# CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners Candler County, Georgia

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Candler County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We did not audit the financial statements of the Candler County Board of Health, a discretely presented component, which represents 2.9% and 1.9% respectively, of the assets and net position of Candler County, Georgia. We did not audit the financial statements of the Candler County Hospital Authority, a discretely presented component, which represents 31.2% and 36.6% respectively, of the assets and net position of Candler County, Georgia.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Candler County Board of Health, a discretely presented component, which represents 2.9% and 1.9% respectively, of the assets and net position of Candler County, Georgia. We did not audit the financial statements of the Candler County Hospital Authority, a discretely presented component, which represents 31.2% and 36.6% respectively, of the assets and net position of Candler County, Georgia. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Candler County Board of Health and the Candler County Hospital Authority, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Candler County, Georgia, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Candler County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and schedule of projects paid with special sales tax proceeds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 10, 2019, on our consideration of Candler County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Candler County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Lanier, Dal + Proctor

Statesboro, Georgia January 10, 2019

# CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

	Primary Government	Compor	ent Units
		Candler County	Candler County
	Governmental	Board of	Hospital
ASSETS	Activities	Health	Authority
Current Assets:			(3 <b></b> )
Cash	\$ 5,688,192	\$ 565,199	\$ 22,422
Certificates of deposit	803,939		
Receivables:	,		
Accounts	51,500	8	1,791,947
Taxes	676,680	20 20	s, 12, 13, 21, 13 S
Intergovernmental - Component Unit	1,324,793		
Intergovernmental	238,140		
Other	1,281	5. 	2
Prepaid items	76,438		-
Supplies inventory			196,823
Other current assets	2	5	,
	3#3	-	885,335
Noncurrent Assets:			10.07/
Externally restricted cash for debt service	175	-	12,376
Net OPEB asset	343	21,219	-
Capital Assets:			
Nondepreciable capital assets	315,005	5	168,940
Depreciable capital assets, net	11,144,370	<u> </u>	3,265,711
Total Assets	20,320,338	586,418	6,343,554
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		40.000	
Proportionate share of collective deferred outflows of resources		48,888	·
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	322,142	2	6,547,541
Accrued payroll	110,250	-	0,547,541
Other accrued expenses	110,230	-	517 911
Unearned revenue	2,600	5	517,811
	,		-
Compensated absences payable	26,274	9,669	2 040 4/2
Notes payable	25,000	10 E	2,049,463
Capital leases payable	101,451	20	
Estimated third-party payor settlements	50 C		354,870
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Compensated absences payable (net of current portion)	105,098	9,669	2
Notes payable (net of current portion)	143,750		2,956,833
Capital leases payable (net of current portion)	210,529	2	15
Net pension obligation	(a)	273,978	-
Landfill closure and postclosure care costs	2,643,754	-	¥
Total Liabilities	2 600 949	202 216	10 404 519
Total Liabilities	3,690,848	293,316	12,426,518
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Proportionate share of collective deferred inflows of resources		33,146	2
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NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	10,978,645	- E	2,427,286
Restricted for:	. ,		
Capital projects	1,677,525	(e)	
Debt service	48,345	-	12,376
Other purposes	835,183	174,957	
Unrestricted	3,089,792	133,887	(8,522,626)
Total Net Position	\$ 16,629,490	\$ 308,844	\$ (6,082,964)

#### **CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA** STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

					Prog	ram Revenues				Net (Expense) Re Changes in Net				
										imary Government		Compor		
Program/Function		E		s, Fines, and	Operating Grants		Capital Grants			Governmental		ndler County		ndler County
Primary Government		Expenses	Charg	es for Services	and	Contributions	and	Contributions		Activities	Boa	rd of Health	Hos	pital Authority
General government	\$	1,488,782	\$	96,533	\$	66,373	s	130,816	\$	(1.105.0(0))				
Judicial	Ψ	682,802	3	102,089	Φ	00,575	3	130,810	3	(1,195,060)				
Public safety		3,654,913		1,411,793		14,500				(580,713) (2,228,620)				
Public works		2,696,995		883,430		125,184		408,991		(1,279,390)				
Health and welfare		693,424		346		46,680		408,991		(646,398)				
Culture and recreation		400,184		53,377		84,000		358,833		96,026				
Housing and development		683,688		-		-		120		(683,688)				
Interest		9,274		-				5 <b>-</b> 00		(9,274)				
			-				3			(),2717				
<b>Total Governmental Activities - Primary</b>														
Government	\$	10,310,062	S	2,547,568	\$	336,737	\$	898,640		(6,527,117)				
<b>Component Units:</b> Candler County Board of Health Candler County Hospital Authority Total Component Units	\$	416,521 15,087,756 15,504,277	\$ 	175,039 13,062,352 13,237,391	\$ 	337,464 1,014,628 1,352,092	<u>s</u>	10,500 10,500			\$	95,982	<u> </u>	(1,000,276) (1,000,276)
				ral Revenues										
				rty taxes levied	for gene	eral purposes				3,869,532				
			Sales							2,061,077		2		3 <b>.</b>
				ince premium ta	х					395,314		-		
			Other	taxes st earned						240,041		*		
				st earned ellaneous						13,329 61,430		-		2,703
			WISCO	maneous					-	01,430	-		-	411,210
			Total	General Rever	ues					6,640,723			-	413,913
			Chan	ge in Net Positi	ion					113,606		95,982		(586,363)
			Net P	osition, July 1,	2017, 4	As Restated				16,515,884	-	212,862	-	(5,496,601)
			Net P	osition, June 3	0, 2018				\$	16,629,490	\$	308,844	S	(6,082,964)

