

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

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Long Creek Academy



Oconee Station Richards House



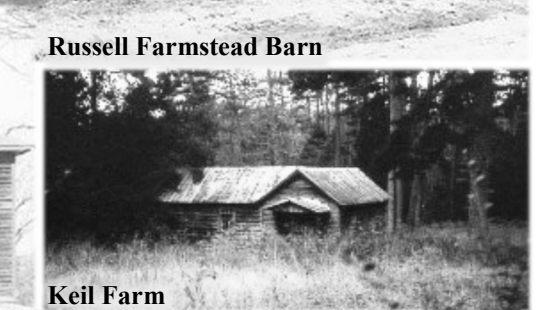
Oconee Station Blockhouse



Russell Farmstead Barn



Sullivan Building



Keil Farm



Bethel Church and Cemetery



Alexander Cannon-Hill House

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

Amanda F. Brock

County Administrator

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Date: February 5, 2024

To the Members of the Oconee County Council and Citizens of Oconee County:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Oconee County, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is hereby submitted pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 4, Chapter 9, Section 150. The ACFR is intended to present the financial activity of the County for the fiscal year and the financial condition of the County as of June 30, 2023. This ACFR provides a fair presentation of the County's financial position and changes in financial position in accordance with the standards promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, as well as the presentation and disclosure. Management is also responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal controls to safeguard assets and to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements. The concept of reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance recognizes that the cost of an internal control should not exceed the expected benefits. Management evaluates the costs and anticipated benefits of internal controls within this framework. We believe the County's internal accounting controls adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions.

In compliance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, the County's financial statements have been audited by Mauldin & Jenkins, Certified Public Accountants. The auditors issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on Oconee County's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023. The independent auditors' report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditors' report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the Government

Oconee County, incorporated in 1868, is located in the northwest corner of South Carolina in the scenic Blue Ridge foothills and mountains. Five incorporated municipalities exist within the 625 square miles of the County. Oconee County is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal property located within its boundaries in order to provide services to a population of approximately 80,180.

Oconee County has operated under the county-administrator form of government since 2000. Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a governing council (Council) consisting of five council members. Council members are elected by district to a four-year staggered term. The Council elects a chairman, vice chairman, and chairman pro tem at the first meeting in January. The Council appoints the County Administrator, who is responsible for carrying out the policies of Council and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the County.

Oconee County provides a full range of services, including police protection; emergency and fire services; judicial services; solid waste disposal and recycling; the construction and maintenance of highways, streets and other infrastructure; building inspections, licenses and permits; recreational and cultural activities; library services, and

support of local health and welfare services. Oconee County is also financially accountable for Keowee Fire Tax District, a special tax district, which is reported separately as a discretely presented component unit within the County's financial statements. The County approves the District's budget and tax levy and is obligated for the debt of the District. Additional information for Keowee Fire Tax District can be found in the notes to the financial statements (see Note 1, Reporting Entity section).

The Council is required to adopt a final budget for the subsequent year by no later than the close of the fiscal year. This annual budget serves as the foundation for Oconee County's financial planning and control. The budget is prepared by fund, function, (e.g., public safety), and department (e.g., Sheriff's Office). The County Administrator is authorized to transfer appropriations between departments within the same fund. County Council may transfer resources from any fund, department, activity or purpose to another by normal Council action, subject to all other applicable legal requirements.

Local Economy

Oconee County's economy continues its efforts to expand and grow its industrial and commercial base. According to data published by the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SCDEW), the County's unemployment rate for October 2023 was 2.8 percent, which is below the State rate of 2.9 percent and the United States rate at 3.9 percent for the same period. In October 2022, the County rate was 3.3 percent. According to SCDEW, manufacturing is the lead employment industry in Oconee County and there were approximately 3,777 job openings reported in August 2023.

Prior to the pandemic, Oconee County's per capita income was on a steady incline, this has continued well into 2023. A great indicator of a strong economy and economic development successes. From 2020 to 2023, the per capita income has increased from an average income of \$47,511 to \$57,512, a 17% increase. 27.4% of the households earn more than the national average each year. All indications are this trend will continue and the strong business climate and determined citizenship within Oconee County will continue to grow.

Long-term Financial Planning and Major Initiatives

During recent years, Oconee County invested heavily in water and sewer infrastructure for necessary improvements and expansion of existing systems, including the allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, identified under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to local municipalities for necessary water and sewer infrastructure improvements. Oconee County also allocated funds to the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Fair Play Area Sewer Basin Plan and additional funding for sewer expansion along the I-85 corridor.

In 2023, the Oconee County secured funding from multiple sources to clear and grade 42 acres at the county owned Golden Corner Commerce Park in Fair Play. The project will better position the park for largescale industrial development. All utilities are in place and due diligence work completed at the Park.

Oconee County continues to make improvements to the three county owned industrial parks with a focus on continuing to make sites "shovel ready" for companies seeking to expand operations. As a testament to the County's excellent business climate and community partners, Oconee Economic Alliance announced four industrial projects for 2023. Projects included major expansions from Itron in West Union and BorgWarner in Seneca, and the recruitment of Meyn America and Books for Less. These projects accounted for \$86 million dollars in capital investment and 267 jobs, which represented the largest investment and job announcements over the last 12 years.

The Oconee Economic Alliance has also seen a number of project interest into the county. We have had over 60 project inquirers to Oconee County this year. This is on par from our project inquirers from the year 2022. These 60 projects represent a potential total capital investment of over \$7 billion dollars and over 12,000 jobs. The Oconee Economic Alliance is poised to continue to capture this growth and we look forward to what 2024 will bring.

As Oconee County contains a significant amount of public lands, in addition to 1,355 miles of lake shoreline, tourism provides a considerable contribution to the local economy, and is especially important to local small businesses. To continue building on the momentum of Destination Oconee, a plan approved in 2015 that focuses on tourism centric improvements to both existing infrastructure and new tourism capital, Oconee County Council moved forward with a

dedicated capital millage for Parks, Recreation & Tourism in 2019. This millage, along with increased accommodations taxes, have provided the funds necessary for deferred park maintenance improvements and new capital projects to sustain facilities and meet the demands in our community and help create a sense of place within our municipal downtowns.

To enhance guests' experiences within the County-operated park system, seventeen capital improvement projects were initiated and/or completed in 2023. In May, Oconee County completed a major upgrade to the Seneca Creek Access Area on Lake Hartwell, including the development of a new 3-lane boat ramp, fishing pier, courtesy docks, kayak launch, restroom and picnic area. The renovated access area will soon be under video surveillance in partnership with Clemson University and be able to park up to 50 vehicles and trailers. Parks, recreation and tourism capital projects also include the:

- Demolition and rebuild of the Chau Ram County Park shelter
- Design for a maintenance building at Chau Ram County Park
- Real Estate purchase for additional acreage and access for Chau Ram County Park
- Renovated parking area by County Roads and Bridges of South Union Access Area
- New courtesy dock at South Union Access Area on Lake Hartwell
- Paving of the High Falls patio deck access and Mullins Ford Boat Ramp
- Internal renovations of the High Falls recreation building
- Design and construction of a new covered deck for the High Falls recreation building
- Construction of a new High Falls County Park shelter
- Preservation of the Alexander-Cannon-Hill House at High Falls County Park
- Shoreline restoration at High Falls County Park and South Union
- Septic system replacement at South Cove campground and Superintendent residence
- Playground equipment upgrades at South Cove campground
- Design for renovated beach area at South Cove Park
- Design for new office dock and campground docks at South Cove Park
- Renovation of the South Cove County Park recreation building
- Design for additional courts and parking for pickle ball courts at South Cove County Park

Various tourism promotions and campaigns for outdoor recreation has proved Oconee County to be an extremely popular attraction resulting in another year that each of the County's parks have seen record-highs for the number of visitors. Marketing efforts also include safety guidelines for citizens and visitors.

An additional asset that provides a major boost to our tourism impact is the extension of the Palmetto Trail to Stumphouse Park and the addition of the Stumphouse Mountain Bike Trail, operated by the City of Walhalla. This trail provides bike access from both the parking area and from Oconee State Park with over 20 miles of mountain bike trails. The County continues to see revenue increases with the local accommodations tax and the municipalities have seen that same increase along with increased revenues with their hospitality taxes and business license fees. These increases provide ongoing support for maintenance and tourism capital in all areas of our community.

As part of the Oconee County Regional Airport Capital Improvement Plan, the County continued to work closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission to complete items on our Capital Improvement Plan. Our current projects that were approved for FY 2023 are our Taxiway and Apron Pavement rehabilitation design.

In early 2020, Oconee County finished its *2020 Comprehensive Plan* – a document designed to guide the future actions of the County. It presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government. This includes guidance on how to make decisions on public and private land development proposals, the expenditures of public funds, availability of tax policy, cooperative efforts and issues of pressing concern, such as farmland preservation or the rehabilitation of older neighborhood areas. The plan provides direction for future activities over a ten to twenty-year period after adoption. This process included community outreach, stakeholder meetings, elected and appointed officials and as many citizens of Oconee County that could be involved. The plan will be reviewed and updated, as needed, every five years.

Relevant Financial Policies

The Oconee County Council adopted Ordinance 2018-23 that established a general policy for maintaining and using the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund, subject to any superior ordinances or budget provisions. The Ordinance prescribes that the General Fund will be budgeted, so as to maintain an unassigned fund balance in an amount between 25 percent and 30 percent of regular general fund expenditures, which would be equivalent to 90 to 120 days of coverage. If the unassigned fund balance is below 25 percent, the Administrator will develop and recommend to Council a plan to increase the unassigned fund balance to a minimum of 25 percent of regular general fund expenditures within a time period not to exceed five years.

If the unassigned fund balance does not reach 25 percent of the General Fund within seven years of the enactment of this Ordinance, any subsequent budgets will require a supermajority vote (two-thirds of the members present and voting) of County Council to pass until the requirement is met.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Oconee County for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. This was the fifteen consecutive years that the County has achieved this prestigious award. In order to receive the Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and applicable program requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. However, we believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated service of the entire staff of the Finance Department. We wish to express our appreciation to all of the departments who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. We would especially like to thank the Treasurer and Auditor along with their staff for all of their assistance during the audit. Credit must also be given to the governing council for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the financial management of Oconee County.

The County is proud of the recognition and believes it demonstrates to the Citizens of Oconee County how committed County Council, administration, and staff are to achieving excellent financial results by properly planning and executing operational and capital plans in an orderly and professional manner.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda F. Brock
County Administrator



Ladale V. Price
Director of Finance



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South Carolina**

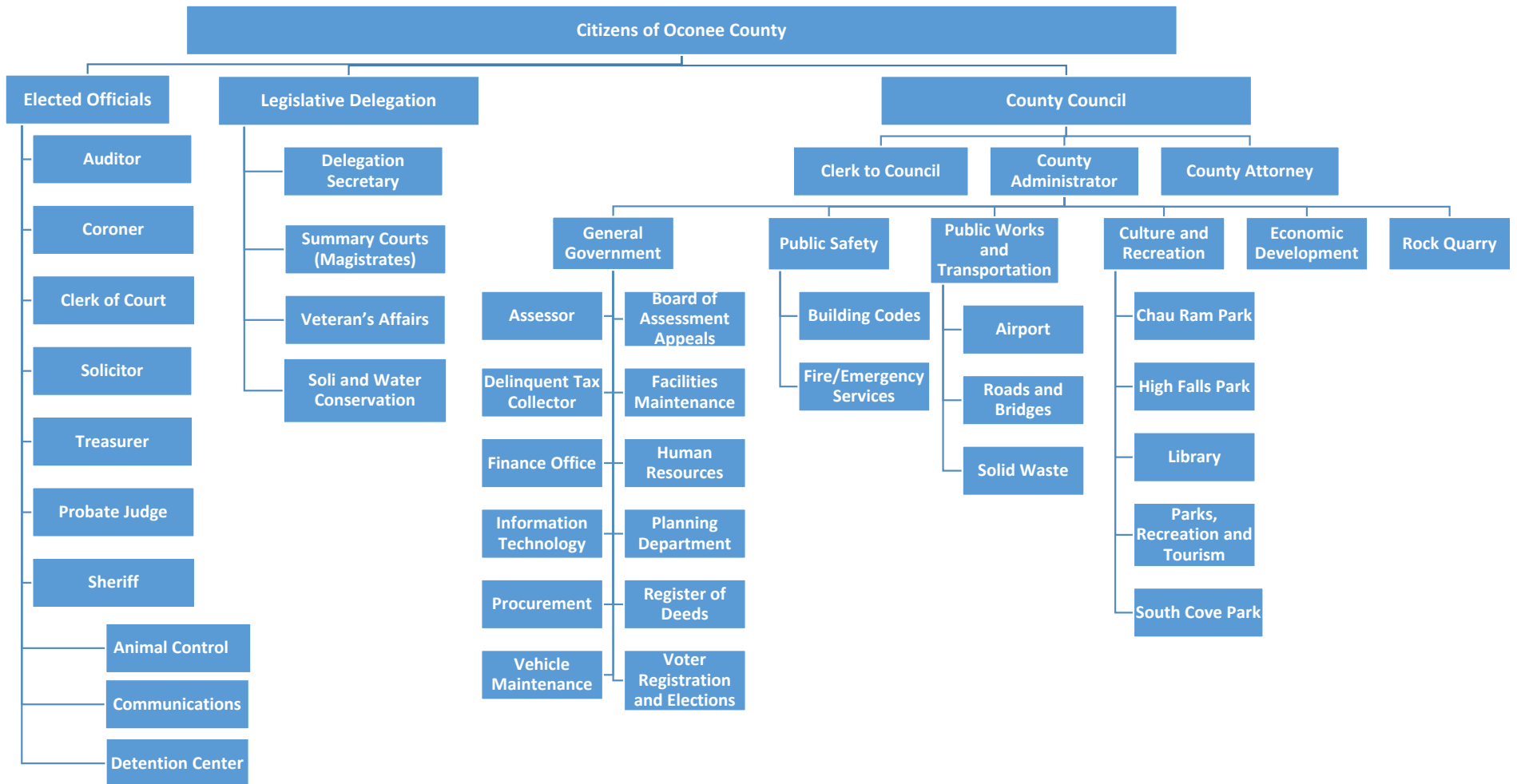
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Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

Oconee County Organizational Chart



County Government

Established in 1868
County Seat – City of Walhalla
Form of Government – Council–Administrator

Governing Body

County Council: Five (5) representatives elected from single-member districts for 4-year terms. Each district is based on representation of approximately 15,700 citizens (2020 Census Estimate).

Current Elected Officials

Oconee County Council

John Elliott	<i>District I</i>	Julian Davis III	<i>District IV</i>
Matthew Durham	<i>District II</i>	James Glenn Hart	<i>District V</i>
Don Mize	<i>District III</i>		

Other Elected County Officials

Auditor	Christy W. Hubbard	Sheriff	Mike Crenshaw
Clerk of Court	Melissa Burton	Solicitor	David R. Wagner
Coroner	Karl E. Addis	Treasurer	Gregorie W. Nowell
Probate Judge	Clinton D. Singleton		

S.C. State Legislative Delegation

S.C. Senate	S.C. House of Representatives
Thomas C. Alexander [R] <i>District 1 – Oconee and Pickens Counties</i>	William R. “Bill” Whitmire [R] <i>District 1 – Oconee County</i> William E. “Bill” Sandifer III [R] <i>District 2 – Oconee and Pickens Counties</i>

U.S. Congressional Delegation

U.S. Senate	U.S. House of Representatives
Lindsey O. Graham [R] Timothy E. “Tim” Scott [R]	Jeffrey D. Duncan [R] <i>3rd District – Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens and Saluda Counties</i>

Administrative Officials

County Administrator	County Attorney
Amanda F. Brock	David A. Root, Esq.

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County Council Districts and Representatives

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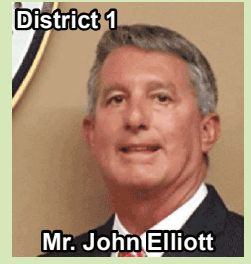
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District 2



Mr. Matthew Durham

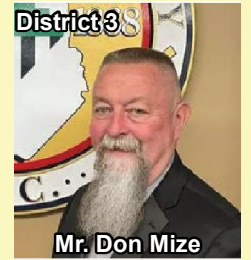
District 1



Mr. John Elliott

District
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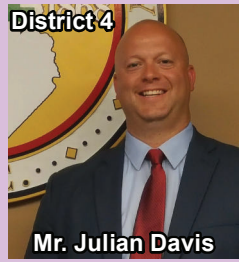
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Mr. Don Mize

District
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District 4

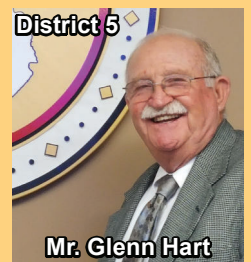


Mr. Julian Davis

District
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District
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District 5



Mr. Glenn Hart

Legend

- Municipality
- Interstate 85
- Major Road
- Railroad



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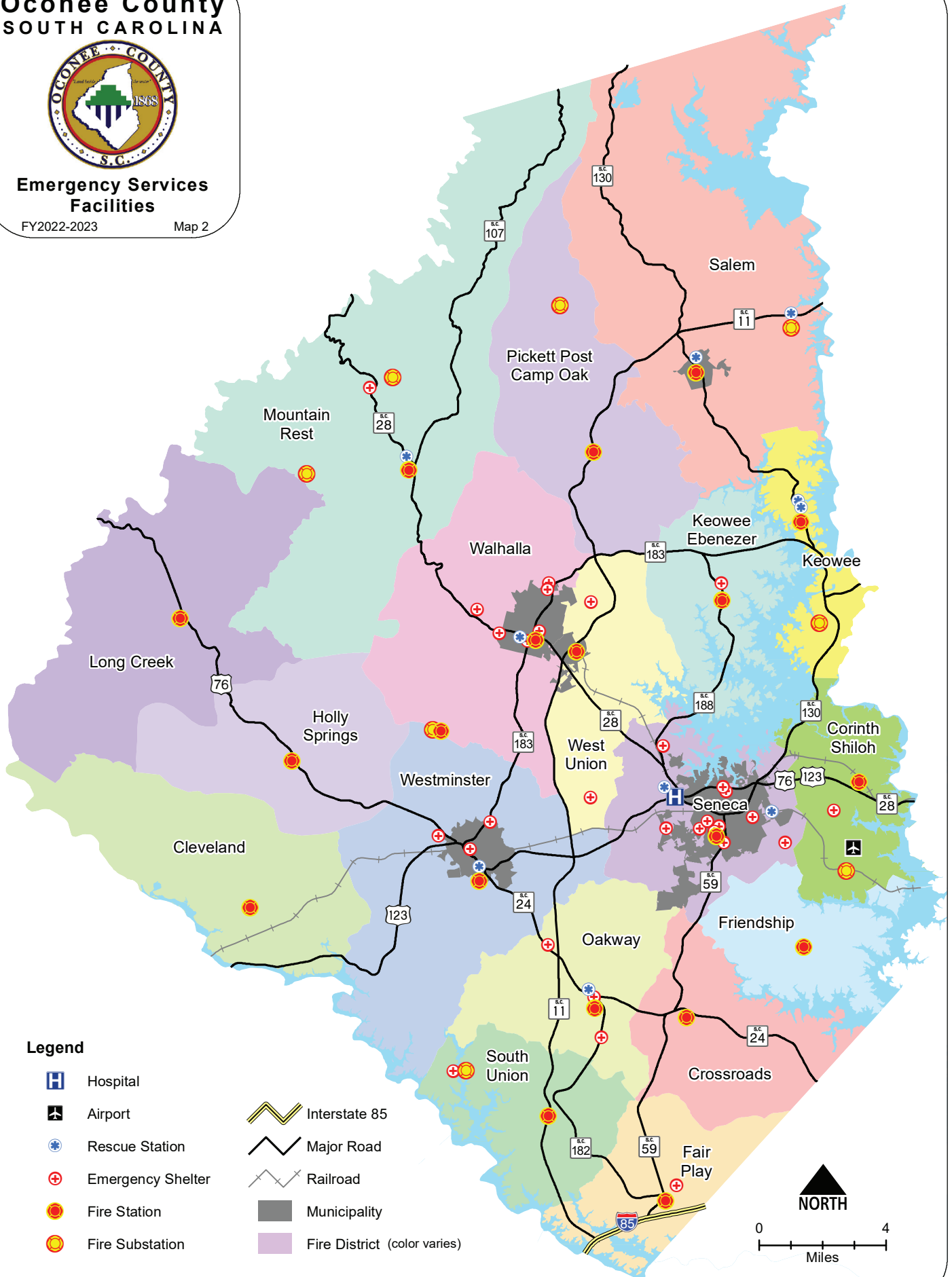
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Emergency Services Facilities

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Map 2



Legend

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|---|-------------------|---|------------------------------|
|  | Hospital |  | Interstate 85 |
|  | Airport |  | Major Road |
|  | Rescue Station |  | Railroad |
|  | Emergency Shelter |  | Municipality |
|  | Fire Station |  | Fire District (color varies) |
|  | Fire Substation | | |

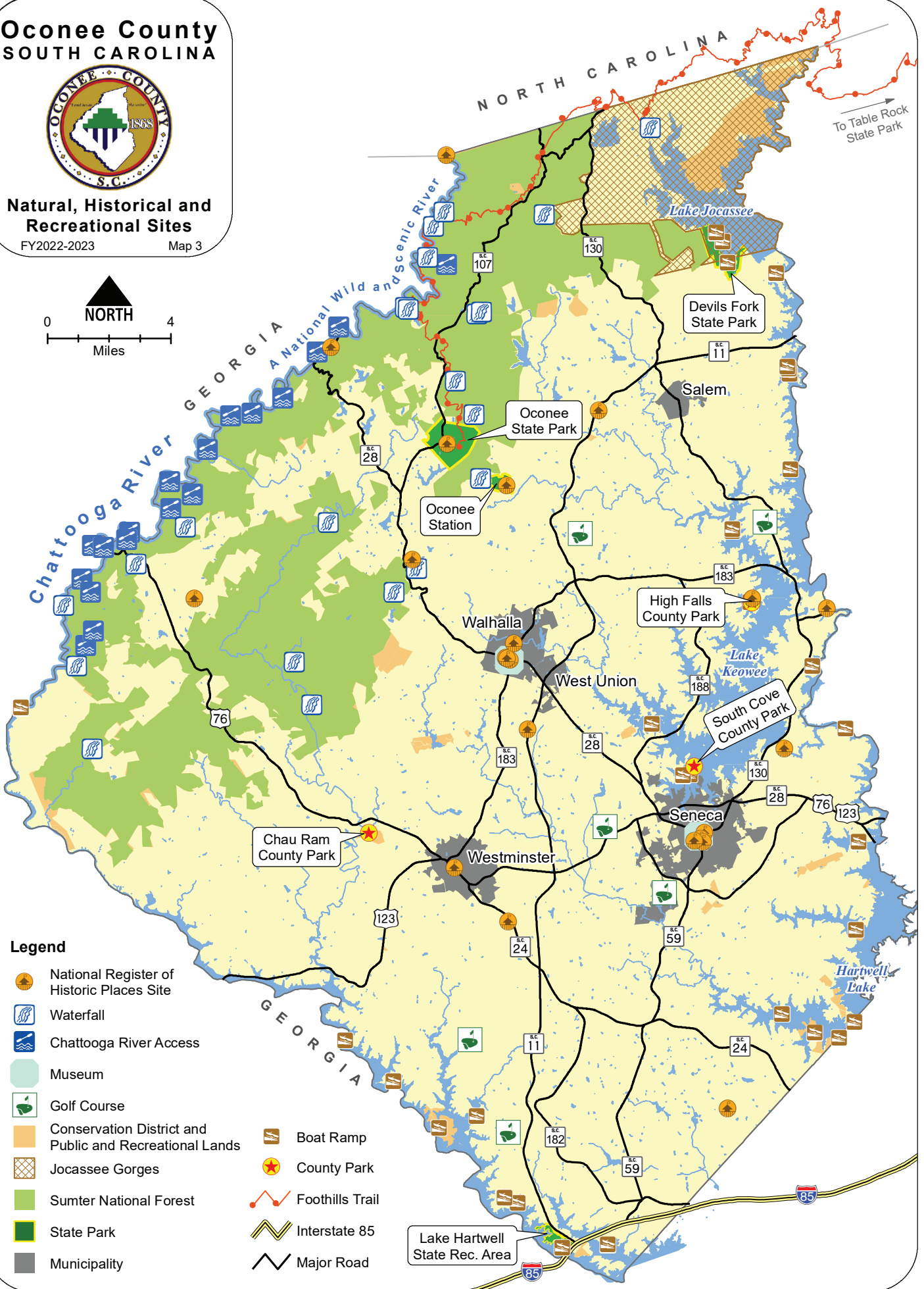
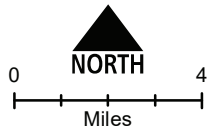
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Natural, Historical and Recreational Sites

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Map 3



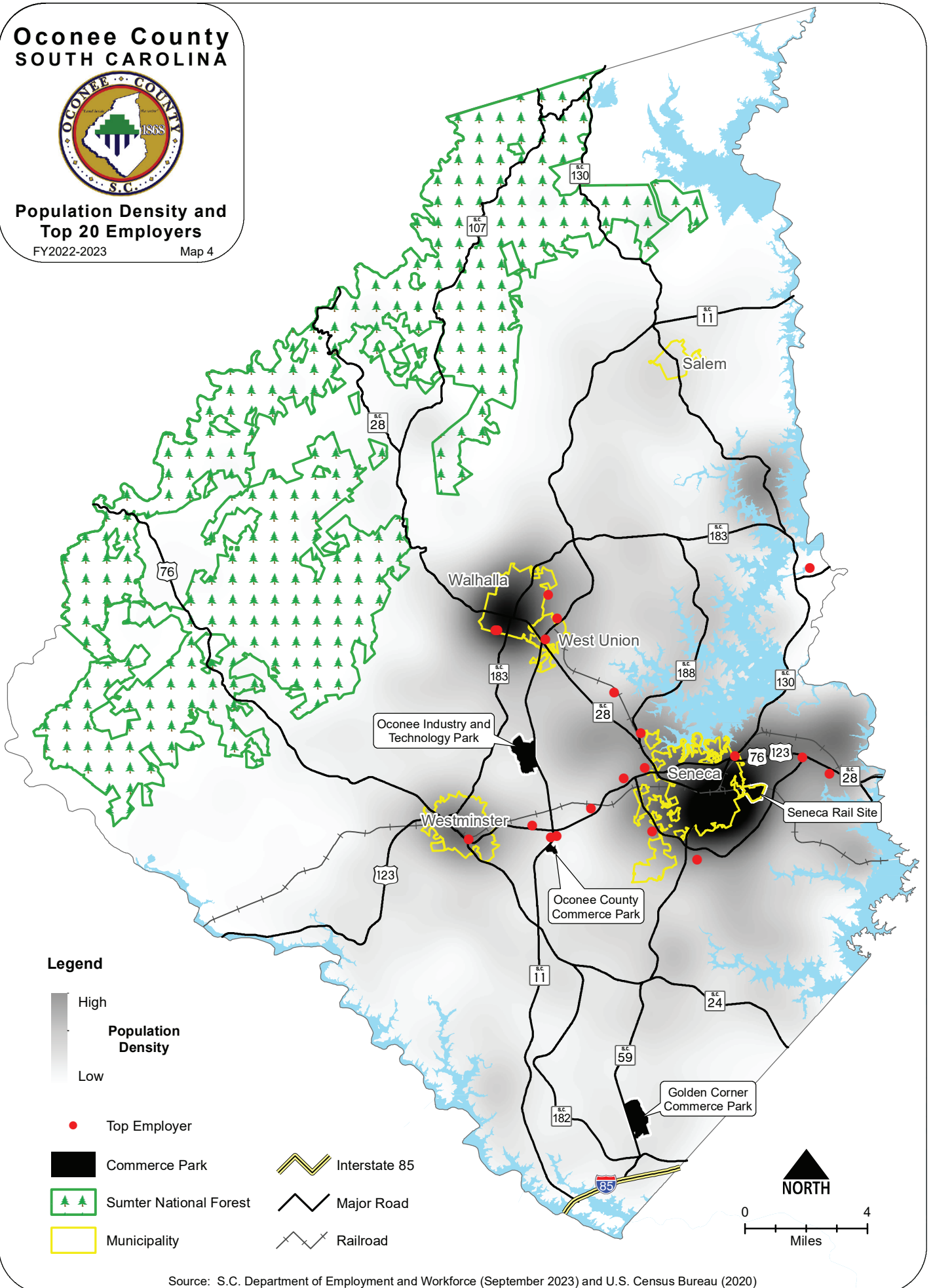
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Population Density and Top 20 Employers

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Map 4



FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the County Council
of Oconee County
Walhalla, South Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Oconee County, South Carolina** (the "County") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund, the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, and the Coronavirus S&L Fiscal Recovery Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Keowee Fire Tax District, which represents 100% of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component unit as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Keowee Fire Tax District is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

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

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Notes 1, 8, and 9 to the financial statements, the County adopted new accounting guidance, GASBS No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, as of July 1, 2022. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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 Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the Schedule of Changes in the County's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedules of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedules of Employer Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, budgetary comparison schedules, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards*, and the Uniform Schedule of Court Fines, Assessments, and surcharges, as required by the State of South Carolina (collectively the "Supplementary Information") are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

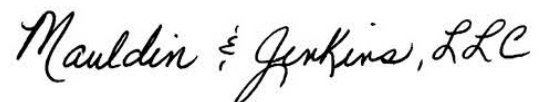
Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections 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 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 February 5, 2024, on our consideration of Oconee County, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Oconee County, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Oconee County, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Columbia, South Carolina
February 5, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Required Supplementary Information
(Unaudited)

Management's Discussion and Analysis

In this section of Oconee County's annual report, we provide a narrative overview and analysis of the County's financial performance for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the Administrator's Letter of Transmittal at the front of this report and the financial statements that follow this section.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis provides an introduction to Oconee County's basic financial statements, which include the following parts: (1) *government-wide financial statements*, (2) *fund financial statements*, (3) *major discretely presented component unit financial statements*, and (4) *notes to the financial statements*. This annual report also contains certain *required supplementary information* and other *supplementary information* to aid in understanding the operations of the County.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide statements present a long-term view of the County's finances *as a whole*, using the *accrual-basis accounting*—the same accounting basis that most businesses use. The basic government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 16 through 17 of this report.

