> </u>	39,489	• -	38,739
lotai		100	· <u> </u>	00,100	• -	
Premits and fees						
Zoning permits and fees		1,000		200		(800)
Sales and services:						
Solid waste disposal		78,600		83,517		4,917
Late charges		3,000		242		(2,758)
Rental income		16,000		3,202		(12,798)
Total		97,600		86,961		(10,639)
Investment earnings		800		130		(670)
Other Revenues:						
Miscellaneous		650		261		(389)
Total	_	650		261		(389)
Total revenues	\$	455,400	\$	478,928	\$	23,528

Town of Lucama General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	_	Budget		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures:					
General government: Salaries and benefits	\$	13,000	\$	12,757	\$ 243
Administration					
Administration: Salaries and benefits				98,664	
Tax collection fees				7,186	
Operating expenses				36,923	
Insurance				1,777	
Contracted services				45,170	
Repairs and maintenance				970	
Total		83,582		190,690	(107,108)
Total general government		96,582		203,447	(106,865)
Public safety:					
Sheriff contract - Wilson County		147,650		137,475	10,175
Crossroad Volunteer Fire Department		40,670		40,670	
Total public safety		188,320		178,145	10,175
Transportation: Streets and highways:					
Salaries and benefits				56,369	
Operating expenditures				32,380	
Repairs and maintenance				20,393	
Contracted services				66,480	
Insurance		450.000		9,196	
Total transportation		159,268		184,818	(25,550)
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation:	ዮ		\$	1 1 1 1 7 1	¢ (4 4 4 4 7)
Operating expenses	\$	-	Φ	14,147	\$ (14,147)

Town of Lucama General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Community Building: Operating expenses Repairs and maintenance		\$	
Total	\$7,230	7,157	5 73
Library: Operating expenses	4,000	3,602	398
Total culture and recreation	11,230	24,906	(13,676)
Total expenditures	455,400	591,316	(135,916)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	(112,388)	\$ (112,388)
Fund balances, beginning Prior period adjustment (See Note VI) Fund balances, beginning as restated Fund balances, ending		1,647,455 (18,285) 1,629,170 \$ 1,516,782	

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of net income is appropriate for accountability purposes.

Electric Fund - The fund is used to account for the Town's Electric operations.

Water and Sewer Fund - The fund is used to account for the Town's Water and Sewer operations.

Water Capital Project Fund - The fund is used to account for the grants and loans and capital project costs of a water system improvement project.

Town of Lucama Electric Fund Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP) For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

		Budget		Actual		Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:	_				-	· · · ·
Operating revenues:						
Charges for electricity	\$	2,300,000	\$	2,138,607	\$	(161,393)
REPS charges		-		26,561		26,561
Sales tax revenue		145,000		141,904		(3,096)
Late Fees		-		12,319		12,319
Connection fees new service		4,000		1,525		(2,475)
Reconnect fees		7,500		2,955		(4,545)
Total operating revenues		2,456,500		2,323,871	· -	(132,629
Nonoperating revenues:						
Miscellaneous		100		6,340		6,240
Interest		6,700		1,225		(5,475)
Total nonoperating revenues	_	6,800		7,565		765
Total revenues	_	2,463,300	• ,	2,331,436	-	(131,864
Expenditures:						
Electrical operations:						
Salaries benefits				289,766		
Repairs and maintenance				10,353		
Sales tax expense				141,691		
Insurance				5,801		
Other operating expenses				72,541		
Contractual services				19,769	_	
Total Administration	_	640,500	•	539,921		100,579
Electrical power purchases	_	1,822,800		1,093,830		728,970
Total expenditures	\$	2,463,300	\$	1,633,751	\$	829,549

Town of Lucama Electric Fund Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP) For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)		
\$ -	697,685	\$ 697,685		
•	(1,290) 60,620 3,318 (83,659) (42,506) (63,517)			
	Budget \$ - urces - pensions rces - pensions	<u>\$ -</u> 697,685 urces - pensions 60,620 ces - pensions 3,318 (83,659) (42,506)		

Town of Lucama Water and Sewer Fund Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP) For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Revenues:		Budget		Actual		Variance Positive (Negative)
Operating revenues:	¢	475 000	۴	000 504	ሱ	07 504
Charges for water	\$	175,000	\$	202,564	\$	27,564
Charges for sewer		180,000		185,626		5,626
Capacity charges		35,000		34,318		(682)
Tap fees Late fees		- 57.000		1,800 5,808		1,800 (51,192)
Total operating revenues	_	57,000 447,000		430,116	-	(16,884)
Nonoperating revenues:						
Miscellaneous		2,000		50		(1,950)
Interest		100		3		(97)
Total nonoperating revenues	_	2,100		53		(2,047)
Total revenues	_	449,100		430,169	•	(18,931)
Expenditures:						
Water treatment and distribution:						
Salaries and benefits				98,165		
Repairs and maintenance				113,501		
Insurance				1,908		
Other operating expenses				82,990		
Contractual services Total Administration	_	207,570		5,792 302,356	•	(94,786)
		201,310		302,330	•	(94,700)
Waste collection and treatment Sewer treatment fees				329,086		
Total	_	196,346		329,086	•	(132,740)
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement				33,337		
Interest and fees	_		_	27,307		
Total	_	45,184		60,644	-	(15,460)
Capital outlay:						
Equipment				28,110	. <u>.</u>	(28,110)
Total	. –	-		28,110		(28,110)
Total expenditures	\$	449,100	_ \$ _	720,196	\$	(271,096)

