

**COUNTY OF CALDWELL
NORTH CAROLINA**

**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE
FINANCIAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

**For the Year Ended
June 30, 2024**

**Prepared by
Finance Department**

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CALDWELL COUNTY
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

October 31, 2024

The Board of Commissioners
County of Caldwell
Lenoir, North Carolina

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the annual comprehensive financial report of Caldwell County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of Caldwell County. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of Caldwell County has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of Caldwell County's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, Caldwell County's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

Caldwell County's financial statements have been audited by Martin Starnes & Associates, CPA's, PA, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of Caldwell County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that Caldwell County's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of Caldwell County was a part of a broader, federally mandated “Single Audit” designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government’s internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal awards. These reports are available in Caldwell County’s Single Audit Report.

GAAP require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. Caldwell County’s MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Description of the County

Caldwell County is located in scenic western North Carolina, approximately 70 miles northwest of Charlotte, 85 miles west of Winston-Salem and 90 miles northeast of Asheville. The altitude of the County ranges from 900 to 5,964 feet above sea level with topography ranging from rolling foothills to high-forested mountains. It has a land area of 471 square miles and an estimated population of 79,594. There are ten incorporated municipalities in Caldwell County. The City of Lenoir and the towns of Cahah’s Mountain, Gamewell, Granite Falls, Hudson, Sawmills, and the Village of Cedar Rock are entirely within the County and the City of Hickory and the towns of Blowing Rock and Rhodhiss are partially within the County. The City of Lenoir is the largest municipality and serves as the county seat.

Caldwell County, carved from the counties of Burke and Wilkes formed in January 1841, several weeks after the bill was introduced in the legislature. The bill to establish the county was rejected in 1839 because a faction within the state legislature wished to form two Democratic counties instead of one Whig county. The bill was reintroduced by Representative Elisha P. Miller on November 19, 1840. The bill of 1840 proposed to establish a county from Burke and Wilkes to be named Boone. It was first read and rejected on December 5, 1840.

It was read a second time and passed by the casting vote of the Speaker, Robert B. Gilliam on December 14, 1840. There was some confusion over the selection of the name, however, but when Charles Manley, Clerk of the House, suggested to Representative Miller that the county be named for Dr. Joseph Caldwell, former President of the University of North Carolina and advocator of a public school system and a railroad system stretching from Morehead City through the questioned county to Tennessee, the bill was ratified and signed on January 11, 1841.

The County utilizes the commission/manager form of government. The five-member Board of Commissioners is elected at large on a partisan basis for staggered four-year terms of office. The Board represents the citizens by setting policy and a County manager hired by the Board administers the day-to-day business of government and carries out the policies of the Board.

The County provides its citizens with a wide range of services that include law enforcement, emergency medical services, register of deeds, water, animal care and enforcement, upkeep of the courthouse and other public buildings, solid waste disposal, public libraries, cultural and recreational activities, health services, social services, general administration and others. This report includes all the County's activities in maintaining these services. The County also provides financial support to certain boards, agencies and commissions to assist their efforts in serving citizens. Among these are the Caldwell County Board of Education, Caldwell Community College, Foothills Area Programs, and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments.

Economic Conditions and Outlook

The local economy continues to grow and diversify. Furniture is on the rebound with the growing national economy, and locally Caldwell County continues to see investment in protein production, and food distribution. Pharmaceuticals have become the county's third largest industry over the last decade. Nearly catching data cloud storage. The county's sales tax collections are running consistently with year's pace. Property tax collections are up so far, and the County ended the fiscal year by saving more than \$ 1million in expenses. The local housing market is doing very well and average home prices have risen significantly. The county is on track to construct more than 500 new homes in this calendar year. Many local employers are advertising open positions with nearly 6,000 openings in the region. One of the county's largest taxpayers, Google, has recently announced an expansion of \$600 million and 30 new jobs.

Financial Information

The North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act requires that all money expended by a unit of local government be budgeted. Because of this requirement, the budget is an integral part of a city or county's accounting system and daily operations. The annual budget, together with the various project budgets, forms an operating plan in addition to setting spending limits. For Caldwell County, annual budgets are adopted for the General Fund, some Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise Operating Fund. Multiyear project budgets are adopted for some Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds and Enterprise Capital Project Funds. Appropriations in the General Fund are made at the department level, and Enterprise and Special Revenue appropriations are made at the fund level. Capital Project appropriations are made at the object level. For internal accounting purposes, budgetary control is maintained at the line item account level. Purchase orders within any line item are not issued until additional appropriations are made available through budget amendments or transfers. County department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a fund as long as total fund appropriations are not changed. The Board of Commissioners must approve budget amendments that change total fund appropriations or transfer appropriations between funds. Encumbrances outstanding at June 30, 2024, have been reported as reservations of fund balance.

Financial Policies

The county's financial policy for the fiscal year covered in this report focused on maximizing revenues and minimizing expenditures. We continue to refine internal controls by periodically updating policies. The county has made every effort to spend only when necessary and to maximize other controllable revenue sources, and taken advantage of alternative funding sources through grants. The county has been able to reduce its outstanding debt over the past few years. The county's debt service percentage for the year was 6.18%.

Long Term Financial Planning

The county continues to monitor its existing debt and look for savings opportunities. Design on the Joint Communications Center and regional emergency management facility is complete, and we are soliciting for a Construction Manager at Risk. The new Courthouse design is nearly 50% complete of design, and a new property has been acquired at the edge of downtown. Both are funded through grants from the North Carolina General Assembly. The Hudson EMS Base has completed its refurbishment, and the Cahah's Mountain EMS Base is well into construction. Construction is well underway on a new water tank to service the Collettesville community, with several upgrades to the county water system.

Other Information

North Carolina state law (G.S. 159-34) requires the county to have an annual independent financial audit. A compliance audit of federal and state financial assistance programs is also required under the federal Single Audit Act of 1984 and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. The firm of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPA's, PA, performed both of these audits. The audit contract was awarded to this firm based on their qualifications. The auditor's report on the Basic Financial Statements is included in the Financial Section of this report.

Preparation of this report would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of the entire staff of the Finance Department and support from the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners.

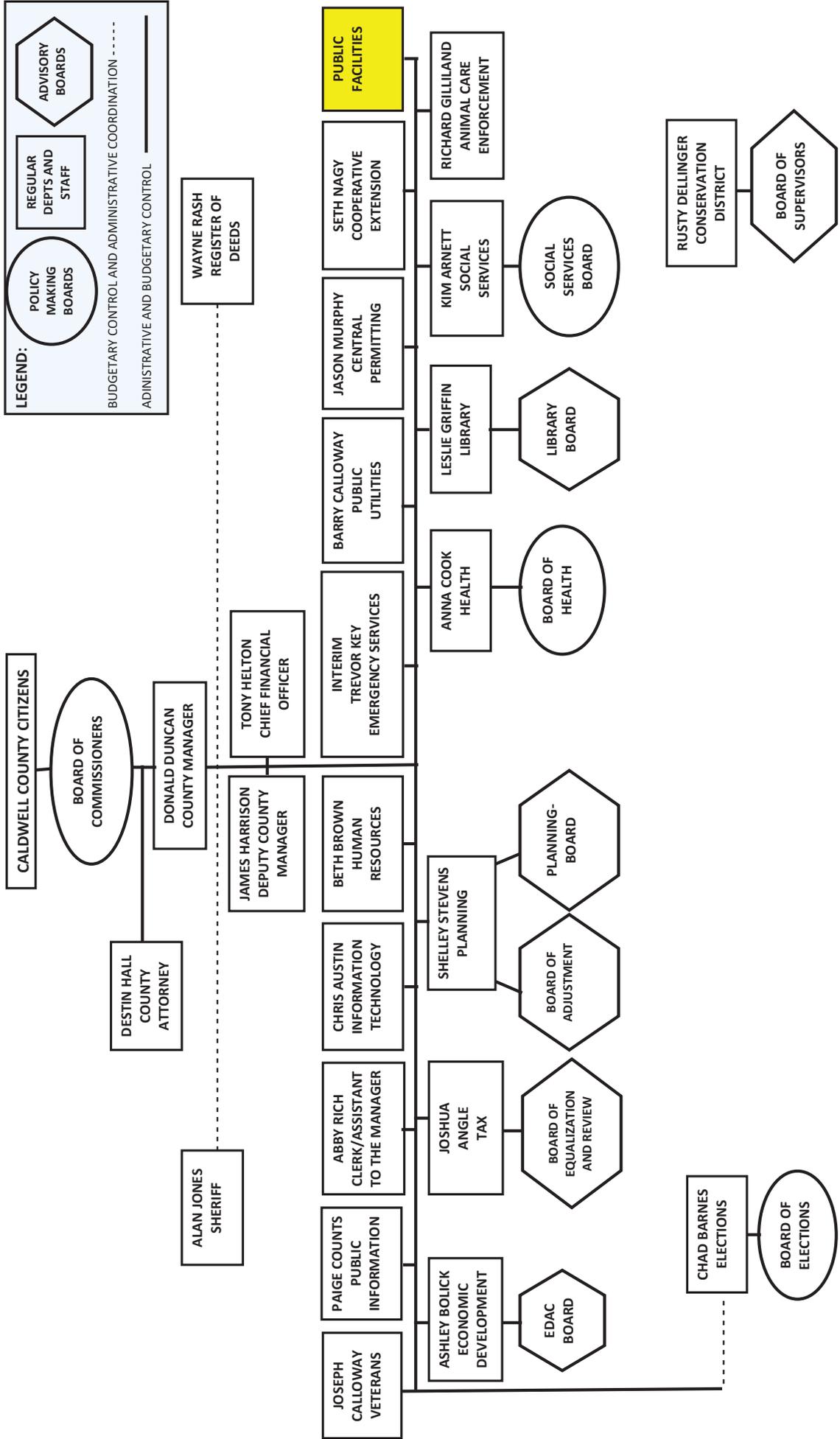
Respectfully submitted,



Donald Duncan Jr., ICMA-CM
County Manager



Anthony Helton, CPA
Chief Financial Officer



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Principal Officials

June 30, 2024

Board of Commissioners

Randy T. Church, Chairman

Mike LaBrose, Vice-Chairman

Jeff Branch, Commissioner

Donnie Potter, Commissioner

Robbie Wilkie, Commissioner

Other County Officials

Donald Duncan, County Manager

Jimmy Harrison, Assistant County Manager

Tony Helton, Finance Director

Abby Rich, Clerk to the Board

Alan C. Jones, Sheriff

Wayne Rash, Register of Deeds

Kim Arnett, DSS Director

Anna Martin, Health Director

Josh Angle, Tax Administrator

Beth Brown, Human Resources Director

Leslie Griffin, Library Director

Chad Barnes, Director of Elections

Barry Calloway, Public Utilities Supervisor

Jason Murphy, Central Permitting Supervisor

Shelley Stevens, Planning Director

Joseph Calloway, Veterans Services Director

Trevor Key, Emergency Services Director

Kevin Brown, Fire Marshal

Vic Misenheimer, Emergency Management Director

Chris Austin, Information Technology Director

Seth Nagy, Cooperative Extension Director

FINANCIAL SECTION



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"A Professional Association of Certified Public Accountants and Management Consultants"

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Commissioners
Caldwell County
Lenoir, North Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Caldwell County, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Caldwell County, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and Opioid Settlement Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Other Post-Employment Benefits' Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions, the Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset and Schedule of County Contributions, and the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Schedules of the Changes in Total Pension Liability and Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical

context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Caldwell County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section and statistical section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2024 on our consideration of Caldwell County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Caldwell County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Caldwell County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.

Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.
Hickory, North Carolina
October 31, 2024



Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of Caldwell County, we offer readers of Caldwell County's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of financial activities of Caldwell County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of Caldwell County exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$63,853,437 (net position).
- The government's total net position increased by \$6,202,446, due to increased net position in both governmental and business-type activities.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, Caldwell County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$42,508,060.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$10,897,707.
- The total fund balance in the General Fund increased by \$1,177,523 as a result of activities that took place during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.
- The General Fund expenditures concluded the year within budget.
- The County successfully complied with all state and federal service mandates as prescribed by law.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Caldwell County's basic financial statements. Caldwell County's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of Caldwell County's finances in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of Caldwell County's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Caldwell County is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned and unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of Caldwell County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of Caldwell County include general government, public safety, economic and physical development, environmental, and culture and recreation. The business-type activities of Caldwell County include a water operation.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on Exhibits A and B of this report.

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

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

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

Caldwell County maintains eight individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and in the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund, the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, the Opioid Settlement Fund and the Public Schools Capital Project Fund, and the General Capital Projects Fund which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other four governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

Caldwell County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on Exhibits C to G of this report.

Proprietary Funds. Caldwell County maintains one type of proprietary fund. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. Caldwell County uses enterprise funds to account for its water operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The propriety fund financial statements provide separate information for water operations, which is considered to be a major fund of Caldwell County.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on Exhibits H to J of this report.

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

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on Exhibit K and L of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 28 through 77 of this report.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning Caldwell County's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 78-91 of this report.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on pensions. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 92-127 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of Caldwell County, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$63,853,437 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The largest portion of Caldwell County's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment) and right to use leased and subscription assets, less any related debt and lease liabilities used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. Caldwell County used these capital assets, right to use leased assets and subscription assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although Caldwell County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Table 1

Condensed Statements of Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Assets:						
Current and other assets	\$ 97,580,161	\$ 75,559,768	\$ 9,102,676	\$ 8,605,832	\$ 106,682,837	\$ 84,165,600
Capital assets	43,602,118	41,948,587	8,619,748	6,063,821	52,221,866	48,012,408
Total assets	<u>141,182,279</u>	<u>117,508,355</u>	<u>17,722,424</u>	<u>14,669,653</u>	<u>158,904,703</u>	<u>132,178,008</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources						
	<u>15,322,171</u>	<u>14,337,186</u>	<u>294,563</u>	<u>277,711</u>	<u>15,616,734</u>	<u>14,614,897</u>
Liabilities:						
Current liabilities	53,770,873	32,778,551	794,594	450,854	54,565,467	33,229,405
Long-term liabilities	53,233,623	52,867,149	551,299	469,853	53,784,922	53,337,002
Total liabilities	<u>107,004,496</u>	<u>85,645,700</u>	<u>1,345,893</u>	<u>920,707</u>	<u>108,350,389</u>	<u>86,566,407</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
	<u>2,282,431</u>	<u>2,534,867</u>	<u>35,180</u>	<u>40,640</u>	<u>2,317,611</u>	<u>2,575,507</u>
Net Position:						
Net investment in capital assets	31,272,921	28,711,430	8,619,748	6,063,821	39,892,669	34,775,251
Restricted net position	15,009,367	10,430,867	-	-	15,009,367	10,430,867
Unrestricted net position	935,235	4,522,677	8,016,166	7,922,196	8,951,401	12,444,873
Total net position	<u>\$ 47,217,523</u>	<u>\$ 43,664,974</u>	<u>\$ 16,635,914</u>	<u>\$ 13,986,017</u>	<u>\$ 63,853,437</u>	<u>\$ 57,650,991</u>

The government's net position increased by \$6,202,446 during the current fiscal year. This is primarily the result of conservative budgeting and the benefit of federal and state grant funding.

Table 2

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total Primary Government</u>	
	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 16,563,685	\$ 15,189,333	\$ 4,852,100	\$ 4,600,728	\$ 21,415,785	\$ 19,790,061
Operating grants and contributions	15,264,171	20,315,499	-	-	15,264,171	20,315,499
Capital grants and contributions	246,600	-	-	-	246,600	-
General revenues:						
Property taxes	61,172,298	58,963,942	-	-	61,172,298	58,963,942
Local option sales tax	17,939,588	17,776,820	-	-	17,939,588	17,776,820
Other taxes and licenses	1,647,018	3,116,502	-	-	1,647,018	3,116,502
Investment earnings	2,293,304	602,968	324,334	113,728	2,617,638	716,696
Total revenues	<u>115,126,664</u>	<u>115,965,064</u>	<u>5,176,434</u>	<u>4,714,456</u>	<u>120,303,098</u>	<u>120,679,520</u>
Expenses:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	12,627,699	12,056,542	-	-	12,627,699	12,056,542
Public safety	36,047,835	33,887,314	-	-	36,047,835	33,887,314
Environmental protection	800,192	596,176	-	-	800,192	596,176
Economic and physical development	10,457,290	9,890,611	-	-	10,457,290	9,890,611
Human services	23,839,044	22,490,251	-	-	23,839,044	22,490,251
Cultural and recreational	1,757,627	2,275,027	-	-	1,757,627	2,275,027
Education	23,738,840	24,245,422	-	-	23,738,840	24,245,422
Interest	338,268	708,812	-	-	338,268	708,812
Business-type activities:						
Water Fund	-	-	4,493,857	4,455,136	4,493,857	4,455,136
Total expenses	<u>109,606,795</u>	<u>106,150,155</u>	<u>4,493,857</u>	<u>4,455,136</u>	<u>114,100,652</u>	<u>110,605,291</u>
Change in net position before transfers	5,519,869	9,814,909	682,577	259,320	6,202,446	10,074,229
Transfers in (out)	<u>(1,967,320)</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,967,320</u>	<u>(1,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	3,552,549	10,814,909	2,649,897	(740,680)	6,202,446	10,074,229
Net Position:						
Beginning net position	<u>43,664,974</u>	<u>32,850,065</u>	<u>13,986,017</u>	<u>14,726,697</u>	<u>57,650,991</u>	<u>47,576,762</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$ 47,217,523</u>	<u>\$ 43,664,974</u>	<u>\$ 16,635,914</u>	<u>\$ 13,986,017</u>	<u>\$ 63,853,437</u>	<u>\$ 57,650,991</u>

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities increased Caldwell County's net position by \$3,552,549. This is the result of conservative budgeting combined with federal ARP funds, state SCIF grants.

Business-Type Activities. Business-type activities increased Caldwell County's net position by \$2,649,897. The key elements in this increase are as follows:

- Business-type activities increased the County's net financial position primarily due to the transfer in of ARPA funds for the Collettsville water tank project.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, Caldwell County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$42,508,060, an increase of \$3,084,794 in comparison with the prior year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of Caldwell County. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$10,897,707 while total fund balance reached \$25,665,830. The County's fund balance available, using the calculation method suggested by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina, equaled \$18,210,151, or 19.81%, of expenditures.

The total fund balance of Caldwell County's General Fund increased by \$1,177,523 during the current fiscal year.

The County's American Rescue Plan Act Fund is a major special revenue fund set up to account for fund the County received from the federal government under that act. The funds must be spent on specific purposes including COVID-19 response. These funds must be held separately from other government funds so they can be properly reported.

The Opioid Settlement Fund also became a major special revenue fund during the year due to booking long-term proceeds as a receivable. The proceeds to be received are expected to reduce the receivable over the next 16 years. Activity in this fund is restricted for human services.

The County's Public Schools Capital Project Fund is a major capital project fund. This fund includes the project to renovate / rebuild Granite Falls Middle School. The County borrowed \$12.3 million for this purpose. The County also received a \$15 million grant from the Needs Based school grant program. As of October 14, 2024 this multiyear project is closed out.

The County's General Capital Projects Fund is another major capital project fund. Money is also held in this fund for future needs, primarily for economic development.

The County's State Grants 2022 Fund is the final major capital project fund. The County uses this fund to account for over \$40 million in state funds. Projects underway in this fund include a new \$24.5 million Joint Communications and Regional Emergency Management center, \$16.5 million in to purchase land and design a new courthouse and \$3 million in ongoing maintenance and repairs to existing County facilities.

Proprietary Funds. Caldwell County's propriety funds provide the same type of information found in government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Water Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$8,016,166. The total increase in net position for the Water Fund was \$2,649,897. Other factors concerning the finances of this fund have already been addressed in the discussion of Caldwell County's business-type activities.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Differences between the original budget and the final amended budget reflected an increase in appropriation of \$4,940,213. The major changes can be briefly summarized as follows:

- The County received additional grant funding during the year that flowed through its books.
- The County added capital outlay purchases of roughly \$1.2 million to the budget during the year.
- The County rolled over purchase orders of approximately \$680,000.
- The County increased the pool of merit pay by approximately \$700,000.
- The County received additional grants funding the DSS and Health departments of roughly \$2 million.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. Caldwell County's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2024, amounts to \$52,221,866. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and systems, improvements, machinery, and equipment.

The following major projects represent the accomplishments of the elected leadership during this year:

- The County continued or completed several new large projects during this fiscal year, they include:
 - New Communications Center
 - Design and land acquisition of a New Courthouse
 - Various new projects that will improve the water system.
 - Implementing part 2 of 3 salary study so that employees are paid fairly.
- The County's tax rate remained unchanged for fiscal year 2023-2024 at 63 cents.

Table 3
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation/Amortization
As of June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Land	\$ 9,801,667	\$ 8,976,739	\$ 60,181	\$ 60,181	\$ 9,861,848	\$ 9,036,920
Construction in progress	1,179,429	644,517	2,889,779	517,692	4,069,208	1,162,209
Buildings	22,687,258	23,506,321	114,494	120,405	22,801,752	23,626,726
Equipment, furniture, and vehicles	9,092,516	7,893,669	-	-	9,092,516	7,893,669
Right-to-use leased assets	740,825	682,663	-	-	740,825	682,663
Right-to-use subscription assets	100,423	244,678	-	-	100,423	244,678
Water system	-	-	5,555,294	5,365,543	5,555,294	5,365,543
Total capital assets, net of depreciation/amortization where applicable	\$ 43,602,118	\$ 41,948,587	\$ 8,619,748	\$ 6,063,821	\$ 52,221,866	\$ 48,012,408

Additional information on Caldwell County’s capital assets can be found in Note 2 beginning on page 44 of this report.

Long-Term Debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, Caldwell County had total bonded debt outstanding of \$0. The County currently does not have outstanding revenue bonds.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue to 8% of its total assessed valuation. The current debt limitation for Caldwell County is approximately \$669,400,000, which is significantly in excess of Caldwell County’s outstanding general obligation debt.

Additional information on Caldwell County’s long-term debt can be found in Note 2 beginning on page 65 of this report.

Impact of Coronavirus on the County

Caldwell County’s local economy continues to improve and expand as the pandemic has eased. The County’s sales tax receipts have increased when compared to the prior year. So far in the new fiscal year sales taxes are up about 2 %.

Caldwell County has received almost \$16 million dollars form the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). \$10 million of this money was used for revenue replacement in the General Fund which freed up local dollars for various projects including the purchase of vehicles and equipment to help the County’s public health departments better deal with the pandemic. The last \$3 million from this source was spent during fiscal year 2023-2024.

The County has mostly recovered from the impact from COVID-19 as businesses are now open and business is able to function close to pre-pandemic levels.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

Caldwell County continues to maintain a sound financial condition. Caldwell County's fund balance percentage, as calculated by the Local Government Commission, is 19.14% as of June 30, 2024.

The budget for fiscal year 2023-2024, maintains the current tax rate of 63 cents per \$100 of tax value. The budget for fiscal year 2023-2024, includes a substantial fund balance appropriation in the General Fund, but we do not anticipate using much of it. The County typically budgets its expenditures at 100% but only spends at 95%. Lapsed salaries and other unspent funds typically generate substantial savings. The County also attempts to be conservative in its revenue estimates and often will collect more than the budget includes.

The County, like the rest of the Country has seen a significant increase in the value of residential property, upwards of 50%. The County's next revaluation is scheduled to take place in 2025. This revaluation will include the first true non-residential revaluation. A substantial increase in the tax base is anticipated.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Caldwell County's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Finance Director, Caldwell County, P.O. Box 2200, Lenoir, North Carolina 28645.



BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Primary Government</u>		
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 32,683,865	\$ 7,825,999	\$ 40,509,864
Taxes receivable, net	1,814,601	-	1,814,601
Accounts receivable, net	16,770,691	806,236	17,576,927
Due from other governments	1,626,721	99,593	1,726,314
Inventories	64,950	273,328	338,278
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	44,521,683	97,520	44,619,203
Total current assets	<u>97,482,511</u>	<u>9,102,676</u>	<u>106,585,187</u>
Non-current assets:			
Net pension asset	97,650	-	97,650
Capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	10,981,096	2,949,960	13,931,056
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	32,621,022	5,669,788	38,290,810
Total non-current assets	<u>43,699,768</u>	<u>8,619,748</u>	<u>52,319,516</u>
Total assets	<u>141,182,279</u>	<u>17,722,424</u>	<u>158,904,703</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
OPEB deferrals	453,932	9,263	463,195
Pension deferrals	14,868,239	285,300	15,153,539
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>15,322,171</u>	<u>294,563</u>	<u>15,616,734</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,339,407	599,602	3,939,009
Accrued interest payable	113,015	-	113,015
Payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits	-	97,520	97,520
Accounts payable	222,225	-	222,225
Advance from grantor	40,193,360	-	40,193,360
Current portion of long-term liabilities	9,902,866	97,472	10,000,338
Total current liabilities	<u>53,770,873</u>	<u>794,594</u>	<u>54,565,467</u>
Long-term liabilities:			
Net pension liability - LGERS	23,563,239	480,885	24,044,124
Total pension liability - LEOSSA	3,105,022	-	3,105,022
Total OPEB liability	2,256,268	46,046	2,302,314
Due in more than one year	24,309,094	24,368	24,333,462
Total long-term liabilities	<u>53,233,623</u>	<u>551,299</u>	<u>53,784,922</u>
Total liabilities	<u>107,004,496</u>	<u>1,345,893</u>	<u>108,350,389</u>

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

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Primary Government</u>		
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Prepaid taxes	170,997	-	170,997
OPEB deferrals	1,430,902	29,202	1,460,104
Pension deferrals	680,532	5,978	686,510
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,282,431</u>	<u>35,180</u>	<u>2,317,611</u>
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	31,272,921	8,619,748	39,892,669
Restricted for:			
Stabilization by state statute	9,163,551	-	9,163,551
Register of Deeds pension plan	130,439	-	130,439
General government	43,539	-	43,539
Human services	3,397,280	-	3,397,280
Public safety	2,228,173	-	2,228,173
Register of Deeds	46,385	-	46,385
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>935,235</u>	<u>8,016,166</u>	<u>8,951,401</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 47,217,523</u>	<u>\$ 16,635,914</u>	<u>\$ 63,853,437</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Program Revenues</u>			
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
Functions/Programs:				
Primary Government:				
Governmental Activities:				
General government	\$ 12,627,699	\$ 9,083,524	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety	36,047,835	4,992,630	3,789,947	-
Environmental protection	800,192	1,766,453	-	-
Economic and physical development	10,457,290	111,285	-	246,600
Human services	23,839,044	606,169	11,164,268	-
Cultural and recreational	1,757,627	3,624	309,956	-
Education	23,738,840	-	-	-
Interest	338,268	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>109,606,795</u>	<u>16,563,685</u>	<u>15,264,171</u>	<u>246,600</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Water Fund	<u>4,493,857</u>	<u>4,852,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 114,100,652</u>	<u>\$ 21,415,785</u>	<u>\$ 15,264,171</u>	<u>\$ 246,600</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Functions/Programs:			
Primary Government:			
Governmental Activities:			
General government	\$ (3,544,175)	\$ -	\$ (3,544,175)
Public safety	(27,265,258)	-	(27,265,258)
Environmental protection	966,261	-	966,261
Economic and physical development	(10,099,405)	-	(10,099,405)
Human services	(12,068,607)	-	(12,068,607)
Cultural and recreational	(1,444,047)	-	(1,444,047)
Education	(23,738,840)	-	(23,738,840)
Interest	(338,268)	-	(338,268)
Total governmental activities	(77,532,339)	-	(77,532,339)
Business-Type Activities:			
Water Fund	-	358,243	358,243
Total primary government	(77,532,339)	358,243	(77,174,096)
General Revenues:			
Taxes:			
Property taxes, levied for general purpose	61,172,298	-	61,172,298
Local option sales tax	17,939,588	-	17,939,588
Other taxes and licenses	1,647,018	-	1,647,018
Investment earnings	2,293,304	324,334	2,617,638
Total general revenues, excluding transfers	83,052,208	324,334	83,376,542
Transfers	(1,967,320)	1,967,320	-
Total general revenues and transfers	81,084,888	2,291,654	83,376,542
Change in net position	3,552,549	2,649,897	6,202,446
Net Position:			
Beginning of year - July 1	43,664,974	13,986,017	57,650,991
End of year - June 30	\$ 47,217,523	\$ 16,635,914	\$ 63,853,437

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

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Major Funds							Total
	General Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	State Grants 2022 Fund	Public Schools Capital Project Fund	General Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,629,713	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,849	\$ 189,744	\$ 7,388,540	\$ 4,392,019	\$ 32,683,865
Taxes receivable (net)	1,590,957	-	-	-	-	-	223,644	1,814,601
Accounts receivable (net)	6,116,161	-	9,233,861	-	-	146,081	1,274,588	16,770,691
Due from other governments	1,274,568	-	1,179	79,295	27,611	208,545	35,523	1,626,721
Inventories	64,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,950
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	694,372	1,207,367	2,916,090	39,703,854	-	-	-	44,521,683
Total assets	<u>\$ 30,370,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,207,367</u>	<u>\$ 12,151,130</u>	<u>\$ 39,866,998</u>	<u>\$ 217,355</u>	<u>\$ 7,743,166</u>	<u>\$ 5,925,774</u>	<u>\$ 97,482,511</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances:								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,863,607	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,004	\$ 365,796	\$ 3,339,407
Payable from restricted assets:								
Accounts payable	-	-	23,460	198,765	-	-	-	222,225
Advance from grantor	79,330	1,207,367	-	38,906,663	-	-	-	40,193,360
Total liabilities	<u>2,942,937</u>	<u>1,207,367</u>	<u>23,460</u>	<u>39,105,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,004</u>	<u>365,796</u>	<u>43,754,992</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:								
Property taxes receivable	1,590,957	-	-	-	-	-	223,644	1,814,601
Unavailable revenues	-	-	9,233,861	-	-	-	-	9,233,861
Prepaid taxes	170,997	-	-	-	-	-	-	170,997
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,761,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,233,861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,644</u>	<u>11,219,459</u>
Fund Balances:								
Non-spendable:								
Inventories	64,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,950
Restricted:								
Stabilization by state statute	7,390,729	-	1,179	79,295	27,611	354,626	1,310,111	9,163,551
Restricted, all other	1,088,412	-	2,892,630	797,191	-	-	937,144	5,715,377
Committed	-	-	-	-	189,744	7,278,536	-	7,468,280
Assigned	6,224,032	-	-	-	-	-	3,256,005	9,480,037
Unassigned	10,897,707	-	-	(114,916)	-	-	(166,926)	10,615,865
Total fund balances	<u>25,665,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,893,809</u>	<u>761,570</u>	<u>217,355</u>	<u>7,633,162</u>	<u>5,336,334</u>	<u>42,508,060</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 30,370,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,207,367</u>	<u>\$ 12,151,130</u>	<u>\$ 39,866,998</u>	<u>\$ 217,355</u>	<u>\$ 7,743,166</u>	<u>\$ 5,925,774</u>	<u>\$ 97,482,511</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

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

Total fund balances	\$ 42,508,060
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities, are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	42,760,870
Right to use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	841,248
Net pension asset	97,650
Net pension liability - LGERS	(23,563,239)
Total pension liability - LEOSSA	(3,105,022)
Total OPEB liability	(2,256,268)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds.	14,868,239
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB are not reported in the funds.	453,932
Deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds are used to offset accounts receivable not expected to be available within 90 days of year-end. These receivables are a component of net position in the Statement of Net Position.	11,048,462
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds.	(680,532)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB are not reported in the funds.	(1,430,902)
Long-term liabilities, compensated absences and interest payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>(34,324,975)</u>
Net position of governmental activities, per Exhibit A	<u>\$ 47,217,523</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Major Funds							Total
	General Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	State Grants 2022 Fund	Public Schools Capital Project Fund	General Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues:								
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 54,953,748	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,240,706	\$ 61,194,454
Local option sales taxes	10,502,440	-	-	-	-	1,740,828	5,096,320	17,339,588
Other taxes and licenses	954,041	-	-	-	-	-	-	954,041
Unrestricted intergovernmental	804,262	-	-	-	-	-	600,000	1,404,262
Restricted intergovernmental	13,744,003	1,967,320	2,256,335	4,495,115	-	246,600	320,465	23,029,838
Permits and fees	1,656,730	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,656,730
Sales and services	7,682,437	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,682,437
Investment earnings	1,186,277	-	67,085	668,241	15,365	221,313	135,023	2,293,304
Miscellaneous	542,777	-	40	23,268	-	10,000	714,028	1,290,113
Total revenues	<u>92,026,715</u>	<u>1,967,320</u>	<u>2,323,460</u>	<u>5,186,624</u>	<u>15,365</u>	<u>2,218,741</u>	<u>13,106,542</u>	<u>116,844,767</u>
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government	10,428,821	-	-	2,670,205	-	-	470,060	13,569,086
Public safety	26,544,503	-	-	1,231,415	-	1,539,762	6,349,158	35,664,838
Environmental protection	748,090	-	-	-	-	-	-	748,090
Economic and physical development	9,587,441	-	-	799,454	-	65,855	102,250	10,555,000
Human services	21,380,935	-	579,582	-	-	13,181	104,071	22,077,769
Cultural and recreational	1,549,813	-	-	-	-	1,416	-	1,551,229
Education	18,929,147	-	-	-	1,244,941	-	3,564,752	23,738,840
Debt service:								
Principal retirement	3,804,059	-	18,612	-	-	-	2,415,991	6,238,662
Interest and fees	264,607	-	4,629	-	-	-	189,375	458,611
Total expenditures	<u>93,237,416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602,823</u>	<u>4,701,074</u>	<u>1,244,941</u>	<u>1,620,214</u>	<u>13,195,657</u>	<u>114,602,125</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,210,701)</u>	<u>1,967,320</u>	<u>1,720,637</u>	<u>485,550</u>	<u>(1,229,576)</u>	<u>598,527</u>	<u>(89,115)</u>	<u>2,242,642</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Long-term debt issued	1,573,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,573,000
Lease liabilities issued	292,365	-	144,521	-	-	-	-	436,886
Transfers from other funds	670,000	-	-	-	-	386,000	865,727	1,921,727
Transfers to other funds	(551,727)	(1,967,320)	-	-	-	(1,020,000)	(350,000)	(3,889,047)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	404,586	-	-	-	-	395,000	-	799,586
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>2,388,224</u>	<u>(1,967,320)</u>	<u>144,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(239,000)</u>	<u>515,727</u>	<u>842,152</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,177,523	-	1,865,158	485,550	(1,229,576)	359,527	426,612	3,084,794
Fund Balances:								
Beginning of year - July 1	<u>24,488,307</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,028,651</u>	<u>276,020</u>	<u>1,446,931</u>	<u>7,273,635</u>	<u>4,909,722</u>	<u>39,423,266</u>
End of year - June 30	<u>\$ 25,665,830</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,893,809</u>	<u>\$ 761,570</u>	<u>\$ 217,355</u>	<u>\$ 7,633,162</u>	<u>\$ 5,336,334</u>	<u>\$ 42,508,060</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Exhibit B) are different due to the following items:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit D)	\$ 3,084,794
<p>Exhibit D reports revenues using a current financial resources basis, which generally means revenue is recognized when collected or is expected to be collected within 90 days of year-end. Exhibit B reports revenues when the earning process is complete, regardless of when it is collected. This measurement difference causes timing of revenue recognition differences for the following revenue types:</p>	
Property taxes	(22,155)
Opioid Settlement Funds	(1,795,926)
Expenses related to compensated absences that do not require current financial resources are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds statement.	(757,794)
Expenses related to landfill closure and post-closure costs that do not require current financial resources are not reported as expenditures.	27,571
Expenses related to interest expense that do not require current financial resources are not reported as expenditures.	120,343
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds statement. However, in the Statement of Activities, capital outlay is not an expense, rather it is an increase in capital assets.	5,727,698
Right to use lease & subscription asset capital outlay expenditures which were capitalized	436,886
The sale/disposal of capital assets is reported as a revenue in the governmental funds statement without subtracting the net book value of the capital assets sold.	(699,607)
Depreciation and amortization expenses allocate the costs of capital and right-to-use assets over their useful lives. These are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds statement.	(3,811,446)
Issuances of debt are reported as revenues in the governmental funds statements. However, in the Statement of Activities, proceeds from the issuance of debt is not a revenue rather it is an increase in liabilities.	(1,573,000)
Lease & subscription liabilities issued provide current financial resources to governmental funds	(436,886)
Pension expense - LEOSSA	(261,735)
Pension expense - LGERS	(2,756,345)
Pension expense - ROD	(4,420)
OPEB plan expense	35,909
Principal repayments and refunding of debt are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds statement. However, in the Statement of Activities, these transactions are not an expense, rather they are a decrease in liabilities.	<u>6,238,662</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities, per Exhibit B	<u>\$ 3,552,549</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget Over/Under
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 53,615,250	\$ 53,615,250	\$ 54,953,748	\$ 1,338,498
Local option sales taxes	10,605,000	10,605,000	10,502,440	(102,560)
Other taxes and licenses	734,000	734,000	954,041	220,041
Unrestricted intergovernmental	2,100,000	2,100,000	804,262	(1,295,738)
Restricted intergovernmental	14,489,138	16,486,257	13,744,003	(2,742,254)
Permits and fees	1,375,475	1,384,475	1,656,730	272,255
Sales and services	6,415,776	6,415,776	7,682,437	1,266,661
Investment earnings	350,000	350,000	1,186,277	836,277
Miscellaneous	276,914	599,252	542,777	(56,475)
Total revenues	<u>89,961,553</u>	<u>92,290,010</u>	<u>92,026,715</u>	<u>(263,295)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	11,621,095	12,150,442	10,428,821	1,721,621
Public safety	27,909,709	29,271,221	26,544,503	2,726,718
Environmental protection	918,422	921,975	748,090	173,885
Economic and physical development	9,433,803	9,603,473	9,587,441	16,032
Human services	22,434,926	24,861,697	21,380,935	3,480,762
Cultural and recreational	1,653,752	1,753,368	1,549,813	203,555
Intergovernmental:				
Education	18,939,425	18,939,425	18,929,147	10,278
Contingency	100,000	100,000	-	100,000
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	3,300,746	3,657,383	3,804,059	(146,676)
Interest and fees	295,228	288,335	264,607	23,728
Total expenditures	<u>96,607,106</u>	<u>101,547,319</u>	<u>93,237,416</u>	<u>8,309,903</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(6,645,553)</u>	<u>(9,257,309)</u>	<u>(1,210,701)</u>	<u>8,046,608</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Long-term debt issued	1,557,713	1,573,000	1,573,000	-
Lease liabilities issued	-	-	292,365	292,365
Transfers from other funds	670,000	670,000	670,000	-
Transfers to other funds	-	(551,727)	(551,727)	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	25,000	422,520	404,586	(17,934)
Appropriated fund balance	4,392,840	7,143,516	-	(7,143,516)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>6,645,553</u>	<u>9,257,309</u>	<u>2,388,224</u>	<u>(6,869,085)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	1,177,523	<u>\$ 1,177,523</u>
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year - July 1			<u>24,488,307</u>	
End of year - June 30			<u>\$ 25,665,830</u>	

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND - ANNUALLY BUDGETED MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 560,708	\$ 2,256,335	\$ 1,695,627
Investment earnings	-	67,085	67,085
Miscellaneous	-	40	40
Total revenues	<u>560,708</u>	<u>2,323,460</u>	<u>1,762,752</u>
Expenditures:			
Human services expenditures	536,928	579,582	(42,654)
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	18,612	18,612	-
Interest and fees	5,168	4,629	539
Total expenditures	<u>560,708</u>	<u>602,823</u>	<u>(42,115)</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	-	1,720,637	1,720,637
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Lease liabilities issued	-	144,521	144,521
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	1,865,158	<u>\$ 1,865,158</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>1,028,651</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 2,893,809</u>	

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Water Fund</u>
Assets:	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,825,999
Accounts receivable net	806,236
Due from other governments	99,593
Inventories	273,328
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>97,520</u>
Total current assets	<u>9,102,676</u>
Non-Current Assets:	
Capital assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	2,949,960
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>5,669,788</u>
Total capital assets	<u>8,619,748</u>
Total non-current assets	<u>8,619,748</u>
Total assets	<u>17,722,424</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
OPEB deferrals	9,263
Pension deferrals	<u>285,300</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>294,563</u>
Liabilities:	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	599,602
Amounts payable from restricted assets:	
Customer deposits	97,520
Current portion of compensated absences payable	<u>97,472</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>794,594</u>
Non-current liabilities:	
Compensated absences payable	24,368
Net pension liability	480,885
Total OPEB liability	<u>46,046</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>551,299</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,345,893</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Pension deferrals	5,978
OPEB deferrals	<u>29,202</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>35,180</u>
Net Position:	
Net investment in capital assets	8,619,748
Unrestricted	<u>8,016,166</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 16,635,914</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Water Fund</u>
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 4,676,775
Water taps	134,011
Other operating revenues	<u>41,314</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>4,852,100</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Water operations	4,048,210
Depreciation and amortization	<u>458,149</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>4,506,359</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>345,741</u>
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):	
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	12,502
Investment earnings	<u>324,334</u>
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>336,836</u>
Income (loss) before transfers	682,577
Transfers from other funds	<u>1,967,320</u>
Change in net position	2,649,897
Net Position:	
Beginning of year - July 1	<u>13,986,017</u>
End of year - June 30	<u>\$ 16,635,914</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Water Fund</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 4,801,420
Cash paid for goods and services	(2,740,181)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees	(914,177)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>1,147,062</u>
Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities:	
Transfers from (to) other funds	<u>1,967,320</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(3,014,076)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	12,502
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(3,001,574)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Investment earnings	<u>324,334</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	437,142
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
Beginning of year - July 1	<u>7,486,377</u>
End of year - June 30	<u>\$ 7,923,519</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 345,741</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	458,149
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(1,129)
(Increase) decrease in inventory and other current assets	(9,022)
(Increase) decrease in due from other governments	(49,551)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources for pensions	(18,057)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources for OPEB	1,205
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	75,659
Increase (decrease) in OPEB	2,173
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources for pensions	(1,350)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources for OPEB	(4,110)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	329,563
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	(280)
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	18,071
Total adjustments	<u>801,321</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,147,062</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 187,480
Taxes receivable for other governments, net	<u>30,386</u>
Total assets	<u>217,866</u>
Liabilities:	
Due to other governments	<u>104,786</u>
Net Position:	
Restricted for:	
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ 113,080</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
Additions:	
Ad valorem taxes for other governments	\$ 2,481,726
Collections on behalf of inmates	327,624
Investment earnings	836
Total additions	<u>2,810,186</u>
Deductions:	
Payments on behalf of inmates	329,651
Tax distributions to other governments	<u>2,444,525</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,774,176</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	36,010
Net position - beginning	<u>77,070</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 113,080</u>

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CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Caldwell County, North Carolina, (government) and its component units conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The County, which is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, is one of the 100 counties established in North Carolina under North Carolina General Statute 153A-10. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the County and its component units, legally separate entities for which the County is financially accountable.

The Caldwell County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the “Authority”) was created for the purpose of the aiding industrial and manufacturing facilities with financing for pollution control equipment.

The Economic Development Commission of Caldwell County is a commission appointed by the County Commissioners to promote economic development in Caldwell County and its municipalities. The Authority and the Economic Development Commission have no financial transactions or account balances; therefore, they are not presented in the basic financial statements.

Component Unit	Reporting Method	Criteria for Inclusion	Separate Financial Statements
Caldwell County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Authority	Discrete	The Authority is governed by a nine-member Board that is appointed by the County Commissioners. They can remove any member with or without cause.	None issued
Economic Development Commission of Caldwell County	Discrete	The Economic Development Commission’s Board members are appointed by the County Commissioners. They can remove any member with or without cause.	None issued

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

B. Basis of Presentation

Measurement Focus – Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide Statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the primary government (the County) and its component units. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the County. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed, in whole or in part, by fees charged to external parties.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the County and for each function of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the Statement of Activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods 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 County's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

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

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, sales taxes, federal and state grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for education, human services, public safety, economic and physical development, environmental protection, cultural and recreational projects, and general governmental services.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

American Rescue Plan Act Fund. This fund is used to track the revenue and expenditures of funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Opioid Settlement Fund. The Opioid Settlement Fund is a Special Revenue Fund used to account for settlement proceeds that are restricted for use for a particular purpose. This fund tracks the activities of that funding which will occur at least over 18 years.

State Grants 2022 Fund. This fund is used track the use of state grant money awarded to the county. Most of this came in the form of SCIF grants. Projects include a new animal shelter, a new communications center, courthouse renovations, capital outlay and various repairs and maintenance work for county property.

Public Schools Capital Project Fund. This fund is used to track the costs associated with the renovations of existing schools.

General Capital Projects Fund. This fund is used to track the costs associated with various County projects.

The County reports the following major enterprise fund:

Water Fund. This fund accounts for the operation, maintenance, and capital improvements to the County's water system.

The County reports the following fiduciary fund types:

Custodial Funds. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, or private-purpose trust funds. Custodial funds are used to account for assets the County holds on behalf of others that meet certain criteria. The County maintains the following custodial funds: the Tax Collector Fund, which accounts for ad valorem property taxes that are billed and collected by the County for municipalities within the County and the Jail Inmate Pay Fund, which accounts for monies held for prisoners at the Caldwell County jail.

Nonmajor Funds. The County maintains eight legally budgeted nonmajor funds. The Sales Tax Reinvestment Fund, Fire District Fund, Rescue Fund, Emergency Telephone System Fund, Fines and Forfeitures, Deed of Trust and Representative Payee are reported as nonmajor special revenue funds. The Schools Capital Project Fund – Sales Tax is reported as a nonmajor capital project fund.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

Government-Wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are

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recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the County gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations 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 County's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. The County 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/amortization 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 leases and IT subscriptions are reported as other financing sources.

The County considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem property taxes are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Since September 1, 2013, the state of North Carolina has been responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. These property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. Motor vehicle property tax revenues are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed by the County for periods prior to September 1, 2013, or those for limited registration plates are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

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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 County, are recognized as revenue. Intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because, generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been satisfied.

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

D. Budgetary Data

The County's budgets are adopted as required by North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund, the Sales Tax Reinvestment Fund, the Fire Districts Fund, the Rescue Fund, the Emergency Telephone System Special Revenue Fund, Fines and Forfeitures, Deed of Trust, Representative Payee, Opioid Settlement Fund, the School Capital Project Fund – Sales Tax, and the Water Operations Enterprise Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. Project ordinances are adopted for the Public Schools Capital Project Fund, General Capital Project Fund, American Rescue Plan Act Fund, State Grants 2022 Fund, and the Water Tanks Capital Project Fund.

All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The annual budget is approved by the Board at the function level. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the function level for all annually budgeted funds and at the project level for the multi-year funds. The County Manager and/or the Finance Director may make transfers of appropriations within a department.

Their authority is subject to the following limitations:

- Any transfer that results in the creation of additional staff positions requires approval by the Board of Commissioners.
- Any transfer that obligates additional federal, state, or local funds requires approval by the Board of Commissioners.
- Any transfer that results in the initiation of a new program or policy requires approval by the Board of Commissioners.
- Department heads or their designees may adjust line items within departmental budgets subject to the approval of the County Manager or his designee.
- Interdepartmental transfers shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners for recognition prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year, or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

E. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas where estimates are made are allowance for doubtful accounts and depreciation lives.

F. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows, and Fund Equity

Deposits and Investments

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

State law [G.S. 159-30] authorizes the County 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 County's investments are carried at fair value. Non-participating interest earning contracts are accounted for at cost. The NC Capital Management Trust Government Portfolio, an SEC-registered 2a-7 government money market fund that invests in treasuries, government agencies, and repurchase agreements collateralized by treasuries, is valued at fair value.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The County pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are considered cash and cash equivalents.

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Restricted Assets

Customer deposits held by the County before any services are supplied are restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected. The federal asset forfeiture and state-controlled substance funds are also classified as restricted assets because their use is restricted for future law enforcement expenditures. ARPA funds (advance from grantor) in the amount of \$1,207,367 are classified as restricted cash because they must be expended in accordance with American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Funds in the State Grants 2022 Fund and other governmental funds (General Fund and Opioid Settlement Fund) are classified as restricted cash because they must be expended in accordance with their respective agreements.

Governmental Activities:

General Fund:

Federal asset forfeiture funds	\$ 133,545
State controlled substance funds	481,497
Advance from grantor	<u>79,330</u>
Total General Fund	<u>694,372</u>

American Rescue Plan Act Fund:

Advance from grantor	<u>1,207,367</u>
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State Grants 2022 Fund:

Advance from grantor	38,906,663
Unexpended interest	<u>797,191</u>
Total State Grants 2022 Fund	<u>39,703,854</u>

Opioid Settlement Fund:

Unexpended opioid settlement proceeds	<u>2,916,090</u>
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Total governmental activities	44,521,683
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Business-Type Activities:

Water Fund:

Customer deposits	<u>97,520</u>
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Total restricted cash	<u>\$ 44,619,203</u>
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Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with state law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the County levies and collects ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due September 1 (lien date); however, penalties and interest do not accrue until the following January 6. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2023. As allowed by state law, the County has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes which are paid prior to the due date. In the County's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

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Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

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

Inventories

The inventories of the County are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in, first-out method. The County's General Fund inventory consists of expendable supplies that are recorded as expenditures when purchased. The inventory of the County's Enterprise Fund consists of materials and supplies held for consumption or resale. The cost of the inventory carried in the County's Enterprise Fund is recorded as an expense as it is consumed or sold.