There are two government-wide financial statements:

Statement of Net Position: This statement presents information on *all* of the County's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating. However, the statement of net position does not tell the whole story. To assess the County's overall financial health, other factors need to be considered, including the County's tax base, local economic growth, long-term debt management and the condition of its capital assets such as its buildings and infrastructure (roads and bridges).

Statement of Activities: This statement presents information showing how the County's overall net position changed during the year. The County reports a change in its net position as soon as an underlying event occurs that causes a change. The statement of activities accounts for all current-year revenues and expenses, regardless of when the County received or paid cash. Although governments compile the statement of activities using accounting methods similar to businesses, the format of this statement is quite different from the format of a business's profit and loss statement. The statement of activities helps to show how much it costs for the County to provide various services. It also indicates the extent to which each government function covers its own costs through user fees, charges, or grants. The *net revenues (expenses)* column on the far right of this statement on page 17 shows how much a particular function relies on taxes and other general revenues as opposed to program revenues to support its programs.

The government-wide statements present three different kinds of *activities*:

Governmental activities: Most of the County's basic services are included here, such as general government, public safety, transportation, public works, culture and recreation, judicial services, health and welfare, economic development, and education. Property taxes and state and federal grants provide resources to support most of these services.

Business-type activities: These activities usually recover all, or a significant portion, of the costs of their services or goods by charging fees to customers. The Rock Quarry Fund is the County's main business-type activities.

Component units: Although component units are legally separate from the County, the County's elected officials are financially accountable for them. The Keowee Fire Tax District is the County's only component unit. Some financial information for this component unit is included in this report. Complete financial statements for the Keowee Fire Tax District component unit can be obtained from the District's administrative offices (address included in Note 1 of the notes to the financial statements on page 32).

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements on pages 18 through 31 of this report provide detailed information about the County's most significant funds—not the County as a whole. Funds are accounting designations that the County uses to track specific funding sources and spending for particular purposes. Oconee County, like other governments, uses fund accounting to aid financial management and to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial related legal requirements.

The County reports three *types of funds*:

Governmental funds: The County reports most of its basic services in governmental funds. Governmental funds account for activities that the County reports as governmental activities in its government-wide statements. These funds focus on short-term inflows and outflows of expendable resources. The balances remaining at the end of the year help determine whether a fund has either more or less financial resources available to spend in the near future. Because the governmental fund statements lack the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, a reconciliation that explains the relationship (or differences) between the two kinds of statements is provided. By comparing the two kinds of statements and examining the reconciliation, a better understanding of the long-term impact of the County's near-term funding decisions is available. The County's General Fund and major special revenue funds that have legally adopted annual budgets require budgetary comparison schedules. Because the County uses the same generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis to format the budgetary comparison report as the basic governmental financial statements, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget (GAAP basis) and Actual report is presented in the Financial Section after the basic audited financial statements. The budgetary comparison report consists of the original adopted and final budgets, the actual inflows and outflows of resources, and a variance between the actuals and final budget. The General Fund's report shows the department level appropriations within each function (i.e., the Sheriff's Department within public safety).

The basic governmental fund statements and the GAAP basis budgetary comparison schedules are on pages 18 through 25 of this report.

Proprietary funds: Proprietary funds charge customers for the goods or services they provide—whether they are provided to outside customers (*enterprise funds*) or County departments and other governments (*internal service funds*). Proprietary funds use the *accrual basis of accounting* like businesses use. The County reports its two enterprise funds as *business-type activities* in the government-wide statements. The County does not have any internal service funds. The basic proprietary fund statements are on pages 26 through 29 of this report.

Fiduciary funds: Fiduciary funds consist of four types of funds: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial funds, of which the County only has *custodial funds*. Because the County acts as a clearing account to distribute certain financial resources to other entities, the County must report these activities separately, in custodial funds thereby demonstrating that those resources are used for and by the specific entity for which they are collected. The reports for the custodial funds are the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. The basic fiduciary fund statements are on pages 30 and 31 of this report.

Component Unit Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements identify the County's major discretely presented component unit under the Component Units subheading. However, the complete annual financial statements for the Keowee Fire Tax District are available upon request at the District's administrative offices.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Immediately following the financial statements are notes that provide additional and pertinent information to the financial statement amounts. The notes on pages 32 through 86 are necessary to understand fully the financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

Governments have the option to present the mandatory budgetary comparisons as part of the basic financial statements or in the required supplementary information (RSI). The County has decided to present the budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and for each major special revenue fund, which has a legally adopted annual budget, with the basic audited financial statements instead of in the RSI. The mandatory budgetary comparison schedules are on pages 22 through 25. Additionally, the required supplementary information section includes information on the County's two pension programs, the South Carolina Retirement System and the South Carolina Police Officers' Retirement System, as well as, the County's other post-employment benefits (OPEB) plan. This required supplementary information is on pages 87 through 90 of this report.

Supplementary Information

Combining and individual nonmajor governmental fund statements and budgetary comparison schedules, fiduciary fund statements, and the Uniform Schedule of Court Fines, Assessments and Surcharges information required by the State of South Carolina are presented immediately following the required supplementary information. These statements and schedules are on pages 91 through 111 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Exhibits 1 and 2 summarize the overall financial position and results of operations of the primary government for the past two years based on information included in the government-wide financial statements.

Exhibit 1
Government-wide Net Position
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total - Primary Government		Total Percent Change
Assets	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023-2022
Current and other assets	\$ 83,151,762	\$ 76,551,993	\$ 9,618,903	\$ 9,737,954	\$ 92,770,665	\$ 86,289,947	7.5%
Capital, lease and intangible right-to-use assets	138,025,461	128,997,919	12,685,801	12,419,336	150,711,262	141,417,255	6.6%
Total assets	221,177,223	205,549,912	22,304,704	22,157,290	243,481,927	227,707,202	6.9%
Deferred Outflows of Resources							
Other postemployment benefits	1,133,218	1,792,270	47,548	75,200	1,180,766	1,867,470	(36.8%)
Pension - South Carolina Retirement System	3,678,422	6,549,038	289,671	465,784	3,968,093	7,014,822	(43.4%)
Pension - South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System	3,742,892	5,587,683	-	-	3,742,892	5,587,683	(33.0%)
Total deferred outflows of resources	8,554,532	13,928,991	337,219	540,984	8,891,751	14,469,975	(38.6%)
Liabilities							
Noncurrent liabilities	75,525,136	73,695,579	6,719,861	6,940,333	82,244,997	80,635,912	2.0%
Other liabilities	27,138,032	21,781,716	229,570	485,915	27,367,602	22,267,631	22.9%
Total liabilities	102,663,168	95,477,295	6,949,431	7,426,248	109,612,599	102,903,543	6.5%
Deferred Inflows of Resources							
Lease receipts	33,110	41,851	-	-	33,110	41,851	(20.9%)
Other postemployment benefits	1,226,447	310,442	51,459	13,025	1,277,906	323,467	295.1%
Pension - South Carolina Retirement System	1,646,038	6,405,653	129,623	455,586	1,775,661	6,861,239	(74.1%)
Pension - South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System	1,334,629	5,393,108	-	-	1,334,629	5,393,108	(75.3%)
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,240,224	12,151,054	181,082	468,611	4,421,306	12,619,665	(65.0%)
Net Position							
Net investment in capital assets	121,713,629	112,554,496	8,489,826	7,715,190	130,203,455	120,269,686	8.3%
Restricted	22,434,492	18,686,699	-	-	22,434,492	18,686,699	20.1%
Unrestricted	(21,319,758)	(19,390,641)	7,021,584	7,088,225	(14,298,174)	(12,302,416)	16.2%
Total net position	\$ 122,828,363	\$ 111,850,554	\$ 15,511,410	\$ 14,803,415	\$ 138,339,773	\$ 126,653,969	9.2%

Net Position

The largest portion of the County's net position reflects its net investment in capital assets (for example, buildings, roads, and bridges) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The County uses capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, they are not available for future spending. Additionally, the County cannot sell the capital assets to repay the related debt because the assets are used for County operations, so it must find other resources to repay the debt.

Restricted net position generally is available for future spending but is subject to external restrictions, such as bond covenants, federal grant restrictions, or restrictions imposed by enabling County legislation. The County's largest restricted balances include capital projects, public safety, transportation, and education.

Unrestricted net position is the amount of resources normally available for future spending without restrictions. The combined governmental and business-type activities unrestricted net position reported a deficit balance of \$14,295,174 at June 30, 2023, which represents a \$2 million increase from the prior year.

The governmental activities unrestricted net position increased \$1.93 million and was primarily due to the \$1.70 million increase in the general revenues of unrestricted investment income. This 2325.1% increase resulted from the Federal Reserve raising interest rates by 3.38 percentage points over the period of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, generating more interest income on the County's investments.

The County's business-type activities reported a \$7.02 million unrestricted net position. This represents a decrease of \$66,641 from the previous fiscal year. This resulted mostly from the 2023 fiscal year realizing net program revenues of \$1.69 million, as opposed to the \$600,072 in the 2022 fiscal year, which stemmed from the continued demand for rock products used in construction and landscaping projects associated with the housing market. The Rock Quarry used a portion of the excess revenues to purchase equipment necessary for the granite mining process, which increased the net position invested in capital assets instead of the unrestricted net assets. The FOCUS Fund had no net position at the end of fiscal year 2023.

Exhibit 2
Government-wide Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

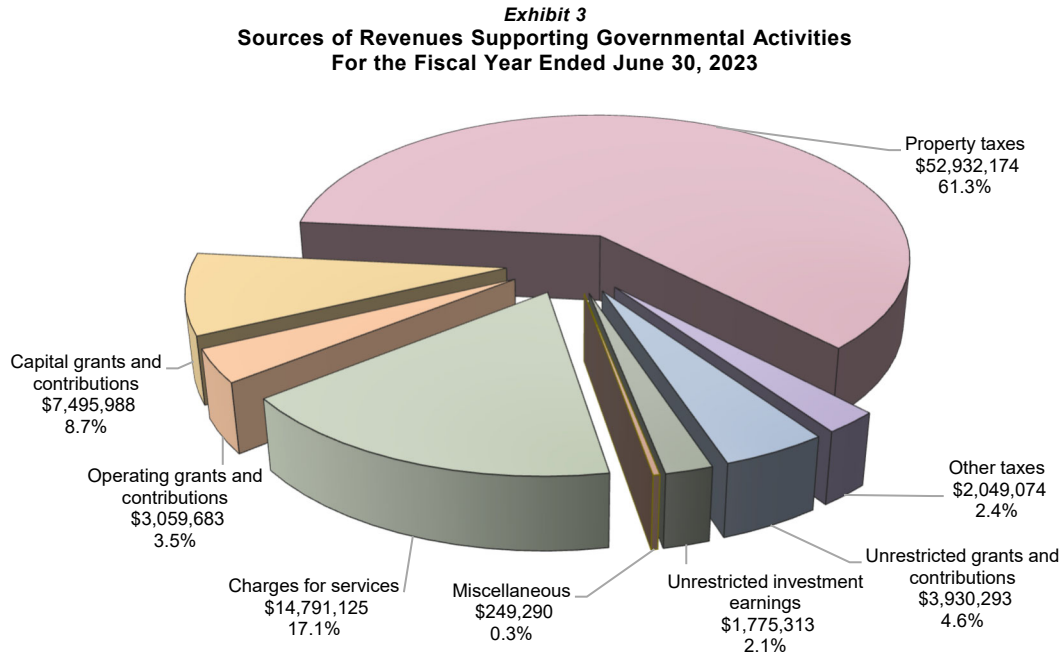
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total - Primary Government		Total Percent Change
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023-2022
Revenues							
Program revenues:							
Charges for services	\$ 14,791,625	\$ 13,726,763	\$ 9,284,960	\$ 7,488,294	\$ 24,076,585	\$ 21,215,057	13.5%
Operating grants and contributions	3,059,683	6,229,950	-	-	3,059,683	6,229,950	(50.9%)
Capital grants and contributions	7,495,988	2,390,804	-	-	7,495,988	2,390,804	213.5%
General revenues:							
Property taxes	52,932,174	52,080,875	-	-	52,932,174	52,080,875	1.6%
Other taxes and licenses	2,049,074	1,935,598	-	-	2,049,074	1,935,598	5.9%
Grants and contributions							
not restricted for a specific purpose	3,930,293	2,326,642	-	-	3,930,293	2,326,642	68.9%
Unrestricted investment income	1,775,313	73,206	(2,998)	-	1,772,315	73,206	2321.0%
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	-	20,000	31,416	20,000	31,416	(36.3%)
Miscellaneous	249,290	377,871	-	-	249,290	377,871	(34.0%)
Total revenues	86,283,440	79,141,709	9,301,962	7,519,710	95,585,402	86,661,419	10.3%
Expenses							
Governmental activities:							
General government	18,637,878	17,342,105	-	-	18,637,878	17,342,105	7.5%
Public safety	30,024,189	30,728,185	-	-	30,024,189	30,728,185	(2.3%)
Transportation	6,946,091	7,280,152	-	-	6,946,091	7,280,152	(4.6%)
Public works	6,323,646	5,325,355	-	-	6,323,646	5,325,355	18.7%
Culture and recreation	6,247,330	6,023,945	-	-	6,247,330	6,023,945	3.7%
Judicial services	3,741,672	3,850,018	-	-	3,741,672	3,850,018	(2.8%)
Education	1,626,600	1,580,200	-	-	1,626,600	1,580,200	2.9%
Health and welfare	657,875	709,272	-	-	657,875	709,272	(7.2%)
Economic development	1,771,694	1,778,067	-	-	1,771,694	1,778,067	(0.4%)
Interest on long-term debt	328,656	329,999	-	-	328,656	329,999	(0.4%)
Business-type activities:							
FOCUS	-	-	-	934,000	-	934,000	(100.0%)
Rock quarry	-	-	7,593,967	5,954,222	7,593,967	5,954,222	27.5%
Total expenses	76,305,631	74,947,298	7,593,967	6,888,222	83,899,598	81,835,520	2.5%
Excess before transfers	9,977,809	4,194,411	1,707,995	631,488	11,685,804	4,825,899	142.1%
Net transfers	1,000,000	66,000	(1,000,000)	(66,000)	-	-	-
Change in net position	10,977,809	4,260,411	707,995	565,488	11,685,804	4,825,899	142.1%
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	111,850,554	107,590,143	14,803,415	14,237,927	126,653,969	121,828,070	4.0%
Net position, end of year	\$ 122,828,363	\$ 111,850,554	\$ 15,511,410	\$ 14,803,415	\$ 138,339,773	\$ 126,653,969	9.2%

Changes in Net Position

The County's total net position of its governmental activities and business-type activities increased by \$11.69 million, or 9.2%, over the prior year. This overall improvement in the financial position of the County was primarily through a 10.3% or an \$8.92 million increase in revenue collections primarily from charges for services, capital grants and contributions, and investment income. The expenses increased 2.5% or \$2.06 million because of spending in the general government program.

Governmental Activities

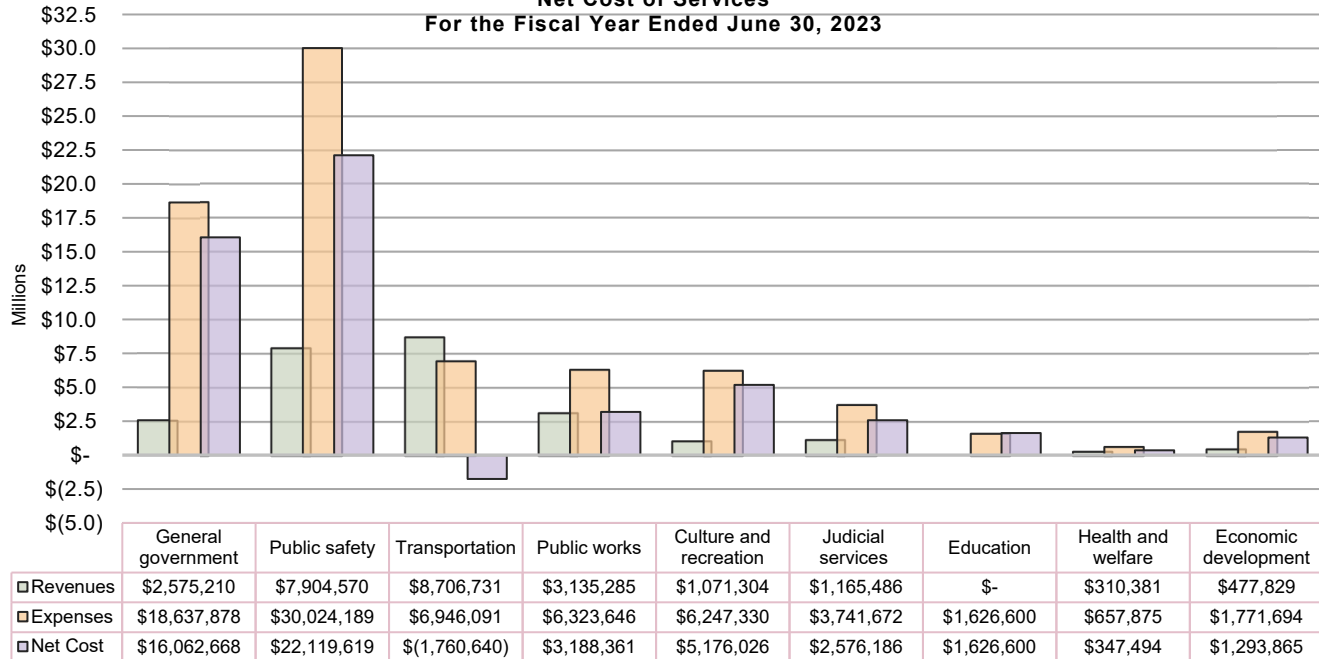
The net position of the County's governmental activities increased by \$10.98 million, or 9.8% from the prior year. The total program and general revenues increased from 2022 by \$7.14 million, or 9.0%. Revenues that support governmental activities came mostly from capital grants and contributions, including federal aid; unrestricted investment earnings; unrestricted grants and contributions; and charges for services. Exhibit 3 illustrates the sources of revenues that support governmental activities.



Expenses associated with governmental activities increased by \$1.35 million, or 1.8%, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. These expenses were associated primarily with services provided by the general government and public works programs. Exhibit 4 compares the cost of the program services with their revenues, which consist of the charges for services generated by the program or from parties outside the County's taxpayers or citizenry through operating and capital grants and contributions provided specifically for the program's services. The difference between the program revenues and expense represents the net cost of these services and is funded additionally by taxes and other general revenues. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the County used the \$60.94 million in tax and other general revenues to offset the net cost of all services that the County's governmental activity programs provided. In addition to the general revenues, the business-type activities transferred \$1.0 million to the County's governmental activities.

**Exhibit 4
Governmental Activities
Net Cost of Services**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023



The following paragraphs highlight the most significant changes in revenues and expenses for governmental activities during the 2023 fiscal year:

- Capital grants and contributions increased by \$5.11 million, or 213.5%, which was due to the transportation program receiving federal grant reimbursements for various airport improvement projects. Operating grants and contributions decreased by \$3.17 million, or 50.9% under the prior year, because of less grant revenue for the public safety and general government programs.
- General revenues for unrestricted investment earnings increased by \$1.70 million, or 2325.1% from the prior year due to the Federal Reserve adjusting interest rate upwards to stabilize the national economy. Additionally, unrestricted grants and contributions revenue increased by \$1.60 million or 68.9%, which resulted from 911-communications and accommodations tax collections.
- General government expenses increased \$1.30 million and public works expenses increased by \$998,291 over the prior year. These increases were due to salaries, building and vehicle maintenance, and capital outlay costs.

Business-type Activities

The net position of the County's business-type activities as of June 30, 2023, was \$15.51 million, which was an increase of \$707,995, or 4.8% from the prior year. The mining operations at the County's blue granite rock quarry solely account for the business-type activities net position. The FOCUS Fund accounted for the operations of a federally funded broadband telecommunications system that has since been leased by Upcountry Fiber. Because the FOCUS fund accounts for cash and lease receivable assets that equal the amount for a payable to the General Fund, it reports a zero net position.

Operating revenues of the Rock Quarry Fund increased by \$1.80, or 24.0%, and operating expenses for the production of crushed granite increased by \$1.66 million, or 28.9%, during the 2023 fiscal year. The increases in operating revenues resulted directly from sales that fueled by construction and landscaping materials demands. Additionally, Rock Quarry expenses increased because of equipment breaks requiring specialized parts whose prices have risen because of inflation.

Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

Oconee County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with limitations set by the donor, grant authority, governing agency, or other individuals or organizations or by law. Within the fund financial statements, the focus is on reporting major funds.

Governmental Funds

Exhibit 5 shows the components of fund balance for the County's governmental funds as of June 30, 2023.

Exhibit 5
Governmental Components of Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Fund Balance Component	General Fund	Miscellaneous Special Revenue	Coronavirus S&L Fiscal Recovery	Capital Projects	Economic Development Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable	\$ 8,696,347	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,914,066	\$ -	\$ 10,610,763
Restricted	-	1,096,419	-	-	5,899,792	15,438,281	22,434,492
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	6,014,858	5,293	-	481,293	66,447	3,471,176	10,039,067
Unassigned	10,823,863	-	-	-	-	(87,258)	10,736,605
Totals	\$ 25,535,068	\$ 1,102,062	\$ -	\$ 481,293	\$ 7,880,305	\$ 18,822,199	\$ 53,820,927
Change from prior year	\$ (752,550)	\$ 519,514	\$ -	\$ 63,134	\$ 1,760,351	\$ (197,049)	\$ 1,393,400
Percentage change	(2.9%)	89.2%	0.0%	15.1%	28.8%	(1.0%)	2.7%

At June 30, 2023, total ending fund balance for the County's governmental funds was \$53.82 million, which represents an increase of \$1.39 million, or 2.7%, from the prior year. This total contains an unassigned fund balance of \$10.74 million. The total also includes \$10.82 million reported by the General Fund as unassigned and available with no constraints for spending in the coming year. In addition, governmental funds reporting fund balances restricted by external parties or enabling legislation in fiscal year 2023 include the nonmajor governmental funds, the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, and the Economic Development Fund with a combined total of \$22.43 million, or 41.7%, of the total fund balance. The remaining fund balance is nonspendable, committed, or assigned and is not available for future appropriation because it is not in a spendable form or is accessible only for specific purposes.

The *General Fund* is the County operating fund. This fund includes resources, such as property taxes, that pay for the services that the County traditionally has provided to its citizens. Most of the County's accounting activity occurs in the General Fund unless constraints established by enabling legislation or external parties require them to be accounted in another fund. Most notably, the General Fund earned interest during the year totaling \$1.67 million, when it had reported none in the prior year. Property tax collection revenue stayed nearly the same because of fee in lieu of tax (FILOT) agreement rebates to Casto and Clemson Family Investors. Further, General Fund expenditures, which increased by \$3.06 million, or 5.3%, from the prior year, were more than the total General Fund revenues, revealing the impact of the rebates. Additionally, General Fund expenditures were more than the prior year due to salary and fringe benefit increases for in public safety.

The *Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund* is a major special revenue fund, which accounts for multiple primarily restricted resources from grants and donations. These resources provide funding for specific projects as outlined in legislation, a grant award or conditions for use. During the 2023 fiscal year, the total fund balance increased by \$519,514 from the prior year. The increase in miscellaneous and other revenues resulted from reclassification of the Detention Center's commission earnings. Contributions and donations revenue increased \$77,081 mainly from contributions to fund processes associated with land conservation. Expenditures decreased \$708,640 from the prior year primarily due to the closure a federal public safety grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for assistance to firefighters.

The *Coronavirus State and Local (S&L) Fiscal Recovery Fund* accounts for the financial assistance provided to state and local governments to support their response to and recovery from the COVID public health emergency. As of June 30, 2023, the County received a total of \$15.45 million. Fiscal year 2023, recognized revenue of \$3.79 million in revenue was earned with qualifying expenditures in the same amount. The \$3.79 million was expended on contributions to the municipalities for water and sewer infrastructure improvements. During 2023, the municipals received the following amounts: Seneca, \$1.14 million; Westminster, \$525,042; and Walhalla, \$436,344. Additionally, the County expended these funds on two capital improvement projects. The improvement at Seneca Creek Recreation Area received \$1.50 million and the construction of the emergency substation construction in the Bountyland community received \$179,562.

The *Capital Projects Fund* accounts for various capital projects. This fund accounts for capital projects funded mainly by issuance of debt and State and federal grants. The fund balance increased by \$63,134, or 15.1%, from the 2022 fiscal year with a fund balance of \$481,293 at the end of the 2023 fiscal year. The increase in fund balance was a result of issuance of debt of \$1.10 million received for the purchase of a fire truck in the upcoming year and increased grant expenditures awaiting reimbursement.

The *Economic Development Fund* was a nonmajor fund in 2022, but became a major fund in 2023. The fund balance increase \$1.76 million. Property tax revenues collections totaled \$1.86 million and expenditures primarily for industrial park and sewer improvements in the southern part of the County totaled \$364,649.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds are used to account for funds that are restricted for specific purposes, including emergency services; state and local accommodations taxes; property taxes for education, road maintenance, bridge and culvert maintenance, parks, recreation and tourism, and capital equipment and vehicles purchases; child support services, library state aid, victim's services and debt services. The fund balance decreased 25.1% to \$18.82 million at the end of 2023. The main reason for the reduction is due to the Economic Development moving from the nonmajor governmental funds group to a major fund, which is reported individually.

Proprietary Funds

Exhibit 6 shows the components of the net position for the County's two proprietary funds at June 30, 2023.

Exhibit 6
Proprietary Fund Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Fund Net Position	Enterprise Funds		
	Rock Quarry	FOCUS	Total Enterprise Funds
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 8,489,826	\$ -	\$ 8,489,826
Unrestricted	7,242,319	-	7,242,319
Totals	\$ 15,732,145	\$ -	\$ 15,732,145
Change from prior year	\$ 928,730	\$ -	\$ 928,730
Percentage change	6.3%	0.0%	6.3%

The County's proprietary funds consist of two enterprise funds. Those enterprise funds are the Rock Quarry Fund and the FOCUS Fund.

Enterprise funds are reported as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and similarly in the enterprise fund financial statements. Furthermore, enterprise funds function much like private businesses, in that it sells goods or services primarily to customers outside of the primary government.

The net position of the *Rock Quarry Fund*, a major enterprise fund, increased by \$707,995, or 4.8%, over the prior year. As discussed in an earlier section for the government-wide net position, the Rock Quarry's operating expenses increased \$1.64 million from the prior year. In addition, the Rock Quarry operating revenues increased by \$1.80 million.

The *FOCUS Fund* had a net position of zero at June 30, 2023. The County currently is leasing the broadband system, which results in no revenues being generated or expenses incurred; therefore, FOCUS has no net position.

Budgetary General Fund Highlights

On June 7, 2022, County Council adopted the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget Ordinance 2022-01. During the fiscal year, the supplemental appropriations Ordinance 2022-19 was approved, which added \$384,056 to provide airport grant matching funds. At June 30, 2023, the County's final budget to actual variance for total revenues was \$466,357. Property taxes were under budget by \$3.08 million because of FILOT rebates; however, all other revenues were over budget, especially the interest income with a variance of \$1.47 million. Real estate and personal property tax collections are the fund's major revenue source, which makes up 74.0% of the total revenues and other financing sources budgeted for the County.

Actual expenditures were under the final appropriations by \$2.19 million. Numerous capital equipment (i.e. fire trucks) and building construction expenditures had not been completed by June 20, 2023.

Based on the results of operations, actual expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1.75 million, creating a budgetary deficit.

See the Required Supplementary Information section on pages 87 through 90 of this report for a detailed budgetary comparison schedule.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The County's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2023, amounts to \$150.71 million (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, machinery, equipment, vehicles, recreation facilities, roads, bridges, intangibles, and the rock crushing plant. The total increase in capital assets for the current fiscal year was 6.5%. See Exhibit 7.