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2018

	-	General	Special Sales T-SPLOST Tax Fund Fund		Other Governmental Funds		Go	Total overnmental Funds		
ASSETS	¢	2 077 014	ሰ	1 045 026	¢	(70 520	¢	(05 004	¢	5 (00 100
Cash Certificates of deposit	\$	3,277,914	\$	1,045,936	\$	678,538	\$	685,804 151,478	\$	5,688,192
Receivables:		652,461		-		-		131,478		803,939
Accounts		29,691						21,809		51,500
Taxes		676,680		-				21,009		676,680
Intergovernmental - Component Unit		1,324,793		120		263		1.5		1,324,793
Intergovernmental		1,324,793		110,246		18,897		- 250		238,140
Other		100,747		110,240		10,097		1,281		1,281
Prepaid items		76,438						,		76,438
Prepaid items		70,438	-							70,438
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	6,146,724	\$	1,156,182	\$	697,435	\$	860,622	\$	8,860,963
LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable	\$	120,611	\$	168,870	\$	7,222	\$	25,439	\$	322,142
Accrued payroll liabilities	φ	110,250	Φ	100,070	φ	1,222	φ	25,459	φ	110,250
Unearned revenue		2,600		-						2,600
Sheamed revenue		2,000					-			2,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		233,461		168,870		7,222	. <del>.</del>	25,439		434,992
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES										
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		533,631		.= .		e.				533,631
							-		-	000,001
FUND BALANCES										
Nonspendable		76,438								76,438
Restricted		48,345		987,312		690,213		835,183		2,561,053
Assigned		2,054,775								2,054,775
Unassigned		3,200,074		÷.					_	3,200,074
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		5,379,632		987,312		690,213		835,183		7,892,340
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS O	F									
RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$	6,146,724	\$	1,156,182	\$	697,435	\$	860,622	\$	8,860,963

# **CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA** RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2018

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Total Governmental Fund Balances			\$ 7,892,340
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds: Cost Less accumulated depreciation	\$	20,309,269 (8,849,894)	11,459,375
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds: Property taxes			533,631
Liabilities, including capital leases, notes payable, compensated absences and accrued landfill closure and postclosure care costs are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds but are reported on the statement of net position Capital leases payable Notes payable Landfill closure and postclosure care costs	\$	(311,980) (168,750) (2,643,754)	
Compensated absences Net Position Of Governmental Activities	-	(131,372)	(3,255,856)

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General		Special Sales Tax Fund		-		-				-		T-SPLOST Fund								Other overnmental Funds	Total Government Funds	al
REVENUES		\ <b>-</b>		7																			
Taxes	\$ 5,162,241	\$	1,231,560	\$	225,881		12	\$ 6,619,68	32														
Licenses and permits	53,447		2		2		12	53,44	17														
Charges for services	2,065,606		2		÷	\$	186,790	2,252,39	96														
Fees, fines and forfeitures	353,194		-		8		11,940	365,13	34														
Intergovernmental	336,737		9		3		405,747	742,48	34														
Interest	8,610		3,244		2,632		2,087	16,57	73														
Other	61,430		-		-		-	61,43															
Total revenues	8,041,265		1,234,804	-	228,513		606,564	10,111,14															
EXPENDITURES																							
Current:																							
General government	1,376,752		-		ា		-	1,376,75															
Judicial	681,608		-				2,611	684,21															
Public safety	3,044,352				ā.		366,768	3,411,12															
Public works	1,577,382		5				2 <b>7</b> 5.)	1,577,38															
Health and welfare	630,564		~		8		18. j	630,56															
Culture and recreation	380,655		-		7		17. j	380,65															
Housing and development	183,547		-		÷		3 <b>.</b>	183,54															
Capital outlay	( <del>2</del> ))		479,017		241,118		370,367	1,090,50	)2														
Debt service:																							
Principal	25,000		99,352		=		3553	124,35															
Interest			9,274		<b>a</b>		125	9,27	/4														
Intergovernmental			856,899		-	-	( <b>t</b> )	856,89	_														
Total expenditures	7,899,860	-	1,444,542		241,118		739,746	10,325,26	6														
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	141,405		(209,738)		(12,605)		(133,182)	(214,12	20)														
(UNDER) EXIENDITORES	141,403		(209,130)		(12,003)		(155,162)	(214,12	.0)														
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2017	5,238,227		1,197,050		702,818	_	968,365	8,106,46	0														
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2018	\$ 5,379,632	\$	987,312	\$	690,213	\$	835,183	\$ 7,892,34	0														

#### **CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA** RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net Changes In Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$ (214,120)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capitalized capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.		
Depreciation expense Capital outlay	\$ (1,063,762) 1,102,523	38,761
Governmental funds do not record contributions of capital assets. However, in the statement of activities the fair value of those assets are reported as capital contributions.		489,649
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.		
Property taxes: Unavailable revenue at 6/30/18 Unavailable revenue at 6/30/17	533,631 (710,760)	(177,129)
Governmental funds do not report the cost of disposed capital assets but the cost is reported on the statement of activities.		(6,100)
Repayment of capital lease and notes payable principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		124,352
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences and landfill closure and postclosure care costs, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Change in compensated absences Change in landfill closure and postclosure care costs	8,107 (149,914)	(141,807)
Change In Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$ 113,606

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Original and Final Budget			Actual	]	/ariance Positive Vegative)
REVENUES						
Taxes:						
Property	\$	3,142,000	\$	3,923,251	\$	781,251
Local option sales tax		605,000		603,636		(1,364)
Alcoholic beverage		105,000		95,382		(9,618)
Insurance premium		380,000		395,314		15,314
Other		140,000		144,658		4,658
Licenses and permits		70,500		53,447		(17,053)
Charges for services		1,981,060		2,065,606		84,546
Fees, fines and forfeitures		359,700		353,194		(6,506)
Intergovernmental		178,500		336,737		158,237
Interest		1,000		8,610		7,610
Other		286,761	0 <del>11</del>	61,430	. <u></u>	(225,331)
Total revenues		7,249,521		8,041,265		791,744
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government:						
Legislative		48,589		51,123		(2,534)
Executive		207,333		279,634		(72,301)
Elections		85,806		89,538		(72,301) (3,732)
Financial administration		334,214		351,009		(16,795)
Tax commissioner		235,177		270,466		(35,289)
Tax assessor		235,177		248,396		1,115
		4,878		5,291		
Equalization				81,295		(413) (23,695)
Public buildings		57,600		1,376,752		(153,644)
Total general government	3	1,223,100	-	1,570,752	-	(155,044)
Judicial:						
Superior Court		192,511		187,433		5,078
Clerk of Court		172,744		160,311		12,433
State Court		114,686		116,445		(1,759)
Magistrate Court		92,686		90,151		2,535
Probate Court		122,871		127,268		(4,397)
Total judicial	_	695,498		681,608		13,890
Public safety:						
Sheriff		1,090,974		1,121,745		(30,771)
Detention center		631,980		616,628		15,352
Fire protection		175,000		175,000		-
Emergency medical service		1,049,443		1,048,352		1,091
Coroner		22,385		19,906		2,479
Animal control				47,920		(47,920)
Emergency management		11,128		14,801		(3,673)
Total public safety		2,980,910	2	3,044,352	-	(63,442)
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#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		riginal and Final Budget		Actual		Variance Positive Negative)
EXPENDITURES (Continued)						
Public works:	\$	020 240	\$	072 250	\$	55 800
Roads and bridges Solid waste	Ф	929,249 646,844	Φ	873,350 704,032	Φ	55,899 (57,188)
Total public works	÷	1,576,093		1,577,382	-	(1,289)
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Health and welfare:		10.000		10.200		(2(0)
Health department		40,000		40,366		(366)
Hospital		504,106		537,478		(33,372)
Community services		-		40		(40)
Family connections		48,500		46,680		1,820
Family and children services	÷	6,000		6,000	-	(21.050)
Total health and welfare		598,606		630,564		(31,958)
Culture and recreation:						
Recreation department		332,749		334,650		(1,901)
Library		44,410		46,005		(1,595)
Total culture and recreation		377,159		380,655	-	(3,496)
Henrice and developments						
Housing and development:		0.270		0.200		(10)
Conservation		9,370		9,380		(10)
Agricultural resources		106,579		80,254		26,325
Economic development		85,000		66,061		18,939
Airport		17,000		17,000		9 <b>4</b> 7
Code enforcement		11,085		10,852	. <u> </u>	233
Total housing and development		229,034		183,547		45,487
Debt service:						
Principal		25,000		25,000		27
Interest		-		-1751		-
Total debt service		25,000		25,000		
Total expenditures		7,705,408		7,899,860		(194,452)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER						
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	(455,887)		141,405	\$	597,292
(ONDER) EXI ENDITORES	Φ	(+33,007)		171,705	Ψ	571,292
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR				5,238,227		
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$	5,379,632		