Capital Assets

Purchased or constructed assets are reported at historical cost. Donated capital assets received prior to July 1, 2015, are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after July 1, 2015, are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' life are not capitalized.

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

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings	40 years
Improvements	25 years
Furniture and equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment	5 years

Right-to-Use Assets

The County has recorded right-to-use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right-to-use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right-to-use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

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The County has recorded the right-to-use subscription assets related to subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) as a result of implementing GASB 96. The right-to-use subscription assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the subscription liability plus payments made to the SBITA vendor before commencement of the subscription term, plus capitalizable implementation costs, less any incentives received from the SBITA vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term. The right-to-use subscription assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related SBITA.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflow of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The County has two items that meet the criteria – pension and OPEB related deferrals.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position can also report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The County has several items that meet the criteria for this category – prepaid taxes, property taxes receivable, unavailable revenues, and pension and OPEB related deferrals.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund-type Statement of Net Position.

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

Compensated Absences

The vacation policies of the County provide for the accumulation of up to thirty (30) days earned vacation leave, with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the County's government-wide and proprietary funds, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned. Compensated absences of the County have typically been liquidated in the governmental funds and are accounted for on the LIFO basis, assuming that employees are taking leave time as it is earned. Compensated absences are reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured (i.e., unused reimbursable leave still outstanding following an employee's resignation or retirement).

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The sick leave policy of the County provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since none of the entities have any obligation for accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made by the County.

Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are classified as net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, 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.

Inventories – portion of fund balance that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balance of inventories, which are not spendable resources.

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

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enabling legislation.” RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaids as they are classified as non-spendable. Outstanding encumbrances are included within RSS. RSS is included as a component of restricted net position and restricted fund balance on the face of the balance sheet.

Restricted for Register of Deeds – portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source to pay for the computer equipment and imaging technology for the Register of Deeds’ office.

Restricted for Public Safety – portion of fund balance restricted by revenue source for public safety related activities such as police, fire, EMS, and E-911.

Restricted for Human Services (Adoption) – portion of fund balance restricted by revenue source to enhance and expand adoption programs, secure permanent homes for hard to place children, and encourage partnerships between public and private agencies to secure permanency for children; also, to help provide adoption services such as recruitment, pre-adoption training, post placement support, and facilitation of legal procedures.

Restricted for Human Services – portion of fund balance that can be used to benefit beneficiaries under the Social Security’s Representative Payee Program; also, portion of fund balance restricted by revenue source of Opioid settlement proceeds.

Restricted for General Government – portion of fund balance that can only be used by the Register of Deeds from fees related to registering or filing a deed of trust or mortgage.

Restricted fund balance at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Opioid Settlement Fund</u>	<u>State Grants 2022 Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>
Restricted, All Other:				
Register of Deeds	\$ 46,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Human services (adoption)	426,985	-	-	-
Human services	-	2,892,630	-	77,665
General government	-	-	-	43,539
Public safety	615,042	-	797,191	815,940
Total	<u>\$ 1,088,412</u>	<u>\$ 2,892,630</u>	<u>\$ 797,191</u>	<u>\$ 937,144</u>

Restricted fund balance/net position on Exhibit A varies from Exhibit C by the Register of Deeds pension plan calculation for full accrual purposes of \$130,439 at June 30, 2024.

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Committed Fund Balance. The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government’s highest level of decision-making authority. The governing board 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.

Committed for Future Capital Projects – portion of fund balance budgeted by the Board to be used for future capital projects.

Committed fund balance at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Purpose	Public Schools Capital Project Fund	General Capital Project Fund
Future capital projects	\$ 189,744	\$ 7,278,536

Assigned Fund Balance. Assigned fund balance is the portion of fund balance that Caldwell County intends to use for specific purposes. The County’s governing body has the authority to assign fund balance.

Subsequent Year’s Expenditures – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year’s budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation; however, the budget ordinance authorizes the Manager to make certain modifications utilizing a contingency line item without requiring Board approval.

Assigned for Economic Development – portion of fund balance budgeted by the Board for economic development incentives and projects.

Assigned fund balance at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Purpose	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds
Subsequent year's expenditures	\$ 6,224,032	\$ 1,750,000
Economic development	-	1,506,005
Total	\$ 6,224,032	\$ 3,256,005

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Unassigned Fund Balance. Unassigned fund balance represents the portion of fund balance that has not been assigned to another fund or is not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, it is not appropriate to report a positive unassigned fund balance amount. However, in governmental funds other than the General Fund, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts that are restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance in that fund.

Caldwell County has a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: debt proceeds, federal funds, state funds, local non-County funds, and/or County 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 County or when required by grant or other contractual agreements.

The County has not officially adopted a fund balance policy.

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

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 25,665,830
Less:	
Inventories	(64,950)
Stabilization by state statute	<u>(7,390,729)</u>
Fund balance available for appropriation	<u>\$ 18,210,151</u>

Defined Benefit Cost-Sharing Plans

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

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2. Detail Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

Deposits

All the County’s deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the County’s agents in its 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 County, these deposits are held by its agents in the County’s name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest-bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the state Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The state Treasurer does not confirm this information with the County or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the County 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 that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method.

The state Treasurer enforces standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions. The County relies on the state Treasurer to monitor those financial institutions. The County analyzes the financial soundness on any other financial institution used by the County. The County complies with the provisions, G.S. 159-31, when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured. The County does not have a policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2024, the County’s deposits had a carrying amount of \$16,593,915 and a bank balance of \$17,963,318. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$17,713,318 was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method.

At June 30, 2024, the County had \$12,267 cash on hand.

Investments

As of June 30, 2024, the County’s investment balances were as follows:

Investment Type	Valuation Measurement Method	Fair Value	Less Than 6 Months	6-12 Months	Maturity
NC Capital Management Trust - Government Portfolio	Fair Value Level 1	\$ 68,710,365	\$ 68,710,365	N/A	N/A
Total investments		<u>\$ 68,710,365</u>			

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Because the NC Capital Management Trust Term Portfolio has a weighted average maturity of less than 90 days, it was presented as an investment with a maturity of less than 6 months. All investments are measured using the market approach: using prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or a group of assets.

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

Interest Rate Risk. The County has no formal investment policy regarding interest rate risk.

Credit Risk. The County has no formal policy regarding credit risk but has internal management procedures that limits the County’s investments to the provisions of G.S. 159-30 and restricts the purchase of securities to the highest possible ratings whenever particular types of securities are rated. The County’s investment in the NC Capital Management Trust Government Portfolio carried a credit rating of AAAm by Standard & Poor’s and AAA-mf by Moody’s Investor Service as of June 30, 2024.

Property Tax – Use-Value Assessment on Certain Lands

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

Year Levied	Tax	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 1,894,802	\$ 284,220	\$ 2,179,022
2022	1,916,110	191,611	2,107,721
2023	1,916,176	95,809	2,011,985
2024	1,883,123	-	1,883,123
Total	<u>\$ 7,610,211</u>	<u>\$ 571,640</u>	<u>\$ 8,181,851</u>

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Receivables

Receivables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Property Taxes</u>	<u>Due from Other Governments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental Activities:				
General property taxes	\$ -	\$ 3,810,949	\$ -	\$ 3,810,949
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(2,219,992)	-	(2,219,992)
Fire district taxes	-	270,536	-	270,536
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(46,938)	-	(46,938)
Rescue squad taxes	-	5,777	-	5,777
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(5,731)	-	(5,731)
Total	-	1,814,601	-	1,814,601
Ambulance receivables	13,132,515	-	-	13,132,515
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(12,171,671)	-	-	(12,171,671)
Sales tax receivable	3,861,060	-	-	3,861,060
DSS 1571 receivable	1,681,766	-	-	1,681,766
Other receivables	10,267,021	-	500,887	10,767,908
Sales tax refund	-	-	1,125,834	1,125,834
Total governmental activities	\$ 16,770,691	\$ 1,814,601	\$ 1,626,721	\$ 20,212,013
 Business-Type Activities:				
Water	\$ 1,234,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,234,926
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(428,690)	-	-	(428,690)
Sales tax refund	-	-	99,593	99,593
Total business-type activities	\$ 806,236	\$ -	\$ 99,593	\$ 905,829

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Capital Assets

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated/Amortized:				
Land	\$ 8,976,739	\$ 1,280,117	\$ (455,189)	\$ 9,801,667
Construction in progress	<u>644,517</u>	<u>534,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,179,429</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	<u>9,621,256</u>	<u>1,815,029</u>	<u>(455,189)</u>	<u>10,981,096</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized:				
Buildings	40,714,375	323,244	(233,159)	40,804,460
Equipment and furniture	19,204,282	1,967,637	(94,048)	21,077,871
Vehicles	10,262,052	1,621,789	(278,823)	11,605,018
Right-to-use leased assets	1,166,465	436,886	(361,265)	1,242,086
Right-to-use subscription assets	<u>388,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,672)</u>	<u>377,327</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>71,736,173</u>	<u>4,349,556</u>	<u>(978,967)</u>	<u>75,106,762</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization:				
Buildings	17,208,054	920,806	(11,658)	18,117,202
Equipment and furniture	14,326,837	1,264,748	(94,048)	15,497,537
Vehicles	7,245,828	1,122,134	(275,126)	8,092,836
Right-to-use leased assets	483,802	359,503	(342,044)	501,261
Right-to-use subscription assets	<u>144,321</u>	<u>144,255</u>	<u>(11,672)</u>	<u>276,904</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>39,408,842</u>	<u>3,811,446</u>	<u>(734,548)</u>	<u>42,485,740</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>32,327,331</u>			<u>32,621,022</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 41,948,587</u>			<u>\$ 43,602,118</u>

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Depreciation and amortization expenses were charged to the governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 621,670
Public safety	2,220,144
Economic and physical development	27,181
Environmental protection	51,769
Human services	767,997
Cultural and recreational	<u>122,685</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 3,811,446</u></u>

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated/Amortized:				
Land	\$ 60,181	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,181
Construction in progress	<u>517,692</u>	<u>2,372,087</u>	-	<u>2,889,779</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	<u>577,873</u>	<u>2,372,087</u>	-	<u>2,949,960</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized:				
Buildings	173,863	-	-	173,863
Water lines	15,682,336	-	-	15,682,336
Water valves	254,907	-	-	254,907
Fire hydrants	485,698	-	-	485,698
Water meters	431,637	-	-	431,637
Other system components	3,977,647	-	-	3,977,647
Equipment and vehicles	<u>2,189,546</u>	<u>641,989</u>	<u>(38,064)</u>	<u>2,793,471</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>23,195,634</u>	<u>641,989</u>	<u>(38,064)</u>	<u>23,799,559</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization:				
Buildings	53,458	5,911	-	59,369
Water lines	13,162,311	124,560	-	13,286,871
Water valves	249,804	2,081	-	251,885
Fire hydrants	406,203	9,715	-	415,918
Water meters	405,940	6,180	-	412,120
Other system components	1,847,804	71,250	-	1,919,054
Equipment and vehicles	<u>1,584,166</u>	<u>238,452</u>	<u>(38,064)</u>	<u>1,784,554</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>17,709,686</u>	<u>458,149</u>	<u>(38,064)</u>	<u>18,129,771</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>5,485,948</u>			<u>5,669,788</u>
 Business-type activities capital assets, net	 <u>\$ 6,063,821</u>			 <u>\$ 8,619,748</u>

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Construction Commitments

The County has active construction projects as of June 30, 2024. At year-end, the County's commitments with contractors are as follows:

Project	Spent-to-Date	Remaining Commitment
Collettesville Water Tank	\$ 1,910,856	\$ 2,622,091
Cajah's Mountain EMS Base	170,659	4,234,530

B. Liabilities

Payables

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Trade payables	\$ 2,610,977	\$ 599,602	\$ 3,210,579
Hospitalization reserve	728,430	-	728,430
Total	\$ 3,339,407	\$ 599,602	\$ 3,939,009

Pension Plan Obligations

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The County is a participating employer in the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined, benefit pension plan administered by the state of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers (LEOs) of participating local 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 Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the state of North Carolina. The state's ACFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the state Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

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

LGERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years 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 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50 or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55 or have completed 15 of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to 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. County employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The County's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2024 was 14.04% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 12.89% 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 County were \$4,105,265 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

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At June 30, 2024, the County reported a liability of \$24,044,124 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the County's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the County's proportion was 0.36304% (measured as of June 30, 2023), which was an increase of 0.00389% from its proportion as of June 30, 2023 (measured as of June 30, 2022).

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County recognized pension expense of \$6,917,863. At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,679,227	\$ 57,679
Changes of assumptions	1,021,737	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	6,435,260	-
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	23,471	241,239
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,105,265	-
Total	\$ 14,264,960	\$ 298,918

\$4,105,265 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Total
2025	\$ 3,536,869
2026	1,774,092
2027	4,277,699
2028	272,117
Total	\$ 9,860,777

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Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increase	3.25 to 8.25 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	6.5 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan actuary currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e., general and 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. public plan population. The mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021.

Future and ad hoc cost of living adjustment 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 returns 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, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	33.0%	0.9%
Global equity	38.0%	6.5%
Real estate	8.0%	5.9%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.2%
Opportunistic Fixed Income	7.0%	5.0%
Inflation sensitive	6.0%	2.7%
Total	100.0%	

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The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with an investment consulting firm as part of a study that was completed in early 2022, and is part of the asset, liability and investment policy of the North Carolina Retirement Systems. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 2.25%. Return projections do not include any excess return expectations over benchmark averages. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.50%. This discount rate is in line with the long-term nominal expected return on pension plan investments. The calculation of the net pension liability is a present value calculation of the future net pension payments. These net pension payments assume that contributions from plan members will be made at the current statutory contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at the contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the County’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what the County’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 (5.50%) or one percentage point higher (7.50%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.5%)	Discount Rate (6.5%)	1% Increase (7.5%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 41,655,500	\$ 24,044,124	\$ 9,544,789

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 (ACFR) for the state of North Carolina.

Law Enforcement Officers’ Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description. The County administers a public employee retirement system (the “Separation Allowance”), a single-employer, defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the County’s qualified sworn law enforcement officers under the age of 62 who have completed at least 30 years of creditable service or have attained 55 years of age and have completed five or more years of creditable service. The Separation Allowance is equal to 0.85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and

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amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. A separate report was not issued for the plan.

All full-time County law enforcement officers are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2022, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	10
Terminated plan member entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	-
Active plan members	<u>85</u>
Total	<u><u>95</u></u>

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

Actuarial Assumptions

The entry age normal actuarial cost method was used in the December 31, 2022 valuation. The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increase	3.25 to 7.75 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Discount rate	4.00 percent

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is the S&P Municipal Bond 20-Year High Grade Rate Index.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an experience study completed by the actuary for the Local Governmental Employee's Retirement System for the five-year period ending December 31, 2019.

Mortality Assumption: All mortality rates use Pub-2010 amount-weighted tables.

Mortality Projection: All mortality rates are projected from 2010 using generational improvement with Scale MP-2019.

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Deaths After Retirement (Healthy): Mortality rates are based on the Safety Mortality Table for Retirees. Rates for all members are multiplied by 97% and set forward by 1 year.

Deaths After Retirement (Disabled Members at Retirement): Mortality rates are based on the Non-Safety Mortality Table for Disabled Retirees. Rates are set back 3 years for all ages.

Deaths After Retirement (Survivors of Deceased Members): Mortality rates are based on the Below-Median Teachers Mortality Table for Contingent Survivors. Rates for male members are set forward 3 years. Rates for female members are set forward 1 year. Because the contingent survivor tables have no rates prior to age 45, the Below-Median Teachers Mortality Table for Employees is used for ages less than 45.

Deaths Prior to Retirement: Mortality rates are based on the Safety Mortality Table for Employees.

Contributions. The County is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and, at present, has chosen to fund the benefit payments on a pay-as-you-go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. The County’s obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. Administration costs of the Separation Allowance are financed through investment earnings. The County paid \$159,110 as benefits came due for the reporting period.

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

At June 30, 2024, the County reported a total pension liability of \$3,105,022. The total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023 based on a December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation. The total pension liability was rolled forward to December 31, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County recognized pension expense of \$421,248.

At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 415,661	\$ 10,499
Changes of assumptions	338,955	353,355
Benefit payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	77,436	-
Total	\$ 832,052	\$ 363,854

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\$77,436 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the total pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows or inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending	
June 30	Total
2025	\$ 154,354
2026	136,031
2027	26,924
2028	(8,379)
2029	69,347
Thereafter	12,485
Total	<u>\$ 390,762</u>

Sensitivity of the County's Total Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the County's total pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.00%, as well as what the County's total pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.00%) or one percentage point higher (5.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.00%)	Discount Rate (4.00%)	1% Increase (5.00%)
Total pension liability	<u>\$ 3,392,692</u>	<u>\$ 3,105,022</u>	<u>\$ 2,846,885</u>

Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

	2024
Beginning balance	<u>\$ 2,580,895</u>
Service cost	146,862
Interest on the total pension liability	107,808
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	351,620
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	76,947
Benefit payments	<u>(159,110)</u>
Net changes	<u>524,127</u>
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u>\$ 3,105,022</u>

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Changes of Assumptions. Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 4.31% at December 31, 2022 (measurement date) to 4.00% at December 31, 2023 (measurement date).

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, 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.

Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

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

Funding Policy. Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the County to contribute each month an amount equal to 5% of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the Plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$323,865, which consisted of \$251,777 from the County and \$72,088 from the law enforcement officers. No amounts were forfeited.

Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund

Plan Description. The County also contributes to the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund (RODSPF), a non-contributory, cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the North Carolina Department of state Treasurer. RODSPF provides supplemental pension benefits to any eligible county register of deeds who is retired under the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) or an equivalent locally sponsored plan. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 161 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the state House of Representatives, and the state Treasurer and state Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the state of North Carolina. The state's ACFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Resisters of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

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

Contributions. Benefits and administrative expenses are funded by investment income and 1.5% of the receipts collected by each County Commission under Article 1 of Chapter 161 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The statutory contribution currently has no relationship to the actuary’s required contribution. The actuarially determined contribution this year and for the foreseeable future is zero. Registers of Deeds do not contribute. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 161-50 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Contributions to the pension plan from the County were \$6,926 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the County reported an asset of \$97,650 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The County’s proportion of the net pension asset was based on the County’s share of contributions to the pension plan, relative to contributions to the pension plan of all participating RODSPF employers. At June 30, 2024, the County’s proportion was 0.81260% (measured as of June 30, 2023), which was an increase of 0.11592% from its proportion as of June 30, 2023 (measured as of June 30, 2022).

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County recognized pension expense of \$11,342. At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 4,323
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	49,601	-
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	19,415
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,926	-
Total	\$ 56,527	\$ 23,738

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\$6,926 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension asset in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending	
June 30	Total
2025	\$ (570)
2026	8,906
2027	14,399
2028	3,128
Total	<u>\$ 25,863</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increase	3.25 to 8.25 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Discount rate	3.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, 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. public plan population. The mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience review for LGERS for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

Future and ad hoc cost of living adjustment 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 returns 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

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weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The adopted asset allocation policy for the RODSPF is 99.8% in the fixed income asset class. The best estimate of arithmetic real rate of return for the fixed income asset class as of June 30, 2023 is 0.9%.

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with an investment consulting firm as part of a study that was completed in early 2022, and is part of the asset, liability and investment policy of the North Carolina Retirement Systems. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 2.25%. Return projections do not include any excess return expectations over benchmark averages. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.00%. This discount rate is in line with the long-term nominal expected return on pension plan investments. The calculation of the net pension asset is a present value calculation of the future net pension payments. These net pension payments assume that contributions from plan members will be made at the current statutory contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at the contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the County’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the County’s proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 3.00%, as well as what the County’s proportionate share of the net pension asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.00%)	Discount Rate (3.00%)	1% Increase (4.00%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 66,658	\$ (97,650)	\$ 123,783

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 (ACFR) for the state of North Carolina.

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

The net pension liability for LGERS and ROD was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022. The total pension liability for LEOSSA was measured as of December 31, 2023, with an actuarial valuation date of December 31, 2022. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the County's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contribution of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	LGERS	LEOSSA	ROD	Total
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	\$ 24,044,124	NA	\$ (97,650)	\$ 23,946,474
Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.36304%	NA	0.81260%	
Total pension liability	NA	\$ 3,105,022	NA	\$ 3,105,022
Pension expense	\$ 6,917,863	\$ 421,248	\$ 11,342	\$ 7,350,453

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At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>LGERS</u>	<u>LEOSSA</u>	<u>ROD</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,679,227	\$ 415,661	\$ -	\$ 3,094,888
Changes of assumptions	1,021,737	338,955	-	1,360,692
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	6,435,260	-	49,601	6,484,861
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	23,471	-	-	23,471
County contributions (LGERS, ROD) and benefit payments and administration costs (LEOSSA) subsequent to the measurement date	<u>4,105,265</u>	<u>77,436</u>	<u>6,926</u>	<u>4,189,627</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,264,960</u>	<u>\$ 832,052</u>	<u>\$ 56,527</u>	<u>\$ 15,153,539</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 57,679	\$ 10,499	\$ 4,323	\$ 72,501
Changes of assumptions	-	353,355	-	353,355
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>241,239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,415</u>	<u>260,654</u>
Total	<u>\$ 298,918</u>	<u>\$ 363,854</u>	<u>\$ 23,738</u>	<u>\$ 686,510</u>

Other Post-Employment Benefits – Healthcare Benefits

Plan Description. The County (by local ordinance) provides post-employment healthcare benefits to retirees of the County as a single-employer, defined, benefit plan, provided they participate in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and have at least thirty years of creditable service with the County. The County pays 50% of the cost of coverage for these benefits through private insurers until the retiree reaches the age for Medicare eligibility. Also, the County's retirees can purchase coverage for their dependents at the County's group rates if that dependent was previously covered at the time of retirement. New dependents cannot be added after retirement. The County Commissioners may amend the benefit provisions. A separate report was not issued for the Plan. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75.

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Membership of the Plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2022, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and dependents receiving benefits	14
Terminated plan members entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	-
Active plan members	<u>519</u>
Total	<u><u>533</u></u>

Funding Policy. The County pays 50% of the cost of coverage for the healthcare benefits paid to qualified retirees under a County resolution that can be amended by the County Board. The County's members pay the current active employee rate for dependent coverage if the retiree elects to purchase the coverage. The County has chosen to fund the healthcare benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Total OPEB Liability

The County's total OPEB liability of \$2,302,314 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases (including wage inflation):	
General employees	3.25%-8.41%
Firefighters	3.25%-8.15%
Law Enforcement Officers	3.25%-7.90%
Discount rate	3.65 percent
Healthcare cost trend rates	Pre-Medicare - 7.00% for 2022 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2032

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Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance at June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 2,193,658</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	122,566
Interest	80,913
Differences between expected and actual experience	(3,538)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(29,659)
Benefit payments	<u>(61,626)</u>
Net changes	<u>108,656</u>
Balance at June 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 2,302,314</u></u>

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the Municipal Bond Index Rate from 3.54% to 3.65%.

The County selected a Municipal Bond Index Rate equal to the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Bond Index published at the last Thursday of June by The Bond Buyer, and the Municipal Bond Index Rate as of the measurement date as the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 mortality tables, with adjustments for LGERS experience and generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2019.

The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, withdrawal, and salary increases used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2019, adopted by the LGERS Board.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2022 valuation.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.65 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65 percent) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.65%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (3.65%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.65%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 2,589,189</u>	<u>\$ 2,302,314</u>	<u>\$ 2,052,508</u>

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

	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,984,231	\$ 2,302,314	\$ 2,691,398

OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County recognized OPEB expense of \$31,151. At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 3,360	\$ 1,155,687
Changes of assumptions	388,412	304,417
Benefit payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	71,423	-
Total	\$ 463,195	\$ 1,460,104

\$71,423 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the total OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows or outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Total
2025	\$ (172,328)
2026	(172,328)
2027	(172,328)
2028	(156,601)
2029	(115,379)
Thereafter	(279,368)
Total	\$ (1,068,332)

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Other Employment Benefits

In addition to providing pension benefits, the County has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, state-administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year 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 benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months' salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit will be a minimum of \$25,000 but will not exceed \$50,000. Because all death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan and not by the County, the County does not determine the number of eligible participants. The County has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based upon rates established annually by the state. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. The County considers these contributions to be immaterial.

Closure and Post-Closure Care Costs – Landfill Facility

Federal and state laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its Mt. Herman Landfill facility when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for 30 years after closure. Although closure and post-closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and post-closure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. The \$870 reported as landfill closure and post-closure care liability at June 30, 2024 represents a cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 100% of the total estimated capacity of the old landfill that is subject to these regulations. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and post-closure care in 1998. The County closed the landfill on April 1, 1998. Actual closure and post-closure costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. As actual cost of closure and post-closure are incurred, they will be recognized as expenditures and reductions of the accrued liability.