Exhibit 7
Capital Assets (net of depreciation/amortization)
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

Asset Class	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total - Primary Government		Total Percent Change 2023-2022
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Land and improvements	\$ 6,435,175	\$ 6,461,165	\$ 3,884,235	\$ 3,483,038	\$ 10,319,410	\$ 9,944,203	3.8%
Other costs	38,523,106	38,523,106	-	-	38,523,106	38,523,106	0.0%
Construction in progress	1,591,862	7,731,174	-	-	1,591,862	7,731,174	(79.4%)
Buildings and improvements	56,827,989	42,713,893	16,034	41,925	56,844,023	42,755,818	33.0%
Equipment and vehicles	11,904,406	9,924,600	8,558,492	8,660,451	20,462,898	18,585,051	10.1%
Infrastructure	22,398,402	23,259,513	-	-	22,398,402	23,259,513	(3.7%)
Other	24,683	27,152	-	-	24,683	27,152	(9.1%)
Mineral interests	-	-	227,040	233,922	227,040	233,922	(2.9%)
Lease assets:							
Buildings	125,135	107,461	-	-	125,135	107,461	16.4%
Vehicles	29,115	3,937	-	-	29,115	3,937	639.5%
Equipment	73,064	245,918	-	-	73,064	245,918	(70.3%)
Subscription assets	92,524	150,269	-	-	92,524	150,269	(38.4%)
Total	\$ 138,025,461	\$ 129,148,188	\$ 12,685,801	\$ 12,419,336	\$ 150,711,262	\$ 141,567,524	6.5%

Major assets events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Airport runway rehabilitation, terminal apron expansion, and road relocation was completed and added \$11.19 million into the buildings and improvement class.
- Seneca Creek Recreation Area improvement increased improvements by \$3.49 million.
- Road paving accounted for \$1.15 million in infrastructure asset additions.
- The Rock Quarry purchased multiple pieces of heavy equipment totaling \$825,568 and 5.51 acres of land for \$401,197.

See Note 7 in the notes to the financial statements on page 57 of this report for additional information on the County's capital and lease assets.

Debt Outstanding

At June 30, 2023, the County had a total of \$19.86 million in bonds and notes outstanding—a decrease of \$1.99 million, or a 9.1%, from the previous year (see Exhibit 8).

Exhibit 8
Outstanding Debt
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total - Primary Government		Total Percent Change
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023-2022
General obligation (GO) bonds							
<u>Applicable to the debt margin:</u>							
GO bonds	\$ 2,167,000	\$ 2,720,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,167,000	\$ 2,720,000	(20.3%)
Plus unamortized premium	5,655	7,758	-	-	5,655	7,758	(27.1%)
GO refunding bonds	6,420,000	7,170,000	-	-	6,420,000	7,170,000	(10.5%)
Total GO bonds applicable to the debt margin	8,592,655	9,897,758	-	-	8,592,655	9,897,758	(13.2%)
<u>Not applicable to the debt margin:</u>							
GO bonds for special tax districts	1,421,447	370,525	-	-	1,421,447	370,525	283.6%
Total GO bonds not applicable to the debt margin	1,421,447	370,525	-	-	1,421,447	370,525	283.6%
Total GO bonds	10,014,102	10,268,283	-	-	10,014,102	10,268,283	(2.5%)
Financed purchases	5,033,530	5,968,985	4,195,975	4,704,146	9,229,505	10,673,131	(13.5%)
Special source refunding revenue bonds	615,000	909,000	-	-	615,000	909,000	(32.3%)
Total	\$ 15,662,632	\$ 17,146,268	\$ 4,195,975	\$ 4,704,146	\$ 19,858,607	\$ 21,850,414	(9.1%)

The repayment of principal on outstanding debt exceeded issuances of debt, resulting in a decrease in debt outstanding for governmental activities of \$1.48 million, or 8.7%.

As part of issuing new debt, credit rating assessments are reviewed by credit rating agencies. The two main credit rating agencies are Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's. Each rating agency interprets the County's data slightly different resulting possibly in different ratings. On July 3, 2014, Standard & Poor's upgraded the County ratings from "AA-" to "AA", while the County rating remains at "Aa2" with Moody's Investors Service. These stable bond ratings are a clear indication of the continued sound financial condition of the County and are a primary factor in keeping interest costs low on the County's outstanding debt.

Furthermore, the State of South Carolina limits the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue, to 8% of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin, (amount of general obligation debt that the County could borrow without a referendum), for the County is approximately \$45.0 million, which is 3.8% increase from the prior year. The legal debt margin calculation does not apply to GO debt issued for special tax districts.

See Note 8 in the notes to the financial statements on pages 57 and 58 of this report for additional information about the County's long-term debt.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Forecasted Budgetary General Fund Revenues for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

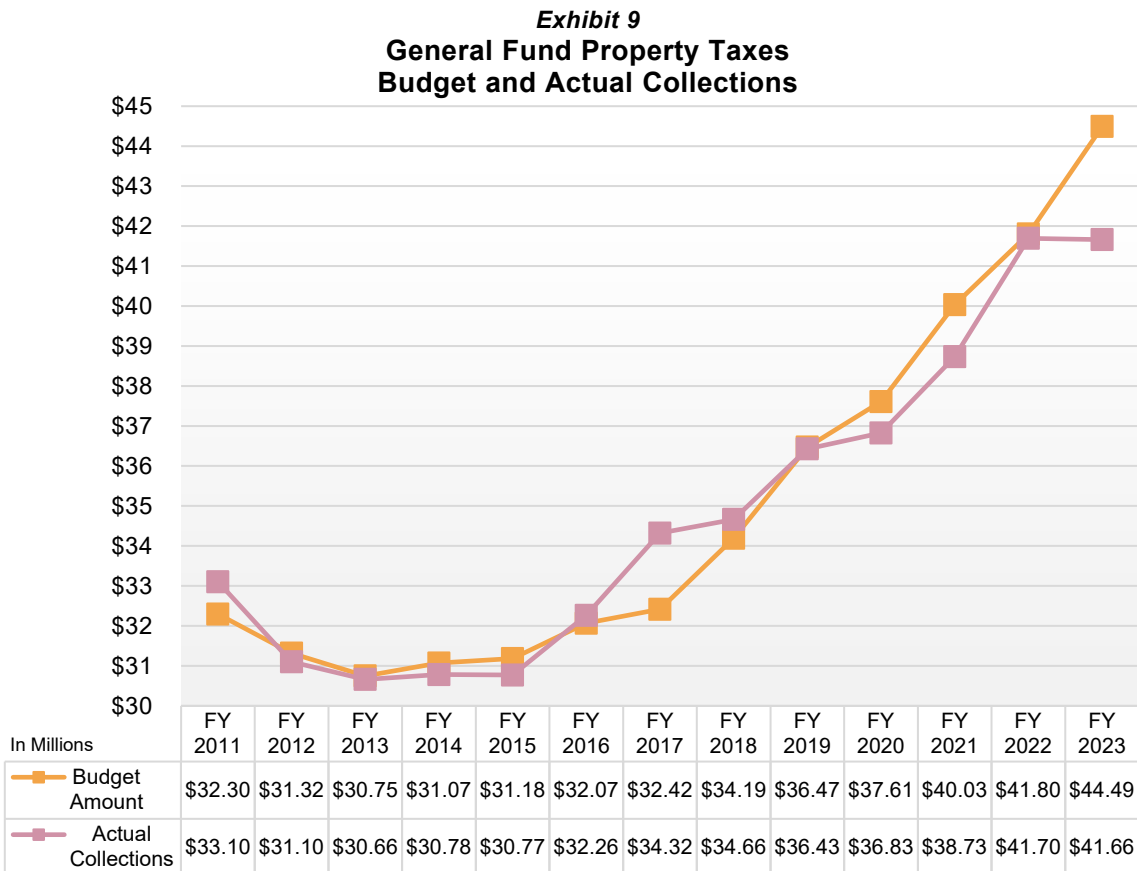
On June 6, 2023, County Council approved the Ordinance 2023-01 for the fiscal year 2023-2024 annual budget. The General Fund's budgetary revenue estimate was \$60.77 million. Almost three months later on September 19, 2023, the General Fund's revenues were amended to \$58.84 million, a reduction of \$1.93 million. At the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 2022-2023, the General Fund revenue collections were \$ 5.7 million, or 8.8% of the budgeted revenue. The first quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024 had General Fund revenues collections of \$1.30 million, or 2.2%.

Economic Conditions

The unemployment rate for the County was 3.4% at June 30, 2023, which is the same as it was a year ago. This still compares favorably with the State's average unemployment rate of 3.6% at June 30, 2023, and with the national average unemployment rate of 3.6% at June 30, 2023. Real estate and housing prices have increased over the past several years. The cost of living in this region still compares favorably to other areas of the country.

In addition to these factors, County Council compiles a list of initiatives for funding consideration in the budget. The priorities affecting the 2023-2024 General Fund budget are funding for a classification and compensation study for all County employees and preliminary salary increases of up to two-thirds of an employee's annual salary for the Sheriff's Department employees and employees in other departments that make below the minimum for their position. The study will provide a step and scale plan document for implementing salary increases.

Figure 9 below provides a graph of the budget and actual for the General Fund property taxes.



Requests for Information

The primary purpose of this financial report is to provide Oconee County's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to demonstrate the County's accountability for the money it receives. Please address any questions concerning information in this report to:

Director of Finance
Oconee County Finance Department
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Or on the web at: www.OconeeSC.com.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental	Business-type		Keowee Fire
	Activities	Activities	Total	Tax District
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 48,058,548	\$ 10,933,432	\$ 58,991,980	\$ 1,018,655
Investments	18,128,715	238,926	18,367,641	-
Receivables:				
Taxes	880,646	-	880,646	14,574
Accounts	972,534	146,264	1,118,798	-
Due from other governments	3,859,033	-	3,859,033	15,000
Other	118,452	-	118,452	-
Internal balances	6,173,939	(6,173,939)	-	-
Due from component unit	255,211	-	255,211	-
Inventories	258,110	374,219	632,329	-
Prepaid expenses	8,556	-	8,556	-
Seized assets	234,750	-	234,750	-
Lease receivable	34,326	4,100,001	4,134,327	-
Assets held for resale	655	-	655	-
Assets held for economic development	4,168,287	-	4,168,287	-
Capital assets:				
Right-to-use lease, net of accumulated amortization	227,314	-	227,314	-
Right-to-use subscription, net of accumulated amortization	92,524	-	92,524	-
Nondepreciable	46,550,143	3,884,235	50,434,378	-
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	91,155,480	8,801,566	99,957,046	1,542,822
Total assets	<u>221,177,223</u>	<u>22,304,704</u>	<u>243,481,927</u>	<u>2,591,051</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Other postemployment benefits	1,133,218	47,548	1,180,766	-
Pension - South Carolina Retirement System	3,678,422	289,671	3,968,093	-
Pension - South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System	3,742,892	-	3,742,892	212,440
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>8,554,532</u>	<u>337,219</u>	<u>8,891,751</u>	<u>212,440</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	7,068,187	166,498	7,234,685	-
Accrued liabilities	2,880,892	63,072	2,943,964	2,017
Unearned revenues	17,188,953	-	17,188,953	-
Due to primary government	-	-	-	255,211
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Due within one year	4,527,297	606,104	5,133,401	17,635
Due in more than one year	16,965,026	3,672,596	20,637,622	-
Total other postemployment benefits liability	9,758,313	409,440	10,167,753	83,871
Net Pension Liability:				
South Carolina Retirement System	25,800,078	2,031,721	27,831,799	-
South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System	18,474,422	-	18,474,422	803,629
Total liabilities	<u>102,663,168</u>	<u>6,949,431</u>	<u>109,612,599</u>	<u>1,162,363</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Lease receipts	33,110	-	33,110	-
Other postemployment benefits	1,226,447	51,459	1,277,906	-
Pension - South Carolina Retirement System	1,646,038	129,623	1,775,661	-
Pension - South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System	1,334,629	-	1,334,629	34,248
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>4,240,224</u>	<u>181,082</u>	<u>4,421,306</u>	<u>34,248</u>
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	121,713,629	8,489,826	130,203,455	1,219,358
Restricted for capital projects	6,138,559	-	6,138,559	-
Restricted for debt service	1,825,433	-	1,825,433	-
Restricted for fringe expenditures	-	-	-	44,946
Restricted for general government	380,691	-	380,691	-
Restricted for judicial services	101,768	-	101,768	-
Restricted for education	2,070,387	-	2,070,387	-
Restricted for public works	208,611	-	208,611	-
Restricted for economic development	5,837,783	-	5,837,783	-
Restricted for culture and recreation	1,102,127	-	1,102,127	-
Restricted for public safety	2,651,406	-	2,651,406	-
Restricted for health and welfare	2,956	-	2,956	-
Restricted for transportation	2,114,771	-	2,114,771	-
Unrestricted	(21,319,758)	7,021,584	(14,298,174)	342,576
Total net position	<u>\$ 122,828,363</u>	<u>\$ 15,511,410</u>	<u>\$ 138,339,773</u>	<u>\$ 1,606,880</u>

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

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position			Keowee Fire Tax District
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	\$ 18,637,878	\$ 2,186,858	\$ 359,498	\$ 28,854	\$ (16,062,668)	\$ -	\$ (16,062,668)	\$ -
Public safety	30,024,189	5,918,067	1,587,042	399,961	(22,119,119)	-	(22,119,119)	-
Transportation	6,946,091	1,881,059	5,474	6,820,198	1,760,640	-	1,760,640	-
Public works	6,323,646	3,062,627	72,658	-	(3,188,361)	-	(3,188,361)	-
Culture and recreation	6,247,330	778,349	287,841	5,114	(5,176,026)	-	(5,176,026)	-
Judicial services	3,741,672	963,465	202,021	-	(2,576,186)	-	(2,576,186)	-
Education	1,626,600	-	-	-	(1,626,600)	-	(1,626,600)	-
Health and welfare	657,875	-	310,381	-	(347,494)	-	(347,494)	-
Economic development	1,771,694	1,200	234,768	241,861	(1,293,865)	-	(1,293,865)	-
Interest on long-term debt	328,656	-	-	-	(328,656)	-	(328,656)	-
Total governmental activities	76,305,631	14,791,625	3,059,683	7,495,988	(50,958,335)	-	(50,958,335)	-
Business-type activities:								
Rock quarry	7,593,967	9,284,960	-	-	-	1,690,993	1,690,993	-
Total business-type activities	7,593,967	9,284,960	-	-	-	1,690,993	1,690,993	-
Total primary government	\$ 83,899,598	\$ 24,076,585	\$ 3,059,683	\$ 7,495,988	(50,958,335)	1,690,993	(49,267,342)	-
Component unit:								
Keowee Fire Tax District	\$ 1,070,924	\$ 75,000	\$ 27,584	\$ 15,000	-	-	-	(953,340)
General revenues:								
Property taxes levied for:								
General purposes					43,199,912	-	43,199,912	-
Public safety					1,764,512	-	1,764,512	1,053,357
Debt service					1,219,976	-	1,219,976	-
Capital projects					2,861,518	-	2,861,518	-
Economic development					1,859,477	-	1,859,477	-
Education					2,026,779	-	2,026,779	-
Other taxes and licenses					2,049,074	-	2,049,074	-
Grants and contributions not restricted for a specific purpose					3,930,293	-	3,930,293	45,000
Unrestricted investment earnings (losses)					1,775,313	(2,998)	1,772,315	14,044
Gain on disposal of capital assets					-	20,000	20,000	-
Miscellaneous					249,290	-	249,290	22,760
Transfers					1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers					61,936,144	(982,998)	60,953,146	1,135,161
Change in net position					10,977,809	707,995	11,685,804	181,821
Net position, beginning of year					111,850,554	14,803,415	126,653,969	1,425,059
Net position, end of year					\$ 122,828,363	\$ 15,511,410	\$ 138,339,773	\$ 1,606,880

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023**

	General	Miscellaneous Special Revenue	Coronavirus S&L Fiscal Recovery	Capital Projects	Economic Development Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,941,441	\$ 8,331,660	\$ 10,701,157	\$ -	\$ 7,162,269	\$ 18,922,021	\$ 48,058,548
Investments	16,678,215	-	-	1,000,500	-	450,000	18,128,715
Taxes receivable, net	712,685	-	-	-	19,764	148,197	880,646
Accounts receivable, net	812,108	31,267	-	-	-	129,159	972,534
Due from other governments	1,194,339	614,000	-	1,679,491	-	371,203	3,859,033
Lease receivable	34,326	-	-	-	-	-	34,326
Due from other funds	1,121,466	-	-	-	-	-	1,121,466
Due from component unit	-	-	-	-	-	255,211	255,211
Other receivables	118,452	-	-	-	-	-	118,452
Advances to other funds	6,173,939	-	-	-	-	-	6,173,939
Prepaid expenditures	8,206	350	-	-	-	-	8,556
Inventories	258,110	-	-	-	-	-	258,110
Seized assets	-	234,750	-	-	-	-	234,750
Assets held for resale	655	-	-	-	-	-	655
Assets held for economic development	2,254,221	-	-	-	1,914,066	-	4,168,287
Total assets	<u>\$ 32,308,163</u>	<u>\$ 9,212,027</u>	<u>\$ 10,701,157</u>	<u>\$ 2,679,991</u>	<u>\$ 9,096,099</u>	<u>\$ 20,275,791</u>	<u>\$ 84,273,228</u>
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	\$ 3,368,018	\$ 276,333	\$ 1,187,084	\$ 120,569	\$ 1,198,142	\$ 918,041	\$ 7,068,187
Due to other funds	-	-	-	934,935	-	186,531	1,121,466
Accrued liabilities	2,770,818	951	-	-	-	5,530	2,777,299
Unearned revenue	-	7,486,662	9,514,073	-	-	188,218	17,188,953
Total liabilities	<u>6,138,836</u>	<u>7,763,946</u>	<u>10,701,157</u>	<u>1,055,504</u>	<u>1,198,142</u>	<u>1,298,320</u>	<u>28,155,905</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Lease receipts	33,110	-	-	-	-	-	33,110
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	600,494	-	-	-	-	155,272	755,766
Unavailable revenue - seized property	-	234,750	-	-	-	-	234,750
Unavailable revenue - intergovernmental	-	111,269	-	1,143,194	17,652	-	1,272,115
Unavailable revenue - forfeited land commission	655	-	-	-	-	-	655
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>634,259</u>	<u>346,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,143,194</u>	<u>17,652</u>	<u>155,272</u>	<u>2,296,396</u>
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable:							
Prepaid expenditures	8,206	350	-	-	-	-	8,556
Inventories	258,110	-	-	-	-	-	258,110
Assets held for resale	655	-	-	-	-	-	655
Assets held for economic development	2,254,221	-	-	-	1,914,066	-	4,168,287
Leases receivable, net	1,216	-	-	-	-	-	1,216
Advances to other funds	6,173,939	-	-	-	-	-	6,173,939
Restricted for:							
General government	-	380,691	-	-	-	-	380,691
Public safety	-	396,299	-	-	-	2,255,107	2,651,406
Transportation	-	8,622	-	-	-	2,106,149	2,114,771
Culture and recreation	-	96,076	-	-	44,083	961,968	1,102,127
Judicial services	-	2,473	-	-	-	99,295	101,768
Education	-	-	-	-	-	2,070,387	2,070,387
Public works	-	208,611	-	-	-	-	208,611
Health and welfare	-	2,956	-	-	-	-	2,956
Economic development	-	691	-	-	5,837,092	-	5,837,783
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	18,617	6,119,942	6,138,559
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	1,825,433	1,825,433
Assigned:							
Solid waste reserve	912,806	-	-	-	-	-	912,806
Health care reserve	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000
OPEB reserve	1,207,715	-	-	-	-	-	1,207,715
Subsequent year's budget	1,894,337	5,293	-	481,293	66,447	3,471,176	5,918,546
Unassigned	10,823,863	-	-	-	-	(87,258)	10,736,605
Total fund balances	<u>25,535,068</u>	<u>1,102,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>481,293</u>	<u>7,880,305</u>	<u>18,822,199</u>	<u>53,820,927</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 32,308,163</u>	<u>\$ 9,212,027</u>	<u>\$ 10,701,157</u>	<u>\$ 2,679,991</u>	<u>\$ 9,096,099</u>	<u>\$ 20,275,791</u>	<u>\$ 84,273,228</u>

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE
SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

Total fund balances for governmental funds:	\$ 53,820,927
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets (including right-to-use subscriptions and lease assets) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	138,025,461
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	2,263,286
Certain long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are therefore not reported in the funds. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the Statement of Net Position net of issuance premiums, discounts, and refunding deferral amounts.	
General obligation bonds	\$ (10,014,102)
Subscriptions payable	(96,536)
Lease payable	(232,826)
Financed purchase obligations	(5,033,530)
Special source revenue bonds	(615,000)
Other post-employment benefits, net of related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources	(10,493,313)
Post-closure care liabilities	(2,934,902)
Compensated absences payable	(1,923,656)
Net pension liability, net of related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources	<u>(39,833,853)</u>
	(71,177,718)
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due.	<u>(103,593)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 122,828,363</u></u>

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General	Miscellaneous Special Revenue	Coronavirus S&L Fiscal Recovery	Capital Projects	Economic Development Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES							
Property taxes	\$ 41,662,274	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,859,477	\$ 9,271,842	\$ 52,793,593
Other taxes	-	-	-	-	-	1,785,956	1,785,956
Intergovernmental	5,022,961	1,640,232	3,786,255	5,894,665	7,078	1,556,323	17,907,514
Licenses, permits and fees	7,220,780	16,815	-	-	-	18,660	7,256,255
Fines and forfeitures	320,489	164	-	-	-	119,637	440,290
Charges for services	3,099,568	-	-	-	-	-	3,099,568
Interest revenue	1,665,781	11,463	-	-	23,677	74,392	1,775,313
Contributions and donations	-	132,583	-	-	125,000	-	257,583
Other revenues	357,791	384,913	-	-	109,768	20,000	872,472
Total revenues	59,349,644	2,186,170	3,786,255	5,894,665	2,125,000	12,846,810	86,188,544
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government	15,165,864	2,601	-	19,178	-	-	15,187,643
Public safety	25,681,875	1,011,668	-	-	-	2,369,147	29,062,690
Transportation	4,846,048	59,810	-	-	-	1,167,313	6,073,171
Public works	6,287,412	59,269	-	-	-	-	6,346,681
Culture and recreation	3,675,851	115,110	-	-	15,952	2,582,921	6,389,834
Judicial services	3,249,773	-	-	-	-	160,361	3,410,134
Education	-	-	-	-	-	1,626,600	1,626,600
Health and welfare	269,136	266,083	-	-	-	-	535,219
Economic development	682,502	200,000	-	-	348,697	-	1,231,199
Capital outlay	-	2,864	3,786,255	7,129,241	-	3,303,321	14,221,681
Debt service:							
Principal	1,148,104	6,629	-	-	-	1,650,428	2,805,161
Interest	95,811	-	-	-	-	228,136	323,947
Total expenditures	61,102,376	1,724,034	3,786,255	7,148,419	364,649	13,088,227	87,213,960
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,752,732)	462,136	-	(1,253,754)	1,760,351	(241,417)	(1,025,416)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	1,051,706	20,970	-	224,337	-	85,000	1,382,013
Transfers out	(330,307)	-	-	(7,449)	-	(44,257)	(382,013)
Insurance recoveries	229,290	-	-	-	-	-	229,290
Issuance of bonds	-	-	-	1,100,000	-	-	1,100,000
Issuance of leases	49,473	34,937	-	-	-	-	84,410
Sale of capital assets	20	1,471	-	-	-	3,625	5,116
Total other financing sources, net	1,000,182	57,378	-	1,316,888	-	44,368	2,418,816
Net change in fund balances	(752,550)	519,514	-	63,134	1,760,351	(197,049)	1,393,400
Fund balances, beginning of year	26,287,618	582,548	-	418,159	6,119,954	19,019,248	52,427,527
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 25,535,068	\$ 1,102,062	\$ -	\$ 481,293	\$ 7,880,305	\$ 18,822,199	\$ 53,820,927

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

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	1,393,400
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation or amortization expense.

Capital outlay	\$	15,351,571	
Amortization expense		(272,157)	
Depreciation expense		<u>(6,110,991)</u>	
			8,968,423

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions (i.e., sales and donations) is to decrease net position.		(91,150)
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Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(134,394)
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The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. Also, the refunding deferral amount, which is the difference in the amount that is sent to the paying agent to be escrowed for payment of refunded debt and the principal amount of debt refunded, is amortized as an adjustment of interest expense in the Statement of Activities. The effects of these items are as follows:

Repayment of the principal of long-term debt	\$	2,805,161	
Issuance of long-term debt		(1,184,410)	
Amortization of premium on long-term debt		2,103	
Remeasurement of lease liability		<u>47,292</u>	
			1,670,146

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting until due, rather than as it accrues. The following amounts represent the net liability changes using the full accrual method of accounting:

Pension liability	\$	(801,819)	
Landfill post-closure liability		(150,615)	
Compensated absences		(341,123)	
Accrued interest on long-term debt		(6,812)	
Other postemployment benefits liability		<u>471,753</u>	
			<u>(828,616)</u>
			<u>\$ 10,977,809</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
REVENUES:				
Taxes	\$ 44,743,703	\$ 44,743,703	\$ 41,662,274	\$ (3,081,429)
Intergovernmental	4,117,843	4,117,843	5,022,961	905,118
Licenses, permits and fees	6,533,100	6,533,100	7,220,780	687,680
Fines and forfeitures	222,600	222,600	320,489	97,889
Charges for services	2,823,327	2,823,327	3,099,568	276,241
Interest revenue	200,000	200,000	1,665,781	1,465,781
Other revenues	242,714	242,714	357,791	115,077
Total revenues	<u>58,883,287</u>	<u>58,883,287</u>	<u>59,349,644</u>	<u>466,357</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government:				
County council	322,151	326,751	321,043	5,708
Legislative delegation	98,198	36,557	21,883	14,674
Finance	715,308	745,308	745,375	(67)
Non-departmental	1,930,000	2,129,412	3,995,078	(1,865,666)
Human resources	423,817	398,751	403,649	(4,898)
Information technology	1,256,401	1,528,358	1,467,442	60,916
Planning	444,572	380,272	328,903	51,369
Procurement	250,378	250,378	226,702	23,676
Facilities maintenance	1,460,350	1,549,924	1,502,765	47,159
Registration and elections	298,458	304,458	347,685	(43,227)
Soil and water conservation	81,981	91,281	90,899	382
Administrator's office	747,772	642,102	616,446	25,656
Vehicle maintenance	-	1,081,237	1,010,572	70,665
Register of deeds	-	355,909	303,266	52,643
Assessor	1,096,607	1,110,307	1,093,914	16,393
Auditor	667,476	683,476	630,096	53,380
Board of assessment appeals	7,526	7,526	4,841	2,685
Tax collector	448,571	449,571	366,063	83,508
Treasurer	706,729	716,729	674,373	42,356
Direct aid	736,867	633,872	651,685	(17,813)
County attorney	-	379,792	363,184	16,608
Total general government	<u>11,693,162</u>	<u>13,801,971</u>	<u>15,165,864</u>	<u>(1,363,893)</u>
Public safety:				
Sheriff's office	11,085,875	11,074,272	10,939,591	134,681
Law enforcement center	5,221,497	5,241,572	4,939,081	302,491
Communications	1,951,158	1,996,158	1,956,508	39,650
Animal control	713,941	732,662	693,237	39,425
Coroner	373,596	374,596	373,482	1,114
Building codes	734,647	718,647	675,193	43,454
Emergency management	6,295,614	7,132,311	6,104,783	1,027,528
Total public safety	<u>26,376,328</u>	<u>27,270,218</u>	<u>25,681,875</u>	<u>1,588,343</u>
Transportation:				
Airport	-	2,606,306	2,105,674	500,632
Roads and bridges	3,133,133	3,101,133	2,740,374	360,759
Total transportation	<u>3,133,133</u>	<u>5,707,439</u>	<u>4,846,048</u>	<u>861,391</u>
Public works:				
Solid waste	-	6,982,106	6,287,412	694,694

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
EXPENDITURES: (CONTINUED)				
Current (Continued):				
Culture and recreation:				
Library	\$ 1,576,959	\$ 1,591,324	\$ 1,468,944	\$ 122,380
Parks, recreation and tourism	970,004	942,004	712,808	229,196
High Falls Park	453,196	509,196	513,955	(4,759)
South Cove Park	601,882	613,882	614,456	(574)
Chau Ram Park	407,469	398,469	365,688	32,781
Total culture and recreation	4,009,510	4,054,875	3,675,851	379,024
Judicial services:				
Clerk of court	788,291	854,291	835,301	18,990
Probate judge	381,670	424,127	425,915	(1,788)
Solicitor	1,005,004	960,004	839,717	120,287
Public defender	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
Magistrate office	989,790	1,031,659	898,840	132,819
Total judicial	3,414,755	3,520,081	3,249,773	270,308
Health and welfare:				
Department of social services	12,700	12,700	10,602	2,098
Health department	29,150	29,150	27,786	1,364
Veteran's affairs	220,925	235,175	230,748	4,427
Total health and welfare	262,775	277,025	269,136	7,889
Economic development:				
Economic development	665,752	644,752	682,502	(37,750)
Debt service	895,574	1,031,266	1,243,915	(212,649)
Total expenditures	50,450,989	63,289,733	61,102,376	2,187,357
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	8,432,298	(4,406,446)	(1,752,732)	2,653,714
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	1,453,177	1,453,177	1,051,706	(401,471)
Transfers out	(149,367)	(149,367)	(330,307)	(180,940)
Insurance recoveries	26,500	26,500	229,290	202,790
Issuance of leases	-	-	49,473	49,473
Sale of capital assets	250,000	250,000	20	(249,980)
Total other financing sources, net	1,580,310	1,580,310	1,000,182	(580,128)
Net change in fund balances	10,012,608	(2,826,136)	(752,550)	2,073,586
Fund balances, beginning of year	26,287,618	26,287,618	26,287,618	-
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 36,300,226	\$ 23,461,482	\$ 25,535,068	\$ 2,073,586