# **CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA** STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS Cash	\$ 450,118
LIABILITIES	
Due to other entities and individuals	\$ 450,118

## CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2018

Candler County, Georgia (the "County") operates under a Commissioner – County Administrator form of Government. The County is governed by a board of five commissioners elected by the voters of the County.

# **NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) as applied to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The County also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental and business-type activities at the government-wide financial reporting level and to its enterprise funds at the fund reporting level, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

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

# **1-A. Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the County consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the County.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the County is financially accountable. The County is financially accountable for an organization if the County appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the County is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organizations; or (2) the County is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the County is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the County is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units also may include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the County in that the County approves the budget, levies their taxes, or issues their debt.

The component unit columns included on the government-wide financial statements identify the financial data of the County's discretely presented component units. They are reported separately to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County.

A brief description of the County's discretely presented component units follows:

**Candler County Board of Health** – The Candler County Board of Health provides health care services and health education to residents of Candler County. The Health Department receives financial support from Candler County, Georgia, the State of Georgia and the Federal Government. The County Commission appoints a majority of the Board of Directors. Complete financial statements for the Candler County Board of Health can be obtained from their administrative office at:

Candler County Board of Health 428 North Rountree Street Metter, Georgia 30439

**Candler County Hospital Authority (The Hospital Authority) -** The Candler County Hospital Authority was created in November, 1958 by the Board of Commissioners of Candler County to operate, control, and manage all matters concerning the County's health care functions. The Hospital Authority operates Candler County Hospital, a critical access hospital. The County nominates the Board of Trustee members of the Hospital Authority and the County has guaranteed some debt of the Hospital Authority. The Hospital Authority issued audited financial statements with a fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Copies of these financial statements may be obtained from their administrative office at:

Candler County Hospital Authority 400 Cedar Street Metter, Georgia 30439

#### 1-B. 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.

**Government-wide Financial Statements** – The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the County as a whole. The primary government and the component units are presented separately within these financial statements with the focus on the primary government. Fiduciary activities are not included at the government-wide reporting level. Individual funds are not displayed, but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by taxes, grants and the County's general revenues, from business-type activities, generally financed in whole or part with service charges to external customers. The County had no business-type activities at June 30, 2018.

The statement of net position presents the financial position of the governmental and business-type activities of the County and its discretely presented component units.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the County's governmental activities and for each identifiable activity of the business-type activities of the County. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a function and therefore clearly identifiable to that particular function. The County does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees and other charges to users of the County's services; (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. For identifying to which function program revenue pertains, the determining

factor for *charges for services* is which function *generates* the revenue. For *grants and contributions*, the determining factor is to which function the revenues are *restricted*.

Other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues of the County. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function and each identifiable business activity 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. Fund financial statements are provided for governmental and fiduciary funds.

Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns with composite columns for non-major funds. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

**Fund Accounting** – The County uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The County uses governmental and fiduciary funds.

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

**The General Fund** – The general fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund's fund balance is available to the County for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of the State of Georgia.

**Special Sales Tax Fund** – This capital projects fund accounts for the special purpose local option sales tax collected pursuant to a referendum for various capital improvements within the County.

**T-SPLOST Fund** – This capital projects fund accounts for the regional transportation special purpose local option sales tax proceeds received for transportation purposes within the County.

**Fiduciary Funds** –The County's fiduciary funds are agency funds. These agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Constitutional officers use these funds to temporarily hold assets.

## 1-C. Measurement Focus

**Government-wide Financial Statements** – The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the County are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities reports revenues and expenses.

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

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus on both financial reporting levels. 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 fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the County finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

#### 1-D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. At the fund reporting level, the governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary funds use the accrual basis of accounting at both reporting levels. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

**Revenues – 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 the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded when the exchange takes place and 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, the phrase "available for exchange transactions" means expected to be received within 60 days of year-end.

**Revenue – Non-exchange Transactions** – Non-exchange transactions in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include sales taxes, property taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the period in which the taxable sale takes place. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. 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 also must be available (i.e., collected within 60 days) before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be susceptible to accrual: property taxes, sales taxes, interest and federal and state grants.

**Expenses/Expenditures** – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. On the modified accrual basis, expenditures generally are recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred and due, if measurable.

# 1-E. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position

# Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

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

Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices.

Georgia law authorizes the County to invest in the following type of obligations:

- Obligations of the State of Georgia or of any other states
- Obligations of the United States Government
- Obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States Government or United States Government agency
- Obligations of any corporation of the United States Government
- Prime bankers' acceptances
- The State of Georgia local government investment pool (i.e., Georgia Fund I)
- Repurchase agreements
- Obligations of the other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia

#### Receivables

All trade and property tax receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectibles, where applicable. At June 30, 2018, the General Fund reported an allowance for uncollectibles of \$66,308 and \$250,984 for the property taxes receivable and EMS accounts receivable, respectively.