The County built a new landfill in 1998. Republic Industries operates the landfill in accordance with all regulations and will dispose of all residential waste within the County. All closure and post-closure costs will be assumed by Republic Industries.

The County is required by federal and state laws and regulations to demonstrate financial assurance for the required closure, post-closure, and corrective action. Financial assurance may be demonstrated by one of the several prescribed methods. The County has chosen to use the Local Government Financial Test method. Under this method, the local government must annually satisfy each of four components: 1) show financial health by means of financial ratios or bond rating indicators, 2) meet an operating deficit requirement, 3) not be in default on any outstanding general obligation debt or any long-term obligations, and 4) not

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have outstanding general obligation bonds rated lower than investment grade. The County is in compliance with the four requirements of the Local Government Financial Test.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pension deferrals	\$ 15,153,539
OPEB deferrals	463,195
Total	<u>\$ 15,616,734</u>

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

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Taxes receivable, net (General Fund and Special Revenue Fund)	\$ 1,814,601
Prepaid taxes	170,997
Unavailable revenues (Opioid Settlement Fund)	9,233,861
OPEB deferrals	1,460,104
Pension deferrals	686,510
Total	<u>\$ 13,366,073</u>

Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County obtains property coverage through SIA Insurance Services, Inc. equal to replacement cost values of owned property subject to a limit of \$57,245,785 for any one occurrence; general, auto, professional, and employment practices liability coverage of \$2 million per occurrence; auto physical damage coverage for owned autos at actual cash value; and crime coverage of \$250,000 per occurrence. The County is insured for its health insurance with the State Health Plan and is fully insured for its workers' compensation insurance with the North Carolina County Commissioners' Association.

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

The County does not carry flood insurance.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the County's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the County's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. As of June 30, 2024 the Finance Director was covered with a \$1,000,000 bond, and the Tax Administrator, Register of Deeds and Sheriff were all covered by a \$50,000 bond. All

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employees who have access to cash are covered by a blanket policy of \$250,000. This blanket policy also covers the Finance Director, Register of Deeds, Tax Administrator, and Sheriff.

Long-Term Obligations

Leases

The County has entered into agreements to lease certain equipment. The lease agreements qualify as other than short-term leases under GASB 87 and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

On 06/19/2023, Caldwell County entered into a 48-month lease as Lessee for the use of Dell/Order#MSSO50533. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$328,669. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$242,181. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$7,164. The lease has an interest rate of 2.3270%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$328,669 with accumulated amortization of \$85,143.

On 07/01/2021, Caldwell County entered into a 43-month lease as Lessee for the use of 120 Hospital Ave. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$54,538. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$8,984. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$1,287. The lease has an interest rate of 0.8140%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$54,538 with accumulated amortization of \$45,135.

On 07/01/2021, Caldwell County entered into a 53-month lease as Lessee for the use of Systel Equipment. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$69,345. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$22,512. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$1,332. The lease has an interest rate of 0.8140%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$69,345 with accumulated amortization of \$46,287.

On 07/01/2021, Caldwell County entered into a 43-month lease as Lessee for the use of Ricoh Copier & Printer. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$54,538. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$8,984. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$1,287. The lease has an interest rate of 0.8140%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$54,538 with accumulated amortization of \$45,135.

On 07/01/2021, Caldwell County entered into a 38-month lease as Lessee for the use of Copier - Ricoh IM C400F. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$15,796. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$839. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$420. The lease has an interest rate of 0.6480%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$15,796 with accumulated amortization of \$14,669.

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On 12/20/2021, Caldwell County entered into a 36-month lease as Lessee for the use of Laptop - Dell Latitude 5520. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$41,918. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$5,878. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$1,178. The lease has an interest rate of 0.7980%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$41,918 with accumulated amortization of \$35,359.

On 08/30/2021, Caldwell County entered into a 36-month lease as Lessee for the use of Ricoh Copiers. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$92,817. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$2,599. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$2,601. The lease has an interest rate of 0.5930%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$92,817 with accumulated amortization of \$87,746.

On 07/01/2021, Caldwell County entered into a 36-month lease as Lessee for the use of Pitney Bowes - Digital Mailing System. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$5,320. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$0. Caldwell County is required to make quarterly fixed payments of \$488. The lease has an interest rate of 0.6480%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$5,320 with accumulated amortization of \$5,310.

On 07/01/2021, Caldwell County entered into a 36-month lease as Lessee for the use of Printer - HP T1600. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$4,536. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$0. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$127. The lease has an interest rate of 0.6480%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$4,536 with accumulated amortization of \$4,532.

On 01/24/2022, Caldwell County entered into a 36-month lease as Lessee for the use of Copier - Ricoh IM 4000. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$7,391. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$1,250. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$209. The lease has an interest rate of 1.2640%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$7,391 with accumulated amortization of \$6,002.

On 02/02/2022, Caldwell County entered into a 36-month lease as Lessee for the use of Systel Equipment- DSS. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$65,090. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$15,014. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$1,900. The lease has an interest rate of 3.2380%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$65,090 with accumulated amortization of \$52,373.

On 10/23/2022, Caldwell County entered into a 36-month lease as Lessee for the use of Systel Equipment- DSS. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$65,242. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$27,890. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$1,900. The lease has an interest rate of 3.2380%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$65,242 with accumulated amortization of \$36,729.

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On 09/27/2023, Caldwell County entered into a 48-month lease as Lessee for the use of Enterprise Fleet Management. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$144,521. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$125,909, and the value of the short-term lease liability is \$29,230. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$2,905. The lease has an interest rate of 5.0000%. The Vehicles estimated useful life was 0 months as of the contract commencement. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$144,521 with accumulated amortization of \$27,499. The lease has a guaranteed residual value payment of \$25,414.

On 05/15/2024, Caldwell County entered into a 48-month lease as Lessee for the use of Market Space Solutions. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$292,365. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the lease liability is \$280,161, and the value of the short-term lease liability is \$69,002. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$6,579. The lease has an interest rate of 4.0000%. The Computer Equipment estimated useful life was 0 months as of the contract commencement. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$292,365 with accumulated amortization of \$9,342.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Year Ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 261,059	\$ 21,302	\$ 282,361
2026	197,955	14,183	212,138
2027	184,928	7,687	192,615
2028	98,259	1,664	99,923
Total	<u>\$ 742,201</u>	<u>\$ 44,836</u>	<u>\$ 787,037</u>

Subscriptions

The County has entered into subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs). The SBITAs qualify as other than short-term SBITAs under GASB 96 and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum subscription payments as of the date of their inception.

On 07/01/2022, Caldwell County entered into a 33-month subscription for the use of EPCR Software. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$101,547. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the subscription liability is \$28,294. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$3,175. The subscription has an interest rate of 2.3540%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$103,332 with accumulated amortization of \$75,151.

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On 07/01/2022, Caldwell County entered into a 33-month subscription for the use of WatchGuard MFA. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$23,898. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the subscription liability is \$7,182. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$775. The subscription has an interest rate of 2.3540%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$24,731 with accumulated amortization of \$17,683.

On 07/01/2022, Caldwell County entered into a 32-month subscription for the use of Monitored Server. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$244,764. As of 06/30/2024, the value of the subscription liability is \$68,197. Caldwell County is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$7,652. The subscription has an interest rate of 2.3540%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of 06/30/2024 is \$249,264 with accumulated amortization of \$184,070.

The future minimum subscription obligations and the net present value of the minimum subscription payments as of June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 103,673	\$ 1,027

Installment Purchases

As authorized by state law (G.S. 160A-20 and 153A-158.1), the County financed various property and equipment acquisitions by installment purchase.

As authorized by state law (G.S. 160A-20 and 153A-158.1), the County has entered into two installment financing agreements for school renovations and improvements for Caldwell County schools. These installment purchases were issued pursuant to deeds of trust that require legal title remain with the County as long as the debt is outstanding. The County entered into leases with the Board of Education of Caldwell County that transfers the rights and responsibilities for maintenance and insurance of the properties to the Board of Education. These leases call for nominal annual lease payments and contain a bargain purchase option. The lease terms are the same as the installment purchase obligations. Due to the economic substance of these transitions, the capital assets associated with the installment purchase obligations are recorded by the Board of Education.

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Installment purchase contracts at June 30, 2024 are comprised of the following:

Serviced by the County's General Fund:

\$676,415 for expansion of the Mental Health Facility, financed for 30 years at 0% interest and due in monthly installments	\$	547,506
\$5,950,000 financing for the construction of the ASU Center facility on the campus of CCC&TI, due in annual installments of \$326,100 through July 2012; annual payment increases to \$542,568, including interest at 2.17%, through July 2025		964,838
\$16,300,000 contract for the Early College facility on the campus of CCC&TI, upgrade to emergency communications system to include new towers, new equipment, renovations to the Courthouse and the County offices building, financed for 20 years at 2.415% interest, due in semi-annual installments (one installment is interest only, the other is principal and interest)		2,573,685
\$12,500,000 for a new facility on the government campus adjacent to the existing Sheriff's Department building to house both the Department of Social Services and the Health Department, financed for 20 years at 2.65% interest, due in semi-annual installments (one installment is interest only, the other is principal and interest)		1,973,684
\$2,971,361 Qualified School Construction Bonds for the addition of new classrooms at Sawmills Elementary School and Hudson Elementary School, financed for 14 years at 2.17% interest, due in annual installments through December 2024		198,091
\$2,248,500 for the replacement of HVAC systems at Davenport, Hudson and Gamewell schools; funded by BB&T through the federal stimulus program's QSCB loan program with an effective interest rate of zero; payments due annually through 2025		299,800
\$12,300,000 borrowing to renovate and build additions to Granite Falls Middle School. Financed at an interest rate of 1.4% through April 2034		9,065,000
\$3,045,000 borrowing to construct two EMS bases in the city of Lenoir. Financed at an interest rate of 1.4% through June 2034		1,987,000
\$1,470,000 59-month financing to purchase capital outlay consisting of various vehicles and equipment. Financed at an interest rate of 1.6787% through June 2025		304,000
\$515,000 59-month financing to purchase capital outlay consisting of various vehicles and equipment. Financed at an interest rate of 1.18% through January 2026		209,000

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\$3,700,000 59-month financing to purchase capital outlay consisting of various vehicles and equipment. Financed at an interest rate of 1.18% through January 2026	3,206,000
\$750,000 59-month financing to purchase capital outlay consisting of various vehicles and equipment. Financed at an interest rate of 1.18% through January 2026	456,000
\$1,573,000 borrowing to purchase vehicles and equipment. Financed at an interest rate of 4.2857% through April 2028	1,573,000
\$14,500,000 borrowing to construct new middle school to replace the old facility that housed William Lenoir Middle School. Financed at an interest rate of 1.2% through September 2028	<u>5,246,000</u>
Total serviced by the General Fund	<u>\$ 28,603,604</u>

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$547,506 is secured by a deed of trust on the mental health facility located on Morganton Boulevard. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments, the outstanding principal is due, and all leases and rents of residential units are assigned to NCHFA. Upon default, interest on the loan increases to 10% and the lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged property, including initiating foreclosure proceedings.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$964,838 is secured by a deed of trust on the building on the campus of the community college referred to as the ASU center. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and accrued interest are due. The lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged property, which includes initiating foreclosure proceedings.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$2,573,685 is secured by a deed of trust on the County's courthouse building and by the facility on the campus of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute referred to as the Early College. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and accrued interest are due. The lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged properties, which includes initiating foreclosure proceedings.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$1,973,684 is secured by a deed of trust on the county owned building referred to as the Health and Human Services Building located off Morganton Boulevard in Lenoir, North Carolina. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget / appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and accrued interest are due. The lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged property, which includes initiating foreclosure proceedings.

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The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$198,091 is secured by a deed of trust on Sawmills Elementary School. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and accrued interest are due. The lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged property, which includes initiating foreclosure proceedings.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$299,800 is secured by a deed of trust on Gamewell Middle School. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and accrued interest are due. The lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged property, which includes initiating foreclosure proceedings.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$9,065,000 is secured by a deed of trust on Granite Falls Middle School. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments, the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service or the removal of the appropriation from the budget, the outstanding principal and accrued interest are due. The lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged property, which includes initiating foreclosure proceedings.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$1,987,000 is secured by a deed of trust on two emergency medical services buildings. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments, the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service or the removal of the appropriation from the budget, the outstanding principal and accrued interest are due. Upon default, interest on the loan increases by 4.00% and the lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged property, which includes initiating foreclosure proceedings.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$304,000 is secured by a security interest in various vehicles and equipment. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and interest are due. Upon default, the lender will take possession of the vehicles and equipment securing the loan and the County will relinquish all rights to the vehicles and equipment.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$209,000 is secured by a security interest in various vehicles and equipment. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and interest are due. Upon default, the lender will take possession of the vehicles and equipment securing the loan and the County will relinquish all rights to the vehicles and equipment.

The County's outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$3,206,000 is secured by the new animal shelter facility. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the bank shall elect to (a) declare the unpaid portion of the then outstanding principal immediately due and payable; (b) proceed by appropriate court action to enforce the performance by the County of the applicable covenants of the contract or recover for any breach thereof; (c) exercise or

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direct the trustee to exercise all the rights and remedies of a secured party or creditor, including taking possession of the property and sell, lease, sublease or make other disposition; (d) enforce its security interest in the property or direct the trustee to institute foreclosure proceedings and sell the property; or (e) pursue any other remedy available at law or equity to the bank.

The County’s outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$456,000 is secured by the vehicles and equipment purchased with those funds. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and interest are due. Upon default, the lender will take possession of the vehicles and equipment securing the loan and the County will relinquish all rights to the vehicles and equipment.

The County’s outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$1,573,000 is secured by the vehicles and equipment purchased with those funds. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments or the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service, the outstanding principal and interest are due. Upon default, the lender will take possession of the vehicles and equipment securing the loan and the County will relinquish all rights to the vehicles and equipment.

The County’s outstanding note from direct placements related to governmental activities of \$5,246,000 is secured by a deed of trust on William Lenoir Middle School. Upon the failure to pay or make timely payments, the failure to budget/appropriate for the debt service or the removal of the appropriation from the budget, the outstanding principal and accrued interest are due. Upon default, interest on the loan increases by 4.00% and the lender can enforce its security interest in the mortgaged property, which includes initiating foreclosure proceedings.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the County’s direct placement installment purchases are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 5,727,974	\$ 474,727
2026	5,213,343	372,449
2027	4,448,793	273,241
2028	2,754,004	201,748
2029	2,728,004	154,766
2030-2034	6,646,020	367,635
2035-2039	838,020	29,372
2040-2044	100,020	-
2045-2049	147,426	-
Total	\$ 28,603,604	\$ 1,873,938

At June 30, 2024, the County had a legal debt margin of approximately \$669,400,000.

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Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of changes in the County's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2024	Current Portion of Balance
Governmental Activities:					
Notes from direct placements	\$ 32,767,344	\$ 1,573,000	\$ 5,736,740	\$ 28,603,604	\$ 5,727,974
Leases	672,766	436,886	367,451	742,201	261,059
Subscriptions	238,144	-	134,471	103,673	103,673
Compensated absences	4,003,819	3,010,117	2,252,323	4,761,613	3,809,290
Total OPEB liability	2,149,785	106,483	-	2,256,268	-
Accrued post-closure care	28,441	337	27,908	870	870
Net pension liability (LGERS)	19,855,963	3,707,276	-	23,563,239	-
Total pension obligation (LEOSSA)	2,580,895	683,237	159,110	3,105,022	-
Total governmental activities	\$ 62,297,157	\$ 9,517,336	\$ 8,678,003	\$ 63,136,490	\$ 9,902,866
Business-Type Activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 103,769	\$ 64,521	\$ 46,450	\$ 121,840	\$ 97,472
Total OPEB liability	43,873	2,173	-	46,046	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)	405,226	75,659	-	480,885	-
Total business-type activities	\$ 552,868	\$ 142,353	\$ 46,450	\$ 648,771	\$ 97,472

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

Net Investment in Capital Assets

Net investment in capital assets at June 30, 2024 is computed as follows:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	\$ 43,602,118
Less capital debt:	
Gross debt	29,449,478
Less:	
School debt related to assets to which the County does not hold title	(17,120,281)
Net capital debt	12,329,197
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 31,272,921

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Conduit Debt Obligations

The Authority has previously issued industrial revenue bonds to provide financial assistance to private businesses for economic development purposes. These bonds were secured by the properties financed, as well as letters of credit, and are payable solely from payments received from the private businesses involved. Ownership of the acquired facilities is in the name of the private business served by the bond issuance. Neither the County, the Authority, the state, nor any political subdivision, thereof, is obligated in any manner for the repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. As of June 30, 2024, there were no industrial revenue bonds outstanding.

C. Interfund Balances and Activity

Transfers in (out) for the year ended June 30, 2024, are summarized below.

From	To	Amount	Purpose
General Fund	General Capital Projects Fund	\$ 386,000	Proceeds from sale of land for economic development
General Fund	Emergency Telephone System Fund	165,727	PSAP reporting corrections
General Capital Projects Fund	General Fund	320,000	Use of 524 sales tax funds for additional SRO's at County schools
Sales Tax Reinvestment Fund	General Fund	350,000	EMS bases loan - debt service
General Capital Projects Fund	Schools Capital Project Fund - Sales Tax	700,000	Debt service on GFMS project
ARPA Fund	Water Tanks Capital Project Fund	1,967,320	ARPA expenditures
Total		<u>\$ 3,889,047</u>	

3. Joint Ventures

The County, in conjunction with the state of North Carolina, the Caldwell County Board of Education, and the Board of Commissioners of Watauga County, participates in a joint venture to operate Caldwell Community College. The County, the Board of Education, and the Governor each appoint four members of the fifteen-member Board of Trustees of the Community College. The Board of Commissioners of Watauga County appoints two members, and the President of the Community College's student government association serves as ex-officio, non-voting member. The Community College is included as a component unit in the financial statements of the state of North Carolina.

The County has an ongoing statutory responsibility to provide funding for the facilities of the Community College. This responsibility is fulfilled by means of an annual appropriation covering plant operations and maintenance, capital outlay, and some operating expenses. In addition, the County periodically issues general obligation bonds and installment purchase debt to provide financing for new and restructured facilities. As of June 30, 2024, \$2,311,390 of debt issued for this purpose was still outstanding.

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The County contributed \$3,953,797 for operating and capital purposes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. In addition, the County made debt service payments of \$976,250 during the fiscal year on installment purchase debt issued for community college capital facilities.

The participating governments do not have any equity interest in the Community College; therefore, no equity interest has been reflected in these financial statements. Complete financial statements for the Community College may be obtained at the College's administrative offices on Highway 321, Hudson, North Carolina.

Vaya Health is the MH/DD/SAS area program for the following 23 counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey. The County Commissioners are responsible for appointing two of the 46 members of the Board of Directors of Vaya Health for MH/DD/SAS. The County Commissioners also appoint one at-large member to the Vaya Health Board, but this member has no voting power. The County's accountability for this organization does not extend beyond making these appointments.

4. Jointly Governed Organizations

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments (the "Council") was established in November 1968 by the County in conjunction with three other counties and twenty-three municipalities. Each participating government appoints one member to the Council's governing board. The Council's financing is derived from voluntary annual dues paid by member governments and from federal and state grants. The County paid dues of \$62,483 to the Council during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

The Region E Development Corporation (the "Corporation") was founded in 1982 by the Commissioners of the four counties of the Unifour Area. It serves as the access point for small businesses to obtain financing under the U.S. Small Business Administration's 504 Loan Program. Six of the twenty-five members of the Corporation are appointed by the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners. The County does not provide any regular appropriation of funds for the Corporation.

Blue Ridge Community Action, Inc. (the "BRCA") is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization, which operates various programs providing aid and services to economically disadvantaged, handicapped, and elderly persons. BRCA is supported primarily by federal and state grants and appropriations from local governments. It is governed by a Board of Directors representing the County Commissions of Caldwell County and Burke County, local civic organizations, and communities with a high incidence of poverty. The Caldwell County Board of Commissioners appoints three of the eighteen members of the Board of Directors. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County provided \$13,473 to support the home delivered meals program.

Foothills Regional Airport Authority was established by Caldwell County in conjunction with one other county and two municipalities. Each participating government appoints two members to the authority's governing board. Each government funds the authority in equal amounts. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, Caldwell County contributed \$48,000.

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5. Summary Disclosure of Significant Commitments and Contingencies

Federal and State-Assisted Programs

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

6. Claims, Judgement, and Contingent Liabilities

At June 30, 2024, the County was a defendant to various lawsuits. In the opinion of the County's management and the County attorney, the ultimate effect of these legal matters will not have a material adverse effect on the County's financial position.

7. Opioid Settlement Funds

In April 2022, drug manufacturer Johnson & Johnson, and three drug distributors, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and Cardinal Health, finalized a \$26 billion-dollar nationwide settlement related to multiple opioid lawsuits. These funds will be disbursed to each participating state over an 18-year period according to an allocation agreement reached with all participating states. The majority of these funds are intended for opioid abatement and the distribution of the funds will be front loaded.

North Carolina's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the state and local governments for the settlement funds allocates the funds as follows:

- 15% directly to the state ("State Abatement Fund")
- 80% to abatement funds established by Local Governments ("Local Abatement Funds")
- 5% to a County Incentive Fund

As of June 30, 2024, the County has received \$3,321,959 as part of this settlement. Per the terms of the MOA, the County created a special revenue fund, the Opioid Settlement Fund, to account for these funds. All funds are to be used for opioid abatement and remediation activities. Funds are restricted until expended. \$649,147 of these funds have been expended as of June 30, 2024.

The MOA offered the County two options of expending the funds. The County opted for Option B which allows a wide array of strategies to address the impact of the opioid epidemic.

8. Reimbursement for Pandemic-Related Expenditures

In fiscal year 2020-2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts and replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. The County was allocated \$15,962,113 of fiscal recovery funds to be paid in two equal installments. The first installment of

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\$7,981,057 was received in May 2021. The second installment of \$7,981,056 was received in June 2022. County staff and the Board of Commissioners elected to use \$10,000,000 of the ARPA funds for revenue replacement in the 2022 fiscal year, and these funds were transferred to the General Fund. The County used \$1,362,181 and \$1,425,245 of the ARPA funds for premium pay in the 2022 and 2023 fiscal years, respectively. The remaining funds of \$3,174,687 have been allocated to the water fund capital project which will construct a new water tank to serve the Collettesville community. The County has spent \$1,967,320 on this project as of June 30, 2024.

9. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the expenditures in the County's General Fund and Opioid Settlement Fund exceeded the authorized appropriations made by the governing body as detailed below. The over-expenditures occurred due to the lease of capital assets. Under recently changed accounting rules, leases show as an expense in the respective funds regardless of when the actual payments are made. The budget was approved in sufficient amounts to cover the actual payments but not the accrued expense for the leased assets. The County will review all leased assets in the future to ensure that this expense is approved in the budget.