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 7,616,121	\$ 7,616,121	\$ 1,640,232	\$ (5,975,889)
Licenses and permits	-	-	16,815	16,815
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	164	164
Contributions and donations	7,653	7,653	132,583	124,930
Other revenue	-	-	384,913	384,913
Interest revenue	-	-	11,463	11,463
	<u>7,623,774</u>	<u>7,623,774</u>	<u>2,186,170</u>	<u>(5,437,604)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government	-	-	2,601	(2,601)
Public safety	340,622	251,596	1,011,668	(760,072)
Public works	67,497	67,497	59,269	8,228
Transportation	-	-	59,810	(59,810)
Health and welfare	7,000,000	7,000,000	266,083	6,733,917
Culture and recreation	85,073	78,442	115,110	(36,668)
Economic development	200,000	200,000	200,000	-
Capital outlay	19,535	19,000	2,864	16,136
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	6,629	(6,629)
Total expenditures	<u>7,712,727</u>	<u>7,616,535</u>	<u>1,724,034</u>	<u>5,892,501</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(88,953)	7,239	462,136	454,897
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	-	-	20,970	20,970
Issuance of leases	-	-	34,937	34,937
Sale of capital assets	-	-	1,471	1,471
Total other financing sources, net	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,378</u>	<u>57,378</u>
Net change in fund balance	(88,953)	7,239	519,514	512,275
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>582,548</u>	<u>582,548</u>	<u>582,548</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 493,595</u>	<u>\$ 589,787</u>	<u>\$ 1,102,062</u>	<u>\$ 512,275</u>

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL CORONAVIRUS S&L FISCAL RECOVERY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,786,255	\$ 3,786,255
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,786,255</u>	<u>3,786,255</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety	-	7,388	-	7,388
Capital outlay	638,229	638,229	3,786,255	(3,148,026)
Total expenditures	<u>638,229</u>	<u>645,617</u>	<u>3,786,255</u>	<u>(3,140,638)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(638,229)	(645,617)	-	645,617
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances (deficits), end of year	<u>\$ (638,229)</u>	<u>\$ (645,617)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 645,617</u>

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Rock Quarry</u>	<u>FOCUS</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 8,859,494	\$ 2,073,938	\$ 10,933,432
Investments	238,926	-	238,926
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	146,264	-	146,264
Inventories	374,219	-	374,219
Total current assets	<u>9,618,903</u>	<u>2,073,938</u>	<u>11,692,841</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS			
Lease receivable	-	4,100,001	4,100,001
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable	3,884,235	-	3,884,235
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	8,801,566	-	8,801,566
Total noncurrent assets	<u>12,685,801</u>	<u>4,100,001</u>	<u>16,785,802</u>
Total assets	<u>22,304,704</u>	<u>6,173,939</u>	<u>28,478,643</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Other postemployment benefits	47,548	-	47,548
Pension - South Carolina Retirement System	289,671	-	289,671
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>337,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337,219</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	166,498	-	166,498
Accrued liabilities	63,072	-	63,072
Current portion - compensated absences	50,019	-	50,019
Current portion - financed purchase payable	529,158	-	529,158
Current portion - total other postemployment benefits liability	26,927	-	26,927
Total current liabilities	<u>835,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>835,674</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES			
Compensated absences, net of current portion	5,779	-	5,779
Advances from other funds	-	6,173,939	6,173,939
Financed purchase payable, net of current portion	3,666,817	-	3,666,817
Total other postemployment benefits liability, net of current portion	409,440	-	409,440
Net pension liability - South Carolina Retirement System	2,031,721	-	2,031,721
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>6,113,757</u>	<u>6,173,939</u>	<u>12,287,696</u>
Total liabilities	<u>6,949,431</u>	<u>6,173,939</u>	<u>13,123,370</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Other postemployment benefits	51,459	-	51,459
Pension - South Carolina Retirement System	129,623	-	129,623
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>181,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,082</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	8,489,826	-	8,489,826
Unrestricted	7,021,584	-	7,021,584
Total net position	<u>\$ 15,511,410</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,511,410</u>

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Rock Quarry</u>	<u>FOCUS</u>	<u>Totals</u>
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services:			
Outside customer sales	\$ 9,173,509	\$ -	\$ 9,173,509
Miscellaneous operating revenues	111,451	-	111,451
Total operating revenues	<u>9,284,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,284,960</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and fringe benefits	1,864,283	-	1,864,283
Supplies	87,653	-	87,653
Electricity and natural gas	165,489	-	165,489
Petroleum, oil and lubricants	571,392	-	571,392
Machinery, equipment repairs and maintenance	2,602,050	-	2,602,050
Professional services	956,335	-	956,335
Miscellaneous	192,184	-	192,184
Depreciation and depletion	960,300	-	960,300
Total operating expenses	<u>7,399,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,399,686</u>
Operating income	<u>1,885,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,885,274</u>
NON-OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)			
Investment income (loss)	(2,998)	-	(2,998)
Interest expense	(194,281)	-	(194,281)
Gain on disposal of capital assets	20,000	-	20,000
Total non-operating expense, net	<u>(177,279)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(177,279)</u>
Income before transfers	<u>1,707,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,707,995</u>
TRANSFERS			
Transfers out	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)
Total transfers	<u>(1,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,000,000)</u>
Change in net position	707,995	-	707,995
Net position, beginning of year	<u>14,803,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,803,415</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 15,511,410</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,511,410</u>

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Rock Quarry</u>	<u>FOCUS</u>	<u>Totals</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 9,259,580	\$ -	\$ 9,259,580
Payments to suppliers	(4,420,973)	(158,857)	(4,579,830)
Payments to employees	(1,892,425)	-	(1,892,425)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>2,946,182</u>	<u>(158,857)</u>	<u>2,787,325</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Transfers out	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	<u>(1,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,000,000)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,226,765)	-	(1,226,765)
Proceeds from the sale of capital assets	20,000	-	20,000
Principal paid on financed purchases	(508,171)	-	(508,171)
Proceeds from notes receivable	-	500,000	500,000
Interest paid	(198,959)	-	(198,959)
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,913,895)</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>(1,413,895)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of investments	9,010	-	9,010
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>9,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,010</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	41,297	341,143	382,440
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Beginning of year	8,818,197	1,732,795	10,550,992
End of year	<u>\$ 8,859,494</u>	<u>\$ 2,073,938</u>	<u>\$ 10,933,432</u>

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OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Rock Quarry</u>	<u>FOCUS</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Operating income	\$ 1,885,274	\$ -	\$ 1,885,274
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation and depletion	960,300	-	960,300
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(25,380)	58,802	33,422
Increase in inventories	(40,941)	-	(40,941)
Decrease in deferred outflows of resources	203,765	-	203,765
Decrease in accounts payable	(5,870)	(217,659)	(223,529)
Decrease in accrued liabilities	(31,136)	-	(31,136)
Decrease in total other postemployment benefits liability	(85,880)	-	(85,880)
Increase in compensated absences	2,994	-	2,994
Decrease in net pension liability	370,585	-	370,585
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources	(287,529)	-	(287,529)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 2,946,182</u>	<u>\$ (158,857)</u>	<u>\$ 2,787,325</u>

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

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

	Custodial Funds
	<hr/>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,403,148
Taxes receivable	1,763,486
Receivables	<hr/> 282,696
Total assets	<hr/> 29,449,330
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	26,725,070
Uncollected taxes	<hr/> 1,763,486
Total liabilities	<hr/> 28,488,556
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	<hr/> 960,774
Total net position	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 960,774

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

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Investment earnings:	
Interest income	\$ 4,869
Net investment earnings	4,869
Other:	
Taxes	132,749,162
Fine and fees	2,576,670
Criminal and civil bonds	2,007,329
Other funds received	1,250,256
Total additions	138,588,286
DEDUCTIONS	
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	133,316,783
Funds disbursed per court order	3,231,717
Other custodial funds disbursed	1,774,542
Total deductions	138,323,042
Change in net position	265,244
Net position, beginning of year	695,530
Net position, end of year	\$ 960,774

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

Oconee County (the "County") operates under a council-administrator form of government. For financial statement purposes, the County has divided its operations into the functions of the general government, public safety, transportation, public works, culture and recreation, judicial services, education, health and welfare and economic development.

The primary government financial statements of the County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

Oconee County, South Carolina - the primary government - is a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina. A five-member council elected from single-member districts governs it. These financial statements present all the fund types of the County. Component units may be presented by two different methods. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the County's operations. Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County. The component unit discussed below is included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationship with the County.

The Keowee Fire Tax District (the "District") is a discretely presented component unit, which was established by Oconee County Ordinance 2003-12 in August 2003. The District is governed by five elected commissioners that serve staggered terms. The District is fiscally dependent upon the primary government in that the County approves the District's budget and the District's tax levy. Additionally, a financial benefit/burden relationship exists between the County and the District in that the County is obligated for the debts of the District. The District has a June 30 year-end. Separate financial statements for the District can be obtained from the District's administrative office at 115 Maintenance Road, Salem, SC 29676.

The County has no blended component units.

Basis of Presentation

The County's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the County as a primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds and component units that are fiduciary in nature. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the statements. The statements distinguish between those activities of the County that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities for the County at year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the County's governmental activities and for the business-type activities of the County. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient for the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements

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

The County reports the following governmental fund types:

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds - The special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for specified purposes other than capital projects or debt service.

The County reports the following major Special Revenue Funds

The **Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund** accounts for monies collected from various sources. Such monies are restricted for their specific purpose.

The **Coronavirus S&L Fiscal Recovery Fund** accounts for monies collected from the U.S. Department of Treasury for COVID-19 relief.

Capital Projects Funds - The capital projects funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned for the acquisition of capital assets or construction of major capital facilities.

The County reports the following major Capital Projects Funds:

The **Capital Projects Fund** is used to account for funds to be used for the acquisition of capital equipment or construction of major capital facilities.

The **Economic Development Fund** is used to account for the acquisition and construction of facilities or infrastructure for the promotion of economic development within the County.

Debt Service Fund - The debt service fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned for the payment of general long-term debt principal and interest and related costs.

Enterprise Funds - The enterprise funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the Council has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

The County reports the following major enterprise funds:

The **Rock Quarry Fund** accounts for the activities of the County's rock quarry operations.

The **FOCUS Fund** accounts for the activities of the County's broadband operations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The County's fiduciary fund category includes custodial funds for education, clerk of court, family court, property taxes, magistrates and others.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources management focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the County are included on the statement of net position.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the government's enterprise funds functions and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

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. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, leases, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) and claims and judgments, are recorded when payment is due.

With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared.

Governmental fund financial statements, therefore, include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify funds.

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

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 enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Custodial funds are also accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Revenue - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the County, available means expected to be received within 60 days of fiscal year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, 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, entitlement and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the County must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: delinquent taxes, sales tax, grants, interest, and fees and charges for services.

Unearned Revenue

The County reports unearned revenue on its statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet. In both the government-wide and governmental fund statements, resources received that are "intended to finance" a future period are reported as unearned revenue. In subsequent periods, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Expenses/Expenditures

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

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as assigned fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reappropriated and honored during the subsequent year. The assigned fund balance for subsequent year's budget totaled \$5,918,546 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

Cash and Investments

Cash includes demand deposits as well as cash equivalents and short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the County.

Investments with a readily determined fair value are stated at fair value, which approximates cost. State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the United States and its agencies, general obligations (not revenue obligations) of the State of South Carolina and its political subdivisions, savings and loan associations to the extent of federal insurance, certificates of deposits collaterally secured, repurchase agreements secured by the foregoing obligations, and the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). The LGIP is an investment mechanism authorized by the South Carolina State Legislature and is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. There is no regulatory oversight of the pool. The pool's primary objective is to acquire maximum returns on investments by pooling available funds with funds from other political subdivisions. The total fair value of the investment pool is apportioned to the entities with funds invested on an equal basis for each share owned, which are acquired at a cost of \$1. Investments in the pool are stated at fair value, which approximates cost. The County's investments in mutual funds are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. The remaining investments of the County are reported at fair value.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Receivables

All trade and property taxes receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

Intergovernmental Receivable

Amounts due from federal grants represent reimbursable costs, which have been incurred by the County but have not been reimbursed by the grantor agency. Costs under grant programs are recognized as expenditures in the period in which they are incurred by the County.

Inventories and Prepaid Assets

The County's inventories consist of consumable supplies and processed rock. The inventory valuation methods used approximate cost based on the average cost method. The costs of inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased or produced.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items. Prepaid items are accounted for using the consumption method.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, equipment, infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges and similar items), and right-to-use lease and subscription assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as the projects are constructed.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Capital Assets (Continued)

All reported capital assets except land and site preparation are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure	25 - 45
Buildings and improvements	15 - 40
Right-to-use lease buildings	15 - 40
Equipment and vehicles	2 – 25
Right-to-use lease equipment and vehicles	2 – 25
Right-to-use lease subscription software	2 – 5

Leases

Lessee

The County is a lessee for noncancellable leases of land, buildings, equipment, and vehicles. The County recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments:

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Leases (Continued)

Lessee (Continued)

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

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term liabilities on the Statement of Net Position.

Lessor

The County is a lessor for noncancellable leases of buildings and airport hangars. The County recognizes a lease receivable and deferred inflow of lease receipts in the Governmental and Proprietary Funds Balance Sheet and the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease receivables with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments:

- The County uses the stated interest rate as the discount rate. When the interest rate is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease receivable are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Leases (Continued)

Lessor (Continued)

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

Deferred inflows of lease receipts are reported with deferred inflows of resources and lease receivables are reported with assets on the Statement of Net Position and the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The County has noncancellable SBITAs of various IT software. The County recognizes a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use subscription asset in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes subscription liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$2,000 or more. At the commencement of a SBITA, the County initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the SBITA term. Subsequently, the subscription liability reduced by the principal portion of the SBITA payments made. The subscription asset is measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for SBITA payments made at or before the SBITA commencement date, plus certain implementation and conversion costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the subscription term or its useful life. Key estimates and judgments related to SBITAs include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected SBITA payments to present value, (2) SBITA term, and (3) SBITA payments:

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for SBITAs.
- The SBITA term includes the noncancellable period of the SBITA. SBITA payments included in the measurement of the subscription liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its SBITA and will remeasure the subscription asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the subscription liability. Subscription assets are reported with other capital assets and subscription liabilities are reported with long-term liabilities on the Statement of Net Position.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. No liability is reported for unpaid accumulated sick leave. Vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for *deferred outflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County has six (6) items that qualify for reporting in this category. These six (6) items relate to the County's pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) plans and are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund Statements of Net Position. (1) Experience gains result from periodic studies by the County's actuary, which adjust the net pension liability and total OPEB liability for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed, for example the assumed dates of retirement of plan members. These experience gains are recorded as deferred outflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of the plan members. (2) Changes in actuarial assumptions adjust the net pension liability and total OPEB liability and are amortized into pension and OPEB expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. (3) The changes in the County's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability and differences between actual employer contributions and proportionate share of the total plan employer contributions are specific to cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plans and represent the current period amortized portions of these deferred outflows. (4) Any contributions made by the County to the pension plan before year-end but subsequent to the measurement date of the County's net pension liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources. (5) Any contributions made by the County to the OPEB plan before year-end but subsequent to the measurement date of the County's total OPEB liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources. (6) The differences between projected investment return on pension investments and actual return on those investments are deferred and amortized against pension expense over a five-year period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position and the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet reports a separate section for *deferred inflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has eight (8) types of items that qualify for reporting in this category, four of which arise only under a modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the items, *unavailable revenue*, are reported only in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from (1) property taxes, (2) seized property, (3) intergovernmental grant revenues, and (4) forfeited land commission and these amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available. The fifth (5) item is deferred inflows from lease receipts, and they are reported in the Government Funds Balance Sheet as well as the government-wide Statement of Net Position. The other items relate to the County's pension and OPEB plans and are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund Statements of Net Position. (6) Certain experience losses (discussed on the previous page) are deferred and amortized against expense over a five-year period, resulting in recognition as deferred inflows of resources. (7) Additionally, the changes in the County's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability and differences between actual employer contributions and proportionate share of the total plan employer contributions (discussed in the previous paragraph) are specific to cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plans and represent the current period amortized portions of these deferred inflows. (8) Finally, changes in actuarial assumptions (discussed in the previous paragraph) adjust the total OPEB liability and are amortized against OPEB expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members.

Interfund Transactions

Transactions among the County's funds that would be treated as revenues and expenditures or expenses if they involved organizations external to County government are accounted for as revenues and expenditures or expenses in the funds involved.

Transactions, which constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it, which are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the reimbursed fund.

Transactions, which constitute the transfer of resources from a fund receiving revenues to a fund through which the revenues are to be expended, are separately reported in the respective fund's operating statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Interfund Transactions (Continued)

Transactions, which constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it, which are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the reimbursed fund.

Transactions, which constitute the transfer of resources from a fund receiving revenues to a fund through which the revenues are to be expended, are separately reported in the respective fund's operating statements.

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds" in the fund financial statements. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

Noncurrent portions of long-term interfund loan receivables are reported as advances within the governmental and proprietary funds and are reported as nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds.

Pensions

In government-wide financial statements, pensions are required to be recognized and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting, regardless of the amount recognized as pension expenditures on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The County recognizes a net pension liability over the fiduciary net position of the qualified pension plan, or the County's proportionate share thereof in the case of a cost-sharing multiple employer plan, measured one year prior to the County's June 30, 2023 fiscal year end. Changes in the net pension liability during the period are recorded as pension expenses, or as deferred outflows or inflows of resources depending on the nature of the change in the period incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the lives of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are expensed when incurred. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses.

Fund Equity

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable - This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The County has classified assets held for development, inventories, prepaid items, and long-term portions of receivables and advances as being nonspendable as these items are not expected to be converted to cash or are not expected to be converted to cash within the next current fiscal year.

Restricted - This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources through being either a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Fund Equity (Continued)

Committed - This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the County Council, through passage of an ordinance. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the County Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the County's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. Through resolution, this intent can be expressed by the County Council or by an official or body to which the County Council delegates authority. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund.

Unassigned - This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balances of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by the offsetting of assigned fund balance amounts.

The County would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and the assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds.

County Council has established a policy to maintain a General Fund unassigned fund balance between 25% and 30% of regular budgeted General Fund expenditures for the subsequent year. At June 30, 2023, the County did not attain the minimum fund balance due to the fiscal years 2012 through 2018 shortfall attributable to the long-term advances to the FOCUS fund and amounts assigned for the subsequent year's budget.

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments.

Restricted Resources

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as needed, but County Council reserves the right to selectively spend unrestricted resources first and to defer the use of the restricted funds.

Use of Estimates

The financial statements include estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

County Council adopts annual budgets for General Fund, Miscellaneous Special Revenue, Coronavirus S&L Fiscal Recovery, Economic Development, Emergency Services Protection District, Road Maintenance, 911 Communications, Sheriff's Victims' Assistance, Solicitor's Victims' Assistance, Tri-County Tech, Debt Service, Capital Vehicle and Equipment, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Fund, and Bridges and Culverts Capital Project Funds revenue and expenditures prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The adopted budgets specify expenditure limits appropriated to each County department. The County Administrator can approve transfers within departments. County Council must approve transfers between funds. The budgets are prepared on a consistent basis of accounting with actual financial statement results, including significant accruals, to provide meaningful comparisons. The other special revenue funds are budgeted as grants are awarded and are budgeted on a project basis; therefore, some grants span several years. The other capital projects funds are budgeted on a project basis and some projects span several years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2023, expenditures exceeded appropriations as follows:

Fund	Excess
General Fund	
Finance	\$ 67
Non-departmental	1,865,666
Human resources	4,898
Registration and elections	43,227
Direct aid	17,813
High Falls Park	4,759
South Cove Park	574
Probate judge	1,788
Economic development	37,750
Debt service	212,649
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	
General government	2,601
Public safety	760,072
Transportation	59,810
Culture and recreation	36,668
Debt service - principal	6,629
911 Communications Fund	
Public safety	59,299
Debt service - principal	4,350
Debt service - interest	401
Economic Development Fund	
Culture and recreation	12,539
Coronavirus S&L Fiscal Recovery	
Capital outlay	3,148,026
Sheriff's Victims' Assistance	
Public safety	11,900
Solicitor's Victims' Assistance	
Public safety	5,873
Debt Service Fund	
Interest	16,545
Road Maintenance	
Transportation	375,434

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Total deposits and investments at June 30, 2023, are summarized below:

As reported in the *Statement of Net Position*:

Primary government	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 58,991,980
Investments	18,367,641
Custodial Fund - cash and cash equivalents	27,403,148
	<u>\$ 104,762,769</u>
 Cash deposited with financial institutions	 \$ 37,579,535
SC Local Government Investment Pool	48,815,593
Certificates of deposit	10,099,871
U.S. Agency securities	8,267,770
	<u>\$ 104,762,769</u>

Custodial credit risk – Cash. This is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. The County's policy regarding cash custodial credit risk is to require the banks with which the County maintains deposits to collateralize or insure the County's funds. As of June 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the County's deposits was \$37,579,535 and the bank balance was \$41,721,226. All of the County's deposits at year-end were covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held in the pledging financial institutions' trust departments in the County's name. Petty cash funds of \$22,882 are reflected as cash.

As of June 30, 2023, the County has the following investments:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in years)		
		Less than 1	1-5	6-10
SC Local Government Investment Pool	\$ 48,815,593	\$ 48,815,593	\$ -	\$ -
Certificates of deposit	10,099,871	2,323,123	6,999,290	777,458
U.S. Agency securities	8,267,770	-	7,811,218	456,552
	<u>\$ 67,183,234</u>	<u>\$ 51,138,716</u>	<u>\$ 14,810,508</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,010</u>

Fair Value Measurements. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The County has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023.

Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Investments by Fair Value Level				
U.S. Agency securities	\$ 1,168,250	\$ 7,099,520	\$ -	\$ 8,267,770
Total investments by fair value level	<u>\$ 1,168,250</u>	<u>\$ 7,099,520</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,267,770</u>

The investment in U.S. Agencies classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those investments. The investment in U.S. Agencies classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices. The County has no investments classified in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The investments in CDs are reported at amortized cost which approximates fair value and as such CDs are not reported in the fair value hierarchy. The LGIP is an investment pool, which does not meet the criteria of GASB Statement No. 79 and is thus valued at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31. As a result, the County does not disclose investment in the LGIP within the fair value hierarchy.

Credit risk. This is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The County's policy is to invest in only those securities allowed by state statutes and that are highly rated. The County's investments in the U.S. Government Agencies, including the Federal Farm Credit Banks (FFCB), were rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's and AAA by Moody's Investor Services. As of June 30, 2023, the County owned \$8,267,770 of government sponsored entity (GSE) debt securities. The investments are either directly or indirectly guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. The County is invested in certificates of deposit with varying maturity dates and the LGIP. The County's certificates of deposit are properly collateralized for those deposits that are in excess of federal depository insurance. The LGIP is not rated, but generally, investments in this pool are collateralized by debt securities in corporate obligations, state or political subdivision obligations of investment grade or higher quality and in federal agency securities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest Rate Risk. This is the risk that the fair value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in the market interest rates. The County's policy is to minimize interest rate risk by investing operating funds in primarily shorter-term securities, money market funds or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity in accordance with the County's cash requirements.

Concentration of credit risk. This is the risk of loss attributable to the magnitude of the County's investment in a single issuer. The County's policy is to minimize the concentration of credit risk by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized, although there is no formal limit on the amount the County may invest in any one issuer.

Custodial credit risk. This is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the County may not be able to recover the value of investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The County's policy is to minimize custodial credit risk by limiting investments to the types of securities allowed by law and pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealer, intermediaries and advisors with which the County will do business.

NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES AND PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied on the assessed value of real and personal property, excluding automobiles, as of December 31 of the calendar year preceding the fiscal year. The levy date for automobiles is the first day of the month in which the vehicle license expires and the tax is due by the end of the same month. Liens attach to the property at the time taxes are levied. Taxes are due without penalty, for real and personal property excluding automobiles, through January 15. After that time, penalties are added depending on the date paid as follows:

January 16 through February 1	3% of tax
February 2 through March 16	10% of tax
March 17 and thereafter	15% of tax plus cost

Property tax revenues are recognized when due or past due and collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter (defined as 60 days) to pay liabilities of the current period. The County bills and collects its own property taxes and collects taxes for the Keowee Key Fire District and the Oconee County School District. Collections of the County taxes and remittance of them to the Districts are accounted for in the custodial funds. Also, the County collects taxes for surrounding municipalities. Unavailable property tax revenue represents that portion of property taxes which is deemed not available to pay current expenditures.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES AND PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

Receivables related to governmental activities as of June 30, 2023, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	Miscellaneous Special Revenue	Capital Projects
Taxes receivable	\$ 727,230	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts and other receivable	931,593	31,267	-
Due from other governments	1,194,339	614,000	1,679,491
Lease receivable	34,326	-	-
Less: Allowance	(15,578)	-	-
Net receivables	<u>\$ 2,871,910</u>	<u>\$ 645,267</u>	<u>\$ 1,679,491</u>
	Economic Development	Nonmajor Governmental	Total
Taxes receivable	\$ 20,167	\$ 151,439	\$ 898,836
Accounts and other receivable	-	129,159	1,092,019
Due from other governments	-	371,203	3,859,033
Lease receivable	-	-	34,326
Less: Allowance	(403)	(3,242)	(19,223)
Net receivables	<u>\$ 19,764</u>	<u>\$ 648,559</u>	<u>\$ 5,864,991</u>

Receivables related to business-type activities as of June 30, 2023, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Rock Quarry	FOCUS	Total
Lease receivable	\$ -	\$ 4,100,001	\$ 4,100,001
Accounts receivable	191,198	-	191,198
Less: Allowance	(44,934)	-	(44,934)
Net receivables	<u>\$ 146,264</u>	<u>\$ 4,100,001</u>	<u>\$ 4,246,265</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5. LEASE RECEIVABLE

During 2017, the County entered into a lease agreement as lessor to lease the assets of the FOCUS Fund, including infrastructure and equipment. This agreement qualifies as a lease for accounting purposes and, therefore has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of inception. Annual installments are to be made through the County's fiscal year ended 2036. The agreement does not include a provision for interest. The agreement resulted in no unguaranteed residual value accruing to the County. Additionally, there is no related liability to the County as a result of the agreement and no contingent rentals for the year ended June 30, 2023. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the lessee sold the lease to another party.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments under the agreement, and the present value of the net minimum payments at June 30, 2023.

Year Ending June 30,	Total Minimum Lease Payments
2024	\$ 250,000
2025	250,000
2026	10,000
2027	10,000
2028	10,000
2029 - 2033	50,000
2034 - 2036	3,520,001
	<u>\$ 4,100,001</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the County's governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2023
Governmental activities					
Capital assets not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 6,461,165	\$ -	\$ (25,990)	\$ -	\$ 6,435,175
Other costs	38,523,106	-	-	-	38,523,106
Construction in progress	7,731,174	10,256,379	-	(16,395,691)	1,591,862
Total capital assets not being depreciated	52,715,445	10,256,379	(25,990)	(16,395,691)	46,550,143
Capital assets being depreciated					
Buildings and improvements	75,833,594	574,087	(12,000)	15,345,920	91,741,601
Equipment and vehicles	53,653,904	3,163,407	(2,101,781)	1,049,771	55,765,301
Infrastructure	90,033,063	1,273,288	(656,470)	-	90,649,881
Other	93,595	-	-	-	93,595
Total capital assets being depreciated	219,614,156	5,010,782	(2,770,251)	16,395,691	238,250,378
Less accumulated depreciation					
Buildings and improvements	(33,119,701)	(1,805,911)	12,000	-	(34,913,612)
Equipment and vehicles	(43,729,304)	(2,206,788)	2,075,197	-	(43,860,895)
Infrastructure	(66,773,550)	(2,095,823)	617,894	-	(68,251,479)
Other	(66,443)	(2,469)	-	-	(68,912)
Total accumulated depreciation	(143,688,998)	(6,110,991)	2,705,091	-	(147,094,898)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	75,925,158	(1,100,209)	(65,160)	16,395,691	91,155,480
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 128,640,603	\$ 9,156,170	\$ (91,150)	\$ -	\$ 137,705,623
Lease assets, net (Note 7)					227,314
Subscription assets, net (Note 8)					92,524
Total capital assets being depreciated, net					\$ 138,025,461

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

General Government	\$ 168,351
Public Safety	1,736,673
Transportation	2,435,557
Public Works	372,792
Culture and Recreation	396,656
Judicial Services	339,877
Health and Welfare	122,500
Economic Development	538,585
Total Governmental Activities Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 6,110,991</u>

Capital asset activity for the County's business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2023
Business-type activities					
Capital assets not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 3,483,038	\$ 401,197	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,884,235
Total capital assets not being depreciated	3,483,038	401,197	-	-	3,884,235
Capital assets being depreciated					
Buildings and improvements	544,786	-	-	-	544,786
Equipment and vehicles	14,751,066	825,568	(68,000)	-	15,508,634
Mineral interests	529,934	-	-	-	529,934
Total capital assets being depreciated	15,825,786	825,568	(68,000)	-	16,583,354
Less accumulated depreciation					
Buildings and improvements	(502,861)	(25,891)	-	-	(528,752)
Equipment and vehicles	(6,090,615)	(927,527)	68,000	-	(6,950,142)
Mineral interests	(296,012)	(6,882)	-	-	(302,894)
Total accumulated depreciation	(6,889,488)	(960,300)	68,000	-	(7,781,788)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	8,936,298	(134,732)	-	-	8,801,566
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 12,419,336</u>	<u>\$ 266,465</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,685,801</u>

Depreciation expense of \$960,300 was charged solely to the Rock Quarry Fund as the FOCUS Fund does not report any capital assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7. LEASES

The County has entered into multiple noncancellable leases as the lessee for various right-to-use assets. The incremental borrowing rate varies from 0.1442% to 1.1875%. As of June 30, 2023, the County has \$232,826 outstanding in leases payable.