Included in receivables at June 30, 2018 is an intergovernmental receivable from the Candler County Hospital Authority, a component unit, for \$1,324,793.

#### **Consumable Inventories**

On the government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a firstin, first-out basis and are expensed when used (i.e., the consumption method).

#### **Interfund Balances**

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "due from/to other funds." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns on the statement of net position, except for any net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are reclassified and presented as internal balances on this statement. These amounts are ultimately eliminated from the total column on the statement of net position.

#### **Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2018, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording an asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which services are consumed. At the fund reporting level, an equal amount of fund balance is reported as nonspendable as this amount is not available for general appropriation.

#### **Capital Assets**

The County reports general capital assets in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but does not report these assets in the County fund financial statements.

All capital assets with an estimated useful life in excess of two years are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars. The County's infrastructure consists of roads and bridges. For roads and bridges, the County has capitalized only infrastructure constructed after June 30, 2003. Improvements to capital assets are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are expensed.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement.

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

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings	15-50 years
Improvements other than buildings	10-40 years
Machinery and equipment	4-15 years
Infrastructure	15 years

At the inception of capital leases at the governmental fund reporting level, expenditures and an "other financing source" of an equal amount are reported at the net present value of future minimum lease payments.

#### **Compensated Absences**

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

The total compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. Governmental funds report the compensated absences liability at the fund reporting level only "*when due*."

#### Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of these funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are "due for payment" during the current year. Notes payable and capital leases are recognized as a liability in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

#### **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County does not have any deferred outflows of resources as of June 30, 2018. It does have a component unit that has deferred outflows of resources related to pensions on the statement of net position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has an item which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue*,

is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available. The County has a component unit that has deferred inflows of resources related to pensions on the statement of net position.

## **Fund Equity**

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance." Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position."

**Fund Balance** – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

**Nonspendable** – Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e. items that are not expected to be converted to cash) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** – Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

**Committed** – Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Commissioners through the adoption of a resolution or ordinance. Only the Board of Commissioners may modify or rescind the commitment.

Assigned – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the Board of Commissioners' intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Only the Board of Commissioners can assign fund balances.

**Unassigned** – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The County reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

The County's policy is to maintain an adequate general fund unassigned fund balance to provide liquidity in the event of an economic downturn or natural disaster.

**Flow Assumptions** – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the County's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the County's policy to use fund balance in the following order:

- Committed
- Assigned
- Unassigned

**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 improvement 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, or laws or regulations of other governments. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

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

## **Interfund Activity**

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayment from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements (i.e., they are netted).

Transfers between governmental funds on the government-wide statement of activities are eliminated.

#### Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

# NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

# **Budgetary Information**

The County adopts an annual operating budget for the general fund, special revenue funds, and capital projects funds. The budget resolution reflects the total of each department's appropriation in each fund.

All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP.

The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) for each adopted annual operating budget generally is the department level within each individual fund. Any change in total to a fund or departmental appropriation within a fund requires approval of the Board of Commissioners.

During the year, the Board of Commissioners had no budget revisions.

All unexpended annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

## **Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations**

Expenditures exceeded appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2018 in the following departments for the general fund:

	Ger	neral Fund
Legislative	\$	2,534
Executive		72,301
Elections		3,732
Financial administration		16,795
Tax commissioner		35,289
Equalization		413
Public buildings		23,695
State court		1,759
Probate court		4,397
Sheriff		30,771
Animal control		47,920
Emergency management		3,673
Solid waste		57,188
Health department		366
Hospital		33,372
Community services		40
Recreation department		1,901
Library		1,595
Conservation		10

The overexpenditures in these areas were funded by underexpenditures in other areas and excess revenues over amounts budgeted.

# NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

Expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following special revenue funds and these overexpenditures were funded by additional revenues over amounts budgeted and/or by available fund balance.

	Over	expenditures		
E-911 Fund	\$	230,191		
Jail Store Fund		10,083		
Law Library Fund		2,611		

#### **NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk is risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. The County has a policy to reduce its exposure to this risk by requiring deposits to be collateralized in accordance with State law.

At June 30, 2018, the carrying amount of the County's deposits (checking and certificates of deposit) was \$6,942,249 and the bank balance was \$7,101,650. Of the bank balance, \$902,384 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$6,199,266 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the County's name.

#### **Discretely Presented Component Units**

The carrying amount of deposits for the Candler County Hospital Authority was \$34,798. The Authority had no uncollateralized cash balances at December 31, 2017.

The carrying amount of deposits for the Candler County Board of Health was \$565,199 and the bank balance was \$232,428, which was covered by FDIC insurance.

#### **NOTE 4 – PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Property taxes are billed on or about October 20<sup>th</sup> of each year and are payable within sixty days. The County bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects taxes for the Candler County Board of Education, State of Georgia and cities within the County. Collection of the County's taxes and for the other government agencies is the responsibility of the Tax Commissioner's Office, which is accounted for in an Agency Fund.

County property tax revenues at the fund reporting level are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables (i.e., collectible in 60 days). For the year ended June 30, 2018, property taxes were levied on October 26, 2017, and were due January 20, 2018.

# NOTE 5 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The County had no interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2018 and no interfund balances existed as of June 30, 2018.

# **NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2018 was as follows:

Governmental Activities:		Balance //1/2017	A	dditions	Deductions			Balance 5/30/2018
Capital assets not being depreciated:	¢	141 592	¢	(2.000			¢	204 601
Land	\$	141,582	\$	63,009	¢	-	\$	204,591
Construction in progress		420,467		76,548	\$	386,601		110,414
Total capital assets not being depreciated		562,049		139,557		386,601		315,005
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Buildings and improvements		7,448,004		502,093		-		7,950,097
Machinery and equipment		5,757,370		375,482		269,501		5,863,351
Infrastructure		2,227,534		937,483		-		3,165,017
Land improvements		2,989,671		26,128				3,015,799
Total capital assets being depreciated		18,422,579		1,841,186		269,501		19,994,264
					24			
Total capital assets	-	18,984,628		1,980,743		656,102		20,309,269
Accumulated depreciation:								
Buildings and improvements		2,456,628		180,325				2,636,953
Machinery and equipment		3,130,881		585,287		261,432		3,454,736
Infrastructure		235,448		182,055				417,503
Land improvements		2,224,607		116,095				2,340,702
Total accumulated depreciation		8,047,564		1,063,762	»———	261,432		8,849,894
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	10,937,064	\$	916,981	\$	394,670	\$	11,459,375