General Fund:

Debt service	\$ 122,948
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Opioid Fund:

Total expenses	42,115
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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL DATA

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

- **Other Post-Employment Benefits – Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**
- **Law Enforcement Officers’ Special Separation Allowance – Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability**
- **Law Enforcement Officers’ Special Separation Allowance – Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll**
- **Local Governmental Employees’ Retirement System – Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)**
- **Local Governmental Employees’ Retirement System – Contributions**
- **Register of Deeds’ Supplemental Pension Fund – Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)**
- **Register of Deeds’ Supplemental Pension Fund – Contributions**

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OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS

Other Post-Employment Benefits				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Service cost	\$ 122,566	\$ 193,794	\$ 196,554	\$ 138,200
Interest	80,913	69,429	64,854	104,932
Differences between expected and actual experience	(3,538)	(758,342)	(19,320)	(579,093)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(29,659)	(289,702)	144,651	366,131
Benefit payments	<u>(61,626)</u>	<u>(83,594)</u>	<u>(124,771)</u>	<u>(178,327)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	108,656	(868,415)	261,968	(148,157)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>2,193,658</u>	<u>3,062,073</u>	<u>2,800,105</u>	<u>2,948,262</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 2,302,314</u>	<u>\$ 2,193,658</u>	<u>\$ 3,062,073</u>	<u>\$ 2,800,105</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 24,415,750	\$ 24,415,750	\$ 23,341,121	\$ 23,341,121
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	9.43%	8.98%	13.12%	12.00%

Notes to the Required Schedules:

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

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2024	3.65%
2023	3.54%
2022	2.16%
2021	2.21%
2020	3.50%
2019	3.89%
2018	3.56%

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

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**OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS**

	Other Post-Employment Benefits		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Service cost	\$ 126,343	\$ 163,077	\$ 178,535
Interest	106,468	110,381	96,162
Differences between expected and actual experience	(23,156)	(450,313)	11,053
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	107,120	33,594	(165,955)
Benefit payments	<u>(208,946)</u>	<u>(231,748)</u>	<u>(196,737)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	107,829	(375,009)	(76,942)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>2,840,433</u>	<u>3,215,442</u>	<u>3,292,384</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 2,948,262</u>	<u>\$ 2,840,433</u>	<u>\$ 3,215,442</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 19,511,954	\$ 19,511,954	\$ 19,582,380
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	15.11%	14.56%	16.42%

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY
 LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS**

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 2,580,895	\$ 2,973,670	\$ 2,787,465	\$ 1,869,705
Service cost	146,862	168,134	182,416	114,275
Interest on the total pension liability	107,808	65,339	52,588	59,464
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	351,620	(15,815)	157,478	89,759
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	76,947	(471,001)	(80,888)	745,583
Benefit payments	<u>(159,110)</u>	<u>(139,432)</u>	<u>(125,389)</u>	<u>(91,321)</u>
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u>\$ 3,105,022</u>	<u>\$ 2,580,895</u>	<u>\$ 2,973,670</u>	<u>\$ 2,787,465</u>

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

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS**

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance				
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 1,679,198	\$ 1,546,222	\$ 1,391,989	\$ 1,338,948
Service cost	89,209	91,339	75,166	78,498
Interest on the total pension liability	59,804	47,757	52,578	47,113
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	56,947	129,494	(8,216)	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	57,016	(65,791)	94,447	(34,077)
Benefit payments	<u>(72,469)</u>	<u>(69,823)</u>	<u>(59,742)</u>	<u>(38,493)</u>
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u><u>\$ 1,869,705</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,679,198</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,546,222</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,391,989</u></u>

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY AS A PERCENTAGE
 OF COVERED EMPLOYEE PAYROLL
 LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS**

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance				
	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total pension liability	\$ 3,105,022	\$ 3,105,022	\$ 2,580,895	\$ 2,973,670
Covered employee payroll	5,229,863	4,125,130	4,176,000	3,998,998
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	59.37%	75.27%	61.80%	74.36%

Notes to the Schedules:

Caldwell County has no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 73 to pay related benefits.

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY AS A PERCENTAGE
OF COVERED EMPLOYEE PAYROLL
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS**

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 2,787,465	\$ 1,869,705	\$ 1,679,198	\$ 1,546,222
Covered employee payroll	3,359,068	3,226,682	3,020,106	2,924,773
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	82.98%	57.95%	55.60%	52.87%

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**CALDWELL COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS***

	Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Caldwell County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.36304%	0.35915%	0.36838%	0.37696%	0.33916%
Caldwell County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 24,044,124	\$ 20,261,189	\$ 5,649,461	\$ 13,470,387	\$ 9,262,195
Caldwell County's covered payroll	\$ 29,470,273	\$ 28,003,714	\$ 26,106,605	\$ 25,605,966	\$ 23,639,579
Caldwell County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	81.59%	72.35%	21.64%	52.61%	39.18%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability**	82.49%	84.14%	95.51%	88.61%	90.86%

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

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

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**CALDWELL COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS***

	Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System				
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Caldwell County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.35492%	0.35885%	0.36841%	0.35415%	0.34861%
Caldwell County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 8,419,914	\$ 5,482,232	\$ 7,818,892	\$ 1,589,402	\$ (2,055,915)
Caldwell County's covered payroll	\$ 22,049,890	\$ 21,329,068	\$ 20,958,493	\$ 20,047,230	\$ 19,324,605
Caldwell County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	38.19%	25.70%	37.31%	7.93%	(10.64%)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability**	91.63%	94.18%	91.47%	98.09%	102.64%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**CALDWELL COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System					
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 4,105,265	\$ 3,618,454	\$ 3,212,579	\$ 2,683,972	\$ 2,327,296
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>4,105,265</u>	<u>3,618,454</u>	<u>3,212,579</u>	<u>2,683,972</u>	<u>2,327,296</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				
Caldwell County's covered payroll	\$ 31,374,978	\$ 29,470,273	\$ 28,003,714	\$ 26,106,605	\$ 25,605,966
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	13.08%	12.28%	11.47%	10.28%	9.09%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**CALDWELL COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System					
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,866,454	\$ 1,685,322	\$ 1,583,959	\$ 1,426,692	\$ 1,423,076
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>1,866,454</u>	<u>1,685,322</u>	<u>1,583,959</u>	<u>1,426,692</u>	<u>1,423,076</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Caldwell County's covered payroll	\$ 23,639,579	\$ 22,049,890	\$ 21,329,068	\$ 20,958,493	\$ 20,047,230
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.90%	7.64%	7.43%	6.81%	7.10%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**CALDWELL COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS***

	Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Caldwell County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.81260%	0.69668%	0.63098%	0.66168%	0.61246%
Caldwell County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ (97,650)	\$ (92,240)	\$ (121,230)	\$ (151,644)	\$ (120,912)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability**	135.74%	139.04%	156.53%	173.62%	164.11%

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

** This will be the same percentage for all participant employers in the ROD plan.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**CALDWELL COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS***

	Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund				
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Caldwell County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.68684%	0.67060%	0.75778%	0.72118%	0.76574%
Caldwell County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ (113,761)	\$ (114,465)	\$ (141,675)	\$ (167,130)	\$ (173,562)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability**	153.31%	153.77%	160.17%	197.29%	193.88%

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CALDWELL COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund					
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 6,926	\$ 7,252	\$ 7,987	\$ 7,573	\$ 6,336
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>6,926</u>	<u>7,252</u>	<u>7,987</u>	<u>7,573</u>	<u>6,336</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				

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CALDWELL COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Register of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund					
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 5,821	\$ 5,878	\$ 5,827	\$ 6,191	\$ 5,771
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>5,821</u>	<u>5,878</u>	<u>5,827</u>	<u>6,191</u>	<u>5,771</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>				



THE GENERAL FUND

The General Fund accounts for resources traditionally associated with the government that are not required legally or by sound fiscal management to be accounted for in other funds.



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 53,615,250	\$ 54,953,748	\$ 1,338,498
Local Option Sales Tax:			
Article 39 one percent	5,210,000	5,115,896	(94,104)
Article 40 one-half of one percent	4,655,000	4,674,015	19,015
Article 42 one-half of one percent	740,000	712,561	(27,439)
Article 44 one-half of one percent	-	(32)	(32)
Total	<u>10,605,000</u>	<u>10,502,440</u>	<u>(102,560)</u>
Other Taxes and Licenses:			
Real estate transfer tax	325,000	444,419	119,419
Local occupancy tax	200,000	297,088	97,088
Scrap tire tax	150,000	157,569	7,569
White goods tax	50,000	46,363	(3,637)
Schedule B licenses	2,000	1,640	(360)
Gross receipts tax	7,000	6,962	(38)
Total	<u>734,000</u>	<u>954,041</u>	<u>220,041</u>
Unrestricted Intergovernmental:			
Payment in lieu of taxes	200,000	309,415	109,415
State hold-harmless reimbursement	1,500,000	105,718	(1,394,282)
Cable franchise tax	315,000	277,844	(37,156)
EDC occupancy tax	85,000	111,285	26,285
Total	<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>804,262</u>	<u>(1,295,738)</u>
Restricted Intergovernmental:			
Federal and state aid - health	3,832,848	2,331,484	(1,501,364)
Federal and state aid - social services	10,502,576	9,778,479	(724,097)
Federal and state aid - law enforcement	686,650	611,724	(74,926)
Federal and state aid - library	211,348	164,016	(47,332)
Federal and state aid - miscellaneous	159,243	120,714	(38,529)
Federal and state aid - JCPC	263,703	263,703	-

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Federal and state aid - ambulance	696,889	227,325	(469,564)
Federal and state shared - controlled substance	5,000	135,576	130,576
Court facility fees	110,000	89,902	(20,098)
ABC revenue	18,000	21,080	3,080
Total	<u>16,486,257</u>	<u>13,744,003</u>	<u>(2,742,254)</u>
Permits and Fees:			
Inspection department	616,557	820,744	204,187
Marriage license	12,000	11,385	(615)
Environmental fees	135,000	160,736	25,736
Civil fees	100,000	90,559	(9,441)
Weapons permits	150,000	131,825	(18,175)
Register of Deeds	330,000	380,166	50,166
Miscellaneous	40,918	61,315	20,397
Total	<u>1,384,475</u>	<u>1,656,730</u>	<u>272,255</u>
Sales and Services:			
Ambulance fees	3,600,000	4,089,789	489,789
Animal control	25,000	51,400	26,400
Jail fees	300,900	538,852	237,952
Jail commissary	8,000	139,157	131,157
Sheriff collection fees	1,000	2,448	1,448
Health department fees	510,000	606,169	96,169
Household fees	725,000	733,573	8,573
Republic host fees	900,000	1,088,714	188,714
Library fines and fees	8,000	3,624	(4,376)
Collection fees - special tax districts and towns	18,000	17,757	(243)
Miscellaneous	319,876	410,954	91,078
Total	<u>6,415,776</u>	<u>7,682,437</u>	<u>1,266,661</u>
Investment Earnings	<u>350,000</u>	<u>1,186,277</u>	<u>836,277</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Contributions	192,820	145,940	(46,880)
Other	406,432	396,837	(9,595)
Total	<u>599,252</u>	<u>542,777</u>	<u>(56,475)</u>

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CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Total revenues	92,290,010	92,026,715	(263,295)
Expenditures:			
General Government:			
Administration:			
Salaries and benefits	566,379	589,987	
Operating expenditures	343,748	304,929	
Total	<u>910,127</u>	<u>894,916</u>	<u>15,211</u>
Board of Elections:			
Salaries and benefits	223,457	213,051	
Operating expenditures	372,877	296,720	
Total	<u>596,334</u>	<u>509,771</u>	<u>86,563</u>
Register of Deeds:			
Salaries and benefits	511,765	492,946	
Operating expenditures	152,924	116,724	
Capital outlay	100,000	100,000	
Total	<u>764,689</u>	<u>709,670</u>	<u>55,019</u>
Finance:			
Salaries and benefits	533,113	532,514	
Operating expenditures	154,292	136,836	
Total	<u>687,405</u>	<u>669,350</u>	<u>18,055</u>
Information Services:			
Salaries and benefits	657,066	652,450	
Operating expenditures	759,536	536,625	
Capital outlay	366,189	538,714	
Total	<u>1,782,791</u>	<u>1,727,789</u>	<u>55,002</u>
Scanning:			
Salaries and benefits	95,044	95,776	
Operating expenditures	22,000	1,760	
Total	<u>117,044</u>	<u>97,536</u>	<u>19,508</u>

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	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Tax Administrator:			
Salaries and benefits	700,428	678,806	
Operating expenditures	<u>455,666</u>	<u>359,318</u>	
Total	<u>1,156,094</u>	<u>1,038,124</u>	<u>117,970</u>
Revaluation:			
Salaries and benefits	369,767	371,081	
Operating expenditures	<u>223,926</u>	<u>94,579</u>	
Total	<u>593,693</u>	<u>465,660</u>	<u>128,033</u>
Public Information:			
Salaries and benefits	278,750	275,555	
Operating expenditures	<u>132,871</u>	<u>76,117</u>	
Total	<u>411,621</u>	<u>351,672</u>	<u>59,949</u>
Building Maintenance:			
Salaries and benefits	606,644	541,984	
Operating expenditures	1,410,643	1,119,159	
Capital outlay	<u>46,447</u>	<u>45,996</u>	
Total	<u>2,063,734</u>	<u>1,707,139</u>	<u>356,595</u>
Land Records:			
Salaries and benefits	250,640	245,763	
Operating expenditures	<u>140,953</u>	<u>87,130</u>	
Total	<u>391,593</u>	<u>332,893</u>	<u>58,700</u>
Human Resources:			
Salaries and benefits	1,345,107	1,077,519	
Operating expenditures	<u>918,982</u>	<u>835,523</u>	
Total	<u>2,264,089</u>	<u>1,913,042</u>	<u>351,047</u>
Veterans Administration:			
Salaries and benefits	140,447	150,505	
Operating expenditures	<u>17,643</u>	<u>16,429</u>	
Total	<u>158,090</u>	<u>166,934</u>	<u>(8,844)</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Special Services:			
Law library - courthouse	6,000	-	6,000
Institute of Government	10,000	9,442	558
Western Piedmont Council of Governments	62,483	62,483	-
Salary reserve	401,455	-	401,455
Administrative expenses	(255,000)	(261,508)	6,508
Community service program	6,000	6,000	-
Grant administrative position	22,200	27,908	(5,708)
Total	<u>253,138</u>	<u>(155,675)</u>	<u>408,813</u>
 Total general government	 <u>12,150,442</u>	 <u>10,428,821</u>	 <u>1,721,621</u>
Public Safety:			
Animal Control:			
Salaries and benefits	838,549	796,796	
Operating expenditures	199,880	189,961	
Capital outlay	187,194	106,460	
Total	<u>1,225,623</u>	<u>1,093,217</u>	<u>132,406</u>
Sheriff's Department:			
Salaries and benefits	1,127,922	1,025,755	
Operating expenditures	683,355	511,498	
Capital outlay	30,500	30,509	
Total	<u>1,841,777</u>	<u>1,567,762</u>	<u>274,015</u>
Patrol Division:			
Salaries and benefits	2,756,898	2,613,555	
Operating expenditures	595,381	505,324	
Capital outlay	12,615	12,615	
Total	<u>3,364,894</u>	<u>3,131,494</u>	<u>233,400</u>
Investigative Division:			
Salaries and benefits	1,234,815	1,233,389	
Operating expenditures	172,865	154,589	
Capital outlay	24,286	23,996	
Total	<u>1,431,966</u>	<u>1,411,974</u>	<u>19,992</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Support Division:			
Salaries and benefits	962,380	962,235	
Operating expenditures	583,978	539,242	
Capital outlay	861,649	521,347	
Total	<u>2,408,007</u>	<u>2,022,824</u>	<u>385,183</u>
Reserve Division:			
Salaries and benefits	59,573	40,148	
Operating expenditures	2,027	2,027	
Total	<u>61,600</u>	<u>42,175</u>	<u>19,425</u>
County Jail and Building:			
Salaries and benefits	3,445,331	2,947,363	
Operating expenditures	1,729,291	1,468,025	
Capital outlay	85,855	85,654	
Total	<u>5,260,477</u>	<u>4,501,042</u>	<u>759,435</u>
School Resource Officer:			
Salaries and benefits	1,079,589	1,066,283	
Operating expenditures	65,250	59,303	
Total	<u>1,144,839</u>	<u>1,125,586</u>	<u>19,253</u>
Emergency Medical Services:			
Salaries and benefits	6,750,923	6,683,067	
Operating expenditures	1,569,556	1,347,608	
Capital outlay	670,077	406,260	
Total	<u>8,990,556</u>	<u>8,436,935</u>	<u>553,621</u>
Emergency Management:			
Salaries and benefits	87,284	86,893	
Operating expenditures	304,586	192,639	
Capital outlay	200,800	84,405	
Total	<u>592,670</u>	<u>363,937</u>	<u>228,733</u>

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	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Fire Marshal:			
Salaries and benefits	416,419	411,044	
Operating expenditures	102,989	96,141	
Capital outlay	9,421	8,825	
Total	<u>528,829</u>	<u>516,010</u>	<u>12,819</u>
Communications Center:			
Salaries and benefits	1,431,713	1,417,022	
Operating expenditures	607,945	586,663	
Capital outlay	10,000	9,500	
Total	<u>2,049,658</u>	<u>2,013,185</u>	<u>36,473</u>
Animal Shelter Building:			
Operating expenditures	127,500	105,967	
Total	<u>127,500</u>	<u>105,967</u>	<u>21,533</u>
Special Services:			
Court reform expense	5,500	4,623	877
Crime Stoppers	3,600	3,600	-
PILT sharing	60,000	44,645	15,355
Forest contract - NC State	167,725	153,527	14,198
Beaver Management Program	6,000	6,000	-
Total	<u>242,825</u>	<u>212,395</u>	<u>30,430</u>
Total public safety	<u>29,271,221</u>	<u>26,544,503</u>	<u>2,726,718</u>
Environmental Protection:			
Convenience Center:			
Salaries and benefits	412,822	348,750	
Operating expenditures	509,153	399,340	
Total	<u>921,975</u>	<u>748,090</u>	<u>173,885</u>
Total environmental protection	<u>921,975</u>	<u>748,090</u>	<u>173,885</u>

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	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Economic and Physical Development:			
Planning and Development:			
Salaries and benefits	175,878	171,357	
Operating expenditures	<u>165,263</u>	<u>172,496</u>	
Total	<u>341,141</u>	<u>343,853</u>	<u>(2,712)</u>
Building Inspection:			
Salaries and benefits	494,663	506,753	
Operating expenditures	90,206	55,258	
Capital outlay	<u>37,600</u>	<u>37,292</u>	
Total	<u>622,469</u>	<u>599,303</u>	<u>23,166</u>
Cooperative Extension:			
Operating expenditures	263,457	258,932	
Capital outlay	<u>50,051</u>	<u>49,989</u>	
Total	<u>313,508</u>	<u>308,921</u>	<u>4,587</u>
Soil and Water Conservation:			
Salaries and benefits	135,422	126,749	
Operating expenditures	<u>31,033</u>	<u>29,562</u>	
Total	<u>166,455</u>	<u>156,311</u>	<u>10,144</u>
Economic Development:			
Salaries and benefits	346,560	344,947	
Operating expenditures	<u>7,554,340</u>	<u>7,489,018</u>	
Total	<u>7,900,900</u>	<u>7,833,965</u>	<u>66,935</u>
Special Services:			
Occupancy tax expenditures	200,000	297,088	
Foothills Regional Airport Authority	<u>59,000</u>	<u>48,000</u>	
Total	<u>259,000</u>	<u>345,088</u>	<u>(86,088)</u>
Total economic and physical development	<u>9,603,473</u>	<u>9,587,441</u>	<u>16,032</u>

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	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Human Services:			
Health:			
Health Support:			
Salaries and benefits	762,005	689,685	
Operating expenditures	235,291	128,854	
Total	<u>997,296</u>	<u>818,539</u>	<u>178,757</u>
Environmental Health:			
Salaries and benefits	669,615	536,420	
Operating expenditures	75,614	49,089	
Total	<u>745,229</u>	<u>585,509</u>	<u>159,720</u>
Women's Health:			
Salaries and benefits	560,176	461,372	
Operating expenditures	52,750	38,238	
Total	<u>612,926</u>	<u>499,610</u>	<u>113,316</u>
Child Health:			
Salaries and benefits	472,780	365,248	
Operating expenditures	349,600	342,137	
Total	<u>822,380</u>	<u>707,385</u>	<u>114,995</u>
Dental Health:			
Salaries and benefits	280,687	252,355	
Operating expenditures	46,800	44,974	
Total	<u>327,487</u>	<u>297,329</u>	<u>30,158</u>
Clinic:			
Salaries and benefits	1,608,438	1,562,296	
Operating expenditures	1,355,422	641,089	
Capital outlay	162,909	162,909	
Total	<u>3,126,769</u>	<u>2,366,294</u>	<u>760,475</u>

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CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Women, Infants, and Children:			
Salaries and benefits	485,634	423,042	
Operating expenditures	37,900	35,183	
Total	<u>523,534</u>	<u>458,225</u>	<u>65,309</u>
Total health	<u>7,155,621</u>	<u>5,732,891</u>	<u>1,422,730</u>
Social Services:			
Administration:			
Salaries and benefits	11,443,198	10,576,841	
Operating expenditures	731,282	592,544	
Capital outlay	101,980	101,166	
Total	<u>12,276,460</u>	<u>11,270,551</u>	<u>1,005,909</u>
Public Assistance:			
Adult resources	514,625	497,878	
Child resources	3,289,996	2,875,717	
Temporary resources	972,748	403,873	
Medicaid	65,000	16,549	
Total	<u>4,842,369</u>	<u>3,794,017</u>	<u>1,048,352</u>
Total social services	<u>17,118,829</u>	<u>15,064,568</u>	<u>2,054,261</u>
Special Services:			
Medical examiner	80,000	74,600	5,400
Mental health	122,138	125,217	(3,079)
Sheltered home	8,500	8,500	-
Council on Adolescent Health	12,000	12,000	-
Food for the elderly	13,473	13,473	-
Senior center	5,000	5,000	-
Psychological services	33,370	30,590	2,780
Youthful sex offender services	46,578	49,358	(2,780)
Peace pipeline	47,064	47,064	-
Juvenile justice intervention	1,055	1,055	-
Miscellaneous CBA expenditures	19,539	17,816	1,723
Caldwell House	6,000	6,000	-
Project Challenge	67,000	67,000	-

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Caldwell opportunities	7,500	7,500	-
Rural planning organization	30,000	30,000	-
Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority	67,361	67,634	(273)
Robin's Nest	10,000	10,000	-
Caldwell Friends	10,669	10,669	-
Total	<u>587,247</u>	<u>583,476</u>	<u>3,771</u>
 Total human services	 <u>24,861,697</u>	 <u>21,380,935</u>	 <u>3,480,762</u>
Cultural and Recreational:			
Library:			
Salaries and benefits	1,264,279	1,143,850	
Operating expenditures	<u>331,944</u>	<u>258,562</u>	
Total	<u>1,596,223</u>	<u>1,402,412</u>	<u>193,811</u>
 County Parks and Recreation:			
Wilson's Creek Center	<u>52,145</u>	<u>42,401</u>	
Total	<u>52,145</u>	<u>42,401</u>	<u>9,744</u>
 Special Services:			
Caldwell Arts Council	1,500	1,500	-
Historical Society	2,500	2,500	-
Baton Ruritan Park	9,220	9,220	-
Dudley Shoals Park	6,220	6,220	-
Oak Hill Park	10,846	10,846	-
Collettsville Park	19,334	19,334	-
North Catawba Optimist Park	15,720	15,720	-
Kings Creek Community Athletic	2,720	2,720	-
Gamewell Optimist Club	4,720	4,720	-
Special Olympics	3,720	3,720	-
Fort Defiance	3,500	3,500	-
Park Grants	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	-
Total	<u>105,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>	-
 Total cultural and recreational	 <u>1,753,368</u>	 <u>1,549,813</u>	 <u>203,555</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Education:			
Public Schools:			
Current expense	14,860,000	14,859,040	
Total	<u>14,860,000</u>	<u>14,859,040</u>	<u>960</u>
Community College:			
Current expense	3,808,797	3,799,479	
Capital outlay	180,000	180,000	
Total	<u>3,988,797</u>	<u>3,979,479</u>	<u>9,318</u>
Education Foundation	<u>11,520</u>	<u>11,520</u>	<u>-</u>
Kids at Work	<u>46,108</u>	<u>46,108</u>	<u>-</u>
Communities in Schools	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total education	<u>18,939,425</u>	<u>18,929,147</u>	<u>10,278</u>
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	3,657,383	3,804,059	(146,676)
Interest and fees	288,335	264,607	23,728
Total debt service	<u>3,945,718</u>	<u>4,068,666</u>	<u>(122,948)</u>
Contingency	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>101,547,319</u>	<u>93,237,416</u>	<u>8,309,903</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(9,257,309)</u>	<u>(1,210,701)</u>	<u>8,046,608</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Installment purchase financing issued	1,573,000	1,573,000	-
Lease liabilities issued	-	292,365	292,365
Transfers from other funds	670,000	670,000	-
Transfers to other funds	(551,727)	(551,727)	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	422,520	404,586	(17,934)
Appropriated fund balance	<u>7,143,516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,143,516)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>9,257,309</u>	<u>2,388,224</u>	<u>(6,869,085)</u>
 Net change in fund balance	 <u>\$ -</u>	 1,177,523	 <u>\$ 1,177,523</u>
 Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>24,488,307</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 25,665,830</u>	



PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

This fund is used to track the costs associated with the renovations of existing schools.



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROJECT FUND - MAJOR FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Total To Date</u>
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental:				
ADM funds	\$ 405,691	\$ 62,401	\$ -	\$ 62,401
Public school lottery funds	20,236,925	15,000,000	-	15,000,000
Investment earnings	182,781	199,912	15,365	215,277
Total revenues	<u>20,825,397</u>	<u>15,262,313</u>	<u>15,365</u>	<u>15,277,678</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay:				
Education:				
Granite Falls Middle School:				
Construction and design	27,782,781	26,415,382	1,244,941	27,660,323
School improvements - ADM	405,691	-	-	-
School improvements - lottery	5,236,925	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>33,425,397</u>	<u>26,415,382</u>	<u>1,244,941</u>	<u>27,660,323</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(12,600,000)</u>	<u>(11,153,069)</u>	<u>(1,229,576)</u>	<u>(12,382,645)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Installment purchase financing issued	12,300,000	12,300,000	-	12,300,000
Transfers:				
Transfers from other funds	300,000	300,000	-	300,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>12,600,000</u>	<u>12,600,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,600,000</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,446,931</u>	<u>\$ (1,229,576)</u>	<u>\$ 217,355</u>



GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

This fund includes the following individual projects:

VHF Radios – This project will provide upgraded communications devices for public safety. The new radios are on order.