The annual requirements to amortize all leases payable as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Leases		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 73,474	\$ 6,555	\$ 80,029
2025	65,667	4,062	69,729
2026	51,997	2,332	54,329
2027	35,406	968	36,374
2028	6,282	346	6,628
	<u>\$ 232,826</u>	<u>\$ 14,263</u>	<u>\$ 247,089</u>

A summary of lease asset activity for the County for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Amortization	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Lease assets				
Buildings	\$ 107,461	\$ 49,473	\$ (31,799)	\$ 125,135
Equipment	3,937	34,937	(9,759)	29,115
Vehicles	245,918	-	(172,854)	73,064
Total lease assets, net	<u>\$ 357,316</u>	<u>\$ 84,410</u>	<u>\$ (214,412)</u>	<u>\$ 227,314</u>

NOTE 8. SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

The County has entered into multiple noncancellable SBITAs as the lessee for various right-to-use subscriptions. The incremental borrowing rate for each SBITA is 2.8%. As of June 30, 2023, the County has \$96,536 outstanding in subscriptions payable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8. SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The annual requirements to amortize all subscriptions payable as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Subscriptions		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 55,250	\$ 2,369	\$ 57,619
2025	36,689	813	37,502
2026	4,597	128	4,725
	<u>\$ 96,536</u>	<u>\$ 3,310</u>	<u>\$ 99,846</u>

A summary of subscription asset activity for the County for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Amortization	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Subscription assets				
Software	\$ 150,269	\$ -	\$ (57,745)	\$ 92,524
Total subscription assets, net	<u>\$ 150,269</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (57,745)</u>	<u>\$ 92,524</u>

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due within One Year
Governmental activities					
General obligation bonds	\$ 10,260,525	\$ 1,100,000	\$ (1,352,078)	\$ 10,008,447	\$ 1,439,901
General obligation bond premiums	7,758	-	(2,103)	5,655	-
Total general obligation bonds	10,268,283	1,100,000	(1,354,181)	10,014,102	1,439,901
Financed purchases	5,968,985	-	(935,455)	5,033,530	940,930
Special source refunding					
revenue bonds	909,000	-	(294,000)	615,000	303,000
Lease liability	365,603	84,410	(217,187)	232,826	73,474
Subscription liability	150,269	-	(53,733)	96,536	55,250
Post-closure care costs	2,784,287	595,493	(444,878)	2,934,902	146,745
Annual leave	1,582,533	1,210,671	(869,548)	1,923,656	926,226
Net pension liability	39,369,994	12,725,764	(7,821,258)	44,274,500	-
Total other postemployment					
benefit liability	12,446,894	398,993	(2,445,803)	10,400,084	641,771
	<u>\$ 73,845,848</u>	<u>\$ 16,115,331</u>	<u>\$ (14,436,043)</u>	<u>\$ 75,525,136</u>	<u>\$ 4,527,297</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Business-type activities	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due within One Year
Annual leave	\$ 52,804	\$ 20,716	\$ (17,722)	\$ 55,798	\$ 50,019
Financed purchases	4,704,146	-	(508,171)	4,195,975	529,158
Net pension liability	1,661,136	520,276	(149,691)	2,031,721	-
Total other postemployment benefit liability	522,247	1,675	(87,555)	436,367	26,927
	<u>\$ 6,940,333</u>	<u>\$ 542,667</u>	<u>\$ (763,139)</u>	<u>\$ 6,719,861</u>	<u>\$ 606,104</u>

The General Fund has typically been used in prior years to liquidate the liability for lease liability, SBITAs, net pension liability, compensated absences and the total other postemployment benefit liability for all governmental funds.

General Obligation Bonds: During the year ended June 30, 2019, the County issued series 2019 general obligation bonds in the amount of \$511,500. The bond proceeds were used to: (1) defray the costs of acquisition of a rescue pumper fire truck for the Keowee Fire Tax District and (2) pay the costs of issuance of the 2019 bonds. General obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Term	Due Date	Original Amount	Outstanding Amount
2019 General Obligation Bonds	2.51%	10 years	2029	<u>\$ 511,500</u>	<u>\$ 321,447</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2013, the County issued taxable series 2013 general obligation bonds in the amount of \$2,600,000. The bond proceeds were used to: (1) defray all or a portion of the costs of design, acquisition, construction, and installation, as applicable, of improvements and infrastructure serving the Echo Hills Commerce Park and (2) pay the costs to issue the 2013 series general obligation bonds. General obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Term	Due Date	Original Amount	Outstanding Amount
2013 General Obligation Bonds	3 - 3.6 %	15 years	2028	<u>\$ 2,600,000</u>	\$ 1,010,000
		Plus unamortized premium			5,655
					<u>\$ 1,015,655</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued): During the year ended June 30, 2017, the County issued series 2016B general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,300,000. The bond proceeds were used to defray the costs of land preparation (including grading), infrastructure costs (including roads, curbs, drainage and storm water facilities, intersection improvements, and internal utilities), civil design, and site work relating to the Oconee County Workforce Development Center. General obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
2016B General Obligation Bonds	1.7%	10 years	2026	<u>\$ 3,300,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,000</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the County issued series 2020 general obligation-refunding bonds in the amount of \$8,000,000. The bond proceeds were used to: (1) refund outstanding principal of the series 2011 general obligation bonds, (2) acquiring, constructing, equipping, or rehabilitating various capital projects including a fire engine and related equipment, and (3) pay the costs of issuance of the 2020 bonds. The refunding transaction resulted in a decrease in total debt service payments over the next 10 years by approximately \$790,000 and resulted in an economic gain of approximately \$773,000. General obligation refunding bonds outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
2020 General Obligation Refunding Bonds	1.49%	11 years	2031	<u>\$ 8,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,420,000</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the County issued series 2022 general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1,100,000. The bond proceeds were used to pay for the one platform Fire Truck and related equipment for Keowee Fire Tax District and finance the costs of the issuance of the bond. General obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
2022 General Obligation Bonds	3.89%	15 years	2037	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

General Obligation Bonds (Continued)

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation bonds as of June 30, 2023, including interest payments, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 1,439,901	\$ 201,005	\$ 1,640,906
2025	1,465,521	173,539	1,639,060
2026	1,495,264	145,520	1,640,784
2027	1,127,135	116,089	1,243,224
2028	1,151,138	92,680	1,243,818
2029-2033	2,953,251	196,979	3,150,230
2034-2037	376,237	37,287	413,524
	<u>\$ 10,008,447</u>	<u>\$ 963,099</u>	<u>\$ 10,971,546</u>

Debt service funds of \$1,596,485 are available to service the general obligation bonds.

The general obligation bonds are secured by a pledge of the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County.

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the various debt instruments. The County is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions including the legal debt limit imposed by Article X, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended.

Financed Purchases

The County has entered into agreements for financing the acquisition of equipment. These agreements qualify as financed purchases for accounting purposes and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum payments as of the date of their inception.

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NOTE 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Financed Purchases (Continued)

Governmental Activities

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments under these financed purchases, and the present value of the net minimum payments at June 30, 2023:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Governmental Funds
2024	\$ 1,035,419
2025	992,512
2026	530,916
2027	536,172
2028	252,712
Thereafter	2,133,326
Total Minimum Payments	5,481,057
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(447,527)
	<u>\$ 5,033,530</u>

Business-type Activities

The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments under these financed purchases, and the present value of the net minimum payments at June 30, 2023:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Business-type Activities
2024	\$ 702,452
2025	702,452
2026	702,452
2027	702,452
2028	702,452
2029-2030	1,404,904
Total Minimum Payments	4,917,164
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(721,189)
	<u>\$ 4,195,975</u>

Special Source Refunding Revenue Bonds

During 2014, the County issued special source refunding revenue bonds in the amount of \$2,933,000 to redeem the 2010 series special source revenue bonds, which were issued to finance the Pointe West project. These bonds are limited obligations of the County and are payable solely from the fee in lieu of tax revenues. The bonds are payable in annual installments through 2025 and have an annual interest rate of 2.85%. The refunding transaction resulted in an economic gain of \$223,847 and a difference in debt service required between the refunded bonds and the refunding bonds of \$263,876.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Special Source Refunding Revenue Bonds (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the special source revenue bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Special Source Refunding Revenue Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 303,000	\$ 17,528	\$ 320,528
2025	312,000	8,892	320,892
	<u>\$ 615,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,420</u>	<u>\$ 641,420</u>

NOTE 10. LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE CARE COSTS

Federal and state laws require the County to place a final cover on their landfills when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for 30 years after closure. The County has recorded a liability in the government-wide statement of net position for the total estimated closure and post-closure care costs for the portion of the landfills filled at June 30, 2023, calculated as follows:

	MSW	C&D I	C&D II	Total
Total estimated current closure and post-closure care cost	\$ 1,528,888	\$ 1,356,740	\$ 2,966,700	
Percentage of landfill capacity used to date	100%	97%	3%	
Reported liability for closure and post-closure care cost	<u>\$ 1,528,888</u>	<u>\$ 1,313,830</u>	<u>\$ 92,184</u>	<u>\$ 2,934,902</u>
Total estimated current closure and post-closure care cost remaining to be recognized	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 42,910</u>	<u>\$ 2,874,516</u>	
Landfill's approximate remaining life in years	<u>-</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>88.5</u>	

The County will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and post-closure care costs as the remaining capacity is filled.

The estimated total current cost of the landfill closure and post-closure care is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor, and maintain the landfills were acquired as of June 30, 2023. However, the actual cost of closure and post-closure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN

Overview:

The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), created July 1, 2012, is the state agency responsible for the administration and management of the various Retirement Systems and retirement programs of the state of South Carolina, including the State Optional Retirement Program and the S.C. Deferred Compensation Program, as well as the state's employee insurance programs. As such, PEBA is responsible for administering the South Carolina Retirement Systems' five defined benefit pension plans. PEBA has an 11-member Board of Directors, appointed by the Governor and General Assembly leadership, which serves as custodian, co-trustee and co-fiduciary of the Systems and the assets of the retirement trust funds. The Retirement System Investment Commission (Commission as the governing body, RSIC as the agency), created by the General Assembly in 2005, has exclusive authority to invest and manage the retirement trust funds' assets. The Commission, an eight-member board, serves as co-trustee and co-fiduciary for the assets of the retirement trust funds. By law, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), which consists of five elected officials, also reviews certain PEBA Board decisions regarding the actuary of the Systems. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Systems and additions to/deductions from the Systems fiduciary net position have been determined on the accrual basis of accounting as they are reported by the Systems in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Benefit and refund expenses are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Investments are reported at fair value. PEBA issues an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the South Carolina Retirement System's Pension Trust Funds. The ACFR is publicly available through the Retirement Benefits' link on PEBA's website at www.peba.sc.gov, or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29223. PEBA is considered a division of the primary government of the state of South Carolina and therefore, retirement trust fund financial information is also included in the ACFR of the state.

Plan Description:

The South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established July 1, 1945, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-1-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement and other benefits for teachers and employees of the state and its political subdivisions. SCRS covers employees of state agencies, public school districts and participating charter schools, public higher education institutions, other participating local subdivisions of government and first-term individuals elected to the South Carolina General Assembly.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Plan Description (Continued):

The South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established July 1, 1962, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement and other benefits to police officers and firefighters. PORS also covers peace officers, coroners, probate judges and magistrates.

Membership:

Membership requirements are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A brief summary of the requirements under each system is described below.

South Carolina Retirement System

Generally, all employees of covered employers are required to participate in and contribute to the SCRS as a condition of employment. This plan covers general employees, teachers and individuals newly elected to the South Carolina General Assembly beginning with the November 2012 general election. An employee member of the SCRS with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the SCRS with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System.

To be eligible for PORS membership, an employee must be required by the terms of his employment, by election or appointment, to preserve public order, protect life and property, and detect crimes in the state; to prevent and control property destruction by fire; be a coroner in a full-time permanent position; or be a peace officer employed by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Mental Health. Probate judges and coroners may elect membership in PORS. Magistrates are required to participate in PORS for service as a magistrate. PORS members, other than magistrates and probate judges, must also earn at least \$2,000 per year and devote at least 1,600 hours per year to this work, unless exempted by statute. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

Benefits:

Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms without a legislative change in the code of laws. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of service, and average final compensation. A brief summary of benefit terms for each system is presented on the following page.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Benefits (Continued):

South Carolina Retirement System (Continued).

A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 65 or with 28 years credited service regardless of age. A member may elect early retirement with reduced pension benefits payable at age 55 with 25 years of service credit. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension upon satisfying the Rule of 90 requirement that the total of the member's age and the member's creditable service equals at least 90 years. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a reduced deferred annuity at age 60 if they satisfy the five- or eight-year earned service requirement, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program. The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase. Members who retire under the early retirement provisions at age 55 with 25 years of service are not eligible for the benefit adjustment until the second July 1 after reaching age 60 or the second July 1 after the date they would have had 28 years of service credit had they not retired.

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System.

A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 25 years of service regardless of age. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 27 years of service regardless of age. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a deferred annuity at age 55 with five or eight years of earned service, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program. Accidental death benefits are also provided upon the death of an active member working for a covered employer whose death was a natural and proximate result of an injury incurred while in the performance of duty. The retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions:

Actuarial valuations are performed annually by an external consulting actuary to ensure applicable contribution rates satisfy the funding parameters specified in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Under these provisions, SCRS and PORS contribution requirements must be sufficient to maintain an amortization period for the financing of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) over a period that does not exceed the number of years scheduled in state statute. Legislation in 2017 increased, but also established a ceiling for SCRS and PORS employee contribution rates. Effective July 1, 2017, employee rates were increased to a capped rate of 9.00 percent for SCRS and 9.75 percent for PORS. The legislation also increased employer contribution rates beginning July 1, 2017, for both SCRS and PORS by two percentage points and further scheduled employer contribution rates to increase by a minimum of one percentage point each year in accordance with state statute. However, the General Assembly postponed the one percent increase in the SCRS and PORS employer contribution rates that was schedule to go into effect beginning July 1, 2020. In accordance with the legislative funding schedule, employer contributions rates will continue to increase by 1 percentage point each year until reaching 18.56 percent for SCRS and 21.24 percent for PORS but may be increased further, if the scheduled contributions are not sufficient to meet the funding periods set for the applicable year. The Board shall increase the employer contribution rates as necessary to meet the amortization period set in statute.

Pension reform legislation modified statute such that the employer contribution rates for SCRS and PORS to be further increased, not to exceed one-half of one percent in any one year, if necessary, in order to improve the funding of the plans. The statute set rates intended to reduce the unfunded liability of SCRS and PORS to the maximum amortization period of 20 years from 30 years over a ten-year schedule, as determined by the annual actuarial valuations of the plan. Finally, under the revised statute, the contribution rates for SCRS and PORS may not be decreased until the plans are at least 85 percent funded. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County contributed \$2,675,471 to the SCRS plan and \$2,226,688 to the PORS plan.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions (Continued):

Required employee contribution rates for the year ended June 30, 2023, are as follows:

South Carolina Retirement System

Employee Class Two	9.00% of earnable compensation
Employee Class Three	9.00% of earnable compensation

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System

Employee Class Two	9.75% of earnable compensation
Employee Class Three	9.75% of earnable compensation

Required employer contribution rates for the year ended June 30, 2023, are as follows:

South Carolina Retirement System

Employee Class Two	17.41% of earnable compensation
Employee Class Three	17.41% of earnable compensation
Employer incidental death benefit	0.15% of earnable compensation

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System

Employee Class Two	19.84% of earnable compensation
Employee Class Three	19.84% of earnable compensation
Employer incidental death benefit	0.20% of earnable compensation
Employer accidental death program	0.20% of earnable compensation

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability:

The June 30, 2022 (the measurement date) total pension liability, net pension liability, and sensitivity information were determined by the consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) and are based on the July 1, 2021, actuarial valuations, as adopted by the PEBA Board and Budget and Control Board, which utilized membership data as of July 1, 2021. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, using generally accepted actuarial principles. Information included in the following schedules is based on the certification provided by GRS. The net pension liability is calculated separately for each system and represents that particular system's total pension liability determined in accordance with GASB No. 67, less that system's fiduciary net position. As of June 30, 2022 (measurement date of June 30, 2022), the net pension liability amounts for the County's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities associated with the SCRS and PORS plans are as follows:

System	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Employer's Net Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	County's Proportionate Share of the Collective Net Pension Liability
SCRS	\$ 56,454,779,872	\$ 32,212,626,932	\$ 24,242,152,940	57.1%	0.114807%
PORS	\$ 8,937,686,946	\$ 5,938,707,767	\$ 2,998,979,179	66.4%	0.616024%

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods:

Actuarial valuations of the plan involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and future salary increases. Amounts determined regarding the net pension liability are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. South Carolina state statute requires that an actuarial experience study be completed at least once in each five-year period. An experience report on the Systems was most recently issued for the period ending June 30, 2019.

The June 30, 2022 (the measurement date) total pension liability, net pension liability, and sensitivity information were determined by the consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) and are based on the July 1, 2021, actuarial valuations, as adopted by the PEBA Board and Budget and Control Board, which utilized membership data as of July 1, 2021. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, using generally accepted actuarial principles. There was no legislation enacted during the 2022 legislative session that had a material change in the benefit provisions for any of the systems.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (Continued):

The following table provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods to calculate the TPL as of June 30, 2022.

	SCRS	PORS
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.00%	7.00%
Projected salary increases	3.0% to 11.0% (varies by service)	3.5% to 10.5% (varies by service)
Includes inflation at	2.25%	2.25%
Benefit adjustments	lesser of 1% or \$500 annually	lesser of 1% or \$500 annually

The post-retiree mortality assumption is dependent upon the member's job category and gender. The base mortality assumption, the 2020 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality table (2020 PRSC), was developed using the Systems' mortality experience. These base rates are adjusted for future improvement in mortality using 80% of Scale UMP projected from the year 2020.

Former Job Class	Males	Females
General Employees and Members of the General Assembly	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 97%	2020 PRSC Females multiplied by 107%
Public Safety and Firefighters	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 127%	2020 PRSC Females multiplied by 107%

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is based upon 20-year capital market assumptions. The long-term expected rates of return represent assumptions developed using an arithmetic building block approach primarily based on consensus expectations and market-based inputs. Expected returns are net of investment fees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (Continued):

The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted at the beginning of the 2022 fiscal year. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and adding expected inflation and is summarized in the table below. For actuarial purposes, the 7 percent assumed annual investment rate of return used in the calculation of the TPL includes a 4.75 percent real rate of return and a 2.25 percent inflation component.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table.

Allocation/Exposure	Policy Target	Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Public equity	46.0%	6.79%	3.12%
Bonds	26.0%	-0.35%	-0.09%
Private equity	9.0%	8.75%	0.79%
Private debt	7.0%	6.00%	0.42%
Real assets	12.0%		
Real estate	9.0%	4.12%	0.37%
Infrastructure	3.0%	5.88%	0.18%
	100.0%		
Total expected real return			4.79%
Inflation for actuarial purposes			2.25%
Total expected nominal return			7.04%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers in SCRS and PORS will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina State Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, the County's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The following table presents the sensitivity of the net pension liabilities to changes in the discount rate.

Sensitivity of the Net Position Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
County's portion - SCRS	\$ 35,683,800	\$ 27,831,799	\$ 21,303,880
County's portion - PORS	\$ 25,761,470	\$ 18,474,422	\$ 12,509,288

Pension Expense:

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County recognized its proportionate share of collective pension expense of \$2,335,472 and recognition of deferred amounts from changes in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and the proportionate share of total plan employer contributions of \$1,114,608 for a total of \$3,450,080 for the SCRS plan. Additionally, for the year ended June 30, 2023, the County recognized its proportionate share of collective pension expense of \$1,799,528 and recognition of deferred amounts from changes in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and the proportionate share of total plan employer contributions of \$673,385 for a total of \$2,472,913 for the PORS plan. Total pension expense for both plans amounted to \$5,922,993 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At June 30, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the SCRS and PORS pension plans, respectively, from the following sources:

SCRS	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 241,806	\$ 121,290
Changes of assumptions	892,631	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	42,922	-
Changes in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of total plan employer contributions	115,263	1,654,371
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,675,471</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 3,968,093</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,775,661</u></u>
PORS	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 309,964	\$ 365,208
Changes of assumptions	769,304	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	55,788	-
Changes in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of total plan employer contributions	381,148	969,421
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,226,688</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 3,742,892</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,334,629</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11. RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued):

County contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$2,675,471 and \$2,226,688 for the SCRS plan and the PORS plan, respectively, are deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	SCRS	PORS
2024	\$ (853,785)	\$ 26,291
2025	340,725	121,455
2026	(695,813)	(684,270)
2027	725,834	718,099

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

Detailed information regarding the fiduciary net position of the plans administered by PEBA is available in the separately issued ACFR containing financial statements and required supplementary information for SCRS and PORS. The ACFR of the Pension Trust Funds is publicly available on PEBA's Retirement Benefits' website at www.peba.sc.gov, or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The County offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457, which is administered and controlled by the State of South Carolina. The plan, available to all government employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

South Carolina Deferred Compensation Program (SCDCP), (under state contract) is the program administrator of the 457 plan and 457 Roth plan as well as the 401(k) plan and 401(k) Roth plan which are also available to County employees at their option.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description. In addition to providing pension benefits through the South Carolina Retirement System, the County, authorized by its County Council, provides certain healthcare benefits for employees hired before July 1, 2005, who retire from service or who terminate with at least 20 consecutive years of service who meet one or more of the eligibility requirements for retirement with the SCRS or PORS plans. Employees hired after June 30, 2005, are not eligible to participate in the Oconee County Retiree Health Care Plan (the "Plan"), a single employer defined benefit plan, upon their retirement. Benefits are effective at date of retirement or when the employee is eligible for retirement benefits.

SCRS and PORS retirement eligibility requirements are described in the following tables.

Normal (unreduced) Retirement Requirements

	Class Two Employees
SCRS	Any age with 28 years of service; or at age 65 with at least 5 years of service
PORS	Any age with 25 years of service; or at age 55 with at least 5 years of service

Early (reduced) Retirement Requirements

	Class Two Employees
SCRS	Age 60 with at least 5 years of service; or at age 55 with at least 25 years of service

Class Two employees are those employees hired prior to July 1, 2012.

Employees terminating before meeting the retirement eligibility conditions are not eligible for retiree health care benefits. Grandfathered employees are defined as employees of the County who had at least twenty consecutive years of full-time employment for the County as of December 31, 2013. Eligible non-Medicare retirees may elect health insurance coverage through the Oconee County Employee Health Plan at a reduced cost to the retiree. County health insurance coverage for retirees shall cease when the covered retiree or spouse, respectively, becomes Medicare eligible.

For grandfathered employees, the County will provide a subsidy towards the purchase of a Medicare Supplement insurance plan through the County. Non-grandfathered employees will not receive this subsidy when they become Medicare eligible.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Description (Continued). Dental and vision coverage are provided to retirees. The premiums for non-Medicare retirees include dental and vision coverage. Medicare retirees are required to pay separate dental and vision premiums. Life insurance coverage is not provided.

Surviving dependents of deceased active employees are not eligible for retiree health care benefits. Spouses of grandfathered retirees are eligible for the same retiree health care benefits as the retiree provided the spouse is on the employee's plan at retirement. Spouses of deceased grandfathered retirees may continue to receive retiree health care benefits, including the County's Medicare subsidy.

Should coverage on the spouse be terminated at any time after the date of retirement of the retired employee, the spouse will not be eligible for re-enrollment; however, COBRA continuation coverage may be available. Spouses of non-grandfathered retirees are not eligible for retiree health coverage.

Retirees may choose to decline coverage under the Plan at any time, but they will not be allowed to re-enroll in the Plan in the future (with the exception of two prior grandfathered employees with special circumstances).

Retirees may not convert the benefit into an in-lieu payment to secure coverage under independent plans. The cost of these benefits is recognized as an expenditure of the General Fund and the Rock Quarry Fund on a pay-as-you-go basis as provided for in the annual budget ordinance. These benefits will cease if funds are not available for appropriation.

The subsidy the County provides to grandfathered employees toward the purchase of a Medicare Supplement insurance plan will increase annually by the lower of the CPI-U (Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers) on a September over September comparison basis or 3.0% per year.

Plan Membership. The Plan has 169 covered members for the year ended June 30, 2023; 96 members are retirees receiving benefits and 73 are active participants and dependents.

Funding Policy and Contributions. The County currently pays for other post-employment benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County paid \$668,697 toward the cost of retiree health insurance for eligible retired employees. The County's obligation to contribute to the Plan was established and may be amended by the County Council. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 and a separate report was not issued for the plan.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Total OPEB Liability. The County's total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021.

Actuarial Assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Discount rate:	3.69% as of June 30, 2022
Healthcare cost trend rate:	7.00% - 4.25%, Ultimate Trend after 13 years
Inflation rate:	2.50%
Salary increase:	3.50% - 10.50% for PORS eligible employees and 3.00% - 9.50% for SCRS eligible employees per annum
Participation rate:	85.00% of all eligible employees

For healthy retirees, the 2020 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality Table for Males and the 2020 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality Table for Females are used with fully generational mortality projections based on Scale AA from the year 2020. The following multipliers are applied to the base tables: 97% for male SCRS members, 107% for female SCRS members, 127% for male PORS members, and 107% for female PORS members.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.69% as of June 30, 2022. This rate was determined using an index rate of 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA or higher – which was 3.69% as determined by the Bond Buyer 20-Bond GO Index Rate as of June 30, 2022.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability. The changes in the total OPEB liability of the County for the years ended June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balances beginning of year	\$ 12,969,141
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	171,061
Interest	244,673
Difference between actual and expected experience	(200,262)
Assumption changes	(1,725,615)
Benefit payments and implicit subsidy	(622,547)
Net changes	<u>(2,132,690)</u>
Balances end of year	<u><u>\$ 10,836,451</u></u>

The required schedule of changes in the County's total OPEB liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County as of June 30, 2023 (June 30, 2022 measurement date), as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

Oconee County Health Care Plan		
Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate		
1% Decrease 2.69%	Current Discount Rate 3.69%	1% Increase (4.69%)
\$ 11,761,614	\$ 10,836,451	\$ 10,021,211

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

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 of June 30, 2023 (June 30, 2022 measurement date), 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:

<u>Oconee County Health Care Plan</u>		
<u>Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u>		
1% Decrease (6.00% decreasing to 3.25%)	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (7.00% decreasing to 4.25%)	1% Increase (8.00% decreasing to 5.25%)
\$ 9,868,294	\$ 10,836,451	\$ 11,947,471

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revisions as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of June 30, 2023, and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and inactive employees.

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County recognized OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Description</u>	
Service cost	\$ 171,061
Interest on the total OPEB liability	244,673
Recognition of outflow (inflow) of resources due to liabilities	(654,570)
Amortization of prior year outflow (inflow) of resources due to liabilities	415,987
Total OPEB expense	<u>\$ 177,151</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 12. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued). At June 30, 2023, the County reported 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	\$ 105,429	\$ 138,314
Changes of assumptions	406,639	1,139,592
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	668,698	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,180,766</u>	<u>\$ 1,277,906</u>

County contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$668,698 are deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Oconee County Health Care Plan

Year ended June 30:

2024	\$ (149,101)
2025	(616,737)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 13. SELF-INSURED HEALTH INSURANCE

The County is self-insured for health and dental claims incurred by employees and/or their dependents and retirees, if they are enrolled in the plan. The plan establishes a "Stop Loss" of \$85,000 per person per contract year through April 30, 2024. The estimated maximum annual cost to the County is \$7,439,017. At June 30, 2023, claims due and payable totaled approximately \$790,657 and are recorded as a liability in the respective funds with employees receiving this benefit. The following amounts were recorded as liabilities of the respective funds as of June 30, 2023: General Fund - \$762,856; and Proprietary Fund - Rock Quarry \$27,802.

Effective January 1, 2013, the County revised the retiree health benefits for individuals who are qualified for Medicare. As a result, retirees eligible for health care began receiving a defined contribution towards the purchase of a Medicare Supplement Plan through Hartford Life. This resulted in 71 retirees no longer participating in the County's self-insured health insurance plan. As outlined in the plan document, all employees hired before July 1, 2010, are eligible for plan benefits given they meet the 20 years of continuous service requirement and ultimately retire from the County. As of June 30, 2023, approximately 192 employees were hired prior to July 1, 2010, and could ultimately benefit from the health insurance plan.

Active retirees as of December 31, 2013, who had not yet attained the age of 65 or otherwise qualified for Medicare, are eligible for plan benefits if they meet the service requirements as outlined in the plan document. Once eligible for Medicare, these individuals will be automatically enrolled into the Medicare Supplement Plan through Hartford Life.

Active employees, who had attained 20 years of service on December 31, 2013, will be eligible for participation in the self-insured health plan until becoming eligible for Medicare. Once eligible for Medicare, these individuals will be removed from the self-insured health plan and automatically enrolled in the Medicare Health Plan through Hartford Life. Employees in the category who become retirees will receive the same stipend as active retirees in each category (pre-Medicare and Medicare eligible). All contributions are accounted for in the County's Retiree Health Reimbursement account. Contributions can only be used in accordance with the plan document.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 13. SELF-INSURED HEALTH INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

The following indicates claims versus premiums for the past five fiscal years:

For the Year Ended June 30	Beginning Liability	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimate	Claim Payments	Ending Liability
2023	\$ 852,597	\$ 8,279,158	\$ 8,341,098	\$ 790,657
2022	784,510	7,335,846	7,267,759	852,597
2021	255,917	5,461,589	4,932,996	784,510
2020	593,663	4,540,858	4,878,604	255,917
2019	547,644	4,787,456	4,741,437	593,663

NOTE 14. INTERFUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The balances of the interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 186,531
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	934,935
		<u>\$ 1,121,466</u>

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. These balances normally clear within one to two months.