Governmental activities depreciation expense:

General government	\$ 113,512
Judicial	626
Public safety	247,283
Public works	675,892
Housing and development	139
Culture and recreation	 26,310
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	\$ 1,063,762

# **NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

Capital asset activity for the County's component units was as follows:

Component unit - Candler County Board of Health:		Balance 7/1/2017	A	lditions	Dedu	ctions		Balance 30/2018
Capital assets being depreciated: Equipment	\$	8,636		-		1,011	\$	7,625
Accumulated depreciation: Equipment		8,636		÷		1,011		7,625
Component unit capital assets, net	\$		_	÷		-	\$	-
	1/1/20	Balance 017, As restated	1	Additions	Ded	uctions		Balance /31/2017
Component unit - Candler County Hospital Authority:								
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land	\$	168,940 720			¢	- 720	\$	168,940
Construction in progress Total capital assets not being depreciated		169,660	_		\$	720		168,940
Capital assets being depreciated: Land improvements		148,884						140 004
Buildings		6,808,859	\$	176,252		-		148,884 6,985,111
Equipment		9,744,520	Ψ	117,849		-		9,862,369
Total capital assets being depreciated		16,702,263		294,101	(	-		6,996,364
Total capital assets		16,871,923		294,101	R	720	1'	7,165,304
Less accumulated depreciation		12,961,241		769,412	3	<u></u>	1	3,730,653
Component unit capital assets, net	\$	3,910,682	\$	(475,311)	\$	720	\$ .	3,434,651

## NOTE 7 – CAPITAL LEASES

The County has entered into lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition of equipment costing \$955,583. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception. Amortization of the cost of the equipment is included in depreciation expense in the government-wide financial statements. Depreciation expense and accumulated depreciation on the leased equipment was \$136,512 and \$360,863, respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under these capital leases, and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at June 30, 2018:

Year ending June 30	
2019	108,627
2020	108,626
2021	109,196
Total minimum lease payments	326,449
Less amount representing interest	14,469
Present value of future minimum lease payments	\$ 311,980

#### NOTE 8 – SHORT TERM NOTE PAYABLE

In May 2018, a \$197,750 line of credit from Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company was secured by the County to provide additional funds to the Candler County Hospital Authority. All line of credit draws and accrued interest are to be repaid by the Candler County Hospital Authority. As of June 30, 2018, \$0 was drawn on the line of credit. The line of credit has an interest rate of 5.50% and a maturity date of July 24, 2018.

	Ba	lance					В	alance
	July 1, 2017		A	Additions		ductions	June	e 30, 2018
Note payable	\$	-	\$	197,750	\$	197,750	\$	5.ed

#### **NOTE 9 – NOTES PAYABLE**

Notes payable at June 30, 2018 consisted of the following:

Note payable to OneGeorgia Authority for the construction of the Agricultural Regional Resources Construction Building, payable in quarterly installments of \$6,250 with 0% interest through July 1, 2025

\$ 168,750

Year ending	Governmental Activities					
June 30	I	Principal		terest		Total
2019	\$	25,000	\$	-	\$	25,000
2020		25,000		-		25,000
2021		25,000		-		25,000
2022		25,000		-		25,000
2023		25,000		-		25,000
2024 - 2025		43,750		-		43,750
Total	\$	168,750	\$	-	\$	168,750

As of June 30, 2018, annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

# **NOTE 9 – NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)**

# Component Unit - Candler County Hospital Authority

Notes payable at December 31, 2017 consisted of the following:

Note payable to Candler County, Georgia, incurring interest at the imputed rate of 4.00%, unsecured.	\$1,324,751
Revenue Anticipation Certificate, Series 2013A with Queensborough National Bank dated November 5, 2013. Payable in 60 monthly payments of approximately \$9,000, including interest at the fixed rate of 2.90%. Secured by the net revenues of the Authority.	97,734
Taxable Note, Series 2014 with Queensborough National Bank dated December 17, 2014. Payable in 120 monthly payments of approximately \$35,000 including interest at the fixed rate of 4.15% through January 2017. Beginning with the February 2017 payment, interest will be accrued at the <i>Wall Street Journal</i> prime rate, plus 0.50%, adjusted daily. Secured by property of the Authority.	2,574,179
Note Payable to Partnersfirst Management, LLC dated December 31, 2013. As of December 31, 2016, the Authority was in default under the note agreement due to not making the scheduled payments and held the position that the Authority should not pay the balance due to alleged mismanagement by Partnersfirst. Partnersfirst filed suit against the Authority in an attempt to collect the outstanding balance on the note. In July 2017, the suit was settled for \$180,000, payable by a lump sum of \$50,000 at the time of settlement, and 26 monthly payments of \$5,000 at 0% interest.	100,000
Promissory Note to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) dated March 17, 2014. Payable in 120 monthly payments of approximately \$10,000 including interest at the fixed rate of 3.50%, secured by a pledge of various medical equipment.	589,646
Capital lease obligations, at varying rates of imputed interest from 5.70% to 8.86%, collateralized by leased equipment with an unamortized cost of approximately \$439,000.	319,986
	\$5,006,296

# **NOTE 9 -- NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)**

Year ending	Component Unit - Hospital Authority						
December 31	Principal	Interest	Total				
2018	\$ 2,049,463	\$ 163,832	2,213,295				
2019	517,725	129,993	647,718				
2020	494,393	106,994	601,387				
2021	503,898	83,001	586,899				
2022	482,685	60,126	542,811				
2023-2025	958,132	58,129	1,016,261				
Total	\$ 5,006,296	\$ 602,075	\$ 5,608,371				
		A					

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

#### NOTE 10 - LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE CARE COST

State and federal laws and regulations require that the County place a final cover on its landfill sites and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill sites for a minimum of thirty years after closure. Although most closure and post closure care costs will be paid near or after the date the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports a portion of the closure and post closure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. As of June 30, 2018, the estimated liability for landfill closure and post closure care costs is \$2,643,754 and consists of the closure cost for Phase One of the landfill, closure cost for the C&D landfill, and closure and post closure care of approximately \$908,384 for the operating landfill as the remaining estimated capacity is filled. Used capacity for the operating Phase Two landfill is estimated to be 71.76% with an estimated remaining useful life of 13 years. All estimates are subject to change due to inflation or deflation, technology or changes in laws or regulations. The County has invested funds in a Certificate of Deposit and separate bank account for the landfill closure and post closure care costs with a standard amount being contributed quarterly to the bank account.