Town of Lucama Water and Sewer Fund Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP) For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues (under) expenditures	\$-	(290,027)	\$ (290,027)
Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:			
Reconciling items:			
Decrease in accrued interest		52	
Decrease in compensated absences		(1,313)	
Increase in deferred outflows of resou	rces - pensions	(17,949)	
Increase in deferred inflows of resource	ces - pensions	(487)	
Increase in net pension liability		24,165	
Capital outlays		28,110	
Depreciation		(102,967)	
Principal retirement		33,337	
Capital project fund contributions		68,211	
Total		31,159	
Change in net position		\$ (258,868)	

Town of Lucama Water Capital Project Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Revenues Restricted Intergovernmental:	Project Authorization	Prior Year	Actual Current Year	Total to Date	Variance Positive (Negative)
Dept. of Enviornmental Quality	\$ 121,882	\$ 58,853	\$ 61,740	\$ 120,593	\$ (1,289)
Expenditures					
Legal	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Grant administration	-	24,990	6,500	31,490	(31,490)
Construction	292,241	258,992	27,318	286,310	5,931
Engineering	170,415	50,400	5,465	55,865	114,550
Closing Costs	9,006	9,006	-	9,006	-
Other reimburseable expenses	-	732	780	1,512	(1,512)
Contingency	13,666	-	-	-	13,666
Total expenditures	489,328	344,120	40,063	384,183	105,145
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(367,446)	(285,267)	21,677	(263,590)	(106,434)
Other Financing Sources					
Proceeds from long-term debt	367,446	301,697	-	301,697	(65,749)
Total other financing sources	367,446	301,697	-	301,697	(65,749)
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 16,430	21,677	\$ 38,107	\$(172,183)
Fund balance, beginning Fund balance. ending			16,430 \$ 38,107		

Town of Lucama 2018 Water System Improvement Capital Project Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Revenues	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Restricted Intergovernmental: Dept. of Enviornmental Quality	\$-	\$ 6,471	\$ 6,471
Expenditures Total expenditures	<u> </u>		
Revenues over expenditures	<u> </u>	6,471	6,471
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	6,471	\$ 6,471
Fund balance, beginning Fund balance. ending		- \$ 6,471	

Other Schedules

This section contains additional information required on property taxes.

*Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

*Analysis of Current Tax Levy - Town-wide Levy

Town of Lucama Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable June 30, 2021

_	Balance	_	Additions		Collections And Credits		Uncollected Balance June 30, 2021
\$	5,296 2,167 2,966 1,754 790 833 876 651	\$	194,833 - - - - - - - - - -	(a) \$	3,221 131 33 77 40 83 41 63	») \$	2,075 2,036 2,933 1,677 750 750 835 588
	506 814	_	-		3 814		503
\$	16,653	\$_	194,833	\$	194,668 (0	4)	16,818
		or un	collectible ac	counts	::		
Ad	valorem taxes	receiv	vable - net			\$	16,818
Rec	conciliation to	evenu	ues:				
Ad valorem taxes - General Fund Reconciling items: Discounts and releases Adjustments Interest collected Subtotal						\$	193,821 (1,367) 897 <u>1,317</u> <u>847</u> 194,668 (d)
	Jun \$ 	5,296 2,167 2,966 1,754 790 833 876 651 506 814 \$ <u>16,653</u> Less: allowance f General Fund Ad valorem taxes <u>Reconciliation to r</u> Ad valorem taxes <u>Reconciliation to r</u> Ad valorem taxes <u>Reconciling item</u> Discounts and Adjustments Interest collect Subtotal	Balance June 30, 2020 \$ - \$ 5,296 2,167 2,966 1,754 790 833 876 651 506 814 \$	Balance June 30, 2020 Additions \$ - \$ 194,833 5,296 - 2,167 - 2,966 - 1,754 - 790 - 833 - 876 - 651 - 506 - 814 - \$ 16,653 \$ 194,833 Less: allowance for uncollectible ac General Fund Ad valorem taxes receivable - net Reconciliation to revenues: Ad valorem taxes - General Fund Reconciling items: Discounts and releases Adjustments Interest collected Subtotal	Balance Additions \$ - \$ 194,833 (a) \$ \$ 5,296 - 2,167 - 2,966 - 1,754 - 790 - 833 - 876 - 651 - 651 - 814 - \$ 16,653 \$ 194,833 \$ Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts General Fund Ad valorem taxes receivable - net Reconciliation to revenues: Ad valorem taxes - General Fund Reconciling items: Discounts and releases Adjustments Interest collected Subtotal	Balance Collections June 30, 2020 Additions And Credits \$ - \$ 194,833 (a) \$ 190,162 (b \$ 2,167 - 3,221 2,167 - 131 2,966 - 33 1,754 - 77 790 - 40 833 - 83 876 - 41 651 - 63 506 - 3 814 - 814 \$ 16,653 \$ 194,833 \$ 194,668 (c Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts: General Fund General Fund Ad valorem taxes receivable - net Reconciliation to revenues: Ad valorem taxes - General Fund Reconciling items: Discounts and releases Adjustments Interest collected Subtotal Subtotal - Subtotal -	Balance Collections June 30, 2020 Additions And Credits \$ - \$