The balances of the interfund advances to/from at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	FOCUS Fund	<u>\$ 6,173,939</u>

Advances are used for long-term interfund loans. The General Fund had one outstanding advance at June 30, 2023. The advance to the FOCUS Fund was to finance construction and operations. This is expected to be repaid in the coming years in accordance with scheduled payments from proceeds receivable from a lease.

Any transactions to transfer revenues from the fund budgeted to receive them to the fund budgeted to expend them are reported as transfers from and to other funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 14. INTERFUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Total transfers during the year ended June 30, 2023, consisted of the following individual amounts:

Transfer in Fund	Transfer Out Fund	Amount
General Fund	Rock Quarry Fund	\$ 1,000,000
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	7,449
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	44,257
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	General Fund	20,970
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	85,000
Capital Projects Fund	General Fund	224,337
		<u>\$ 1,382,013</u>

The transfers noted above were used to: (1) provide operational funds to the General Fund, (2) to transfer grant costs to the fund accounting for the grant activity in order to close the grant, (3) transfer \$25,000 of the fiscal year's first quarter and 5% of all four quarters of the County's State Accommodations Tax collections to the General Fund, (4) to transfer expenditures in excess of the grant to local funding sources in order to close the grant, (5) to subsidize the Sheriff's and Solicitor's Victims Assistance Funds, and (6) to provide funds to the Capital Projects Fund to cover the grant matches for Airport Improvement Projects and the construction of the Bountyland Subdivision. All were made in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

NOTE 15. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the County carries insurance through the State Fiscal Accountability Authority Office - Insurance Reserve Fund. The County pays premiums to the Fund for its general insurance coverage. The agreement for formation of the Fund provides that the Fund will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for each insured event. Additionally, the County participates in a self-funded program to provide workers' compensation insurance through the South Carolina Association of Counties, which works in a similar way as the Insurance Reserve Fund. The County continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 16. OTHER COMMITMENTS

Construction commitments at June 30, 2023, totaled approximately \$8,246,281.

NOTE 17. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Duke Energy Corporation provides a major source of property tax revenues. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the company paid property taxes in the amount of \$36.6 million based on assessed property values of \$151 million. This represents approximately 24.24% of the 2022 levy. Approximately \$22.6 million of the amount collected was appropriated for the School District of Oconee County and Tri-County Technical College.

NOTE 18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The County participates in a number of federal and state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to audits by grantors or their representatives. The audits of these programs for or including the year ended June 30, 2023, have not yet been conducted. Therefore, the County's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures, which may be disallowed, cannot be determined at this time although the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 19. LITIGATION

The County is party to a number of lawsuits arising in the course of operations. It is the opinion of management, in consultation with legal counsel, that it cannot be determined whether resolution of the other pending cases will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 20. TAX ABATEMENTS

The County, acting through its County Council, negotiates property tax abatement agreements on an individual basis under several programs in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of Title 12, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. Local governments may enter into tax abatement agreements in accordance with South Carolina state law as follows:

1. *Fee in lieu of tax for economic development properties* – any industry or business whereby the industry or business would pay fees in lieu of taxes with respect to certain properties which constitute “economic development properties” through which powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products, and resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally. At the time of termination, the sponsor shall pay to the County an additional fee equal to the difference between the total amount of property taxes that would have been paid by the sponsor had the project been taxable, taking into account exemptions from property taxes that would have been available to the sponsor, and the amount of fee payments actually made by the sponsor. Abatement agreements under the Economic Development Program equal a 100% reduction in property taxes during the exemption period as outlined in the agreement. A fee in lieu of tax (FILOT) is to be paid within the following parameters: the sponsor shall pay to the County an annual fee payment in connection with the economic development property which has been placed in service, in an amount not less than that the property taxes that would be due on the economic development property if it were taxable but using (1) an assessment ratio of not less than 6%; (2) a millage rate this is either fixed for the life of the fee or is allowed to increase or decrease every fifth year in step with the average cumulative actual millage rate applicable to the project based upon the preceding five-year period; or (3) a fair market value for the economic development property.
2. *Special Source Revenue and Infrastructure Tax Credits* – In addition to the program defined in item one above, the County, in accordance with South Carolina state law, may issue special source and infrastructure tax credits to effectively reduce the assessed value of certain qualifying properties. Such credits are approved via the State of South Carolina Department of Revenue and the Oconee County Auditor provided that the project sponsor expands its operations to levels outlined in state law. Provisions for recapturing abated tax revenues are specific to each agreement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 20. TAX ABATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

3. *Fee in lieu of tax for residential properties* – Similar to the previously noted programs, property taxes are abated under this program by the County, in accordance with state law, to effectively reduce the assessment of qualifying properties. In order to qualify for this program, project sponsors developing residential or multi-use properties must meet a minimum investment threshold. Unlike the previous programs, this program does not provide for a provision for recapturing abated tax revenues.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the County abated taxes totaling \$16,655,506 under the programs previously noted, including the following individual tax abatement agreement that exceeded 10% of the total amount abated under the programs:

- An approximate 13% property tax abatement to a manufacturing company for development of a multi county industrial park for which the abated amount was \$2,241,226.

Commitments made by the County and other governments are negotiated individually for each agreement. Various commitments have been made by the County and the State of South Carolina as a part of the agreements; however, no commitments were made by either the County or other governments relative to the three individual agreements noted above.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES OF COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,

South Carolina Retirement System

Plan Year Ended June 30,	County's proportion of the net pension liability	County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	County's covered payroll	County's share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2022	0.114807%	\$ 27,831,799	\$ 13,678,318	203.5%	57.1%
2021	0.115599%	25,017,108	13,142,412	190.4%	60.7%
2020	0.142755%	29,439,921	12,848,222	229.1%	50.7%
2019	0.142755%	32,596,817	12,439,001	262.1%	54.4%
2018	0.089383%	20,027,995	12,062,316	166.0%	54.1%
2017	0.122304%	27,532,598	12,331,937	223.3%	53.3%
2016	0.125177%	26,737,622	11,666,400	229.2%	52.9%
2015	0.125554%	23,811,921	11,703,378	203.5%	57.0%
2014	0.130397%	22,450,040	9,694,783	231.6%	59.9%

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System

Plan Year Ended June 30,	County's proportion of the net pension liability	County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	County's covered payroll	County's share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2022	0.61602%	\$ 18,474,422	\$ 9,751,701	189.4%	66.4%
2021	0.62241%	16,014,022	9,308,065	172.0%	70.4%
2020	0.73063%	20,573,809	9,357,119	219.9%	58.8%
2019	0.73063%	20,939,502	8,856,894	236.4%	62.7%
2018	0.45583%	12,916,240	8,134,393	158.8%	61.7%
2017	0.56945%	15,600,511	7,676,731	203.2%	50.9%
2016	0.54232%	13,755,759	6,334,764	217.1%	60.4%
2015	0.51203%	11,159,654	6,207,981	179.8%	64.6%
2014	0.51281%	9,817,433	5,298,295	185.3%	67.5%

Notes to the schedule:

The above schedules will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES OF COUNTY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,

South Carolina Retirement System

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Statutorily required contribution	Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	County's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2023	\$ 2,675,471	\$ 2,675,471	\$ -	\$ 15,236,166	17.56%
2022	2,265,129	2,265,129	-	13,678,318	16.56%
2021	2,044,959	2,044,959	-	13,142,412	15.56%
2020	1,999,183	1,999,183	-	12,848,222	15.56%
2019	1,792,460	1,792,460	-	12,439,001	14.41%
2018	1,617,557	1,617,557	-	12,062,316	13.41%
2017	1,425,571	1,425,571	-	12,331,937	11.56%
2016	1,322,885	1,322,885	-	11,666,400	11.34%
2015	1,280,951	1,280,951	-	11,703,378	10.95%

South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Statutorily required contribution	Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	County's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2023	\$ 2,226,688	\$ 2,226,688	\$ -	\$ 11,001,425	20.24%
2022	1,876,227	1,876,227	-	9,751,701	19.24%
2021	1,697,791	1,697,791	-	9,308,065	18.24%
2020	1,706,739	1,706,739	-	9,357,119	18.24%
2019	1,491,501	1,491,501	-	8,856,894	16.84%
2018	1,256,691	1,256,691	-	8,134,393	15.45%
2017	1,093,181	1,093,181	-	7,676,831	14.24%
2016	921,831	921,831	-	6,334,764	14.55%
2015	850,224	850,224	-	6,207,981	13.70%

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULES OF COUNTY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Notes to the schedule:

The above schedules will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.

Actuarial assumptions used in determining the statutorily required contribution are as follows.

System	SCRS	PORS
Calculation date	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Asset valuation method	5-year Smoothed	5-year Smoothed
Amortization method	Level % of pay	Level % of pay
Amortization period	27 years maximum, closed	27 years maximum, closed
Investment return	7.25%	7.25%
Inflation	2.25%	2.25%
Salary increases	3.00% plus step-rate increases for members with less than 21 years of service.	3.50% plus step-rate increases for members with less than 15 years of service.
Mortality	The 2016 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality Tables for Males and Females, both projected at Scale AA from the year 2016. Male rates multiplied by 100% for non-educators and 92% for educators. Female rates multiplied by 111% for non-educators and 98% for educators.	The 2016 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality Tables for Males and Females, both projected at Scale AA from the year 2016. Male rates multiplied by 125% and female rates are multiplied by 111%.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB liability						
Service cost	\$ 171,061	\$ 165,299	\$ 235,203	\$ 209,941	\$ 215,068	\$ 248,022
Interest on the total OPEB liability	244,673	283,606	344,181	407,055	396,354	341,632
Difference between actual and expected experience	(200,262)	321,143	(26,623)	(1,302,809)	(32,716)	-
Assumption changes	(1,725,615)	897,501	509,656	869,259	(58,917)	(672,181)
Benefit payments	(622,547)	(383,044)	(512,750)	(376,250)	(436,023)	(498,359)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(2,132,690)	1,284,505	549,667	(192,804)	83,766	(580,886)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	12,969,141	11,684,636	11,134,969	11,327,773	11,244,007	11,824,893
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 10,836,451	\$ 12,969,141	\$ 11,684,636	\$ 11,134,969	\$ 11,327,773	\$ 11,244,007
 Covered-employee payroll	 \$ 3,404,562	 \$ 3,404,562	 \$ 6,079,730	 \$ 6,079,730	 \$ 6,579,189	 \$ 6,579,189
 Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	 318.29%	 380.93%	 192.19%	 183.15%	 172.18%	 170.90%

The above schedule will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.

The County is not accumulating assets in a trust fund that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 for payment of future OPEB benefits.

The discount rate changed from 3.56% as of June 30, 2018, to 3.62% as of June 30, 2019.

The discount rate changed from 3.62% as of June 30, 2019, to 3.13% as of June 30, 2020.

The discount rate changed from 3.13% as of June 30, 2020, to 2.45% as of June 30, 2021.

The discount rate changed from 2.45% as of June 30, 2021, to 1.92% as of June 30, 2022.

The discount rate changed from 1.92% as of June 30, 2022, to 3.69% as of June 30, 2023.

The assumptions used in the preparation of the above schedule are disclosed in Note 12 to the financial statements.

COMBINING STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

The **Emergency Services Protection District Fund** accounts for tax monies collected for the County special tax district for emergency services protection. Such monies are restricted for public safety expenditures.

The **Road Maintenance Fund** accounts for the tax levied to provide funding for maintenance of County roads.

The **911 Communications Fund** accounts for 911 communication fees that are received from the State of South Carolina, various wireless carriers, and AT&T. Such monies are restricted for improvements and expansion of the County's emergency 911 system.

The **State Accommodations Tax Fund** accounts for accommodation tax monies received from the State. The first \$25,000 and 5% is transferred to the General Fund. The remainder is restricted for culture and recreation.

The **Local Accommodations Tax Fund** accounts for the 3% local accommodation tax monies collected on behalf of the County. These monies are restricted for culture and recreation.

The **Sheriff's Victims Assistance Fund** accounts for monies collected by the Magistrate's Office through summary assessments and surcharges. Such monies are restricted for public safety expenditures.

The **Solicitors' Victims Assistance Fund** accounts for monies collected by the Clerk of Court's office through general sessions, assessments and surcharges. Such monies are restricted for public safety expenditures.

The **Duke Energy Fixed Nuclear Facility Fund** accounts for the grant revenues from Duke Energy Corporation. These funds aid in offsetting the cost of the preparation and evaluation of radiological response plans and preparedness in support of the Duke Energy power plant located in the County as required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The **Clerk of Court Federal Child Support Fund** accounts for federal grant funds received by the Clerk of Court from the State restricted to child support enforcement expenditures.

The **Library State Aid Fund** accounts for State aid monies received that provide additional funding for the County's public libraries allowing them to provide basic levels of service to citizens of South Carolina. These monies are restricted for culture and recreation expenditures.

The **Tri-County Tech Fund** accounts for tax revenues collected for support of the Tri-County Technical College. These monies are restricted for education expenditures.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

DEBT SERVICE FUND

The **Debt Service Fund** accounts for the resources used for the payment of the County's principal and interest on various debt obligations.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities for the County's governmental funds.

The **Parks, Recreation and Tourism Fund** is used to account for the acquisition and construction of facilities or infrastructure for the promotion of culture and recreation within the County.

The **Bridge and Culvert Capital Projects Fund** accounts for the taxes levied specifically to fund repairs and construction of the County's bridge and culvert infrastructure. These monies are restricted for capital projects.

The **Capital Vehicle and Equipment Fund** accounts for the taxes levied specifically to fund the acquisition and repairs of capital vehicles and equipment. These monies are restricted for capital projects.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds							
	Emergency Services Protection District	Road Maintenance	911 Communications	State Accommodations Tax	Local Accommodations Tax	Sheriff's Victims Assistance	Solicitor's Victims Assistance	Duke Energy Fixed Nuclear Facility
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,583,091	\$ 5,106,163	\$ 579,302	\$ 391,677	\$ 627,386	\$ 57,746	\$ 27,494	\$ 189,466
Investments	-	-	450,000	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes receivable, net	27,461	24,256	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	10,396	-	115,138	-	-	-
Due from other governments	-	140,000	38,623	154,959	-	2,398	-	-
Due from component unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	1,610,552	5,270,419	1,078,321	546,636	742,524	60,144	27,494	189,466
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	266,828	416,458	2,653	46,488	22,582	-	-	390
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	130,855	-	-	-
Accrued liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	1,779	945	858
Unearned revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	188,218
Total liabilities	266,828	416,458	2,653	46,488	153,437	1,779	945	189,466
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	23,159	20,394	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	23,159	20,394	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)								
Restricted for:								
Public safety	1,242,404	-	927,789	-	-	58,365	26,549	-
Transportation	-	2,106,149	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	500,148	461,820	-	-	-
Judicial services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned:								
Subsequent year's budget	78,161	2,727,418	147,879	-	127,267	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances (deficits)	1,320,565	4,833,567	1,075,668	500,148	589,087	58,365	26,549	-
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 1,610,552	\$ 5,270,419	\$ 1,078,321	\$ 546,636	\$ 742,524	\$ 60,144	\$ 27,494	\$ 189,466

Special Revenue Funds			Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Funds			
Clerk of Court Federal Child Support	Library State Aid	Tri-County Tech	Debt Service	Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Fund	Bridge and Culvert Capital Projects	Capital Equipment and Vehicle	Totals
\$ 86,020	\$ -	\$ 2,064,872	\$ 1,596,485	\$ -	\$ 5,436,199	\$ 1,176,120	\$ 18,922,021
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450,000
-	-	32,451	38,701	-	11,625	13,703	148,197
-	-	-	-	-	-	3,625	129,159
15,223	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	371,203
-	-	-	255,211	-	-	-	255,211
101,243	-	2,097,323	1,890,397	-	5,447,824	1,213,448	20,275,791
-	-	-	-	31,582	-	131,060	918,041
-	10,353	-	-	45,323	-	-	186,531
1,948	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,530
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	188,218
1,948	10,353	-	-	76,905	-	131,060	1,298,320
-	-	26,936	64,964	-	9,786	10,033	155,272
-	-	26,936	64,964	-	9,786	10,033	155,272
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,255,107
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,106,149
-	-	-	1,825,433	-	-	-	1,825,433
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	961,968
99,295	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,295
-	-	2,070,387	-	-	-	-	2,070,387
-	-	-	-	-	5,407,810	712,132	6,119,942
-	-	-	-	-	30,228	360,223	3,471,176
-	(10,353)	-	-	(76,905)	-	-	(87,258)
99,295	(10,353)	2,070,387	1,825,433	(76,905)	5,438,038	1,072,355	18,822,199
\$ 101,243	\$ -	\$ 2,097,323	\$ 1,890,397	\$ -	\$ 5,447,824	\$ 1,213,448	\$ 20,275,791

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds							
	Emergency Services Protection District	Road Maintenance	911 Communications	State Accommodations Tax	Local Accommodations Tax	Sheriff's Victims Assistance	Solicitor's Victims Assistance	Duke Energy Fixed Nuclear Facility
Revenues:								
Property taxes	\$ 1,757,809	\$ 1,410,666	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other taxes	-	-	130,502	565,103	1,090,351	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	302,947	831,499	-	-	-	-	94,286
Licenses and permits	18,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	81,912	37,725	-
Interest revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>1,776,469</u>	<u>1,713,613</u>	<u>962,001</u>	<u>565,103</u>	<u>1,090,351</u>	<u>81,912</u>	<u>37,725</u>	<u>94,286</u>
Expenditures:								
Current:								
Public safety	1,412,921	-	643,299	-	-	135,236	83,405	94,286
Transportation	-	1,103,520	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	451,793	1,171,499	-	-	-
Judicial services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	25,124	1,154,698	192,322	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:								
Principal	-	-	4,350	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	401	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,438,045</u>	<u>2,258,218</u>	<u>840,372</u>	<u>451,793</u>	<u>1,171,499</u>	<u>135,236</u>	<u>83,405</u>	<u>94,286</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>338,424</u>	<u>(544,605)</u>	<u>121,629</u>	<u>113,310</u>	<u>(81,148)</u>	<u>(53,324)</u>	<u>(45,680)</u>	<u>-</u>
Other financing sources (uses)								
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	45,000	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	(44,257)	-	-	-	-
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,257)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	338,424	(544,605)	121,629	69,053	(81,148)	(13,324)	(680)	-
Fund balances (deficits), beginning of year	<u>982,141</u>	<u>5,378,172</u>	<u>954,039</u>	<u>431,095</u>	<u>670,235</u>	<u>71,689</u>	<u>27,229</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances (deficits), end of year	<u>\$ 1,320,565</u>	<u>\$ 4,833,567</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,668</u>	<u>\$ 500,148</u>	<u>\$ 589,087</u>	<u>\$ 58,365</u>	<u>\$ 26,549</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Special Revenue Funds			Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Funds			
Clerk of Court Federal Child Support	Library State Aid	Tri-County Tech	Debt Service	Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Fund	Bridge and Culvert Capital Projects	Capital Equipment and Vehicle	Totals
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,018,093	\$ 1,219,976	\$ 838,421	\$ 665,661	\$ 1,361,216	\$ 9,271,842
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,785,956
124,772	177,080	19,304	-	-	6,435	-	1,556,323
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,660
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119,637
-	-	-	74,392	-	-	-	74,392
-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
124,772	177,080	2,037,397	1,294,368	838,421	672,096	1,381,216	12,846,810
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,369,147
-	-	-	-	-	63,793	-	1,167,313
-	94,420	-	-	865,209	-	-	2,582,921
160,361	-	-	-	-	-	-	160,361
-	-	1,626,600	-	-	-	-	1,626,600
-	82,574	-	-	-	49,223	1,799,380	3,303,321
-	-	-	1,646,078	-	-	-	1,650,428
-	-	-	227,735	-	-	-	228,136
160,361	176,994	1,626,600	1,873,813	865,209	113,016	1,799,380	13,088,227
(35,589)	86	410,797	(579,445)	(26,788)	559,080	(418,164)	(241,417)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,000
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(44,257)
-	-	-	-	-	-	3,625	3,625
-	-	-	-	-	-	3,625	44,368
(35,589)	86	410,797	(579,445)	(26,788)	559,080	(414,539)	(197,049)
134,884	(10,439)	1,659,590	2,404,878	(50,117)	4,878,958	1,486,894	19,019,248
\$ 99,295	\$ (10,353)	\$ 2,070,387	\$ 1,825,433	\$ (76,905)	\$ 5,438,038	\$ 1,072,355	\$ 18,822,199

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,757,809	\$ 157,809
Licenses and permits	-	-	18,660	18,660
Total revenues	<u>1,600,000</u>	<u>1,600,000</u>	<u>1,776,469</u>	<u>176,469</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety	1,600,000	1,579,993	1,412,921	167,072
Capital outlay	-	95,061	25,124	69,937
Total expenditures	<u>1,600,000</u>	<u>1,675,054</u>	<u>1,438,045</u>	<u>237,009</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	(75,054)	338,424	413,478
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>982,141</u>	<u>982,141</u>	<u>982,141</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 982,141</u>	<u>\$ 907,087</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,565</u>	<u>\$ 413,478</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ROAD MAINTENANCE

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,260,000	\$ 1,260,000	\$ 1,410,666	\$ 150,666
Intergovernmental	220,000	220,000	302,947	82,947
Total revenues	<u>1,480,000</u>	<u>1,480,000</u>	<u>1,713,613</u>	<u>233,613</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Transportation	725,000	728,086	1,103,520	(375,434)
Capital outlay	1,800,000	5,517,812	1,154,698	4,363,114
Total expenditures	<u>2,525,000</u>	<u>6,245,898</u>	<u>2,258,218</u>	<u>3,987,680</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,045,000)	(4,765,898)	(544,605)	4,221,293
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>5,378,172</u>	<u>5,378,172</u>	<u>5,378,172</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 4,333,172</u>	<u>\$ 612,274</u>	<u>\$ 4,833,567</u>	<u>\$ 4,221,293</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

911 COMMUNICATIONS

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Other taxes	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 130,502	\$ (89,498)
Intergovernmental	270,000	270,000	831,499	561,499
Total revenues	<u>490,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>962,001</u>	<u>472,001</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety	584,000	584,000	643,299	(59,299)
Capital outlay	400,000	624,644	192,322	432,322
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	4,350	(4,350)
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	401	(401)
Total expenditures	<u>984,000</u>	<u>1,208,644</u>	<u>840,372</u>	<u>368,272</u>
Net change in fund balance	(494,000)	(718,644)	121,629	840,273
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>954,039</u>	<u>954,039</u>	<u>954,039</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 460,039</u>	<u>\$ 235,395</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,668</u>	<u>\$ 840,273</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

SHERIFF'S VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 81,912	\$ 27,912
Total revenues	54,000	54,000	81,912	27,912
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety	123,336	123,336	135,236	(11,900)
Total expenditures	123,336	123,336	135,236	(11,900)
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(69,336)	(69,336)	(53,324)	16,012
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Total other financing sources	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Net change in fund balance	(29,336)	(29,336)	(13,324)	16,012
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	71,689	71,689	71,689	-
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$ 42,353	\$ 42,353	\$ 58,365	\$ 16,012

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SOLICITOR'S VICTIMS ASSISTANCE**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 37,725	\$ 13,725
Total revenues	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>37,725</u>	<u>13,725</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety	77,532	77,532	83,405	(5,873)
Total expenditures	<u>77,532</u>	<u>77,532</u>	<u>83,405</u>	<u>(5,873)</u>
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(53,532)	(53,532)	(45,680)	7,852
Other financing sources				
Transfers in	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
Total other financing sources	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(8,532)	(8,532)	(680)	7,852
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>27,229</u>	<u>27,229</u>	<u>27,229</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 18,697</u>	<u>\$ 18,697</u>	<u>\$ 26,549</u>	<u>\$ 7,852</u>

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
TRI-COUNTY TECH**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,825,000	\$ 1,825,000	\$ 2,018,093	\$ 193,093
Intergovernmental	-	-	19,304	19,304
Total revenues	<u>1,825,000</u>	<u>1,825,000</u>	<u>2,037,397</u>	<u>212,397</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Education	<u>1,626,600</u>	<u>1,626,600</u>	<u>1,626,600</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,626,600</u>	<u>1,626,600</u>	<u>1,626,600</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	198,400	198,400	410,797	212,397
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>1,659,590</u>	<u>1,659,590</u>	<u>1,659,590</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,857,990</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,857,990</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,070,387</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 212,397</u></u>

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
DEBT SERVICE**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,857,268	\$ 1,857,268	\$ 1,219,976	\$ (637,292)
Interest revenue	-	-	74,392	74,392
Total revenues	<u>1,857,268</u>	<u>1,857,268</u>	<u>1,294,368</u>	<u>(562,900)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service				
Principal	1,646,078	1,646,078	1,646,078	-
Interest and fiscal charges	211,190	211,190	227,735	(16,545)
Total expenditures	<u>1,857,268</u>	<u>1,857,268</u>	<u>1,873,813</u>	<u>(16,545)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(579,445)	(579,445)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>2,404,878</u>	<u>2,404,878</u>	<u>2,404,878</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u><u>\$ 2,404,878</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,404,878</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,825,433</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (579,445)</u></u>

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BRIDGES AND CULVERTS CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 590,000	\$ 590,000	\$ 665,661	\$ 75,661
Intergovernmental	-	-	6,435	6,435
Total revenues	<u>590,000</u>	<u>590,000</u>	<u>672,096</u>	<u>82,096</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Transportation	590,000	550,689	63,793	486,896
Capital outlay	-	70,967	49,223	21,744
Total expenditures	<u>590,000</u>	<u>621,656</u>	<u>113,016</u>	<u>508,640</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	(31,656)	559,080	590,736
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>4,878,958</u>	<u>4,878,958</u>	<u>4,878,958</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 4,878,958</u>	<u>\$ 4,847,302</u>	<u>\$ 5,438,038</u>	<u>\$ 590,736</u>

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,221,500	\$ 1,221,500	\$ 1,859,477	\$ 637,977
Intergovernmental	-	-	7,078	7,078
Investment income	-	-	23,677	23,677
Contributions and Donations	125,000	125,000	125,000	-
Other revenue	-	-	109,768	109,768
Total revenues	<u>1,346,500</u>	<u>1,346,500</u>	<u>2,125,000</u>	<u>778,500</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Culture and recreation	-	3,413	15,952	(12,539)
Economic Development	<u>1,346,500</u>	<u>1,357,800</u>	<u>348,697</u>	<u>1,009,103</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,346,500</u>	<u>1,361,213</u>	<u>364,649</u>	<u>996,564</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	(14,713)	1,760,351	1,775,064
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>6,119,954</u>	<u>6,119,954</u>	<u>6,119,954</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u><u>\$ 6,119,954</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,105,241</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,880,305</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,775,064</u></u>

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 770,000	\$ 770,000	\$ 838,421	\$ 68,421
Total revenues	<u>770,000</u>	<u>770,000</u>	<u>838,421</u>	<u>68,421</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Culture and recreation	<u>770,000</u>	<u>1,881,155</u>	<u>865,209</u>	<u>1,015,946</u>
Total expenditures	<u>770,000</u>	<u>1,881,155</u>	<u>865,209</u>	<u>1,015,946</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	(1,111,155)	(26,788)	1,084,367
FUND DEFICITS, beginning of year	<u>(50,117)</u>	<u>(50,117)</u>	<u>(50,117)</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND DEFICITS, end of year	<u>\$ (50,117)</u>	<u>\$ (1,161,272)</u>	<u>\$ (76,905)</u>	<u>\$ 1,084,367</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE CAPITAL PROJECTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 1,361,216	\$ 186,216
Other revenue	75,000	75,000	20,000	(55,000)
Total revenues	<u>1,250,000</u>	<u>1,250,000</u>	<u>1,381,216</u>	<u>131,216</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>2,061,862</u>	<u>1,799,380</u>	<u>262,482</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>2,061,862</u>	<u>1,799,380</u>	<u>262,482</u>
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(50,000)	(811,862)	(418,164)	393,698
Other financing sources				
Sale of capital assets	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>3,625</u>	<u>(46,375)</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>3,625</u>	<u>(46,375)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	(761,862)	(414,539)	347,323
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>1,486,894</u>	<u>1,486,894</u>	<u>1,486,894</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 1,486,894</u>	<u>\$ 725,032</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,355</u>	<u>\$ 347,323</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

The **SCDOC General Fund** accounts for revenues collected by taxes on behalf of the School District of Oconee County for their operations.

The **SCDOC Debt Retirement Fund** accounts for revenues collected by taxes on behalf of the School District of Oconee County for their debt service.

The **Family Court Fund** accounts for State's portion of monies collected by the Clerk of Court from fines, fees, and surcharges related to Family Court.

The **Clerk of Court Fund** receives funds per a court order. Most orders will refer to the power of eminent domain and S.C. Code Section 28-2-0, which allows the funds to be held in an interest-bearing account. The Clerk of Court also collects certain fines to be forwarded to the State.

The **Municipal Tax Fund** accounts for revenues collected by taxes on behalf of the municipalities.

The **Keowee Fire Tax District Fund** accounts for revenues collected by special assessment through taxes on behalf of Keowee Fire Tax District.

The **Magistrate Cash Bond/Juror Fund** is used to account for fines and fees of the County Magistrates. The funds are forwarded to the State Treasurer.