## NOTE 11 – CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

Governmental Activities:	Balance July 1, 2017	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2018	Amounts Due In One Year
Compensated absences payable	\$ 139,479		\$ 8,107	\$ 131,372	\$ 26,274
Landfill closure & post closure care costs	2,493,840	\$ 149,914	-	2,643,754	: <b>=</b> `;
Capital leases payable	411,332	27 27	99,352	311,980	101,451
Notes payable	193,750		25,000	168,750	25,000
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 3,238,401	\$ 149,914	\$ 132,459	\$ 3,255,856	\$ 152,725

The compensated absences liability will be paid from the General Fund, the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid. The capital lease obligations will be paid from the Special Sales Tax capital projects fund, and the notes payable will be paid from the General Fund. The landfill closure and post closure care costs will be paid from the General Fund.

# NOTE 11 – CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

# Component Unit - Candler County Board of Health

	Balance			Balance	Amounts
	July 1,			June 30,	Due In
	2017	Additions	Reductions	2018	One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 19,602	\$ 9,537	\$ 9,801	\$ 19,338	\$ 9,669

# Component Unit - Candler County Hospital Authority

	Balance January 1,		Balance December 31,	Amounts Due In
	2017	Additions Reduction	ns 2017	One Year
Notes payable	\$ 5,592,820	\$ 81,900 \$ 668,42	4 \$ 5,006,296	\$ 2,049,463

# NOTE 12 – FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

As of June 30, 2018, governmental fund balances are composed of the following:

	General Fund	Special Sales Tax Fund	T-SPLOST Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid items	\$ 76,438				\$ 76,438
Restricted:					
E-911				\$ 260,409	260,409
Roads	1.14		\$ 690,213	405,954	1,096,167
Jail store	2040	2348		102,706	102,706
Law library	्र <del>ज्ञ</del> ा		-	19,197	19,197
Drug education	1.00			46,917	46,917
Hospital debt service	48,345		<b>a</b> )		48,345
Capital projects	027	\$ 987,312	<u>a</u> /	127	987,312
Total restricted	48,345	987,312	690,213	835,183	2,561,053
Assigned:		·			3
Landfill closure and post closure care costs	1,548,737	8 <b>.</b>		-	1,548,737
Subsequent y ear's budget	506,038				506,038
Total assigned	2,054,775			<u></u>	2,054,775
Unassigned	3,200,074	3 <b>4</b> 3			3,200,074
Total fund balances	\$ 5,379,632	\$ 987,312	\$ 690,213	\$ 835,183	\$ 7,892,340

# NOTE 13 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

## Probate Judges' Retirement Fund of Georgia

The Probate Judge is covered under a pension plan which requires that certain sums from marriage licenses be remitted to the state sponsored pension plan.

#### Clerk of Superior Court Retirement Fund

The Clerk of Superior Court is covered under a pension plan which requires that certain sums from fees and fines or bond forfeitures be remitted to the state sponsored pension plan.

## Sheriff's Retirement Fund/Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund

The Sheriff and sheriff deputies are covered under separate pension plans which require that certain sums from fines or bond forfeitures be remitted by the Magistrate Court and Clerk of Superior Court to the state sponsored pension plans.

## Georgia Judicial Retirement System

This system provides retirement benefits for Superior Court Judges, District Attorneys, State Court Judges, Solicitors-General of the State Courts, and Juvenile Court Judges.

# Employee's Retirement System of Georgia

Candler County tax officials are covered under this retirement plan.

#### Candler County Board of Health (component unit)

The employees of the Candler County Board of Health participate in the Georgia State Employees Retirement System (ERS). The plan is administered by the State of Georgia. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ers.ga.gov. The retirement contributions for the year ended June 30, 2018 were \$48,888. Contributions are fully vested to employees after 10 years of continuous service.

At June 30, 2018, the Board of Health reported \$273,978 as a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities. For the year ended June 30, 2018, the Board of Health recognized pension expense of \$14,303.

# Candler County Hospital Authority (component unit)

The Candler County Hospital Authority maintains a defined contribution retirement plan covering substantially all full-time employees. Employees are immediately vested 100% in all funds under the plan. Matching contributions have been suspended by the Authority. The contributions made by the Authority for the year ended December 31, 2017 were \$0. The Authority had no outstanding liability related to the plan at December 31, 2017.

# NOTE 13 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

The Authority has also established a deferred compensation plan that is offered to limited employees. The Authority makes no matching contributions and employees are immediately 100% vested in all funds under the plan. As of December 31, 2017, the Authority had no outstanding liability related to the plan.

# NOTE 14 – 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; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County has joined together with other counties in the state as part of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Interlocal Risk Management Agency Property and Liability Insurance Fund and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Group Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Fund, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management insurance program for member local governments.

As part of these risk pools, the County is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pools, to cooperate with the pool's agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the funds, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the funds being required to pay any claim of loss. The County is also to allow the pool's agents and attorneys to represent the County in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the County within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

The funds are to defend and protect the members of the funds against liability or loss as prescribed in the member government contract and in accordance with the worker's compensation law of Georgia. The funds are to pay all cost taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense.

Settled claims in the past three years have not exceeded the coverages.

# **NOTE 15 – CONTINGENCIES**

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the County attorney, the resolution of these matters probably will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

On November 5, 2013, the Candler County Hospital Authority sold a Series 2013A Revenue Anticipation Certificate for \$502,500 to Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company. The Revenue Anticipation Certificate, which has an interest rate of 2.9%, will be repaid in monthly installments beginning in December 2013 and ending in November 2018. Payment of principal, interest and premium, if any, will be made from the net revenues of the Candler County Hospital Authority. Proceeds from the Revenue Anticipation Certificate was utilized for issuance costs and improvements at the Candler County Hospital.

On December 17, 2014, the Candler County Hospital Authority issued a Series 2013B Taxable Note to repay other notes and obligations as well as cover issuance costs. It has an interest rate of 4.15% and will be paid with the Candler County Hospital Authority's general revenues over 120 months. Both the Series 2013A Revenue Anticipation Certificate and Series 2013B Taxable Note are also secured by an intergovernmental agreement

# **NOTE 15 – CONTINGENCIES (Continued)**

between the Candler County Hospital Authority and the County. As part of the intergovernmental agreement, the County guarantees to pay to the Authority an amount equal to the deficit of the Candler County Hospital Authority's net revenues or general funds compared to the payments due on the certificate and/or note. Further, the County has agreed to levy taxes on taxable property within the County up to six mills should it be required to do so.