Town of Lucama Analysis of Current Tax Levy Town - Wide Levy June 30, 2021

						Tota	al Le	vy
		Town - W	ide			Property excluding Registered	F	Registered
	Property Valuation	Rate		Total Levy		Motor Vehicles		Motor Vehicles
Original levy:				<u> </u>				
Property taxed at current rate Discoveries	\$ 37,374,000 -	0.50	\$	186,870 7,963	\$	151,963 7,963	\$	34,907
Total property valuation	\$ 37,374,000						_	
Net levy				194,833 (a	a)	159,926		34,907
Unpaid (by taxpayer) taxes at June 30, 2021				(4,671 <u>)</u> (c	:)	(4,671)		_
Current year's taxes collected			\$	<u>190,162</u> (b) \$	155,255	\$_	34,907
Current levy collection percentage			_	97.60%	:	97.08%	_	100.00%

Compliance Section

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance and Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Commissioners Lucama, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Lucama, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the Town of Lucama's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-001, 2021-003 and 2021-004 to be material weaknesses.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2021-002 to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Lucama'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 determination of financial statements amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Town of Lucama, North Carolina's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Lucama's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described previously in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Town of Lucama's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

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

Nunn, Brashear, & Uzzell, P.A.

Goldsboro, North Carolina March 22, 2024

Town of Lucama Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statement

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance to GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness identified?	X Yes	No
Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be a material weakness?	X Yes	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted	Yes	X No

Federal Awards

None

State Awards

None

Town of Lucama Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

II. Financial Statement Findings

Finding 2021-001 (repeat) Statutory Violations

Criteria: NC municipalities are required to comply with NC General Statutes. The Town violated several NC General Statutes for the fiscal year.

Condition: The Town had the following statutory violations related to the fiscal year end audit.

- The adoption of the Town's 2021-2022 budget was late and after the start of the fiscal year. The Town failed to make budget amendments for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Additionally, the Town's expenditures exceeded the budgets provided for the fiscal year.

- The Town did not ensure the completion of a timely audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Effect: The Town is not in compliance with NC General Statutes.

Cause: The Town was unable to close its books and timely prepare for an audit, nor provide evidence of appropriately approved budget amendments.

Recommendation: The governing body should adopt procedures to comply with NC General Statutes.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The Town agrees with this finding and will take appropriate action to comply with NC General Statutes.

Finding 2021-002 (repeat) Segregation of Duties

Criteria: The assignment of responsibilities should be segregated so that one person is not responsible for the authorization and recording of a transaction and the custody of the related asset. There needs to be a reconciliation or control activity to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are handled appropriately.

Condition: Key duties and functions are not segregated among Town personnel. This is especially a concern in the cash management, account receivable, purchasing, and payroll functions.

Effect: Transactions could be mishandled, due to errors or fraud that could lead to loss of assets or the reporting of misleading financial information.

Cause: There are a limited number of personnel for certain functions and lack of board oversight.

Recommendation: The duties should be separated as much as possible, by possibly training and utilizing non-financial personnel and utilizing alternative controls. The governing board should provide some of these controls. This finding appears to have been corrected with the hiring of new staff in the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The Town agrees with this finding and will take appropriate action to segregate duties to the amount economically feasible.

Finding 2021-003 (repeat) Trial Balance Non-existent

Criteria: The Town did not maintain an appropriate trial balance.

Condition: The Town did not have staff with appropriate skills, knowledge and experience to maintain a trial balance. In the summer of 2021, the Town hired a third-party Certified Public Accountant to recreate the general ledger of the Town.

Effect: The Town was unable to provide sufficient financial data in a timely manner.