The **Register of Deeds Fund** accounts for monies held in escrow for a mechanics lien. This is a legal claim against a property owner by the builder/supplier for outstanding balances due for improvements made to the property.

The **Delinquent Tax Fund** is used to account for monies collected at delinquent tax sales.

The **Sheriff's Office Fund** accounts for seizures and forfeitures pending the outcome of court trials.

The **Probate Judge Fund** accounts for fees retained by the Probate Court.

The **Solicitor's Worthless Check Program Fund** accounts for Solicitor's retained portion of bad check collections.

The **Fireman's Insurance Fund** receives tax monies from the State divided among qualifying member fire departments to be used for the betterment and maintenance of skillful and efficient fire departments within our State.

The **Employee Health Flex Spending Fund** accounts for funds deducted from employees' paycheck, pre-tax, to pay for healthcare and dependent care expenses.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

CUSTODIAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)

The **Pickens County Fund** accounts for tax monies collected for an economic development tool through a multicounty business park.

The **Anderson County Fund** accounts for tax monies collected for an economic development tool through a multicounty business park.

The **Community Development Fund** accounts for monies held in escrow for subdivision development.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

	SCDOC General Fund	SCDOC Debt Retirement	Family Court	Clerk of Court	Municipal Tax Fund	Keowee Fire Tax District	Magistrate Cash Bond/ Juror Fund	Register of Deeds	Delinquent Tax Fund
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 882,982	\$ 22,750,738	\$ 16,648	\$ 718,941	\$ 295,027	\$ 4,046	\$ 151,765	\$ 20,165	\$ 1,562,703
Taxes receivable	1,240,814	364,560	-	-	154,955	3,157	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,383
Total assets	2,123,796	23,115,298	16,648	718,941	449,982	7,203	151,765	20,165	1,566,086
LIABILITIES									
Due to others	882,982	22,750,738	16,648	60,381	295,027	4,046	151,765	20,165	1,566,086
Uncollected taxes	1,240,814	364,560	-	-	154,955	3,157	-	-	-
Total liabilities	2,123,796	23,115,298	16,648	60,381	449,982	7,203	151,765	20,165	1,566,086
NET POSITION									
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	-	-	-	658,560	-	-	-	-	-
Total net position	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 658,560	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Sheriff's Office	Probate Judge	Solicitor's Worthless Check Program	Fireman's Insurance	Employee Health Flex Spending	Pickens County	Anderson County	Community Development	Total
\$ 230,613	\$ 19,503	\$ 4,337	\$ 22,901	\$ -	\$ 65,809	\$ -	\$ 656,970	\$ 27,403,148
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,763,486
-	-	-	279,313	-	-	-	-	282,696
230,613	19,503	4,337	302,214	-	65,809	-	656,970	29,449,330
230,613	19,503	4,337	-	-	65,809	-	656,970	26,725,070
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,763,486
230,613	19,503	4,337	-	-	65,809	-	656,970	28,488,556
-	-	-	\$ 302,214	\$ -	-	-	-	960,774
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 302,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960,774

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	SCDOC General Fund	SCDOC Debt Retirement	Family Court	Clerk of Court	Municipal Tax Fund	Keowee Fire Tax District	Magistrate Cash Bond/ Juror Fund	Register of Deeds	Delinquent Tax Fund
ADDITIONS									
Interest income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Taxes	79,790,735	45,537,313	-	-	4,388,792	1,046,784	-	-	1,985,538
Fines and fees	-	-	731,625	-	-	-	1,257,278	20,146	-
Criminal and civil bonds	-	-	-	1,937,469	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds collected	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total additions	79,790,735	45,537,313	731,625	1,937,469	4,388,792	1,046,784	1,257,278	20,146	1,985,538
DEDUCTIONS									
Taxes and fees paid to other governments	79,790,735	45,537,313	-	-	4,388,792	1,046,784	-	-	1,985,538
Funds disbursed per court order	-	-	-	1,974,439	-	-	1,257,278	-	-
Other funds disbursed	-	-	731,625	-	-	-	-	20,146	-
Total deductions	79,790,735	45,537,313	731,625	1,974,439	4,388,792	1,046,784	1,257,278	20,146	1,985,538
Change in fiduciary net position	-	-	-	(36,970)	-	-	-	-	-
Net position, beginning of year	-	-	-	695,530	-	-	-	-	-
Net position, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 658,560	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Sheriff's Office	Probate Judge	Solicitor's Worthless Check Program	Fireman's Insurance	Employee Health Flex Spending	Pickens County	Anderson County	Community Development	Total
\$ -	\$ 4,869	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,869
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132,749,162
567,621	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,576,670
-	-	1,250	-	-	65,839	2,771	-	2,007,329
-	-	-	310,490	115,851	-	-	823,915	1,250,256
567,621	4,869	1,250	310,490	115,851	65,839	2,771	823,915	138,588,286
567,621	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133,316,783
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,231,717
-	4,869	1,250	8,276	115,851	65,839	2,771	823,915	1,774,542
567,621	4,869	1,250	8,276	115,851	65,839	2,771	823,915	138,323,042
-	-	-	302,214	-	-	-	-	265,244
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	695,530
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 302,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960,774

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF COURT FINES, ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES (per ACT 96)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

FOR THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE:

COUNTY / MUNICIPAL FUNDS COLLECTED BY CLERK OF COURT	<u>General Sessions</u>	<u>Magistrate Court</u>	<u>Municipal Court</u>	<u>Total</u>
Court Fines and Assessments:				
Court fines and assessments collected	\$ 80,019	\$ 884,944	N/A	\$ 964,963
Court fines and assessments remitted to State Treasurer	42,294	500,146	N/A	542,440
Total Court Fines and Assessments retained	\$ 37,725	\$ 384,798	N/A	\$ 422,523
Surcharges and Assessments retained for victim services:				
Surcharges collected and retained	\$ 34,869	\$ 28,136	N/A	\$ 63,005
Assessments retained	2,856	39,854	N/A	42,710
Total Surcharges and Assessments retained for victim services	\$ 37,725	\$ 67,990	N/A	\$ 105,715

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION (DCVC)

<u>VICTIM SERVICE FUNDS COLLECTED</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Carryforward from Previous Year – Beginning Balance	N/A	\$ 98,918	\$ 98,918
<u>Victim Service Revenue:</u>			
Victim Service Fines Retained by City/County Treasurer	N/A	-	-
Victim Service Assessments Retained by City/County Treasurer	N/A	42,710	42,710
Victim Service Surcharges Retained by City/County Treasurer	N/A	63,005	63,005
Interest Earned	N/A	-	-
Grant Funds Received			
Grant from:	N/A	-	-
General Funds Transferred to Victim Service Fund	N/A	85,000	85,000
Contribution Received from Victim Service Contracts:			
(1) City of Westminster	N/A	13,922	13,922
(2) Town of West Union	N/A	-	-
(3) City of	N/A	-	-
Total Funds Allocated to Victim Service Fund + Beginning Balance (A)	N/A	\$ 303,555	\$ 303,555

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF COURT FINES, ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES (per ACT 96)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

<u>Expenditures for Victim Service Program:</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and Benefits	N/A	\$ 218,641	\$ 218,641
Operating Expenditures	N/A	-	-
Victim Service Contract(s):			
(1) Entity's Name:	N/A	-	-
(2) Entity's Name	N/A	-	-
Victim Service Donation(s):			
(1) Domestic Violence Shelter:	N/A	-	-
(2) Rape Crisis Center:	N/A	-	-
(3) Other local direct crime victims service agency:	N/A	-	-
Transferred to General Fund	N/A	-	-
Total Expenditures from Victim Service Fund/Program (B)	N/A	218,641	218,641
Total Victim Service Funds Retained by Municipal/County Treasurer (A-B)	N/A	84,914	84,914
Less: Prior Year Fund Deficit Repayment	N/A	-	-
Carryforward Funds – End of Year	N/A	\$ 84,914	\$ 84,914

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the County's comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, required supplementary information, and supplementary information says about the County's overall financial health.

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Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the County's financial reports for the relevant year.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

NET POSITION BY ACTIVITY LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Governmental Activities										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 98,724,529	\$ 115,776,114	\$ 117,641,741	\$ 115,481,202	\$ 111,858,197	\$ 111,079,685	\$ 110,011,100	\$ 110,968,422	\$ 112,554,496	\$ 121,713,629
Restricted	3,974,459	4,547,704	11,572,618	11,854,956	11,397,155	15,471,375	15,308,681	18,818,076	18,686,699	22,434,492
Unrestricted	41,790,290	(2,830,210)	(9,444,689)	(11,276,727)	(23,584,421)	(22,313,815)	(20,026,233)	(22,196,355)	(19,390,641)	(21,319,758)
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	144,489,278	117,493,608	119,769,670	116,059,431	99,670,931	104,237,245	105,293,548	107,590,143	111,850,554	122,828,363
Business-type Activities										
Net investment in capital assets	15,418,889	15,676,314	15,453,880	3,544,055	3,527,427	5,323,696	6,574,367	7,750,530	7,715,190	8,489,826
Unrestricted	(1,746,495)	(4,596,442)	(4,746,933)	627,854	5,079,971	5,420,611	6,006,659	6,487,397	7,088,225	7,021,584
Total Business-type Activities Net Position	13,672,394	11,079,872	10,706,947	4,171,909	8,607,398	10,744,307	12,581,026	14,237,927	14,803,415	15,511,410
Primary Government										
Net investment in capital assets	114,143,418	131,452,428	133,095,621	119,025,257	115,385,624	116,403,381	116,585,467	118,718,952	120,269,686	130,203,455
Restricted	3,974,459	4,547,704	11,572,618	11,854,956	11,397,155	15,471,375	15,308,681	18,818,076	18,686,699	22,434,492
Unrestricted	40,043,795	(7,426,652)	(14,191,622)	(10,648,873)	(18,504,450)	(16,893,204)	(14,019,574)	(15,708,958)	(12,302,416)	(14,298,174)
Total Primary Government Net Position	<u>\$ 158,161,672</u>	<u>\$ 128,573,480</u>	<u>\$ 130,476,617</u>	<u>\$ 120,231,340</u>	<u>\$ 108,278,329</u>	<u>\$ 114,981,552</u>	<u>\$ 117,874,574</u>	<u>\$ 121,828,070</u>	<u>\$ 126,653,969</u>	<u>\$ 138,339,773</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

CHANGE IN NET POSITION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Expenses										
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>										
General government	\$ 10,047,351	\$ 10,126,223	\$ 15,373,751	\$ 14,146,220	\$ 13,350,317	\$ 10,026,571	\$ 14,635,751	\$ 17,117,584	\$ 17,342,105	\$ 18,637,878
Public safety	20,131,431	20,502,284	19,750,046	21,736,482	24,291,184	24,773,993	27,889,318	29,284,748	30,728,185	30,024,189
Transportation	8,008,004	6,916,146	6,360,354	7,667,087	6,693,782	7,146,148	6,265,856	6,362,138	7,280,152	6,946,091
Public works	3,897,503	3,887,619	2,218,478	5,632,511	4,350,823	4,455,182	4,246,061	5,044,049	5,325,355	6,323,646
Culture and recreation	3,213,785	3,343,201	3,314,681	2,227,271	3,597,829	3,664,448	3,968,598	4,379,793	6,023,945	6,247,330
Judicial services	3,046,553	3,233,141	3,098,182	3,153,126	3,214,237	3,076,497	3,201,903	3,446,141	3,850,018	3,741,672
Education	1,041,785	1,066,000	1,086,000	1,065,999	1,512,498	1,590,397	1,480,801	1,645,262	1,580,200	1,626,600
Health and welfare	1,057,650	400,441	542,478	534,108	510,848	537,987	510,409	449,441	709,272	657,875
Economic development	2,454,331	1,291,090	891,864	3,858,741	7,167,155	2,008,744	2,430,204	1,692,324	1,778,067	1,771,694
Unallocated interest expense	852,127	642,981	648,480	614,791	551,023	512,965	559,065	342,443	329,999	328,656
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	53,750,520	51,409,126	53,284,314	60,636,336	65,239,696	57,792,932	65,187,966	69,763,923	74,947,298	76,305,631
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>										
Rock Quarry	2,725,580	2,760,715	3,151,400	3,153,499	3,590,313	3,603,955	3,940,079	4,258,105	5,954,222	7,593,967
FOCUS	1,606,703	2,324,110	2,672,861	9,082,810	-	-	-	-	934,000	-
Total Business-type Activities Expense	4,332,283	5,084,825	5,824,261	12,236,309	3,590,313	3,603,955	3,940,079	4,258,105	6,888,222	7,593,967
Total Primary Government Expenses	58,082,803	56,493,951	59,108,575	72,872,645	68,830,009	61,396,887	69,128,045	74,022,028	81,835,520	83,899,598
Program Revenues										
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>										
Charges for services										
General government	743,811	957,289	1,102,851	1,131,063	1,309,495	1,364,494	1,521,657	2,036,540	2,216,793	2,186,858
Public safety	1,050,750	1,121,939	945,391	1,094,335	1,335,346	1,278,747	1,355,323	1,676,833	4,065,864	5,918,067
Transportation	842,073	840,747	839,311	999,702	1,085,477	1,331,871	1,262,152	1,528,774	2,638,794	1,881,059
Public works	1,202,131	1,143,107	1,321,487	1,406,614	1,652,254	1,648,864	2,116,435	2,473,967	3,134,799	3,062,627
Culture and recreation	377,862	378,066	468,321	531,420	571,045	589,759	504,216	783,121	767,681	778,349
Judicial services	907,605	779,808	746,975	747,257	796,027	730,935	793,387	876,064	902,507	963,465
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Economic development	-	-	850	226	-	-	75	-	325	1,200
Operating grants and contributions	1,925,061	1,888,624	2,407,575	2,914,832	2,337,922	3,780,260	3,139,229	4,416,023	6,229,950	3,059,683
Capital grants and contributions	2,022,895	2,531,412	1,755,317	1,159,095	1,263,529	1,258,895	2,050,616	3,280,791	2,390,804	7,495,988
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	9,072,188	9,640,992	9,588,078	9,984,544	10,351,095	11,983,825	12,743,090	17,072,113	22,347,517	25,347,296
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>										
Charges for services										
Rock Quarry	3,393,169	478,009	907,397	5,231,620	5,869,860	6,109,579	6,469,063	6,643,233	7,488,294	9,284,960
FOCUS	44,879	4,166,519	5,021,553	969,651	235,430	-	-	-	-	-
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	7,660	-	-	-	-	-
Total Business-type Activities Program Revenues	3,438,048	4,644,528	5,928,950	6,201,271	6,112,950	6,109,579	6,469,063	6,643,233	7,488,294	9,284,960
Total Primary Government Program Revenues	\$ 12,510,236	\$ 14,285,520	\$ 15,517,028	\$ 16,185,815	\$ 16,464,045	\$ 18,093,404	\$ 19,212,153	\$ 23,715,346	\$ 29,835,811	\$ 34,632,256

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

CHANGE IN NET POSITION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Net (Expense) Revenue										
Governmental Activities	\$ (44,678,332)	\$ (41,768,134)	\$ (43,696,236)	\$ (50,651,792)	\$ (54,888,601)	\$ (45,809,107)	\$ (52,444,876)	\$ (52,691,810)	\$ (52,599,781)	\$ (50,958,335)
Business-type Activities	(894,235)	(440,297)	104,689	(6,035,038)	2,522,637	2,505,624	2,528,984	2,385,128	600,072	1,690,993
Total Primary Government	(45,572,567)	(42,208,431)	(43,591,547)	(56,686,830)	(52,365,964)	(43,303,483)	(49,915,892)	(50,306,682)	(51,999,709)	(49,267,342)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position										
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>										
Property taxes	39,926,946	40,208,079	41,172,258	42,188,898	43,219,013	44,172,858	46,988,932	49,241,399	52,080,875	52,932,174
Other taxes and licenses	843,741	883,996	896,899	1,027,358	1,017,648	1,056,328	1,197,946	1,656,480	1,935,598	2,049,074
Unrestricted grants and contributions	2,743,615	2,760,812	2,753,991	2,881,355	2,831,768	2,859,287	2,986,063	3,040,980	2,326,642	3,930,293
Unrestricted investment earnings	483,260	521,943	546,936	232,848	401,360	1,031,888	959,496	102,137	73,206	1,775,313
Miscellaneous	-	203,750	118,692	111,094	620,830	755,060	618,742	197,409	377,871	249,290
Transfers	1,583,009	750,000	483,522	500,000	(2,440,828)	500,000	750,000	750,000	66,000	1,000,000
Total Governmental Activities	45,580,571	45,328,580	45,972,298	46,941,553	45,649,791	50,375,421	53,501,179	54,988,405	56,860,192	61,936,144
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>										
Investment earnings (losses)	(1,552)	13,883	5,908	-	5,211	131,285	57,735	1,773	-	(2,998)
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	31,416	20,000
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(1,583,009)	(750,000)	(483,522)	(500,000)	2,440,828	(500,000)	(750,000)	(750,000)	(66,000)	(1,000,000)
Total Business-type Activities	(1,584,561)	(736,117)	(477,614)	(500,000)	2,446,039	(368,715)	(692,265)	(728,227)	(34,584)	(982,998)
Total Primary Government	43,996,010	44,592,463	45,494,684	46,441,553	48,095,830	50,006,706	52,808,914	54,260,178	56,825,608	60,953,146
Change in Net Position										
Governmental Activities	902,239	3,560,446	2,276,062	(3,710,239)	(9,238,810)	4,566,314	1,056,303	2,296,595	4,260,411	10,977,809
Business-type Activities	(2,478,796)	(1,176,414)	(372,925)	(6,535,038)	4,968,676	2,136,909	1,836,719	1,656,901	565,488	707,995
Total Primary Government	\$ (1,576,557)	\$ 2,384,032	\$ 1,903,137	\$ (10,245,277)	\$ (4,270,134)	\$ 6,703,223	\$ 2,893,022	\$ 3,953,496	\$ 4,825,899	\$ 11,685,804

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Fund										
Nondisposable	\$ 7,974,903	\$ 7,893,345	\$ 10,178,225	\$ 12,330,060	\$ 8,722,562	\$ 8,747,207	\$ 8,762,306	\$ 8,738,247	\$ 8,708,206	\$ 8,696,347
Assigned	6,201,707	5,859,340	6,305,588	5,402,720	5,050,838	6,100,003	7,373,459	4,814,094	6,318,714	6,014,858
Unassigned	7,956,354	7,680,785	5,778,824	6,003,573	6,412,141	7,172,523	9,478,187	11,122,634	11,260,698	10,823,863
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 22,132,964</u>	<u>\$ 21,433,470</u>	<u>\$ 22,262,637</u>	<u>\$ 23,736,353</u>	<u>\$ 20,185,541</u>	<u>\$ 22,019,733</u>	<u>\$ 25,613,952</u>	<u>\$ 24,674,975</u>	<u>\$ 26,287,618</u>	<u>\$ 25,535,068</u>
All Other Governmental Funds										
Nondisposable	\$ 5,715,670	\$ 6,007,910	\$ 6,157,338	\$ 6,105,946	\$ 2,467,749	\$ 2,739,597	\$ 2,476,938	\$ 2,242,188	\$ -	\$ 1,914,416
Restricted	23,056,108	12,010,393	11,572,618	11,854,956	11,397,155	15,471,375	15,308,681	18,818,076	18,686,699	22,434,492
Committed	-	1,830,000	1,900,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	1,418,771	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,402,429	3,929,560	7,513,766	4,024,209
Unassigned	-	(5,430)	(22,528)	-	-	(5,781)	(114,728)	(479,525)	(60,556)	(87,258)
Total all other governmental funds	<u>\$ 30,190,549</u>	<u>\$ 19,842,873</u>	<u>\$ 20,107,428</u>	<u>\$ 18,460,902</u>	<u>\$ 14,364,904</u>	<u>\$ 18,705,191</u>	<u>\$ 21,073,320</u>	<u>\$ 24,510,299</u>	<u>\$ 26,139,909</u>	<u>\$ 28,285,859</u>
Total all governmental funds	<u>\$ 52,323,513</u>	<u>\$ 41,276,343</u>	<u>\$ 42,370,065</u>	<u>\$ 42,197,255</u>	<u>\$ 34,550,445</u>	<u>\$ 40,724,924</u>	<u>\$ 46,687,272</u>	<u>\$ 49,185,274</u>	<u>\$ 52,427,527</u>	<u>\$ 53,820,927</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues										
Property taxes	\$ 39,752,966	\$ 40,022,706	\$ 41,403,551	\$ 42,157,936	\$ 42,783,917	\$ 44,635,982	\$ 46,882,306	\$ 49,454,841	\$ 52,379,127	\$ 52,793,593
Other taxes	636,153	692,870	774,943	837,018	734,169	834,276	942,497	1,403,293	1,676,595	1,785,956
Intergovernmental	6,335,362	7,145,213	6,609,118	6,151,473	5,432,437	8,583,227	7,863,095	8,648,104	13,756,801	17,907,514
Licenses, permits and fees	2,942,232	3,136,565	3,329,718	3,563,396	4,449,954	4,298,972	5,210,108	6,441,152	7,196,258	7,256,255
Fines and forfeitures	462,505	397,280	349,825	443,592	331,778	378,436	340,230	366,767	361,842	440,290
Charges for services	1,706,415	1,511,531	1,548,745	1,907,558	2,051,240	2,193,336	2,053,879	2,554,699	4,085,819	3,099,568
Interest and investment income	483,260	521,943	546,936	232,848	401,360	1,031,888	959,496	102,137	73,206	1,775,313
Contributions and donations	-	-	-	729,342	100,740	299,936	141,558	69,962	55,502	257,583
Miscellaneous and other	563,502	402,341	626,619	260,878	225,422	260,459	847,766	511,478	536,009	872,472
Total Revenues	52,882,395	53,830,449	55,189,455	56,284,041	56,511,017	62,516,512	65,240,935	69,552,433	80,121,159	86,188,544
Expenditures										
General government	9,605,045	9,340,206	10,619,326	10,139,720	12,610,766	10,312,858	11,208,161	14,756,812	17,800,280	15,187,643
Public safety	18,289,706	19,528,060	19,259,455	21,856,373	21,332,622	23,983,321	24,172,648	27,881,321	29,906,485	29,062,690
Transportation	5,642,616	5,372,448	4,093,358	4,635,820	4,149,598	4,849,354	4,321,096	4,549,609	5,436,795	6,073,171
Public works	3,539,178	3,712,590	3,800,049	4,266,899	4,338,179	4,302,740	4,405,737	5,024,846	5,581,361	6,346,681
Culture and recreation	3,051,999	3,171,835	3,420,174	3,489,308	3,636,466	3,514,396	4,571,939	4,205,517	6,013,147	6,389,834
Judicial services	2,713,121	2,901,655	2,796,960	2,829,668	2,819,197	2,878,201	3,094,464	3,123,100	3,523,941	3,410,134
Education	1,041,785	1,066,000	1,086,000	1,065,999	1,512,498	1,590,397	1,535,801	1,645,262	1,580,200	1,626,600
Health and welfare	939,131	395,228	403,368	396,721	424,825	403,852	378,595	328,217	586,256	535,219
Economic development	8,809,901	1,885,090	884,078	4,443,777	6,719,429	1,576,508	1,967,136	1,185,333	1,226,336	1,231,199
Capital outlay	4,989,163	14,342,987	8,766,134	3,237,920	2,367,763	1,702,637	4,320,112	5,178,787	4,411,542	14,221,681
Debt service										
Principal retirement	6,298,106	3,478,508	3,257,148	3,383,237	2,678,490	2,279,400	2,398,783	3,023,723	2,421,127	2,805,161
Interest and fiscal charges	856,521	743,870	645,774	644,171	606,591	580,865	648,878	328,609	329,637	323,947
Bond issue costs	102,756	-	50,500	63,000	20,000	-	23,000	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	65,879,028	65,938,477	59,082,324	60,452,613	63,216,424	57,974,529	63,046,350	71,231,136	78,817,107	87,213,960
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(12,996,633)	(12,108,028)	(3,892,869)	(4,168,572)	(6,705,407)	4,541,983	2,194,585	(1,678,703)	1,304,052	(1,025,416)

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Sale of capital assets	\$ -	\$ 107,108	\$ 165,899	\$ 84,668	\$ -	\$ 67,189	\$ 12,004	\$ 127,168	\$ 73,844	\$ 5,116
Insurance recoveries	-	203,750	118,692	111,094	620,830	553,807	50,659	9,190	143,969	229,290
Bonds, leases, and financed purchases	4,998,150	-	4,200,000	3,300,000	878,595	511,500	10,200,000	3,290,347	1,654,388	1,184,410
Payments to refunding bonds escrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,244,900)	-	-	-
Transfer in	3,100,368	894,582	1,317,121	4,508,152	726,003	1,199,847	1,299,347	936,441	1,925,084	1,382,013
Transfer out	(1,517,358)	(144,582)	(815,121)	(4,008,152)	(3,166,831)	(699,847)	(549,347)	(186,441)	(1,859,084)	(382,013)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	6,581,160	1,060,858	4,986,591	3,995,762	(941,403)	1,632,496	3,767,763	4,176,705	1,938,201	2,418,816
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (6,415,473)</u>	<u>\$ (11,047,170)</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,722</u>	<u>\$ (172,810)</u>	<u>\$ (7,646,810)</u>	<u>\$ 6,174,479</u>	<u>\$ 5,962,348</u>	<u>\$ 2,498,002</u>	<u>\$ 3,242,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,393,400</u>
Debt Service as a Percentage of										
Noncapital Expenditures*	165.00%	9.28%	22.36%	8.71%	6.73%	5.48%	4.88%	4.71%	3.92%	4.35%

* Noncapital expenditures are total expenditures less capital outlay (to the extent capitalized for the government-wide statement of net position) and expenditures for capitalized assets included within the functional expenditure categories. This formula adds "functional" and "principal" and divides them by the "total expenditures" minus the "capital outlay."

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Real Property	Personal Property	Other	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value	Taxable Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Taxable Value
2014	\$ 322,552,303	\$ 41,212,757	\$ 157,529,631	\$ 521,294,691	71.0	\$ 9,142,100,263	5.70%
2015	320,742,833	40,299,075	164,301,126	525,343,034	71.0	9,169,352,176	5.73%
2016	323,167,245	42,705,030	180,421,797	546,294,072	71.0	9,438,560,789	5.79%
2017	333,937,375	42,504,784	183,478,946	559,921,105	71.0	9,511,692,773	5.89%
2018	335,399,830	42,663,982	190,688,108	568,751,920	71.0	9,622,040,752	5.91%
2019	342,029,234	44,396,985	190,205,574	576,631,793	72.7	9,827,455,009	5.87%
2020	349,404,947	48,724,000	171,731,216	569,860,163	77.4	9,870,473,481	5.77%
2021	360,945,320	52,374,432	186,068,558	599,388,310	77.4	10,326,754,952	5.80%
2022	378,413,820	57,131,129	209,036,011	644,580,960	76.4	10,952,700,780	5.89%
2023	396,731,820	62,560,799	218,420,266	677,712,885	73.4	11,482,399,005	5.90%

Source: Oconee County Auditor

Note:

The 2020 reassessment was delayed one year by County Council vote and was implemented in fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Oconee County Direct Rates										
Operating	57.60	57.60	57.60	60.40	60.30	62.50	63.90	63.90	63.90	60.90
Debt service	6.00	6.00	6.00	3.20	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00
Economic development	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	1.10	1.10	2.40	2.40	2.40	1.10
Bridges and culverts	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Capital vehicle and equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Road maintenance	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10
Parks, recreation and tourism	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30
Tri-County Tech operations	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Total County Millage	<u>71.00</u>	<u>71.00</u>	<u>71.00</u>	<u>71.00</u>	<u>71.00</u>	<u>72.70</u>	<u>77.40</u>	<u>77.40</u>	<u>76.40</u>	<u>73.40</u>
Overlapping Rates										
School District										
Operations	110.10	110.10	110.10	110.10	115.30	115.30	116.50	116.50	115.70	111.60
Debt service	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	30.00
Total School Millage	<u>141.10</u>	<u>141.10</u>	<u>141.10</u>	<u>141.10</u>	<u>146.30</u>	<u>146.30</u>	<u>147.50</u>	<u>147.50</u>	<u>146.70</u>	<u>141.60</u>
Special District Rates										
City of Salem	34.90	36.40	36.40	36.40	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00	37.00
City of Seneca	55.30	55.30	55.30	59.30	60.50	62.70	62.70	62.70	62.70	62.70
City of Walhalla	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00
City of West Union	46.00	46.00	48.30	48.80	48.80	50.30	80.30	50.30	51.80	51.80
City of Westminster	90.70	97.30	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.30
Unincorp. Fire Special District	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90
Keowee Fire Special District	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Total Special District Millage	<u>328.30</u>	<u>336.40</u>	<u>340.70</u>	<u>345.20</u>	<u>347.00</u>	<u>350.70</u>	<u>380.70</u>	<u>353.70</u>	<u>355.20</u>	<u>355.20</u>
Total Direct and Overlapping Rates	<u>540.40</u>	<u>548.50</u>	<u>552.80</u>	<u>557.30</u>	<u>564.30</u>	<u>569.70</u>	<u>605.60</u>	<u>578.60</u>	<u>578.30</u>	<u>570.20</u>

Source: Oconee County Auditor

Note:

Overlapping rates are those of local and county governments that apply to property owners within Oconee County, South Carolina. Not all overlapping rates apply to all Oconee County, South Carolina property owners (e.g., the rates for the city or special district apply only to the portion of the government's property owners whose property is located within the geographic boundaries of the city or special district).