## Candler County Hospital Authority (component unit) - Going Concern

The Authority reported a decrease in net position the last five years including decreases of \$586,363 and \$1,886,474 in 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Authority has a net position deficiency (liabilities exceed assets) of \$6,082,964 at December 31, 2017. The Authority's current liabilities exceed its current assets by \$6,573,158 at December 31, 2017. These issues raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. The Authority's plans to improve its financial position are as follows:

## Financial Support from Candler County

Beginning with the 2017 property tax collections, Candler County is subsidizing the Authority's longterm debt obligations to Queensborough National Bank with a one mil property tax. Also, with the 2018 SPLOST collections that began effective April, 2018, the County is allocating 20% of the monthly collections to retire the Authority's long-term debt. Candler County and the Authority are continuing negotiations for other support opportunities for the Hospital.

#### Long-Term Debt Consolidation

The Authority is actively seeking funding to refinance outstanding debt through the USDA in an effort to consolidate and extend the repayment periods of current debt and to reduce the current annual debt service obligations.

#### Managed Care Contract Negotiations

The Authority is currently negotiating the current payment agreements with commercial insurance carriers in an effort to increase the reimbursement received for services rendered. The Authority successfully renegotiated the payment agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield effective July 1, 2017.

#### Physician Recruitment and Community Needs

During 2017, the Authority assumed ownership of Candler Medical Group, a rural health clinic located on the Authority's campus which was formerly owned by a different hospital system. The Clinic was merged with the Authority's existing clinic and through the merger, the Authority added a physician and three nurse practitioners. Subsequent to year end, the Authority successfully recruited a primary care physician to the Clinic and another primary care physician opened a practice on the Authority's campus. Management also continues to work with surrounding area hospitals and physicians in an effort to increase swing-bed referrals.

#### Georgia Rural Hospital Tax Credit Program

The Hospital is actively participating in the Georgia Rural Hospital Tax Credit Program by educating and engaging employees, community members, and local businesses to contribute to the Hospital. As of July 31, 2018, Candler County Hospital has received approximately \$922,000 in donations for tax year 2018.

## **NOTE 16 – JOINT VENTURE**

Under Georgia law, the County, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the seventeen county East Middle Georgia area, is a member of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission (RC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended June 30, 2018, the County paid \$6,868 in such dues. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-33 which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission 5405 Oak Street Eastman, Georgia 31023

# **NOTE 17 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

#### Component Unit - Candler County Board of Health

In conformity with GAAP, as set forth in the Statement of Governmental Standards No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, the beginning Government-wide net position was restated in the amount of \$14,458 to record the effects of recognizing OPEB liabilities not previously recorded.

# **NOTE 18 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events were evaluated through January 10, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS JUNE 30, 2018

		ug Abuse reatment Education Fund	E-911 Fund		Jail Store Fund		Law Library		and	Local aintenance Improvement rant Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	
ASSETS	¢	16 6 67	¢	110.000	¢	07 77(	e	10.401	¢	105 051	ሰ	(05 004
Cash Certificate of deposit	\$	46,667	\$	116,006 151,478	\$	97,776 -	\$	19,401 -	\$	405,954	\$	685,804 151,478
Receivables:												
Accounts		385		16,879		4,930		<b>T</b> .		3 <b>2</b> 3		21,809
Intergovernmental		250		25.1						) <b>3</b> 0		250
Interest		-	_	1,281		-	-	4				1,281
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	46,917	\$	285,644	\$	102,706	\$	19,401	\$	405,954	\$	860,622
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities:												
Accounts payable		-	\$	25,235		8	\$	204			\$	25,439
Total liabilities		-	_	25,235	-	×		204	-	178). 1780 - 1	_	25,439
Fund balance:	¢	46.017		260.400	¢	100 704		10 107	\$	405.054		025 102
Restricted	\$	46,917	_	260,409	\$	102,706	-	<u>    19,197    </u> 19,197	\$	405,954	_	835,183 835,183
Total fund balance	1	46,917	-	200,409		102,700	-	19,197	), <u> </u>	403,734		033,103
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND												
FUND BALANCE	\$	46,917	\$	285,644	\$	102,706	\$	19,401	\$	405,954	\$	860,622

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		ig Abuse eatment Education Fund	E-911 Fund	Jail Store Fund	Law Library	Local Maintenance and Improvemer Grant Fund		Total lonmajor sial Revenue Funds
REVENUES								
Charges for services			\$ 158,933	\$ 27,857	<b>.</b>		2	\$ 186,790
Fees, fines and forfeitures	\$	4,377		( <b>2</b> 0	\$ 7,563			11,940
Intergovernmental		ŝ	2	120	1	\$	405,747	405,747
Interest		¥	1,880	-	-		207	 2,087
Total revenues		4,377	160,813	27,857	7,563		405,954	 606,564
EXPENDITURES Current:								
Public safety		1,516	365,191	61	2		9	366,768
Judicial		÷	*	(#)	2,611		3	2,611
Capital outlay		š	-	10,022			360,345	370,367
Total expenditures		1,516	365,191	10,083	2,611		360,345	 739,746
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER								
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		2,861	(204,378)	17,774	4,952		45,609	(133,182)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2017	(	44,056	464,787	84,932	14,245		360,345	 968,365
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2018	\$	46,917	\$ 260,409	\$ 102,706	\$ 19,197	\$	405,954	\$ 835,183

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND EDUCATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	 inal and I Budget		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)		
REVENUES Fees, fines and forfeitures	\$ 5,000	\$	4,377	\$	(623)	
EXPENDITURES Current: Public safety	 5,000	-	1,516		3,484	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 		2,861	\$	2,861	
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			44,056			
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR		\$	46,917			

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA E-911 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	iginal and al Budget		Actual		Variance Positive Negative)
REVENUES Charges for services	\$ 170,000	\$	158,933	\$	(11,067)
Charges for services Interest	 170,000	ф 	1,880	ф —	1,880
Total revenues	170,000		160,813		(9,187)
EXPENDITURES Current:					
Public safety	 135,000		365,191		(230,191)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 35,000		(204,378)	\$	(239,378)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			464,787		
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR		\$	260,409		