Cause: The Town staff did not have the appropriate skills, knowledge or experience necessary to maintain a trial balance and accurately report fund balance.

Recommendation: The Town needs hire staff with the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience to manage the financial activity of the Town. This finding appears to have been corrected with the hiring of new staff in the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The Town agrees with this finding and will hire staff with the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience to maintain a trial balance and accurately report fund balance.

Finding 2021-004 Prior Period Adjustment

Criteria: The beginning fund balance and net position of the General Fund/Governmental Activities did not reconcile to the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Condition: The Town was unable to provide a schedule that reconciled fund balance and net position of the General Fund/Governmental Activities with the prior year June 30, 2020 audit.

Effect: The Town provided a trial balance that had unreconciled fund balance and net position.

Cause: Two conditions existed that caused the fund balance and net postion to not reconcile to the June 30, 2020 audited financial statements:

- While the Town operates on the modified accrual basis of accounting during the fiscal year as required by N.C. General Statute Section 159-26 Accounting System, (c) Basis of Accounting, the third-party CPA is recording transactions to the General Fund that do not meet this basis of accounting.

- A new financial software was implemented and, due to time constraints, management and the third-party CPA decided to pass further investigation into the adjustments needed to properly transition the trial balance between software programs. A journal entry was needed to update the balances between programs. An unknown amount of \$51,369 was recorded in miscellaneous expense. Upon preparation of the financial statements, other errors were discovered by the independent preparer of the financial statements, which reduced the amount to an adjustment of \$18,285. This amount is above planning materiality of \$12,000.

Recommendation: The Town needs to implement procedures to ensure fund balances and net assets reconcile to the previous year audited financial statements. The governmental fund balances should reconcile to the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds (Exhibit 3) and the business-type statements should reconcile to the Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Funds (Exhibit 6).

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The Town agrees with this finding and will ensure the June 30, 2022 trial balance has reconciled fund balance and net position.

III. Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

None Reported

IV. State Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

None Reported

Town of Lucama Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Finding 2020-001 Statutory Violations

Corrective Action: This finding has not been corrected and is reported in the current year.

Finding 2020-002 Segregation of Duties

Corrective Action: This finding has not been corrected and is reported in the current year.

Finding 2020-003 Missing Documentation

Corrective Action: This finding has been corrected.

Finding 2020-004 Trial Balance Non-existent

Corrective Action: This finding has not been corrected and is reported in the current year.



TOWN OF LUCAMA

Mayor:Matthew CreechMayor Pro Tempore:Jeff JohnsonTown Administrator:Ralph ClarkTown Clerk:Dena OwensUtility Billing Clerk:Ashleigh Hooks

Commissioners:

Michael Best David Johnson Jeff Johnson Kim Flowers Joyner Jody Talton Teague

Corrective Action Plan For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Finding 2021 – 001 Statutory Violations

Name of contact person: Ralph Clark, Interim Town Administrator

Corrective action: Adoption of budgets, as well as amendments during the fiscal year, additionally requiring that expenditures not exceed the budgets set forth will be corrected.

Audit reports will be completed within statutory requirement dates.

Proposed completion: New staff were hired during the 21/22 fiscal year. All the above actions have been corrected by hired staff for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year, except for timely audit reports. We are working diligently with a third-party certified public accountant to rebuild our records to compile a set of records to complete audits.

Finding 2021 – 002 Segregation of Duties

Name of contact person: Ralph Clark, Interim Town Administrator

- Corrective action: Duties and functions will be reviewed to determine where segregation is needed. Duties will be separated, and alternative controls will be implemented to compensate for lack of segregation.
- Proposed Completion: New staff was hired during the 21/22 fiscal year. Segregation of duties has been corrected by hired staff.

Finding 2021 – 003 Trial Balance Non-existent

Name of contact person: Ralph Clark, Interim Town Administrator

- Corrective action: Staff with appropriate skills, knowledge and experience will be hired, as well a third-party CPA to provide sufficient financial support, data, invoices, deposit slips, and subsidiary ledgers, to maintain a trial balance and accurately report fund balance.
- Proposed completion: New staff was hired during the 21/22 fiscal year. All the above actions have been corrected by hired staff for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. We are working diligently with a third-party certified public accountant to rebuild records in order to compile a set of records to complete audits.

Finding 2021 – 004 Prior Period Adjustment

Name of contact person: Ralph Clark, Interim Town Administrator

- Correction action: Procedures will be implemented to ensure fund balances and net assets reconcile to the previous year audited financial statements, assuring that the governmental fund balances reconcile to the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds and the business-type statements reconcile to the Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds.
- Proposed completion: Conversation with the third-party CPA will take place by March 31, 2024, to allow for correct reconciliation for the 21/22 fiscal year's audit, meeting the modified accrual basis of accounting.