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

Taxpayer	2023			Taxpayer	2014		
	Taxable Assessed Value*	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value		Taxable Assessed Value*	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Value
Duke Energy Corporation	\$180,925,550	1	26.70%	Duke Energy Corporation	\$132,543,080	1	25.43%
Blue Ridge Electric Coop Inc.	10,520,490	2	1.55%	Blue Ridge Electric Coop Inc	6,597,510	2	1.27%
BorgWarner	5,431,097	3	0.80%	BASF Catalyst LLC	4,149,562	3	0.80%
Sandvik Inc.	3,418,169	4	0.50%	Sandvic Inc	3,488,403	4	0.67%
BASF Catalyst, LLC	3,260,440	5	0.48%	Covidien	3,245,682	5	0.62%
Cryovac Inc.	2,928,585	6	0.43%	Cryovac Inc	2,843,080	6	0.55%
Clairos, LLC	2,851,299	7	0.42%	Itron Electricity Metering Inc	2,489,118	7	0.48%
Itron Electricity Metering Inc.	2,640,368	8	0.39%	Borg Warner Torq Systems Inc	2,340,041	8	0.45%
Epoch Clemson, LLC	2,389,249	9	0.35%	Bellsouth Communications Inc	1,904,150	9	0.37%
US Engine Valve Company	2,388,698	10	0.35%	High Pointe LLC	1,891,360	10	0.36%
Total	<u>\$216,753,945</u>		31.98%		<u>\$161,491,986</u>		30.98%
Total Gross Digest Assessment	<u>\$677,712,885</u>			Total Gross Digest Assessment	<u>\$521,294,691</u>		

Source: Oconee County Auditor

* Actual

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Tax Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2014	\$ 36,786,238	\$ 35,519,419	96.56%	\$ 735,590	\$ 36,255,009	98.56%
2015	37,438,922	36,298,823	96.95%	703,580	37,002,403	98.83%
2016	40,371,126	39,275,957	97.29%	698,132	39,974,089	99.02%
2017	41,052,706	40,031,849	97.51%	824,757	40,856,606	99.52%
2018	42,030,767	40,696,615	96.83%	1,003,673	41,700,288	99.21%
2019	43,593,364	42,454,574	97.39%	899,927	43,354,501	99.45%
2020	45,759,771	44,454,949	97.15%	1,205,330	45,660,279	99.78%
2021	48,130,881	46,842,979	97.32%	1,179,591	48,022,570	99.77%
2022	49,181,527	48,131,649	97.87%	981,143	49,112,792	99.86%
2023	50,946,493	49,772,234	97.70%	1,070,908	50,843,142	99.80%

Source: Oconee County Treasurer

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RATIO OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Governmental Activities				Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income ¹	Per Capita ¹
	General Obligation Bonds	Special Source Revenue Bonds	Special Source Refunding Revenue Bonds	Financed Purchases	Revenue Bond	Financed Purchases			
2014	\$ 17,839,292	\$ -	\$ 2,993,000	\$ 2,987,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,820,289	0.9%	319
2015	15,645,178	-	2,758,000	1,844,489	-	-	20,247,667	0.7%	267
2016	13,380,747	-	2,516,000	5,214,340	-	-	21,111,087	0.7%	276
2017	15,311,581	-	2,267,000	3,385,104	-	-	20,963,685	0.7%	271
2018	14,174,077	-	2,011,000	2,923,622	-	6,552,500	25,661,199	0.8%	330
2019	13,510,332	-	1,749,000	2,028,776	-	6,110,894	23,399,002	0.8%	286
2020	13,022,485	-	1,476,000	3,299,813	-	5,660,822	23,459,120	0.7%	295
2021	11,604,809	-	1,198,000	5,259,473	-	5,192,162	23,254,444	0.6%	291
2022	10,268,283	-	909,000	5,968,985	-	4,704,146	21,850,414	0.6%	276
2023	10,014,102	-	615,000	5,033,530	-	4,195,975	19,858,607	0.5%	253

Source: Oconee County Finance Department

¹ See the table for Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data used for these calculations.

Notes:

Additional details regarding the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RATIOS OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	General Bonded Debt Outstanding			Ratio of Net Bonded Debt to Assessed Value ¹	Net Bonded Debt Per Capita ²
	General Obligation Bonds	Less: Amount Available in Debt Service Fund	Total Net Bonded Debt		
2014	\$ 17,839,292	\$ 1,095,802	\$ 16,743,490	3.21%	\$ 224
2015	15,645,178	1,682,706	13,962,472	2.66%	184
2016	13,380,747	1,628,323	11,752,424	2.15%	154
2017	15,311,581	352,295	14,959,286	2.67%	194
2018	14,174,077	1,051,918	13,122,159	2.31%	169
2019	13,510,332	1,414,846	12,095,486	2.01%	148
2020	13,022,485	1,717,787	11,304,698	1.98%	142
2021	11,604,809	2,107,893	9,496,916	1.58%	119
2022	10,268,283	2,037,867	8,230,416	1.28%	104
2023	10,014,102	1,596,485	8,417,617	1.24%	107

Source: Oconee County Finance Department

¹ See the table for Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property for total taxable assessed value used for these calculations.

² See the table for Demographic and Economic Statistics for the population used for these calculations.

Note:

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

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT
AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Estimated Percent Applicable ¹</u>	<u>Estimated Share of Direct and Overlapping Debt</u>
Direct Debt:			
Oconee County	\$ 15,662,632	100.00%	<u>\$ 15,662,632</u>
Overlapping Debt:			
School District of Oconee County	59,117,480	100.00%	59,117,480
<u>Incorporated Municipalities</u>			
Town of West Union	-	0.28%	-
Town of Salem	-	0.25%	-
City of Walhalla	796,287	1.50%	11,958
City of Westminster	27,961	1.05%	294
City of Seneca	2,953,349	6.55%	193,478
<u>Special Purpose Districts</u>			
Unincorp. Fire Special District	-	90.36%	-
Keowee Fire District	321,447	8.88%	28,544
Total Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt			<u>59,351,754</u>
Total Estimated Share of Direct and Overlapping Debt			<u>\$ 75,014,386</u>

Sources: Oconee County Finance Department and Oconee County Auditor

¹ Estimated percent applicable is determined by the ratio of assessed valuation of real property subject to taxation in the overlapping entity to the valuation of real property subject to taxation in the entire County.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2023

Assessed valuation	\$ 677,712,885
Debt limit - eight percent of total assessed value	\$ 54,217,031
Debt applicable to limit:	
General obligation bonds	10,014,102
Less: amount set aside for repayment of general obligation bonds	<u>(1,596,485)</u>
Debt qualifying for margin	<u>8,417,617</u>
Legal debt margin	<u><u>\$ 45,799,414</u></u>

	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assessed value of taxable property	\$ 521,294,691	\$ 525,343,034	\$ 546,294,072	\$ 559,921,105	\$ 568,571,920	\$ 576,631,793	\$ 569,860,163	\$ 599,388,310	\$ 644,580,960	\$ 677,712,885
Legal debt limit*	\$ 41,703,575	\$ 42,027,443	\$ 43,703,526	\$ 44,793,688	\$ 45,500,154	\$ 46,130,543	\$ 45,588,813	\$ 47,951,065	\$ 51,566,477	\$ 54,217,031
Net debt applicable to limit	<u>16,054,198</u>	<u>13,282,472</u>	<u>11,157,424</u>	<u>14,454,286</u>	<u>12,712,573</u>	<u>11,785,454</u>	<u>11,096,091</u>	<u>8,973,240</u>	<u>7,289,541</u>	<u>8,417,617</u>
Legal debt margin	<u><u>\$ 25,649,377</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,744,971</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,546,102</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,339,402</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,787,581</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,345,089</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,492,722</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,977,825</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 44,276,936</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 45,799,414</u></u>
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	38.50%	31.60%	25.53%	32.27%	27.94%	25.55%	24.34%	18.71%	14.14%	15.53%

Source: Oconee County Auditor and Oconee County Treasurer

* Calculated at eight percent of the total taxable assessed value.

Note:

Under South Carolina Constitution Article X, Section 14, 7(a), Oconee County's outstanding general obligation debt should not exceed 8 percent of the total assessed property value.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

PLEDGED REVENUE COVERAGE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

2010 Special Source Revenue Bonds - Pointe West Project					
Year	Fee in Lieu of Taxes	Debt Service Requirements			Coverage
		Principal ¹	Interest	Total	
2014 ²	\$ 343,750	\$ 200,000	\$ 143,750	\$ 343,750	100%

2014 Special Source Refunding Revenue Bonds - Pointe West Project					
Year	Fee in Lieu of Taxes	Debt Service Requirements			Coverage
		Principal	Interest	Total	
2015	\$ 320,301	\$ 235,000	\$ 85,301	\$ 320,301	100%
2016	320,603	242,000	78,603	320,603	100%
2017	320,706	249,000	71,706	320,706	100%
2018	320,610	256,000	64,610	320,610	100%
2019	319,314	262,000	57,314	319,314	100%
2020	322,847	273,000	49,847	322,847	100%
2021	320,066	278,000	42,066	320,066	100%
2022	323,143	289,000	34,143	323,143	100%
2023	319,907	294,000	25,907	319,907	100%

Source: Oconee County Finance Department

¹ Principal payments were not scheduled in the period in which the debt was issued.

² The 2010 Special Sources Revenue Bonds - Pointe West Project was advance refunded in 2014.

Note:

Additional details regarding the County's outstanding debt can be found on the notes to the financial statements.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN YEARS

Year	Population ¹	Personal Income ¹ (in thousands)	Per Capita Personal Income ¹	Median Age ²	School Enrollment ³	County Employment ⁴	Unemployment Rate ⁴
2014	74,937	\$ 2,643,101	\$ 35,271	43.0	10,548	32,513	6.1%
2015	75,219	2,788,427	37,071	45.1	10,441	33,094	5.7%
2016	75,863	2,940,106	38,755	45.5	10,404	32,357	5.0%
2017	76,535	3,064,012	40,034	44.7	10,666	33,000	4.3%
2018	77,388	3,241,852	41,891	46.7	10,627	34,159	3.3%
2019	78,307	3,436,252	43,882	45.6	10,473	34,181	2.7%
2020	79,546	3,579,857	45,004	46.9	10,209	33,635	5.2%
2021	80,015	3,801,612	47,511	50.5	10,202	23,482	3.6%
2022	79,203	3,801,612	49,645	47.2	10,168	32,885	3.2%
2022	78,607	4,362,957	54,415	46.5	10,076	25,719	2.7%

Sources: ¹ US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table CAINC1

² US Census Bureau, Population Division

³ School District of Oconee County, SC

⁴ US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,

Note:

The data may consist of estimates by the various source agencies or may not be available for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

2023				2014			
Company or Organization	Number of Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Company or Organization	Number of Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
School District of Oconee County	1,530	1	5.95%	School District of Oconee County	1,605	1	4.94%
Prisma Health	1,310	2	5.09%	Duke Energy Corporation	1,500	2	4.61%
Duke Energy Corp	1,300	3	5.05%	Oconee Medical Center	1,370	3	4.21%
Itron, Inc.	1,000	4	3.89%	Borg Warner Torq Systems Inc	700	4	2.15%
BorgWarner	1,000	5	3.89%	US Engine Valve Corporation	647	5	1.99%
Schneider Electric	600	6	2.33%	Schneider Electric - Square D	600	6	1.85%
JTECKT	550	7	2.14%	Itron Electricity Metering Inc	550	7	1.69%
Oconee County Government	517	8	2.01%	ITEKT/Koyo Bearings USA Inc	515	8	1.58%
BASF	400	9	1.56%	Oconee County Government	450	9	1.38%
Greenfield Industries	350	10	1.36%	Sandvic Inc	315	10	0.97%
	<u>8,557</u>		33.27%		<u>8,252</u>		25.38%

Source: SC Appalachian Council of Governments

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY FULL TIME EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Government										
Administrative Services	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrator	2	2	3	5	3	2	3	3	2	3
Assessor	18	19	17	16	16	16	14	14	15	15
Auditor	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	8	8	8
County Attorney							2	1	1	1
County Council	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Delinquent Tax Collector	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Facilities Maintenance	11	12	12	12	13	13	15	14	12	12
Finance	0	0	7	7	6	7	6	6	5	5
Human Resources	0	0	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	3
Information Technology	7	5	5	5	6	5	5	6	6	6
Planning	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	4	4
Procurement	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Register of Deeds	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Treasurer	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7
Vehicle Maintenance	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13
Voter Registrations and Elections	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Public Safety										
Animal Control	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	7
Building Codes	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	7	7	7
Communications	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	23	20	20
Community Development	9	11	12	11	10	8	0	0	0	0
Coroner	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3
Detention Center	36	50	48	47	48	47	45	42	39	39
Emergency Services	3	3	21	21	26	35	34	33	35	35
Rural Fire	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheriff's Office	91	94	91	100	100	112	118	106	113	114
Transportation										
Airport	4	4	4	4	5	5	8	8	8	7
Roads and Bridges	37	38	38	37	35	36	31	29	29	29

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY FULL TIME EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Judicial Services										
Clerk of Court	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Magistrate	9	9	9	9	9	9	11	9	10	10
Probate Court	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	6	4	4
Solicitor	10	9	9	13	13	13	13	13	12	12
Health and Welfare										
Legislative Delegation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Veterans' Affairs	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Public Works										
Soil and Water	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Solid Waste	38	38	36	36	35	35	31	34	33	33
Culture and Recreation										
Library	18	18	18	19	19	19	20	18	19	19
Parks, Recreation and Tourism	14	10	17	17	17	18	19	20	20	20
Economic Development	4	3	0	4	4	5	3	3	3	2
Enterprise Fund										
Rock Quarry	17	16	17	19	19	19	18	19	18	18
Oconee FOCUS	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>449</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>486</u>

Source: Oconee County Finance Department

Note:

The above counts are based on the actual number of full-time employees at June 30 for each fiscal year.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Government										
Administrative Services										
Accounts payable disbursements	14,770	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll disbursements	12,542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employment applications processed	1,483	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employment terminations processed	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assessor										
Assessment appeals processed	650	716	747	1,224	1,216	465	374	160	80	412
Deeds Processed	5,474	6,502	7,405	6,802	5,813	8,540	7,667	10,312	10,716	10,317
Legal Residence Applications	2,692	3,500	2,606	2,502	2,880	1,855	2,000	2,000	n/a	n/a
Department of Revenue Applications	894	1,148	951	850	1,423	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Agricultural Applications	1,250	1,400	1,320	980	798	397	500	500	n/a	n/a
Building Permits Processed	808	1,070	838	1,130	1,078	1,089	1,107	1,339	1,498	1,648
Assessable Transfers of Interest	2,404	2,575	2,660	2,895	3,116	3,982	4,000	4,000	n/a	n/a
Plats	548	691	701	842	753	779	687	861	800	837
Home Site Visits	14,500	14,650	14,400	18,957	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Auditor										
Real estate, vehicle, and business property notices	79,063	152,947	155,622	160,376	157,818	158,617	153,888	160,000	161,469	172,752
Temporary tags	984	4,885	5,100	5,292	979	458	-	-	-	-
Board of Assessment and Appeals										
Appeals filed	-	9	34	6	19	3	2	3	2	6
Hearings held	-	4	14	1	3	1	1	1	-	3
County Council										
Regular meetings	19	21	22	22	22	23	22	20	13	22
Special meetings	7	7	5	5	7	8	7	6	7	5
Delinquent Tax Collector										
Records processed	6,156	7,100	6,866	5,884	6,384	6,792	5,273	7,203	5,369	5,493
Finance										
Accounts payable disbursements	-	7,811	4,705	6,262	5,263	10,643	4,356	4,506	3,886	4,623
Payroll disbursements	-	12,770	13,086	13,438	13,335	13,763	13,910	13,985	14,429	14,881
Human Resources										
Employment applications processed	-	2,133	1,709	2,091	1,477	2,665	2,660	1,661	1,476	212
Employment terminations processed	-	68	47	75	44	81	70	70	129	132
Procurement										
Number of requests for proposals (RFP)	3	18	18	18	2	-	5	1	16	11
Number of purchase orders	923	687	587	587	352	388	420	456	504	569
Register of Deeds										
Recorded documents	16,695	16,097	16,435	16,435	18,372	18,420	17,939	21,791	20,752	17,407
Treasurer										
Tax notices mailed	203,247	144,604	140,400	144,719	147,103	157,772	159,487	163,698	166,180	172,684
Vehicle Maintenance										
Repair orders processed	2,460	2,409	2,686	2,693	3,209	3,388	3,301	3,129	2,699	3,421

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Government - continued										
Voter Registrations and Elections										
Current registered voters	49,000	48,476	49,486	51,069	51,395	52,000	58,000	56,045	53,094	53,623
Public Safety										
Animal Control										
Animals received	3,808	3,820	3,812	3,542	3,137	3,578	3,638	3,288	1,803	2,168
Animals adopted	1,143	1,160	1,238	1,095	1,126	1,273	1,472	1,004	1,047	1,359
Community Development										
Land use/Subdivision reviews	450	522	525	786	867	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Permits issued	1,483	1,792	2,208	2,372	2,194	2,551	2,461	2,657	2,874	3,054
Coroner (based on a calendar year)										
Deaths	675	700	672	682	762	781	733	901	938	905
Detention Center										
Average daily population	157	162	158	174	178	170	190	165	210	260
Emergency Services (based on a calendar year)										
Medical rescue call responses	4,807	5,261	3,626	3,605	3,702	3,182	3,901	5,100	6,778	6,094
Special rescue call responses	43	79	51	63	45	126	104	144	41	156
Fire call responses	5,670	4,504	3,094	2,462	3,450	4,194	3,413	3,840	4,410	4,029
Hazardous material call responses	-	13	13	10	4	45	200	467	527	362
Sheriff's Office										
Service calls	48,742	48,742	50,004	81,493	48,978	90,050	61,233	65,711	100,000	109,205
Arrest warrants served	3,291	3,291	2,676	3,000	3,375	2,428	2,500	2,537	3,000	3,646
Transportation										
Roads and Bridges										
Work orders	12,189	5,429	3,962	9,332	6,169	4,338	5,000	3,129	2,968	3,890
Tons of gravel hauled	18,826	31,321	29,660	26,539	27,761	29,935	30,000	26,139	15,440	31,500
Judicial Services										
Clerk of Court										
Foreclosure auctions	140	135	118	118	103	131	100	51	78	131
Cases processed	5,493	4,893	3,878	5,307	5,881	7,434	7,960	5,954	6,109	5,637

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Judicial Services - continued										
Magistrate										
Magistrate traffic cases	10,700	2,668	2,792	2,792	2,993	8,421	6,600	4,276	6,370	6,996
Magistrate criminal cases	11,042	10,958	7,366	7,366	8,601	8,751	9,700	8,562	9,127	8,998
Health and Welfare										
Department of Social Services										
Food stamps cases	5,102	5,200	4,555	4,555	4,260	n/a	3,515	n/a	4,055	4,102
Family independence cases	136	170	107	107	84	n/a	129	n/a	192	81
Child protective services investigations	334	677	635	635	784	n/a	756	n/a	719	710
Adult protective services investigations	41	110	125	125	192	n/a	239	n/a	123	56
Children in foster care	91	54	120	120	110	n/a	111	n/a	62	52
Public Works										
Solid Waste										
Municipal solid waste (MSW) tons	37,520	37,691	39,309	39,036	43,591	43,852	48,957	54,914	56,429	52,326
Construction and demolition (C&D) tons	18,165	22,133	22,763	24,694	25,252	26,800	44,310	59,006	47,112	46,665
Culture and Recreation										
Library										
Computer users	47,665	42,803	36,164	31,456	35,982	18,738	12,332	8,568	9,286	9,926
Registered patrons	47,417	33,866	41,499	42,514	44,556	42,332	43,865	46,098	47,499	50,017
Enterprise Fund										
Rock Quarry										
Tons shot	497,295	495,622	532,797	568,818	565,978	613,578	668,291	658,954	665,817	755,565
Tons sold/used	381,182	482,620	560,809	508,798	508,798	616,011	591,409	611,473	631,223	756,816

Source: Oconee County Finance Department

Note:

Not all departments have maintained workload indicator data for each year above. Due to unavailability of actual numbers, projected numbers may have been used.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Government										
Nondepartmental										
Land (acres)	18.846	20.581	20.113	20.113	20.113	20.113	20.613	20.613	20.613	20.613
Buildings	4	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Heavy equipment	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Vehicles	37	38	55	33	33	33	38	41	33	46
Culture and Recreation										
Nondepartmental										
Land (acres)	-	-	-	29	29.423	29.423	29.423	29.423	29.423	29.423
Buildings	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Library										
Land (acres)	4.298	4.298	3.291	4.471	4.471	4.471	4.471	4.471	4.471	4.471
Buildings	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Vehicles	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
Parks, Recreation, and Tourism										
Land (acres)	119.171	119.171	119.171	119.17	119.17	119.17	331.861	331.861	331.861	331.861
Buildings	18	17	16	18	18	18	18	20	20	21
Heavy equipment	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4
Vehicles	14	15	14	11	15	11	12	15	11	10
Economic Development										
Economic Development										
Land (acres)	2.83	2.83	61.541	60.421	60.421	60.421	60.421	60.421	60.421	57.59
Buildings	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vehicles	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Industrial Development Land for Resale (acres)										
Land - Oconee Industrial and Technology Park	397.16	397.160	397.16	359.497	317.29	317.29	291.299	291.299	266.959	238.059
Land - Golden Corner Commerce Center	360.87	360.870	360.87	360.87	360.87	360.87	360.87	360.87	360.87	360.87
Land - Oconee County Commerce Center Park	13.38	13.381	13.381	13.38	11.271	11.271	11.271	11.271	11.271	11.271
Land - Seneca Rail Park	111.082	111.082	111.082	111.08	111.082	111.082	111.082	111.082	111.082	111.082
Health and Welfare										
Nondepartmental										
Land: (acres)										
Health clinic	0.521	0.521	0.521	0.521	0.521	0.521	0.521	0.521	0.521	0.521
Nursing home	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Buildings:										
Health clinic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nursing home	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Department of Social Services										
Land (acres)	9.472	9.472	9.472	9.47	9.472	9.472	9.472	9.472	9.472	9.472
Buildings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Health Department										
Land (acres)	1.198	1.198	1.198	1.198	1.198	1.198	1.198	1.198	1.198	1.198
Buildings	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Judicial Services										
Nondepartmental										
Land (acres)	2.785	2.785	2.785	2.785	2.785	2.785	2.785	2.785	2.785	2.785
Buildings	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Magistrate										
Land (acres)	0.81	0.81	0.8	0.8	0.81	0.81	2.274	2.274	2.274	2.274
Buildings	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
Vehicles	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Probate Court										
Vehicles	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Solicitor										
Vehicles	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Safety										
Nondepartmental										
Land (acres)	35.565	35.565	35.565	35.565	35.565	35.565	36.573	36.573	36.573	36.573
Buildings	8	9	10	10	8	8	8	7	7	7
Vehicles	9	9	10	11	11	12	10	9	9	9
Animal Control										
Land (acres)	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Buildings	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1
Vehicles	6	8	8	7	6	5	5	5	5	6
Coroner										
Land (acres)	0.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vehicles	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Emergency/Fire Services ¹										
Land (acres)	3	3.102	4.112	5.502	5.502	5.502	5.502	5.502	7.502	7.502
Buildings	6	6	6	8	8	10	10	10	10	10
Rescue/fire boats	3	3	3	8	5	5	6	7	7	7
Vehicles	121	125	186	115	116	126	125	118	120	116
Probation and Parole										
Land (acres)	1.008	1.008	1.008	1.008	1.008	1.008	1.008	1.008	-	-
Buildings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Sheriff's Department										
Aircraft	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Patrol boats	3	3	3	5	5	4	4	3	3	3
Vehicles	136	137	145	148	145	150	144	142	146	164

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Public Works										
Solid Waste ^{2, 3}										
Buildings - manned convenience centers	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Heavy equipment	64	66	67	42	68	51	43	47	59	61
Vehicles	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	13	13	15
Transportation										
Airport										
Land (acres)	272.490	275.070	275.070	282.14	282.1386	282.1386	282.1386	293.3386	311.719	311.7186
Buildings	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Heavy equipment	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	5
Vehicles	6	7	6	4	4	5	5	4	4	3
Roads and Bridges										
Land (acres)	316.06	316.06	316.06	316.06	316.064	316.064	316.064	316.064	316.064	311.064
Buildings	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
Heavy equipment	64	63	68	71	67	67	68	71	70	68
Vehicles	47	46	49	44	42	42	42	42	44	42
Enterprise Funds										
Rock Quarry										
Land (acres)	29.27	29.27	30.131	35.629	35.629	55.839	61.789	66.859	72.369	77.639
Buildings	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Heavy equipment	17	20	21	22	26	29	31	27	37	39
Vehicles	10	10	10	11	10	10	10	10	12	14
Oconee FOCUS										
Vehicles	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Oconee County Finance Department

¹ In fiscal year 2008-2009, Rural Fire was merged into Emergency Services.

² During fiscal year 2007-2008, Solid Waste was reclassified from an enterprise fund to the General Fund under the General Government function.

³ During fiscal year 2009-2010, Solid Waste was reclassified from the General Government function to the Public Works function.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

**To the County Council
of Oconee County
Walhalla, South Carolina**

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **Oconee County, South Carolina** (the "County") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2024. Our report also includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Keowee Fire Tax District, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. Our report includes a reference to an emphasis of matter relative to the change in accounting principle resulting from the implementation of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

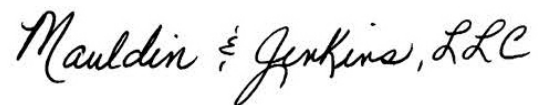
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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



Columbia, South Carolina
February 5, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the County Council
of Oconee County
Walhalla, South Carolina

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited **Oconee County, South Carolina's** (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Oconee County, South Carolina complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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



Columbia, South Carolina
February 5, 2024

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Grant Identification Number	Expenditures	Passed through to Subrecipients
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
(Passed through the SC Department of Social Services)				
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	N/A	\$ 38,514	\$ -
(Passed through the SC State Treasurer's Office)				
Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster:				
Secure Payments for States and Counties Containing Federal Land	10.665	N/A	189,099	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>227,613</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U.S. Department of the Interior</u>				
(Direct award)				
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program	15.226	N/A	162,502	-
Total U.S. Department of the Interior			<u>162,502</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>				
(Direct award)				
Criminal and Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program	16.745	2020-MO-BX-0045	91,194	-
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	N/A	10,473	-
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program	16.838	N/A	173,010	-
(Passed through the Prisma Health - Upstate)				
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program	16.838	N/A	35,045	-
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>309,722</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u>				
(Direct award)				
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-45-0016-025-2019	21,528	-
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-45-0016-027-2020	10,835	-
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-45-0016-030-2021	4,420	-
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-45-0016-034-2022	5,354,050	-
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-45-0016-034-2022	5,580	-
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-45-0016-032-2021	59,000	-
(Passed through the SC Department of Public Safety)				
Highway Safety Cluster:				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	2JC22010	813	-
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	PT-2022-HS-32-22	16,709	-
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	2JC232010	4,186	-
(Passed through the SC Emergency Management Division)				
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants	20.703	HMEP 693K32240041HMEP	24,088	-
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>5,501,209</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U.S. Department of the Treasury</u>				
(Direct award)				
COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Program	21.027	N/A	3,785,755	-
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			<u>3,785,755</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Institute of Museum and Library Services</u>				
(Passed through the SC State Library)				
COVID-19 Grants to States	45.310	IID-ARPA-006	4,964	-
Grants to States	45.310	IID-21-334	675	-
COVID-19 Grants to States	45.310	IID-ARPA-806	5,000	-
Grants to States	45.310	IID-22-338	1,250	-
Total Institute of Museum and Library Services			<u>11,889</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>				
(Passed through the SC Emergency Management Division)				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	21EMPG	6,777	-
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	22EMPG	38,655	-
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	DR-5161-0004	12,110	-
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	HMGP-4542-DR-0005	6,451	-
(Passed through the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control)				
National Dam Safety Program	97.041	EMW-2020-GR-00139-S01	11,100	-
(Direct award)				
Disasters Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	N/A	5,535	-
Disasters Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	N/A	2,520	-
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>83,148</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
(Passed through the SC Department of Social Services)				
Child Support Enforcement - Transaction Reimbursement	93.563	N/A	87,688	-
Child Support Enforcement - Incentive Payments	93.563	N/A	37,084	-
Child Support Enforcement - Service of Process Payments	93.563	N/A	6,798	-
Child Support Enforcement - Filing Fees	93.563	N/A	231,440	-
(Passed through the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control)				
National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program	93.889	N/A	3,461	-
(Passed through the SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services)				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	N/A	1,250	-
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>367,721</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 10,449,559</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of Oconee County, South Carolina (the "County"), and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental fund types and the accrual basis of accounting for the proprietary fund types. The County reporting entity is described in Note 1 to the County's basic financial statements.

The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in the Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2. DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The County chose not to use the ten percent de Minimis indirect cost rate for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTE 3. NON-CASH AWARDS AND LOANS

There were no federal awards expended in the form of noncash assistance during the fiscal year. There were also no loans or loan guarantees outstanding at year end.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

SECTION I
SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:
Material weaknesses identified? ___ Yes X No

Significant deficiencies identified? ___ Yes X No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:
Material weaknesses identified? ___ Yes X No

Significant deficiencies? ___ Yes X No

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? ___ Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

Federal Assistance Listing
21.027

Name of Federal Program or Cluster
U.S. Department of the Treasury
COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? X Yes ___ No

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

None reported.

SECTION III
FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported.

SECTION IV
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None reported.