Streamflow Restoration Grant – This project is using grant funds to clean up and restore portions of Lower Creek as it passes through Lenoir

Cajah's Mountain EMS Base – the County has acquired real estate to be used for a new EMS base in the Cajah's Mountain Community. This project will convert an old building, formerly a doctor's office, into a new EMS base. The building will be refurbished and bays added to the side. The project is currently under way with much of the site prep completed and the interior of the building gutted.

Hudson EMS Base - this project will refurbish the existing EMS base in Hudson, NC. The project has added new bay doors and fixed many deferred maintenance issues. Work is complete on this project and a rededication ceremony will take place on September 20th, 2024.

Harpertown House Sale Funds – This money comes from the sale of a house in the Harpertown area and is held for uses to benefit that community.

The HHS Building HVAC Replacement – This project will provide replacement HVAC equipment at the HHS Building. This should result in a more comfortable and energy efficient Building. This project is nearing completion.

Broadband Matching Funds – The County has set aside these funds to match grants that will provide broadband internet access to areas of the county that do not currently have it.

Building Reuse Fund – This project is set up for economic development purposes. It's primary goal is to purchase and resale property to promote economic development within the county.

Evergreen Project – This project has acquired property that the County plans to develop into a new business park.

Library HVAC Replacement - This project will provide replacement HVAC equipment at the Library Building. This should result in a more comfortable and energy efficient Building. This project is nearing completion.

Capital Accumulation – These are funds set aside to address future needs.



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GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND - MAJOR FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Actual		Total To Date
		Prior Years	Current Year	
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 772,862	\$ -	\$ 246,600	\$ 246,600
Local option sales tax	7,428,204	4,590,139	1,740,828	6,330,967
Investment earnings	304	140,708	221,313	362,021
Donations and other income	550,000	-	-	-
Miscellaneous revenue	-	20,925	10,000	30,925
Total revenues	<u>8,751,370</u>	<u>4,751,772</u>	<u>2,218,741</u>	<u>6,970,513</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay:				
Public safety:				
VHF radios	1,304,074	326,019	978,056	1,304,075
Streamflow Restoration Grant	259,437	246,600	-	246,600
Cajah's Mountain EMS Base	5,282,715	624,382	323,225	947,607
Hudson EMS Base	405,000	-	238,481	238,481
Human services:				
Harpertown House Sale Funds	11,000	8,407	13,181	21,588
HHS Building HVAC Replacement	1,107,002	1,013,176	-	1,013,176
Broadband Matching Funds	1,000,000	-	-	-
Economic and physical development:				
Building reuse fund	1,163,762	371,144	-	371,144
Evergreen Project	1,369,050	332,200	65,855	398,055
Capital accumulation	477,450	282,674	-	282,674
Cultural and recreational:				
Library HVAC Replacement	<u>567,500</u>	<u>501,600</u>	<u>1,416</u>	<u>503,016</u>
Total expenditures	<u>12,946,990</u>	<u>3,706,202</u>	<u>1,620,214</u>	<u>5,326,416</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(4,195,620)</u>	<u>1,045,570</u>	<u>598,527</u>	<u>1,644,097</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses) :				
Installment purchase financing issued	3,700,000	3,700,000	-	3,700,000
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,203,387	813,387	395,000	1,208,387
Transfers from other funds	5,196,860	3,754,678	386,000	4,140,678
Transfers to other funds	<u>(5,904,627)</u>	<u>(2,040,000)</u>	<u>(1,020,000)</u>	<u>(3,060,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>4,195,620</u>	<u>6,228,065</u>	<u>(239,000)</u>	<u>5,989,065</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,273,635</u>	<u>\$ 359,527</u>	<u>\$ 7,633,162</u>



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND

This fund is used to track the revenue and expenditures of funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act.



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND - MAJOR FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Actual		Total To Date
		Prior Years	Current Year	
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental:				
American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 15,962,113	\$ 12,787,426	\$ 1,967,320	\$ 14,754,746
Expenditures:				
Grant expenditures - general government	386,642	386,642	-	386,642
Grant expenditures - public safety	1,152,168	1,152,168	-	1,152,168
Grant expenditures - economic & physical development	58,151	58,151	-	58,151
Grant expenditures - health & human services	1,014,329	1,014,329	-	1,014,329
Grant expenditures - cultural & recreational	119,066	119,066	-	119,066
Grant expenditures - water	57,070	57,070	-	57,070
Total expenditures	<u>2,787,426</u>	<u>2,787,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,787,426</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	13,174,687	10,000,000	1,967,320	11,967,320
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers:				
Transfers to other funds	<u>(13,174,687)</u>	<u>(10,000,000)</u>	<u>(1,967,320)</u>	<u>(11,967,320)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



STATE GRANTS 2022 FUND

This fund is used to track the revenue and expenditures of funds received from the state of North Carolina in the form of SCIF grants.



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

STATE GRANTS 2022 FUND - MAJOR FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total To Date</u>
Revenues:				
Restricted intergovernmental:				
State grant	\$ 48,937,166	\$ 5,412,157	\$ 4,495,115	\$ 9,907,272
Investment earnings	-	192,171	668,241	860,412
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	23,268	23,268
Total revenues	<u>48,937,166</u>	<u>5,604,328</u>	<u>5,186,624</u>	<u>10,790,952</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay:				
General government:				
Register of Deeds	4,166	4,166	-	4,166
Courthouse	5,500,000	135,341	1,262,727	1,398,068
Courthouse renovations	11,000,000	-	-	-
Communications Center	23,073,000	148,260	367,173	515,433
Building maintenance	3,000,000	814,568	1,040,305	1,854,873
Economic development:				
Tri County Speedway renovations	485,000	89,281	377,950	467,231
Abington Creek restoration	650,000	228,496	421,504	650,000
Public safety:				
Ambulance	358,849	-	357,718	357,718
Radios grant	850,000	-	850,000	850,000
Capital outlay	250,000	142,045	23,697	165,742
Sheriff	359,985	359,985	-	359,985
Total expenditures	<u>45,531,000</u>	<u>1,922,142</u>	<u>4,701,074</u>	<u>6,623,216</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>3,406,166</u>	<u>3,682,186</u>	<u>485,550</u>	<u>4,167,736</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers to other funds	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	-	(3,500,000)
Transfers from other funds	93,834	93,834	-	93,834
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(3,406,166)</u>	<u>(3,406,166)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,406,166)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 276,020</u>	<u>\$ 485,550</u>	<u>\$ 761,570</u>



COMBINING STATEMENTS FOR NONMAJOR FUNDS



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds <u>(Schedule D-1)</u>	Capital Project Fund <u>Project Fund</u>	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds <u>(Exhibit C)</u>
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,291,462	\$ 100,557	\$ 4,392,019
Taxes receivable - net	223,644	-	223,644
Accounts receivable	38,773	1,235,815	1,274,588
Due from other governments	35,523	-	35,523
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,589,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,336,372</u>	<u>\$ 5,925,774</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 120,251</u>	<u>\$ 245,545</u>	<u>\$ 365,796</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Property taxes receivable	<u>223,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,644</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted:			
Stabilization by state statute	74,296	1,235,815	1,310,111
Restricted, all other	937,144	-	937,144
Assigned	3,256,005	-	3,256,005
Unassigned	<u>(21,938)</u>	<u>(144,988)</u>	<u>(166,926)</u>
Total fund balances	<u>4,245,507</u>	<u>1,090,827</u>	<u>5,336,334</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 4,589,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,336,372</u>	<u>\$ 5,925,774</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds (Schedule D-2)	Capital Project Fund (Schedule E-1)	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds (Exhibit D)
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 6,240,706	\$ -	\$ 6,240,706
Local option sales tax	-	5,096,320	5,096,320
Unrestricted intergovernmental	600,000	-	600,000
Restricted intergovernmental	320,465	-	320,465
Investment earnings	130,829	4,194	135,023
Miscellaneous	714,028	-	714,028
Total revenues	<u>8,006,028</u>	<u>5,100,514</u>	<u>13,106,542</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Public safety	6,349,158	-	6,349,158
General government	470,060	-	470,060
Economic and physical development	102,250	-	102,250
Education	203,209	3,361,543	3,564,752
Human services	104,071	-	104,071
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	2,415,991	2,415,991
Interest and fees	-	189,375	189,375
Total expenditures	<u>7,228,748</u>	<u>5,966,909</u>	<u>13,195,657</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>777,280</u>	<u>(866,395)</u>	<u>(89,115)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers from other funds	165,727	700,000	865,727
Transfers to other funds	(350,000)	-	(350,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(184,273)</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>515,727</u>
Net change in fund balances	593,007	(166,395)	426,612
Fund Balances:			
Beginning of year - July 1	<u>3,652,500</u>	<u>1,257,222</u>	<u>4,909,722</u>
End of year - June 30	<u>\$ 4,245,507</u>	<u>\$ 1,090,827</u>	<u>\$ 5,336,334</u>

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

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

Sales Tax Reinvestment Fund – This fund accounts for contributions of a portion of sales tax revenues from five municipalities to be used for the common good of the County and its citizens, primarily for economic development purposes.

Fire District Fund – accounts for the ad valorem tax levies for the fire districts.

Rescue Fund – accounts for the ad valorem tax levies for the rescue readiness tax. This tax has not been levied in a few years. The fund is still open to account for the collection of delinquent years taxes.

Emergency Telephone System Fund – accounts for collection of monies to provide enhanced 911 services.

Fines and Forfeitures Fund – accounts for various legal fines and forfeitures that the County is required to remit to the Caldwell County Board of Education

Deed of Trust Fund – accounts for the \$5 of each fee collected by the Register of Deeds for registering or filing a deed of trust or mortgage.

Representative Payee Fund – accounts for monies held by the Social Services department for the benefit of certain individuals in the County.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

	Sales Tax Reinvestment Fund	Fire Districts Fund	Rescue Fund	Emergency Telephone System Fund	Fines and Forfeitures Fund
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,256,005	\$ 105,886	\$ 83,919	\$ 654,892	\$ -
Taxes receivable - net	-	223,598	46	-	-
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	16,835	21,938
Due from other governments	-	-	-	35,523	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,256,005</u>	<u>\$ 329,484</u>	<u>\$ 83,965</u>	<u>\$ 707,250</u>	<u>\$ 21,938</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances:					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ -	\$ 28,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,938
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Property taxes receivable	-	223,598	46	-	-
Fund Balances:					
Restricted:					
Stabilization by state statute	-	-	-	52,358	21,938
Restricted, all other	-	77,129	83,919	654,892	-
Assigned	3,256,005	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	(21,938)
Total fund balances	<u>3,256,005</u>	<u>77,129</u>	<u>83,919</u>	<u>707,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,256,005</u>	<u>\$ 329,484</u>	<u>\$ 83,965</u>	<u>\$ 707,250</u>	<u>\$ 21,938</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Deed of Trust Fund</u>	<u>Representative Payee Fund</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds</u>
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 113,095	\$ 77,665	\$ 4,291,462
Taxes receivable - net	-	-	223,644
Accounts receivable	-	-	38,773
Due from other governments	-	-	35,523
Total assets	<u>\$ 113,095</u>	<u>\$ 77,665</u>	<u>\$ 4,589,402</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 69,556</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 120,251</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Property taxes receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,644</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted:			
Stabilization by state statute	-	-	74,296
Restricted, all other	43,539	77,665	937,144
Assigned	-	-	3,256,005
Unassigned	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,938)</u>
Total fund balances	<u>43,539</u>	<u>77,665</u>	<u>4,245,507</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 113,095</u>	<u>\$ 77,665</u>	<u>\$ 4,589,402</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Sales Tax Reinvestment Fund</u>	<u>Fire Districts Fund</u>	<u>Rescue Fund</u>	<u>Emergency Telephone System Fund</u>	<u>Fines and Forfeitures Fund</u>
Revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ 6,237,048	\$ 3,658	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted intergovernmental	600,000	-	-	-	-
Restricted intergovernmental	-	-	-	184,302	-
Investment earnings	102,366	6,714	2,596	17,462	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	203,209
Total revenues	<u>702,366</u>	<u>6,243,762</u>	<u>6,254</u>	<u>201,764</u>	<u>203,209</u>
Expenditures:					
Public safety	-	6,169,396	-	179,762	-
General government	-	-	-	-	-
Economic and physical development	102,250	-	-	-	-
Human services	-	-	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-	203,209
Total expenditures	<u>102,250</u>	<u>6,169,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,762</u>	<u>203,209</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>600,116</u>	<u>74,366</u>	<u>6,254</u>	<u>22,002</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	165,727	-
Transfers to other funds	<u>(350,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(350,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,727</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	250,116	74,366	6,254	187,729	-
Fund Balances:					
Beginning of year - July 1	<u>3,005,889</u>	<u>2,763</u>	<u>77,665</u>	<u>519,521</u>	<u>-</u>
End of year - June 30	<u>\$ 3,256,005</u>	<u>\$ 77,129</u>	<u>\$ 83,919</u>	<u>\$ 707,250</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Deed of Trust Fund</u>	<u>Representative Payee Fund</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,240,706
Unrestricted intergovernmental	-	-	600,000
Restricted intergovernmental	-	136,163	320,465
Investment earnings	1,691	-	130,829
Miscellaneous	510,819	-	714,028
Total revenues	<u>512,510</u>	<u>136,163</u>	<u>8,006,028</u>
Expenditures:			
Public safety	-	-	6,349,158
General government	470,060	-	470,060
Economic and physical development	-	-	102,250
Human services	-	104,071	104,071
Education	-	-	203,209
Total expenditures	<u>470,060</u>	<u>104,071</u>	<u>7,228,748</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>42,450</u>	<u>32,092</u>	<u>777,280</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers from other funds	-	-	165,727
Transfers to other funds	-	-	(350,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(184,273)</u>
Net change in fund balances	42,450	32,092	593,007
Fund Balances:			
Beginning of year - July 1	<u>1,089</u>	<u>45,573</u>	<u>3,652,500</u>
End of year - June 30	<u>\$ 43,539</u>	<u>\$ 77,665</u>	<u>\$ 4,245,507</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**SALES TAX REINVESTMENT FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
 IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Unrestricted intergovernmental:			
Local municipalities	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -
Investment earnings	-	102,366	102,366
Total revenues	<u>600,000</u>	<u>702,366</u>	<u>102,366</u>
Expenditures:			
Economic development:			
Commercial retail development	-	26,250	(26,250)
Economic development incentive	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>76,000</u>	<u>1,924,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>102,250</u>	<u>1,897,750</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,400,000)</u>	<u>600,116</u>	<u>2,000,116</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers:			
Transfers to other funds	(350,000)	(350,000)	-
Appropriated fund balance	<u>1,750,000</u>	-	<u>(1,750,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>(350,000)</u>	<u>(1,750,000)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	250,116	<u>\$ 250,116</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>3,005,889</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 3,256,005</u>	

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

FIRE DISTRICTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 6,519,500	\$ 6,237,048	\$ (282,452)
Investment earnings	-	6,714	6,714
Total revenues	<u>6,519,500</u>	<u>6,243,762</u>	<u>(275,738)</u>
Expenditures:			
Public safety:			
Bethlehem Fire District	18,500	13,840	4,660
Blowing Rock Fire District	261,000	219,777	41,223
Collettsville Fire District	415,000	384,843	30,157
Gamewell Fire District	700,000	681,994	18,006
Grace Chapel Fire District	755,000	742,861	12,139
Granite Falls Fire District	165,000	142,395	22,605
Gunpowder Fire District	916,000	859,710	56,290
Kings Creek Fire District	264,000	229,877	34,123
Little River Fire District	385,000	356,965	28,035
North Catawba Fire District	1,230,000	1,211,453	18,547
Patterson Fire District	360,000	331,872	28,128
Sawmills Fire District	675,000	649,200	25,800
Valmead Fire District	230,000	214,303	15,697
Yadkin Fire District	145,000	130,306	14,694
Total expenditures	<u>6,519,500</u>	<u>6,169,396</u>	<u>350,104</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	74,366	<u>\$ 74,366</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>2,763</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 77,129</u>	

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

RESCUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,658	\$ 1,658
Investment earnings	-	2,596	2,596
Total revenues	<u>2,000</u>	<u>6,254</u>	<u>4,254</u>
Expenditures:			
Public safety	<u>2,000</u>	-	<u>2,000</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	6,254	<u>\$ 6,254</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>77,665</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 83,919</u>	

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Restricted intergovernmental:			
911 funds	\$ 202,024	\$ 184,302	\$ (17,722)
Investment earnings	-	17,462	17,462
Total revenues	<u>202,024</u>	<u>201,764</u>	<u>(260)</u>
Expenditures:			
Public safety:			
Implemental functions	5,970	5,720	250
Telephone	30,000	28,800	1,200
Software maintenance	10,000	7,885	2,115
Hardware maintenance	148,754	130,267	18,487
Training	5,000	4,790	210
S.L. 2010-158 expenditures	168,027	2,300	165,727
Total expenditures	<u>367,751</u>	<u>179,762</u>	<u>187,989</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(165,727)	22,002	187,729
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfers from other funds	<u>165,727</u>	<u>165,727</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	187,729	<u>\$ 187,729</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>519,521</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 707,250</u>	

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Miscellaneous revenue	\$ 350,000	\$ 203,209	\$ (146,791)
Expenditures:			
Education:			
Fees	<u>350,000</u>	<u>203,209</u>	<u>146,791</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>-</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ -</u>	

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

DEED OF TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Miscellaneous revenue	\$ 650,000	\$ 510,819	\$ (139,181)
Investment earnings	-	1,691	1,691
Total revenues	<u>650,000</u>	<u>512,510</u>	<u>(137,490)</u>
Expenditures:			
General government:			
Contractual services	<u>650,000</u>	<u>470,060</u>	<u>179,940</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	42,450	<u>\$ 42,450</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>1,089</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 43,539</u>	

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Restricted intergovernmental:			
Grant revenue	\$ 250,000	\$ 136,163	\$ (113,837)
Expenditures:			
Human services:			
Grant expenditures	250,000	104,071	145,929
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	32,092	<u>\$ 32,092</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>45,573</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 77,665</u>	

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Capital project funds are used to account for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary and trust funds.

Schools Capital Project Fund – Sales Tax - This fund is used to account for the portion of the sales tax that is received by the County but is restricted to the use of public school system capital needs.



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROJECT FUND - SALES TAX
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Local option sales tax	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 5,096,320	\$ (403,680)
Investment earnings	-	4,194	4,194
Total revenues	<u>5,500,000</u>	<u>5,100,514</u>	<u>(399,486)</u>
Expenditures:			
Capital outlay:			
Education:			
School improvements - sales tax	3,565,000	3,361,543	203,457
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	2,416,000	2,415,991	9
Interest and fees	219,000	189,375	29,625
Total expenditures	<u>6,200,000</u>	<u>5,966,909</u>	<u>233,091</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(700,000)	(866,395)	(166,395)
Other Financing Sources (Uses) :			
Transfers from other funds	<u>700,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(166,395)</u>	<u>\$ (166,395)</u>
Fund Balance:			
Beginning of year - July 1		<u>1,257,222</u>	
End of year - June 30		<u>\$ 1,090,827</u>	



ENTERPRISE FUND

Enterprise funds account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a business enterprise – 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.

The sole enterprise fund operated by Caldwell County is its Water Fund. This fund provides water lines to various areas of the County where municipal water lines are not available. The water is purchased from municipalities and then carried via lines owned by the County to its various customers. The operations of this fund are financed entirely from user fees; no local tax dollars are necessary to operate the Water Fund.

Water Tanks Capital Project Fund – The purpose of this fund is to upgrade our existing water system infrastructure. The county had a hydraulic study performed which identified areas that need improvement in order to maintain water quality and water pressure. One of the key parts of this is to add additional storage tanks to the system. The latest tank to be added will serve the Collettesville Community. This tank is funded with ARPA funds and by the water operating fund. The project is roughly 50% complete. The site work has been completed and the foundation for the tower is currently underway.



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WATER FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues:			
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services:			
Water and sewer charges/fees	\$ 3,616,500	\$ 4,676,775	\$ 1,060,275
Reconnection fees	15,000	27,529	12,529
Water taps	60,000	134,011	74,011
Other operating revenues	<u>8,000</u>	<u>13,785</u>	<u>5,785</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>3,699,500</u>	<u>4,852,100</u>	<u>1,152,600</u>
Non-operating revenues:			
Investment earnings	<u>3,000</u>	<u>87,057</u>	<u>84,057</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,702,500</u>	<u>4,939,157</u>	<u>1,236,657</u>
Expenditures:			
Operating expenses:			
Water purchases		1,601,575	
Salaries		717,670	
Employee benefits		227,335	
Travel and training		7,676	
Contractual services		371,215	
Repairs and maintenance		74,473	
Other operating expenditures		974,674	
Capital outlay		<u>641,989</u>	
Total operating expenses	<u>4,796,738</u>	<u>4,616,607</u>	<u>180,131</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,094,238)</u>	<u>322,550</u>	<u>1,416,788</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	12,502	12,502
Appropriated fund balance	<u>1,094,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,094,238)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,094,238</u>	<u>12,502</u>	<u>(1,081,736)</u>

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WATER FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Over/Under</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ -</u>	335,052	<u>\$ 335,052</u>
Reconciliation from Budgetary Basis			
(Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual:			
Reconciling items:			
Depreciation and amortization		(458,149)	
Change in net pension liability		(75,660)	
Change in deferred outflows of resources - pension		18,057	
Change in deferred inflows of resources - pension		1,350	
Change in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB		(1,205)	
Change in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB		4,110	
Change in OPEB liability		(2,173)	
Change in compensated absences		(18,071)	
Capital outlay		641,989	
Water Capital Project Fund activities:			
Capital project expenditures (total)		(2,372,087)	
Capital project items capitalized to capital assets		2,372,087	
Investment earnings		237,277	
Transfers from other funds		<u>1,967,320</u>	
Change in net position		<u>\$ 2,649,897</u>	

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WATER TANKS CAPITAL PROJECT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Project Authorization	Actual		
		Prior Years	Current Year	Total To Date
Revenues:				
Investment earnings	\$ 45,655	\$ 133,704	\$ 237,277	\$ 370,981
Miscellaneous revenue	130,000	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>175,655</u>	<u>133,704</u>	<u>237,277</u>	<u>370,981</u>
Expenditures:				
Water projects:				
Engineering	267,600	172,608	55,946	228,554
Construction	8,750,743	1,531,070	2,308,327	3,839,397
Maintenance supplies	400,000	400,000	-	400,000
Capital outlay	750,000	-	7,814	7,814
Total expenditures	<u>10,168,343</u>	<u>2,103,678</u>	<u>2,372,087</u>	<u>4,475,765</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(9,992,688)</u>	<u>(1,969,974)</u>	<u>(2,134,810)</u>	<u>(4,104,784)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses) :				
Transfer (to) from Water Fund	7,818,001	7,818,000	-	7,818,000
Transfers from other funds	3,174,687	-	1,967,320	1,967,320
Transfers to other funds	<u>(1,000,000)</u>	<u>(1,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,000,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>9,992,688</u>	<u>6,818,000</u>	<u>1,967,320</u>	<u>8,785,320</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,848,026</u>	<u>\$ (167,490)</u>	<u>\$ 4,680,536</u>



CUSTODIAL FUNDS

(Fiduciary Fund Types)

Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, or private-purpose trust funds. Custodial funds are used to account for assets the County holds on behalf of others that meet certain criteria.

Tax Collector Fund – accounts for ad valorem property taxes that are billed and collected by the County for a municipality within the County.

Jail Inmate Pay Fund – accounts for monies held for prisoners at the Caldwell County Jail.



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Tax Collector Fund</u>	<u>Jail Inmate Pay Fund</u>	<u>Total Custodial Funds</u>
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,844	\$ 42,636	\$ 187,480
Taxes receivable for other governments, net	<u>30,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,386</u>
Total assets	<u>175,230</u>	<u>42,636</u>	<u>217,866</u>
Liabilities:			
Due to other governments	<u>104,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,786</u>
Net Position:			
Restricted for:			
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ 70,444</u>	<u>\$ 42,636</u>	<u>\$ 113,080</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 CUSTODIAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Tax Collector Fund</u>	<u>Jail Inmate Pay Fund</u>	<u>Total Custodial Funds</u>
Additions:			
Ad valorem taxes for other governments	\$ 2,481,726	\$ -	\$ 2,481,726
Investment earnings	836	-	836
Collections on behalf of inmates	-	327,624	327,624
Total additions	<u>2,482,562</u>	<u>327,624</u>	<u>2,810,186</u>
Deductions:			
Payments on behalf of inmates	-	329,651	329,651
Tax distributions to other governments	<u>2,444,525</u>	-	<u>2,444,525</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,444,525</u>	<u>329,651</u>	<u>2,774,176</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	38,037	(2,027)	36,010
Net position - beginning	<u>32,407</u>	<u>44,663</u>	<u>77,070</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 70,444</u>	<u>\$ 42,636</u>	<u>\$ 113,080</u>

OTHER SCHEDULES

This section contains additional information on property taxes.