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA JAIL STORE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	+	nal and Budget	Actual	I	Variance Positive Vegative)
REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$		\$ 27,857	\$	27,857
EXPENDITURES Current:					
Public safety		-	61		(61)
Capital Outlay		-	10,022		(10,022)
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		~	 10,083	3 <del>.</del>	(10,083)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	-	17,774	\$	17,774
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			84,932		
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 102,706		

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA LAW LIBRARY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	-	nal and Budget	 Actual	P	Variance Positive Vegative)
REVENUES Fees, fines and forfeitures	\$	-	\$ 7,563	\$	7,563
EXPENDITURES Current: Judicial	2		 2,611		(2,611)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$		4,952	\$	4,952
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			 14,245		
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 19,197		

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	iginal and nal Budget		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)		
REVENUES Intergovernmental Interest	\$ 380,000	\$	405,747 207	\$	25,747 207	
Total revenues	380,000		405,954		25,954	
EXPENDITURES Capital Outlay	 678,285	-	360,345		317,940	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (298,285)		45,609	\$	343,894	
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			360,345			
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR		\$	405,954			

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2018

	Con	Tax nmissioner	_	Probate Court		Clerk of Courts		agistrate Court	 Sheriff	Totals		
ASSETS Cash	\$	300,639	\$	2,136	\$	32,135	\$	29,189	\$ 86,019	\$	450,118	
LIABILITIES Due to other entities and individua	ls_\$	300,639	\$	2,136	\$	32,135	\$	29,189	\$ 86,019	\$	450,118	

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Balance e 30, 2017	o <b>,</b>	Additions	 Deductions	Balance ne 30, 2018
Tax Commissioner					
Assets Cash	\$ 443,522	\$	11,870,635	\$ 12,013,518	\$ 300,639
Liabilities Due to other entities and individuals	\$ 443,522	\$	11,870,635	\$ 12,013,518	\$ 300,639
Probate Court					
Assets Cash	\$ 1,944	\$	60,842	\$ 60,650	\$ 2,136
Liabilities Due to other entities and individuals	\$ 1,944	\$	60,842	\$ 60,650	\$ 2,136
Clerk of Courts Assets Cash	\$ 24,582	\$	707,908	\$ 700,355	\$ 32,135
Liabilities Due to other entities and individuals	\$ 24,582	\$	707,908	\$ 700,355	\$ 32,135
Magistrate Court Assets Cash	\$ 14,634	\$	137,021	\$ 122,466	\$ 29,189
Liabilities Due to other entities and individuals	\$ 14,634	\$	137,021	\$ 122,466	\$ 29,189
Sheriff Assets Cash	\$ 50,525	\$	78,221	\$ 42,727	\$ 86,019
Liabilities Due to other entities and individuals	\$ 50,525	\$	78,221	\$ 42,727	\$ 86,019
<b>Total Agency Funds</b> Assets Cash	\$ 535,207	\$	12,854,627	\$ 12,939,716	\$ 450,118
Liabilities Due to other entities and individuals	\$ 535,207	\$	12,854,627	\$ 12,939,716	\$ 450,118

#### CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS PAID WITH SPECIAL SALES TAX PROCEEDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

				2011	Spee	cial Sales Ta	IX				
	Original Current						Ex	penditures			Estimated Percentage
		Estimated		Estimated		Prior		Current			of
Project		Cost		Cost	Years		Year		Total		Completion
Public buildings projects	\$	575,000	\$	575,000	\$	184,639	\$	86,831	\$	271,470	47%
Recreation department projects		260,000		260,000		205,273		26,394		231,667	89%
Retirement of prior year debt		303,320		306,502		306,502		-		306,502	100%
Public works projects		15,000		15,000		559		-		559	4%
Road maintenance/improvements		469,930		469,930		22,000		-		22,000	5%
New equipment		2,408,750		2,408,750		1,898,290		474,419		2,372,709	99%
Candler County Industrial Authority		500,000		500,000		-		500,000		500,000	100%
City of Metter	2	2,880,000		2,883,410		2,716,677		166,733		2,883,410	100%
Town of Pulaski	-	288,000	_	288,331	_	271,658		16,673		288,331	100%
	\$	7,700,000	\$	7,706,923	\$	5,605,598	\$	1,271,050	\$	6,876,648	89%

#### 2018 Special Sales Tax

				•						Estimated
	Original		Current				Percentage			
	Estimated		Estimated	Prior		Current				of
Project	Cost	_	Cost	_	Years		Year	-	Total	Completion
Retirement of general obligation debt	\$ 1,600,000	\$	1,600,000	\$	-	\$	62,860	\$	62,860	4%
Capital improvements and equipment for County buildings	200,000		200,000		-		-		-	0%
Roads and bridges	1,424,000		1,424,000		-		-		-	0%
Recreation department projects	250,000		250,000		-		-		-	0%
Public works projects including solid waste collection/disposal	50,000		50,000		-		-		-	0%
Sheriff's department projects	250,000		250,000		-		-		-	0%
Radio communication equipment	720,000		720,000		~		-		-	0%
County general vehicles	150,000		150,000		-		-		-	0%
Computer equipment	20,000		20,000		-		-		-	0%
Public safety projects	240,000		240,000		-		-		-	0%
Candler County Industrial Authority	500,000		500,000		-		-		-	0%
City of Metter	2,360,000		2,360,000		-		100,575		100,575	4%
Town of Pulaski	236,000	-	236,000			8	10,057		10,057	4%
	\$ 8,000,000	\$	8,000,000	\$	-	\$	173,492	\$	173,492	2%

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# 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 Board of Commissioners Candler County, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Candler County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Candler County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 10, 2019. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Candler County Board of Health and the Candler County Hospital Authority, as described in our report on Candler County, Georgia'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.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

## 2018-1 Tax Commissioner's Office – Unidentified funds

The Tax Commissioner's Office has accumulated approximately \$108,000 of unidentified funds from prior years. Staff members should try to identify the sources of these accumulated funds and determine how the funds should be distributed or seek direction from the County attorney on how to disburse the unidentified funds.

County Response: We concur with this finding and the Tax Commissioner's Office personnel will try to determine the source of these funds and how they should be disbursed.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### Candler County, Georgia's Response to Findings

Candler County, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit is described above. Candler County, Georgia's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **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.

Lanier, Dal & Proctor

Statesboro, Georgia January 10, 2019