- **Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable**
- **Analysis of Current Tax Levy**



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF AD VALOREM TAXES RECEIVABLE
JUNE 30, 2024

Fiscal Year	Uncollected Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Collections and Credits	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2024
2023-2024	\$ -	\$ 55,021,852	\$ 53,899,582	\$ 1,122,270
2022-2023	1,164,893	-	494,015	670,878
2021-2022	683,953	-	215,120	468,833
2020-2021	476,861	-	129,416	347,445
2019-2020	394,802	-	107,434	287,368
2018-2019	371,611	-	79,478	292,133
2017-2018	267,241	-	55,343	211,898
2016-2017	230,647	-	56,223	174,424
2015-2016	175,054	-	39,027	136,027
2014-2015	137,736	-	38,063	99,673
2013-2014	118,556	-	118,556	-
Total	\$ 4,021,354	\$ 55,021,852	\$ 55,232,257	3,810,949
Allowance for doubtful receivables				<u>(2,219,992)</u>
Ad valorem taxes receivable - net				<u>\$ 1,590,957</u>
Reconciliation with Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes				\$ 54,953,748
Reconciling items:				
Interest collected				(449,435)
Discounts and adjustments allowed				707,668
Releases				41,095
Miscellaneous adjustments				(127,865)
Amount written off for tax year 2013-2014, per Statute of Limitations				<u>107,046</u>
Total collections and credits				<u>\$ 55,232,257</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT TAX LEVY
COUNTY-WIDE LEVY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	County-Wide		Total Levy		
	Property Valuation	Rate	Amount of Levy	Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles
Original Levy:					
Property taxed at:					
Current year's rate	\$ 8,403,547,731	\$ 0.6300	\$ 52,990,174	\$ 47,518,150	\$ 5,472,024
Discoveries:					
Current year taxes	305,787,832		1,926,463	1,926,463	-
Prior year taxes	16,700,839		105,215	105,215	-
Total	322,488,671		2,031,678	2,031,678	-
Total property valuation	\$ 8,726,036,402				
Net Levy			55,021,852	49,549,828	5,472,024
Uncollected tax at June 30, 2024			1,122,270	1,122,270	-
Current Year's Taxes Collected			\$ 53,899,582	\$ 48,427,558	\$ 5,472,024
Current Levy Collection Percentage			97.96%	97.74%	100.00%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT TAX LEVY
COUNTY-WIDE LEVY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Secondary Market Disclosures:

Assessed Valuation:

Assessment ratio (1)	<u>100%</u>
Real property	\$ 5,738,944,947
Personal property	2,669,360,128
Public service companies	<u>317,731,327</u>
Total assessed valuation	<u>\$ 8,726,036,402</u>
Tax rate per \$100 (2)	<u>\$ 0.6300</u>
Levy (includes discoveries, releases, and abatements) (3)	<u>\$ 55,021,852</u>

In addition to the County-wide rate, the County levies taxes on behalf of several fire districts and the Rescue Squad Association:

Fire districts	<u>\$ 4,783,072,044</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 4,783,072,044</u></u>

(1) Percentage of appraised value has been established by statute.

(2) Valuation of railroads, telephone companies, and other utilities as determined by the North Carolina Property Tax Commission.

(3) The levy includes interest and penalties.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND UNSPENT BALANCE
PSAP RECONCILIATION
JUNE 30, 2024**

Amounts reported on the Emergency Telephone System Fund budget to actual (Schedule D-6) are different from the PSAP revenue-expenditure report because:

Ending fund balance, reported on budget to actual (Schedule D-6)	\$ 707,250
Local funds transferred in excess of allowable expenditures	<u>70</u>
Ending balance, PSAP revenue-expenditure report	<u>\$ 707,320</u>

STATISTICAL SECTION
(unaudited)

The information contained in this section includes tables showing trends and is provided for supplementary analysis only.

Net Position by Component
For the Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Governmental Activities					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 18,060,668	\$ 20,245,509	\$ 21,196,659	\$ 21,014,795	\$ 17,318,673
Restricted	7,168,909	6,179,122	6,454,777	6,278,616	6,665,914
Unrestricted	(15,528,468)	(15,970,780)	(13,606,813)	(11,598,214)	(9,209,633)
Total governmental activities net position	\$ 9,701,109	\$ 10,453,851	\$ 14,044,623	\$ 15,695,197	\$ 14,774,954
Business-Type Activities					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 5,928,124	\$ 5,631,176	\$ 5,396,787	\$ 5,406,248	\$ 5,830,768
Unrestricted	6,484,095	6,706,120	7,246,103	7,726,382	7,332,075
Total business-type activities net position	\$ 12,412,219	\$ 12,337,296	\$ 12,642,890	\$ 13,132,630	\$ 13,162,843
Primary Government					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 23,988,792	\$ 25,876,685	\$ 26,593,446	\$ 26,421,043	\$ 23,149,441
Restricted	7,168,909	6,179,122	6,454,777	6,278,616	6,665,914
Unrestricted	(9,044,373)	(9,264,660)	(6,360,710)	(3,871,832)	(1,877,558)
Total primary government net position	\$ 22,113,328	\$ 22,791,147	\$ 26,687,513	\$ 28,827,827	\$ 27,937,797

Net Position by Component
For the Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Governmental Activities					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 20,519,489	\$ 20,657,600	\$ 22,645,701	\$ 28,711,430	\$ 31,272,921
Restricted	6,301,202	8,130,159	10,000,083	21,227,145	15,009,367
Unrestricted	(16,497,159)	(16,467,232)	(6,118,756)	(6,316,760)	935,235
Total governmental activities net position	\$ 10,323,532	\$ 12,320,527	\$ 26,527,028	\$ 43,621,815	\$ 47,217,523
Business-Type Activities					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 6,120,914	\$ 5,952,843	\$ 5,624,575	\$ 6,063,821	\$ 8,619,748
Unrestricted	7,240,379	8,051,074	9,102,122	8,036,906	8,016,166
Total business-type activities net position	\$ 13,361,293	\$ 14,003,917	\$ 14,726,697	\$ 14,100,727	\$ 16,635,914
Primary Government					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 26,640,403	\$ 26,610,443	\$ 28,270,276	\$ 34,775,251	\$ 39,892,669
Restricted	6,301,202	8,130,159	10,000,083	21,227,145	15,009,367
Unrestricted	(9,256,780)	(8,416,158)	2,983,366	1,720,146	8,951,401
Total primary government net position	\$ 23,684,825	\$ 26,324,444	\$ 41,253,725	\$ 57,722,542	\$ 63,853,437

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Changes in Net Position, Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Expenses					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	\$ 6,211,896	\$ 6,845,366	\$ 6,431,654	\$ 6,514,507	\$ 7,506,731
Public Safety	19,274,686	20,638,553	21,653,096	21,793,763	24,761,507
Environmental Protection	368,373	509,242	550,780	578,401	523,614
Economic and Physical Development	6,951,531	7,639,737	6,452,959	7,030,709	7,455,800
Human Services	21,860,299	22,248,546	22,610,724	18,548,252	18,787,491
Cultural and Recreational	1,366,651	1,441,711	1,487,024	1,550,598	1,228,472
Education	31,447,698	21,413,329	20,636,632	22,611,641	24,345,296
Interest	1,829,765	1,117,397	1,124,600	813,953	895,464
Total governmental activities expenses	89,310,898	81,853,881	80,947,469	79,441,824	85,504,375
Business-Type activities:					
Water	3,072,617	3,623,573	3,273,223	3,080,206	3,634,169
Total primary government expenses	\$ 92,383,515	\$ 85,477,454	\$ 84,220,692	\$ 82,522,030	\$ 89,138,544
Program Revenues					
Governmental Activities:					
Charges for Services:					
General Government	\$ 2,350,903	\$ 2,219,976	\$ 2,396,343	\$ 2,004,610	\$ 2,197,028
Public Safety	4,155,880	4,294,169	3,819,540	3,397,084	3,441,255
Environmental Protection	964,897	883,338	1,049,356	1,098,694	1,238,594
Economic and Physical Development	30,287	63,890	23,050	32,479	34,135
Human Services	158,856	189,690	204,388	179,399	208,025
Cultural and Recreational	28,804	26,813	18,464	19,911	36,616
Other Grants and Contributions:					
Public Safety	1,392,403	2,238,320	1,488,320	1,862,926	1,779,751
Human Services	14,658,535	16,072,575	15,799,464	11,310,939	11,656,203
Cultural and Recreational	248,640	234,056	274,389	262,222	257,324
Capital Grants and Contributions:					
Education	395,275	396,930	1,005,124	2,591,790	815,486
Economic and Physical Development	144,191	1,014,715	135,791	34,568	-
Total governmental activities program revenues	24,528,671	27,634,472	26,214,229	22,794,622	21,664,417
Business-Type activities:					
Charges for Services:					
Water	3,532,780	3,545,293	3,571,972	3,630,964	3,672,609
Total primary government program revenues	\$ 28,061,451	\$ 31,179,765	\$ 29,786,201	\$ 26,425,586	\$ 25,337,026

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Changes in Net Position, Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Expenses					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	\$ 7,831,317	\$ 8,765,643	\$ 10,340,208	\$ 12,056,542	\$ 12,627,699
Public Safety	27,510,078	29,941,422	29,873,118	33,887,314	36,047,835
Environmental Protection	598,699	662,124	540,786	596,176	800,192
Economic and Physical Development	11,056,030	10,985,907	10,567,697	9,890,611	10,457,290
Human Services	20,177,661	20,523,436	23,002,090	22,490,251	23,839,044
Cultural and Recreational	1,516,791	1,557,071	1,565,776	2,275,027	1,757,627
Education	27,823,687	30,325,802	26,384,013	24,245,422	23,738,840
Interest	1,178,248	1,623,120	634,089	708,812	338,268
Total governmental activities expenses	97,692,511	104,384,525	102,907,777	106,150,155	109,606,795
Business-Type activities:					
Water	3,671,249	3,158,910	3,329,905	4,455,136	4,493,857
Total primary government expenses	\$ 101,363,760	\$ 107,543,435	\$ 106,237,682	\$ 110,605,291	\$ 114,100,652
Program Revenues					
Governmental Activities:					
Charges for Services:					
General Government	\$ 1,924,681	\$ 2,783,033	\$ 14,110,510	\$ 9,394,446	\$ 9,083,524
Public Safety	3,346,058	3,507,142	3,851,152	3,802,723	4,992,630
Environmental Protection	1,213,112	1,334,979	1,372,541	1,402,956	1,766,453
Economic and Physical Development	50,049	50,726	87,684	101,037	111,285
Human Services	218,117	306,744	698,663	597,764	606,169
Cultural and Recreational	24,554	7,534	16,766	5,117	3,624
Other Grants and Contributions:					
Public Safety	2,006,307	1,904,558	2,977,833	2,835,021	3,789,947
Human Services	10,822,231	13,440,083	14,590,992	17,177,085	11,164,268
Cultural and Recreational	231,234	220,029	263,999	269,585	309,956
Capital Grants and Contributions:					
Education	4,313,738	9,204,235	10,842	-	-
Economic and Physical Development	676,722	2,505,247	1,482,028	-	246,600
Total governmental activities program revenues	24,826,803	35,264,310	39,463,010	35,585,734	32,074,456
Business-Type Activities:					
Charges for Services:					
Water	3,765,637	3,801,534	4,052,685	4,600,728	4,852,100
Total primary government program revenues	\$ 28,592,440	\$ 39,065,844	\$ 43,515,695	\$ 40,186,462	\$ 36,926,556

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Changes in Net Position, Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Net (Expense)/Revenue					
Governmental activities	\$ (64,782,227)	\$ (54,219,409)	\$ (54,733,240)	\$ (56,647,202)	\$ (63,839,958)
Business-type activities	460,163	(78,280)	298,749	550,758	38,440
Total primary government net expense	<u>(64,322,064)</u>	<u>(54,297,689)</u>	<u>(54,434,491)</u>	<u>(56,096,444)</u>	<u>(63,801,518)</u>
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position					
Governmental Activities:					
Property Taxes	42,083,076	43,443,559	46,145,791	46,573,903	48,916,444
Local Option Sales Tax	10,399,692	10,545,869	11,288,798	11,444,115	12,197,179
Other Taxes and License	1,124,511	969,058	1,291,439	1,089,152	1,335,621
Investment Earnings	10,675	13,665	30,559	55,941	370,471
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	15,725	100,000
Total Governmental Activities	<u>53,617,954</u>	<u>54,972,151</u>	<u>58,756,587</u>	<u>59,178,836</u>	<u>62,919,715</u>
Business-Type activities:					
Investment Earnings	2,003	3,357	6,845	16,620	91,773
Transfers	-	-	-	(15,725)	(100,000)
Total Business-Type activities	<u>2,003</u>	<u>3,357</u>	<u>6,845</u>	<u>895</u>	<u>(8,227)</u>
Total Primary Government General Revenues and Other Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 53,619,957</u>	<u>\$ 54,975,508</u>	<u>\$ 58,763,432</u>	<u>\$ 59,179,731</u>	<u>\$ 62,911,488</u>
Change in Net Position					
Governmental activities	\$ (11,164,273)	\$ 752,742	\$ 4,023,347	\$ 2,531,634	\$ (920,243)
Business-type activities	462,166	(74,923)	305,594	551,653	30,213
Total Primary Government, June 30	<u>\$ (10,702,107)</u>	<u>\$ 677,819</u>	<u>\$ 4,328,941</u>	<u>\$ 3,083,287</u>	<u>\$ (890,030)</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Changes in Net Position, Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Net (Expense)/Revenue					
Governmental activities	\$ (72,865,708)	\$ (69,120,215)	\$ (63,444,767)	\$ (70,564,421)	\$ (77,532,339)
Business-type activities	94,388	642,624	722,780	145,592	358,243
Total primary government net expense	<u>(72,771,320)</u>	<u>(68,477,591)</u>	<u>(62,721,987)</u>	<u>(70,418,829)</u>	<u>(77,174,096)</u>
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position					
Governmental Activities:					
Property Taxes	53,117,812	53,594,991	58,098,919	58,963,942	61,172,298
Local Option Sales Tax	13,088,515	15,295,264	16,415,762	17,776,820	17,939,588
Other Taxes and License	1,665,238	2,192,503	3,139,352	3,116,502	1,647,018
Investment Earnings	542,721	(10,963)	-	593,617	2,293,304
Miscellaneous	-	-	8,077	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	885,290	(1,967,320)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>68,414,286</u>	<u>71,071,795</u>	<u>77,662,110</u>	<u>81,336,171</u>	<u>81,084,888</u>
Business-Type activities:					
Investment Earnings	104,062	-	-	113,728	324,334
Transfers	-	-	-	(885,290)	1,967,320
Total Business-Type activities	<u>104,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(771,562)</u>	<u>2,291,654</u>
Total Primary Government General Revenues and Other Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 68,518,348</u>	<u>\$ 71,071,795</u>	<u>\$ 77,662,110</u>	<u>\$ 80,564,609</u>	<u>\$ 83,376,542</u>
Change in Net Position					
Governmental activities	\$ (4,451,422)	\$ 1,951,580	\$ 14,217,343	\$ 10,771,750	\$ 3,552,549
Business-type activities	198,450	642,624	722,780	(625,970)	2,649,897
Total Primary Government, June 30	<u>\$ (4,252,972)</u>	<u>\$ 2,594,204</u>	<u>\$ 14,940,123</u>	<u>\$ 10,145,780</u>	<u>\$ 6,202,446</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Fund Balances, Governmental Funds,
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
General Fund					
Non-spendable	\$ 78,107	\$ 64,293	\$ 116,396	\$ 65,935	\$ 70,027
Restricted	4,934,175	4,571,255	5,035,904	5,110,904	4,717,626
Assigned	7,554,536	5,293,708	5,349,474	5,221,742	6,402,933
Unassigned	3,021,352	3,498,350	3,391,976	3,492,253	2,901,867
Total General Fund	\$ 15,588,170	\$ 13,427,606	\$ 13,893,750	\$ 13,890,834	\$ 14,092,453
All Other Governmental Funds					
Restricted in Special Revenue Fund	\$ 488,292	\$ 661,631	\$ 326,430	\$ 429,001	\$ 1,527,477
Restricted in Capital Project Fund	3,563,177	946,236	1,092,443	1,106,097	14,389,485
Committed in Capital Project Fund	1,902,498	965,658	962,975	2,118,551	1,874,217
Assigned Special Revenue Fund	3,527,221	3,958,397	4,783,399	4,438,549	4,455,646
Unassigned in Capital Project Fund	(828,751)	-	-	-	(1,210,848)
Unassigned in Special Revenue Fund	(11,933)	(92)	(59)	(419)	(25,742)
Total all other governmental funds	\$ 8,640,504	\$ 6,531,830	\$ 7,165,188	\$ 8,091,779	\$ 21,010,235

The totals for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 were inflated due to the county borrowing and holding but not yet expending funds for a new middle school

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Fund Balances, Governmental Funds,
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Fund					
Non-spendable	\$ 80,038	\$ 86,353	\$ 72,094	\$ 108,661	\$ 64,950
Retricted	5,038,628	5,927,325	7,474,788	6,832,341	8,479,141
Assigned	8,079,840	4,399,248	4,856,352	4,380,432	6,224,032
Unassigned	-	4,655,127	12,892,593	13,166,873	10,897,707
Total General Fund	\$ 13,198,506	\$ 15,068,053	\$ 25,295,827	\$ 24,488,307	\$ 25,665,830
All Other Governmental Funds					
Retricted in Special Revenue Fund	\$ 626,859	\$ 1,952,769	\$ 2,189,833	\$ 12,015,279	\$ 3,770,295
Restricted in Capital Project Fund	8,805,918	182,389	193,275	2,244,666	2,629,492
Committed in Capital Project Fund	1,742,283	8,456,267	8,439,343	8,667,387	7,468,280
Assigned Special Revenue Fund	4,330,483	4,032,610	3,437,000	3,005,889	3,256,005
Unassigned in Capital Project Fund	-	-	-	(11,634)	(114,916)
Unassigned in Special Revenue Fund	(1,458)	-	(17,477)	(10,986,628)	(166,926)
Total all other governmental funds	\$ 15,504,085	\$ 14,624,035	\$ 14,241,974	\$ 14,934,959	\$ 16,842,230

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Revenues					
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 42,571,130	\$ 43,648,495	\$ 46,110,069	\$ 46,575,273	\$ 49,201,039
Local Options Sales Taxes	9,522,192	9,598,869	10,417,798	10,834,115	11,577,179
Other Taxes	428,432	448,698	442,271	520,956	552,603
Inter-governmental	19,373,274	22,064,303	21,002,980	17,630,702	16,367,207
Permits & Fees	931,087	988,384	909,252	979,574	1,051,454
Sales and Services	5,645,211	5,726,191	5,436,642	5,288,156	5,263,584
Investment Earnings	10,675	13,665	30,559	55,941	370,471
Miscellaneous	201,836	295,520	503,351	198,837	348,877
Total revenues	\$ 78,683,837	\$ 82,784,125	\$ 84,852,922	\$ 82,083,554	\$ 84,732,414
Expenditures					
General Government	\$ 6,002,597	\$ 6,877,314	\$ 6,273,085	\$ 6,661,990	\$ 7,606,776
Public Safety	17,853,941	20,978,370	20,278,212	21,463,205	23,521,007
Environmental Protection	402,536	537,042	569,454	634,799	568,219
Economic & Physical Development	6,964,432	7,618,898	6,447,532	7,026,565	7,469,748
Human Services	22,239,953	22,714,866	22,819,988	18,077,155	18,940,939
Cultural & Recreational	1,347,740	1,378,635	1,395,475	1,462,763	1,351,342
Education	31,447,698	21,413,329	20,636,632	22,611,641	24,345,296
Capital Outlay	2,229,692	2,916,456	1,842,524	2,057,591	2,627,889
Debt Service:					
Principal	3,319,456	4,394,126	4,408,808	4,378,276	3,953,657
Interest	1,306,878	1,208,520	1,201,437	818,662	820,564
Total expenditures	\$ 93,114,923	\$ 90,037,556	\$ 85,873,147	\$ 85,192,647	\$ 91,205,437
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (14,431,086)	\$ (7,253,431)	\$ (1,020,225)	\$ (3,109,093)	\$ (6,473,023)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Payment to Bond Holders (refinancing)	-	-	-	-	-
Installment purchase financing issued	1,247,810	-	12,639,000	1,940,415	16,802,000
Payment on Installment purchases (refinancing)	-	-	(12,428,000)	-	-
Lease liability issued	-	-	-	-	-
Subscription liability issued	-	-	-	-	-
Sales of Capital Assets	45,173	67,737	66,203	34,732	63,209
Transfers in	632,893	1,278,468	313,371	1,516,573	1,635,476
Transfers out	(632,893)	(1,278,468)	(313,371)	(1,516,573)	(1,535,476)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,292,983	67,737	277,203	1,975,147	16,965,209
Net change in fund balances	\$ (13,138,103)	\$ (7,185,694)	\$ (743,022)	\$ (1,133,946)	\$ 10,492,186
Debt Service as a percentage of governmental expenditures	5.09%	6.43%	6.68%	6.25%	5.47%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenues					
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 53,398,738	\$ 53,794,397	\$ 58,166,033	\$ 59,018,289	\$ 61,194,454
Local Options Sales Taxes	12,488,515	14,688,264	15,811,762	17,089,444	17,339,588
Other Taxes	645,097	767,225	931,209	918,470	954,041
Inter-governmental	19,942,394	29,477,894	33,044,432	24,758,870	24,434,100
Permits & Fees	1,129,771	1,326,786	1,361,076	1,296,171	1,656,730
Sales and Services	5,094,698	5,200,062	6,040,622	6,428,967	7,682,437
Investment Earnings	542,721	(10,963)	8,077	593,617	2,293,304
Miscellaneous	246,202	836,434	1,112,312	969,813	1,290,113
Total revenues	\$ 93,488,136	\$ 106,080,099	\$ 116,475,523	\$ 111,073,641	\$ 116,844,767
Expenditures					
General Government	\$ 7,555,281	\$ 8,374,792	\$ 10,480,446	\$ 11,937,174	\$ 13,569,086
Public Safety	26,775,204	27,511,488	32,453,397	35,831,944	35,664,838
Environmental Protection	592,607	689,990	702,370	587,596	748,090
Economic & Physical Development	11,032,936	10,960,106	10,936,592	10,282,137	10,555,000
Human Services	18,840,700	19,084,072	22,186,151	21,664,297	22,077,769
Cultural & Recreational	1,627,550	1,461,381	1,465,052	2,086,211	1,551,229
Education	27,823,687	30,325,802	26,384,013	24,245,422	23,738,840
Capital Outlay	1,504,835	1,309,438	1,350,578	-	-
Debt Service:					
Principal	4,447,624	4,448,342	6,007,821	6,528,187	6,238,662
Interest	1,210,021	1,767,956	680,051	678,001	458,611
Total expenditures	\$ 101,410,445	\$ 105,933,367	\$ 112,646,471	\$ 113,840,969	\$ 114,602,125
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (7,922,309)	\$ 146,732	\$ 3,829,052	\$ (2,767,328)	\$ 2,242,642
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Payment to Bond Holders (refinancing)	-	24,476,000	-	-	-
Installment purchase financing issued	1,470,000	515,000	4,450,000	-	1,573,000
Payment on Installment purchases (refinancing)	-	(24,578,910)	-	-	-
Lease liability issued	-	-	975,363	473,024	436,886
Subscription liability issued	-	-	-	388,999	-
Sales of Capital Assets	52,242	385,260	602,140	905,480	799,586
Transfers in	1,703,983	1,970,000	13,948,156	7,267,919	1,921,727
Transfers out	(1,703,983)	(1,970,000)	(13,948,156)	(6,382,629)	(3,889,047)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,522,242	797,350	6,027,503	2,652,793	842,152
Net change in fund balances	\$ (6,400,067)	\$ 944,082	\$ 9,856,555	\$ (114,535)	\$ 3,084,794
Debt Service as a percentage of governmental expenditures	5.83%	6.13%	6.27%	6.72%	6.18%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Assessed Value of Taxable Property
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Real Property			Personal Property	Total	Total Direct Tax Rate
	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Other			
2015	3,657,284,205	996,743,902	172,991,129	1,606,514,532	6,433,533,768	0.6000
2016	3,689,922,794	1,030,356,302	192,102,157	1,709,561,514	6,621,942,767	0.6000
2017	3,687,722,501	1,155,096,002	193,828,780	1,644,220,879	6,680,868,162	0.6300
2018	3,702,907,198	1,145,810,002	215,587,323	1,733,348,971	6,797,653,494	0.6300
2019	3,721,285,395	1,143,940,019	225,805,053	1,936,786,983	7,027,817,450	0.6300
2020	3,739,571,424	1,157,572,319	239,013,042	2,517,082,643	7,653,239,428	0.6300
2021	3,769,484,125	1,160,196,102	250,000,000	2,583,307,489	7,762,987,716	0.6300
2022	4,346,674,945	1,260,957,751	280,839,291	2,491,695,571	8,380,167,558	0.6300
2023	4,675,721,285	1,292,927,901	303,553,868	2,514,836,795	8,787,039,849	0.6300
2024	4,405,298,746	1,333,646,201	317,731,327	2,669,360,128	8,726,036,402	0.6300



CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**North Carolina
Property Tax Rates
Direct and Overlapping Governments
(Per \$100 of Assessed Value)
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	Taxes Payable in the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
COUNTY DIRECT RATE					
County-Wide Rate *	\$ 0.6300	\$ 0.6300	\$ 0.6300	\$ 0.6300	\$ 0.6300
CITY					
City of Lenoir	0.5700	0.5700	0.5700	0.5800	0.5800
City of Hickory	0.4550	0.4550	0.6275	0.5875	0.5875
SPECIAL DISTRICTS					
Lenoir Special District	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2500	0.2500
TOWNS					
Hudson	0.4300	0.4300	0.4300	0.4300	0.4300
Granite Falls	0.4485	0.4485	0.4485	0.4485	0.4485
Rhodhiss	0.5250	0.5250	0.5500	0.5500	0.5500
Blowing Rock	0.4000	0.3900	0.3700	0.3900	0.3900
Sawmills	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000
Rutherford College	0.1200	0.1200	0.1200	0.1200	0.1200
VILLAGES					
Cedar Rock	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.1500
RESCUE SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-
FIRE DISTRICTS	0.0430	0.0530	0.0495	0.0395	0.0395
	to	to	to	to	to
	17.8000	0.1780	0.1580	0.1580	0.1580

* The county-wide direct property tax rate is shown above, there are no component rates.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**North Carolina
Property Tax Rates
Direct and Overlapping Governments
(Per \$100 of Assessed Value)
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	Taxes Payable in the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
COUNTY DIRECT RATE					
County-Wide Rate *	\$ 0.6300	\$ 0.6300	\$ 0.6300	\$ 0.6000	\$ 0.6000
CITY					
City of Lenoir	0.5800	0.5800	0.5800	0.5800	0.5800
City of Hickory	0.5875	0.5665	0.5665	0.5665	0.5665
SPECIAL DISTRICTS					
Lenoir Special District	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500
TOWNS					
Hudson	0.4300	0.4300	0.4300	0.3900	0.3900
Granite Falls	0.4485	0.4485	0.4485	0.4400	0.4400
Rhodhiss	0.5500	0.5500	0.5500	0.5500	0.5500
Blowing Rock	0.3900	0.3700	0.3700	0.3300	0.3100
Sawmills	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000
Rutherford College	0.1200	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
VILLAGES					
Cedar Rock	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
RESCUE SERVICES					
	-	-	0.0085	0.0085	0.0085
FIRE DISTRICTS					
	0.0395	0.0395	0.0395	0.0310	0.0310
	to	to	to	to	to
	0.1580	0.1385	0.1385	0.1300	0.1300

* The county-wide direct property tax rate is shown above, there are no component rates.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Principal Property Taxpayers,
Current Year and Ten Years Ago

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024</u>			<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014</u>		
	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total County Assessed Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total County Assessed Value</u>
Google	\$ 817,306,836	1	9.29%	\$ 335,357,512	1	5.32%
Tapaha Dynamics LLC	403,808,000	2	4.59%	153,327,800	2	2.43%
MDI/Merchant Distributors	241,432,467	3	2.75%	130,892,792	3	2.08%
Duke Energy	133,205,228	4	1.51%	62,950,036	4	1.00%
Exela	117,995,545	5	1.34%			
Blue Ridge Electric Membership/Energies	73,367,327	6	0.83%	53,018,543	5	0.84%
Walmart	38,190,209	7	0.43%	32,764,897	6	0.52%
Sealed Air Corporation	29,126,809	8	0.33%			
Bernhardt Industries	28,581,554	9	0.33%	21,480,672	7	0.34%
JBS USA Food Company	22,532,811	10	0.26%			
Neptco				21,215,826	8	0.34%
Kincaid Furniture				17,375,011	9	0.28%
Broyhill Industries				13,717,831	10	0.22%

* Source: Caldwell County Tax Records

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Original Levy		Amount	Percentage of Adjusted Levy
2024	\$ 55,021,852	\$ 53,899,583	97.96%	\$ -	\$ 53,899,583	97.96%
2023	53,478,173	52,313,281	97.82%	493,197	52,806,478	98.74%
2022	52,795,056	51,642,320	97.82%	682,822	52,325,142	99.11%
2021	47,738,639	47,014,984	98.48%	703,951	47,718,936	99.96%
2020	47,534,219	46,988,173	97.34%	362,293	47,350,467	99.61%
2019	43,636,259	43,154,906	96.61%	266,515	43,421,421	99.51%
2018	42,353,529	41,993,105	96.16%	125,569	42,118,675	99.45%
2017	41,713,164	41,414,860	96.25%	98,428	41,513,289	99.52%
2016	39,432,627	39,192,116	96.16%	71,340	39,263,456	99.57%
2015	38,370,555	38,182,745	95.99%	53,608	38,236,353	99.65%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ratio of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities				Business-Type Activities	
	General Obligation Bonds	Special Assessment Bonds	Installment Purchases	Capital Leases	Water Bonds	General Obligation Bonds
2015	825,000	-	43,771,174	-	-	-
2016	500,000	-	39,236,947	998,248	-	-
2017	185,000	-	35,788,397	748,686	-	-
2018	-	-	33,075,223	499,124	-	-
2019	-	-	46,050,780	249,562	-	-
2020	-	-	43,970,245	-	-	-
2021	-	-	39,933,993	-	-	-
2022	-	-	38,770,068	-	-	-
2023	-	-	32,199,833	-	-	-
2024	-	-	28,603,604	-	-	-

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

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ratio of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Business-Type Activities			Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income	Per Capita
Fiscal Year	Installment Purchases	Capital Leases			
2015	-	-	44,596,174	2.77%	536.55
2016	-	-	40,735,195	2.53%	490.09
2017	-	-	36,722,083	2.13%	441.81
2018	-	-	33,574,347	1.27%	403.94
2019	-	-	46,300,342	1.67%	557.05
2020	-	-	43,970,245	1.51%	529.02
2021	-	-	39,933,993	1.32%	480.46
2022	-	-	38,772,090	1.22%	466.48
2023	-	-	32,201,856	1.51%	387.43
2024	-	-	28,605,628	0.80%	352.83

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ratios of General Bonded Debt Outstanding
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>General Bonded Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Percentage of Personal Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Actual Value of Taxable Property</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Population</u>
2015	\$ 825,000	0.05%	0.01%	\$ 9.93	83,117
2016	500,000	0.03%	0.01%	6.06	82,445
2017	185,000	0.01%	0.00%	2.25	82,292
2018	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	81,623
2019	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	81,981
2020	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	82,247
2021	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	82,482
2022	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	81,884
2023	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	81,884
2024	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	81,075

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt
As of June 30, 2024

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Estimated Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Estimated Share of Direct and Overlapping Debt</u>
Direct			
Caldwell County	\$ 28,603,604	100.00%	\$ 28,603,604
Total Direct Debt	<u>\$ 28,603,604</u>		<u>\$ 28,603,604</u>
Underlying			
City of Lenoir	\$ 583,580	100.00%	\$ 583,580
Overlapping			
City of Hickory	<u>92,223,998</u>	1.93%	<u>1,779,923</u>
Total Underlying and Overlapping Debt	<u>\$ 92,807,578</u>		<u>\$ 2,363,503</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 121,411,182</u>		<u>\$ 30,967,107</u>

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Legal Debt Margin Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assessed Value of Property	\$ 6,433,533,768	\$ 6,621,942,767	\$ 6,680,868,162	\$ 6,797,653,494	\$ 7,012,817,450
Debt Limit 8% of Assessed Value (statutory limitation)	514,682,701	529,755,421	534,469,453	543,812,280	561,025,396
General Obligation Bonds & Installment Purchases	44,596,174	40,735,195	36,537,387	34,099,526	46,947,869
Legal Debt Margin	\$ 470,086,527	\$ 489,020,226	\$ 497,932,066	\$ 509,712,754	\$ 514,077,527
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	8.66%	7.69%	6.84%	6.84%	8.37%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Legal Debt Margin Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assessed Value of Property	\$ 7,653,239,428	\$ 7,762,987,716	\$ 8,380,167,558	\$ 8,787,039,849	\$ 8,793,417,529
Debt Limit 8% of Assessed Value (statutory limitation)	612,259,154	621,039,017	670,413,405	702,963,188	703,473,402
General Obligation Bonds & Installment Purchases	43,970,245	39,933,993	38,770,068	32,199,833	28,605,628
Legal Debt Margin	\$ 568,288,909	\$ 581,105,024	\$ 631,643,337	\$ 670,763,355	\$ 674,867,774
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	7.18%	6.43%	5.78%	4.58%	4.07%

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Demographic and Economic Statistics

Year	Population	Personal Income	Per Capita Personal Income	Median Age	Public School Enrollment	Private School Enrollment	Unemployment Rate
2015	82,321	1,609,540,192	19,552	44	12,060	400	7.10%
2016	82,445	1,611,964,640	19,552	43	11,918	400	6.30%
2017	82,292	1,725,827,824	20,972	43	11,569	400	4.20%
2018	81,623	2,653,400,484	32,508	44	12,187	205	4.00%
2019	81,981	2,772,178,515	33,815	44	11,236	164	3.80%
2020	82,247	2,909,405,378	35,374	44	11,255	158	8.20%
2021	82,482	3,019,583,538	36,609	45	10,745	296	5.10%
2022	81,884	3,184,796,296	38,894	45	10,539	300	7.90%
2023	80,492	2,133,601,444	26,507	45	10,320	1,542	3.50%
2024	81,075	3,555,625,200	43,856	44	10,348	281	4.10%

** Source: North Carolina Department of Commerce and NCACC

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Principal Employers Current Year and Ten Years Ago

Employer	2024			2014		
	Employees	Rank	Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Total County Employment
Merchants Distributors Inc	1000+	1	36,374	1000+	2	23,145
Caldwell County Schools	1000+	2	36,374	1000+	1	23,145
NC Health / Caldwell Memorial Hospital	1000+	4	36,374	500-999	4	23,145
Bernhardt Furniture Co Inc	1000+	3	36,374	1000+	3	23,145
Wal-Mart Associates Inc	500-999	5	36,374	500-999	8	23,145
Caldwell County	500-999	6	36,374	500-999	7	23,145
Caldwell Community Coll & Tech Inst	500-999	7	36,374	500-999	6	23,145
Exela	500-999	8	36,374			
Fairfield Chair Company	250-499	9	36,374	250-499	9	23,145
Swift Beef Company	250-499	10	36,374			
Heritage Home Group, LLC				500-999	5	23,145
Greer Labs				250-499	10	23,145

** Source: North Carolina Department of Commerce

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Full-Time Equivalent County Government Employees by Function

Function/Program	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Public Safety	255	235	227	227	222
Health and Human Services	222	208	218	218	226
Environmental Protection	7	7	5	7	4
Economic Development	4	3	3	3	3
General Government	105	104	97	85	99
Cultural and Recreational	19	19	21	18	16
Enterprise Fund	14	15	13	13	12
Total	626	591	584	571	582

** All data presented on table 15 comes from records maintained by staff of Caldwell County.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Full-Time Equivalent County Government Employees by Function

Function/Program	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Public Safety	226	225	221	217	207
Health and Human Services	222	220	223	225	221
Environmental Protection	4	4	4	4	2
Economic Development	3	3	3	3	3
General Government	82	83	78	76	79
Cultural and Recreational	19	19	17	19	20
Enterprise Fund	13	13	14	13	13
Total	569	567	560	557	545

** All data presented on table 15 comes from records maintained by staff of Caldwell County.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Operating Indicators by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Public Safety					
Average Daily Population at Jail	\$ 154	\$ 148	\$ 131	\$ 111	\$ 157
Number of Arrests by Sheriff Department	2,303	3,751	2,792	2,709	2,875
Responses by Sheriff Department	31,440	30,824	36,186	41,582	39,064
Health and Human Services					
<u>Department of Social Services</u>					
Adult Medicaid applications completed	5	2,168	2,064	1,867	1,824
Family Medicaid applications completed	2,040	3,424	2,609	3,526	3,024
New Children enrolled in Medicaid	N/A	1,833	1,384	1,914	845
Special Assistance applications completed	n/a	68	59	65	63
Food Stamps applications taken	4,862	3,063	2,970	2,419	5,257
Food Stamps applications approved	3,471	2,192	2,335	1,794	4,637
Food Stamps applications denied	2,267	1,504	804	765	809
Child Support orders	155	188	298	223	179
Medicaid Transportation requests	20,722	21,691	19,056	n/a	20,210
Average children receiving Child Care Subsidy each month	635	633	589	768	780
Emergency Assistance applications taken	4,387	4,718	n/a	n/a	2,737
Emergency Assistance applications approved	1,887	3,293	n/a	n/a	2,395
Work First applications completed	260	147	18	32	21
Adult Protective Services referrals	454	405	428	390	400
Reported cases of Physical or Sexual Abuse to Children	n/a	n/a	10	10	19
New cases of children placed in Foster Care	70	60	73	73	65
Finalized Adoptions	24	20	36	48	49
Clients seen at reception desk	28,570	26,070	18,111	13,776	31,893
Telephone calls received by switch board	52,619	51,812	58,788	54,922	60,616
Total Number of CPS Reports Investigated	694	738	829	813	842
<u>Economic Impact of Social Services Administered Programs</u>					
Medicaid	135,159,220	124,828,264	126,151,808	154,198,796	122,263,231
Food Stamps	23,941,440	38,357,194	42,732,491	33,522,711	17,485,639
Work First	66,230	128,317	124,469	128,703	146,828
Rest Home	831,230	742,844	746,872	829,476	1,004,826
Energy & Crisis	312,371	1,099,211	1,762,820	954,579	705,283
Foster Care and Adoption	6,385,267	5,617,743	5,528,273	5,279,101	5,475,696
Child Daycare	2,642,354	2,571,329	2,494,348	3,379,607	3,368,788
Child Support	5,414,934	5,104,580	5,233,178	5,599,852	5,434,865
Total	\$ 174,753,046	\$ 178,449,482	\$ 184,774,259	\$ 203,892,825	\$ 155,885,156
<u>Health Department</u>					
Rabies vaccinations given by animal control	\$ 2,041	\$ 2,017	\$ 1,381	\$ 730	\$ 807
Animals adopted out from the animal shelter	616	568	275	137	184
Dollars paid out by the WIC program	1,669,845	1,454,974	1,568,797	1,370,593	1,502,018
Immunization rate for two year old children	84%	86%	89%	85%	85%
Number of children seen by dentist	1,623	1,445	1,177	1,545	2,046
Adult and child immunizations	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,286
Primary clinic visits	10,086	8,759	1,377	1,346	1,942
Nutrition contacts for WIC	10,309	9,583	24,728	n/a	22,428
Inspections carried out by Environmental Health	1,128	1,573	2,206	705	2,140
Maternity care encounters	1,521	1,476	283	229	2,069
Local TV programs for health education	18	3	4	15	19
<u>Environmental Protection</u>					
Solid Waste Investigations	184	273	160	119	129
Solid Waste Fines Issued	3	25	7	-	-

CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Operating Indicators by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Public Safety					
Average Daily Population at Jail	\$ 174	\$ 168	\$ 172	\$ 197	\$ 247
Number of Arrests by Sheriff Department	2,814	3,316	3,440	2,867	3,514
Responses by Sheriff Department	39,064	44,145	43,507	44,507	42,950
Health and Human Services					
<u>Department of Social Services</u>					
Adult Medicaid applications completed	1,411	1,470	1,381	1,470	1,683
Family Medicaid applications completed	2,919	3,484	701	3,484	3,790
New Children enrolled in Medicaid	978	593	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Assistance applications completed	93	78	95	78	48
Food Stamps applications taken	4,193	5,059	4,800	5,059	5,478
Food Stamps applications approved	3,921	5,123	4,614	5,123	5,296
Food Stamps applications denied	787	647	761	647	1,513
Child Support orders	249	376	304	376	304
Medicaid Transportation requests	22,427	18,903	20,402	18,903	18,758
Average children receiving Child Care Subsidy each month	759	703	763	703	674
Emergency Assistance applications taken	n/a	3,562	3,349	3,562	3,504
Emergency Assistance applications approved	n/a	3,530	3,286	3,530	3,452
Work First applications completed	42	39	42	39	28
Adult Protective Services referrals	537	717	744	717	592
Reported cases of Physical or Sexual Abuse to Children	24	39	27	39	70
New cases of children placed in Foster Care	97	84	81	84	92
Finalized Adoptions	41	64	50	64	46
Clients seen at reception desk	29,064	32,786	30,647	32,786	41,760
Telephone calls received by switch board	57,861	90,565	52,916	90,565	73,723
Total Number of CPS Reports Investigated	744	1,057	1,134	1,057	1,117
<u>Economic Impact of Social Services Administered Programs</u>					
Medicaid	116,437,663	109,814,040	116,437,663	109,814,040	n/a
Food Stamps	17,088,842	20,987,778	17,088,842	20,987,778	21,289,069
Work First	155,580	163,094	155,580	163,094	123,334
Rest Home	1,087,510	1,111,753	1,087,510	1,111,753	1,187,968
Energy & Crisis	752,264	723,218	752,264	723,218	797,677
Foster Care and Adoption	5,792,063	5,590,066	5,792,063	5,590,066	5,827,764
Child Daycare	3,329,635	2,996,704	3,329,635	2,996,704	2,850,529
Child Support	5,646,128	5,165,874	5,646,128	5,165,874	5,796,790
Total	\$ 150,289,685	\$ 146,552,527	\$ 150,289,685	\$ 146,552,527	\$ 37,873,131
<u>Health Department</u>					
Rabies vaccinations given by animal control	\$ 1,254	\$ 1,283	\$ 1,290	\$ 1,199	\$ 1,350
Animals adopted out from the animal shelter	425	326	246	240	285
Dollars paid out by the WIC program	1,373,811	1,350,455	1,283,237	1,299,752	1,518,926
Immunization rate for two year old children	84%	87%	87%	88%	90%
Number of children seen by dentist	2,694	2,580	1,673	2,120	2,506
Adult and child immunizations	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary clinic visits	2,331	2,974	9,107	9,279	9,195
Nutrition contacts for WIC	19,470	17,123	7,851	8,045	8,124
Inspections carried out by Environmental Health	2,525	2,784	2,728	1,873	1,722
Maternity care encounters	2,138	1,768	1,936	2,040	2,254
Local TV programs for health education	12	18	27	14	12
<u>Environmental Protection</u>					
Solid Waste Investigations	102	139	151	101	152
Solid Waste Fines Issued	-	-	-	-	-

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Operating Indicators by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Economic Development					
<u>Building Permits Issued</u>					
New non-residential permits	132	90	102	79	75
Non-residential additions	86	221	215	167	157
New residential permits	284	300	248	184	147
Residential additions	287	221	215	167	187
Total Issued	789	832	780	597	566
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$ 7,376,525	\$ 7,083,210	\$ 7,867,013	\$ 8,596,084	\$ 9,050,599
<u>Major Subdivisions Approved</u>					
Preliminary	-	1	1	1	2
Final	1	1	-	-	-
Rezoning requests	2	-	1	4	5
Variance requests	-	-	-	1	-
Planning violation investigations	343	253	52	119	139
Planning violation complaints	343	258	44	119	139
Street signs installed (E911)	66	52	48	26	41
Cultural and Recreational					
Library branches	3	3	3	3	3
Full time staff	19	20	20	19.00	18.00
Part time staff	10	8	8	7.00	10.00
Total number of print items	107,360	102,301	95,922	107,215	121,470
Total number of electronic materials	918,757	713,521	257,092	265,691	180,999
Registered Borrowers	16,660	20,984	18,993	37,569	35,818
Total circulation	310,108	295,974	225,918	126,960	232,390
Number of visits to libraries	110,017	181,321	163,544	58,989	199,274
Reference questions answered	14,154	16,752	14,820	4,290	48,409
Number of uses of public computers	16,212	17,060	13,775	1,190	31,270
Study room attendance	994	513	-	-	801
Library programs hosted	1,013	702	334	342	620
Library program attendance	29,351	18,802	8,603	36,145	9,640

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Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Economic Development					
<u>Building Permits Issued</u>					
New non-residential permits	79	88	54	90	77
Non-residential additions	122	113	71	90	61
New residential permits	150	115	99	90	117
Residential additions	<u>139</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>155</u>
Total Issued	<u>490</u>	<u>485</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>410</u>
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$ 5,913,458	\$ 5,373,148	\$ 4,273,959	\$ 5,437,696	\$ 5,437,696
<u>Major Subdivisions Approved</u>					
Preliminary	-	-	2	1	1
Final	3	3	-	1	-
Rezoning requests	n/a	1	2	-	-
Variance requests	-	-	-	9	1
Planning violation investigations	214	209	n/a	n/a	18
Planning violation complaints	215	209	n/a	n/a	18
Street signs installed (E911)	20	44	54	84	55
Cultural and Recreational					
Library branches	3	3	3	3	3
Full time staff	18.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Part time staff	10.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total number of print items	122,549	122,931	131,818	125,744	128,154
Total number of electronic materials	168,281	84,342	118,265	n/a	n/a
Registered Borrowers	34,795	32,905	30,907	40,082	37,911
Total circulation	299,353	274,273	277,787	265,294	287,732
Number of visits to libraries	347,724	316,532	307,405	297,928	206,366
Reference questions answered	74,776	62,456	59,956	50,856	53,820
Number of uses of public computers	45,665	49,322	41,243	43,223	50,586
Study room attendance	693	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Library programs hosted	667	546	570	n/a	n/a
Library program attendance	12,957	16,962	11,244	n/a	n/a

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Capital Asset Statistics by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Public Safety					
Jail capacity	185	185	185	185	185
Jail square feet	34,600	34,600	34,600	34,600	34,600
Number of ambulances	14	14	14	13	13
Number of squad cars	106	101	102	103	99
Health and Human Services					
Square footage available to Health Department	45,660	45,660	45,660	45,660	45,660
Square footage available to DSS	70,736	70,736	70,736	70,736	70,736
Environmental Protection					
Number of convenience sites in County	9	9	9	9	9
General Government					
Square footage in County office building	32,550	32,550	32,550	32,550	32,550
Cultural and Recreational					
Number of libraries in County	3	3	3	3	3
Square footage used by libraries	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000	34,661
Number of parks in County	4	4	4	4	4

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Capital Asset Statistics by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Public Safety					
Jail capacity	185	185	185	185	185
Jail square feet	34,600	34,600	34,600	34,600	34,600
Number of ambulances	13	13	13	13	13
Number of squad cars	99	99	90	91	90
Health and Human Services					
Square footage available to Health Department	45,660	45,660	45,660	45,660	45,660
Square footage available to DSS	70,736	70,736	70,736	70,736	70,736
Environmental Protection					
Number of convenience sites in County	9	9	9	9	9
General Government					
Square footage in County office building	32,550	32,550	32,550	32,550	32,550
Cultural and Recreational					
Number of libraries in County	3	3	3	3	3
Square footage used by libraries	34,661	57,741	57,741	57,741	57,741
Number of parks in County	4	4	4	4	4

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**Miscellaneous Information
June 30, 2024**

Date of Incorporation	1,841
Form of Government	Commission - Manager
Number of Employees	
Full-Time Permanent	626
Other	
Area in square miles	110
Number of Government Facilities and Services:	
Miles of Street	589 paved 108 unpaved
Fire Protection (a)	
Number of Stations	14
Number of Firefighters	500
Number of Responses	7,815
Law Enforcement (b)	
Number of Stations	1
Number of Officers	86
Cultural and Recreational	
Parks	13
Acres Covered by Parks	379
Acres Covered by National Forest	45,603
Number of Libraries	3
Number of Volumes	107,360
Number of Electronic Materials	918,757
Facilities and Services Not Included in the Reporting Entity	
Hospitals	
Number of Hospitals	1
Number of Patient Beds	120
Education (K-12)	
Number of Schools	24
Number of Classrooms	788
Number of Teachers	815
Number of Students	10,320
Higher Education (Caldwell Community College)	
Number of Locations	1
Number of Students	3,876

(a) Includes municipal and volunteer fire departments

(b) Includes Caldwell County and Towns of Lenoir, Granite Falls, Hudson and Rhodhiss

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