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For The Year Ended June 30, 2024

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MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OFFICIALS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

OFFICE	NAME	TERM
<u>Elective</u>		
County Commission:	Tom Bloom	01-01-19 / 12-31-24
	Jeffery Arnett	01-01-21 / 12-31-26
	Sean Sikora	01-01-23 / 12-31-28
Clerk of the County Commission:	Carye Blaney	01-01-23 / 12-31-28
Clerk of the Circuit Court:	Donna Hidock	01-01-23 / 12-31-28
Sheriff:	Perry Palmer	01-01-21 / 12-31-24
Prosecuting Attorney:	Gabrielle Mucciola	01-27-23 / 12-31-24
Assessor:	Mark Musick	01-01-21 / 12-31-24



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Monongalia County Commission
243 High Street, Room 123
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Monongalia County, West Virginia (the County), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and reports of other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Monongalia County, West Virginia as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General and Coal Severance Tax Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of Monongalia County Health Department or Monongalia County Development Authority. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it related to the amounts included for the Monongalia County Health Department and Monongalia County Development Authority, is based solely on the report of 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*, 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise 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* and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedule for the Assessor's Valuation Fund, Schedule of State Grant Receipts and Expenditures, and 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 for Federal Awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual financial 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 material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 5, 2025, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and 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 the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

March 5, 2025

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

The discussion and analysis of Monongalia County's (the "County") financial performance provides an overall review of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's financial performance as a whole; readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the additional information contained in the financial statements and the notes thereof.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of Monongalia County were less than its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$122,695,977. Of this amount, \$32,502,861 is restricted in use.

Total assets and deferred outflows increased by \$23,613,357, which represents a 24 percent increase over 2023. The primary change that contributed to this increase was the increase in capital assets.

Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources decreased by \$746,009, which represents a decrease of less than 1 percent over 2023. The main factor contributing to this decrease was the decrease in notes payable through principal payments.

In total, net position increased by \$14,188,238 during 2023. This represents a 10 percent increase from 2023.

For 2024, the County's net pension liability decreased by \$1,110,329, net pension asset increased by \$29,930, net OPEB liability decreased by 161,214, and the net OPEB asset increased by \$268,976. The County reported a net pension liability, net pension asset, and net OPEB liability for 2024.

Using this Annual Financial Report

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements – Reporting Monongalia County as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net position presents information on all Monongalia County's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the four reported as *net position*. Over time, increase or decrease in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Monongalia County is improving or deteriorating. However, in evaluating the overall position of the County, nonfinancial factors such as the County's tax base, change in property and municipal income tax laws, and the condition of the capital assets should also be considered.

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

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Both the statement of net position and the statement of activities use the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, we report the County activities as follows:

Governmental activities: most of the County's basic services are reported here, including law enforcement for unincorporated areas of the County, health and social services, cultural and recreational programs, and other governmental services. Property and other taxes, state and county taxes, licenses, permits and charges for services finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements - Reporting Monongalia County's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objects. Monongalia County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of Monongalia County are reported as governmental funds.

Governmental Funds: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on the balance of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all *other financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the government fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate a comparison between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds.

Information on the County's individual governmental funds is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, for the general fund, coal severance tax fund, and the university town center debt service fund, all of which are considered to be major funds. The remaining funds are combined and presented within the column titled other nonmajor governmental funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found after the basic financial statement of this report.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Government-wide Financial Analysis - Monongalia County as a Whole

Table 1
Net Position

	Government Activities		Change
	2024	2023 - Restated	
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 40,323,301	\$ 33,343,504	\$ 6,979,797
Capital Assets, Net	45,573,743	36,086,116	9,487,627
Right-of-Use Assets, Net	597,509	873,711	(276,202)
Subscription Assets, Net	-	56,885	(56,885)
Restricted Assets	32,502,861	24,519,453	7,983,408
Net Pension Asset	29,930	-	29,930
Net OPEB Asset	268,976	-	268,976
Total Assets	119,296,320	94,879,669	24,416,651
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension	2,831,155	3,996,076	(1,164,921)
OPEB	538,169	639,791	(101,622)
Total Deferred Outflows	3,369,324	4,635,867	(1,266,543)
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	1,984,107	1,827,723	156,384
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	4,529,078	13,010,778	(8,481,700)
Other Amounts Due in More than One Year	237,189,179	218,217,838	18,971,341
Net Pension Liability	1,249,186	2,359,515	(1,110,329)
Net OPEB Liability	-	161,214	(161,214)
Total Liabilities	244,951,550	235,577,068	9,374,482
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Pension	97,405	193,195	(95,790)
OPEB	312,666	629,488	(316,822)
Total Deferred Inflows	410,071	822,683	(412,612)
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	35,771,914	36,084,551	(312,637)
Restricted	32,502,861	24,519,453	7,983,408
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(190,970,752)	(197,488,219)	6,517,467
Total Net Position	\$ (122,695,977)	\$ (136,884,215)	\$ 14,188,238

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of West Virginia's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to equal the County's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the County is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In West Virginia, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In West Virginia, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the County's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows. As a result, the County is reporting a net OPEB liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to OPEB on the accrual basis of accounting.

A portion of the County's net position reflects its net investment in capital assets. Capital assets include construction in progress, land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles and infrastructure. The County uses those capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, they are not available for future spending. Net investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2024, was \$35,771,914. Although the County's investment is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources since capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the County's net position represents resources that have been restricted on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position of a negative \$190,970,752 may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Total net position of the County increased \$14,188,238. The following factors were primarily responsible for this decrease:

- An increase in current and other assets of \$6,979,797.
- An increase in capital assets, net of \$9,487,627 due to the purchase of a building and other assets.
- A decrease in restricted assets of \$7,983,408 due to significant TIF and excise bond activity.
- A decrease in deferred outflows of resources – pension and OPEB of \$1,266,543.
- A decrease in net pension liability of \$1,110,329, and an increase in net pension asset of \$29,930.
- A decrease in net OPEB liability of \$161,214 and an increase in the net OPEB asset of \$268,976.
- A decrease in deferred inflows of resources – pension and OPEB of \$412,612.
- An increase in other long-term liabilities of \$700,558.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further detail regarding the results of activities for the current year in comparison to 2023.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Table 2
Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023 - Restated	Change
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 5,067,410	\$ 5,235,683	\$ (168,273)
Operating Grants and Contributions	3,670,322	10,769,581	(7,099,259)
Capital Grants and Contributions	17,394,261	1,368,257	16,026,004
Total Program Revenues	<u>26,131,993</u>	<u>17,373,521</u>	<u>8,758,472</u>
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	35,504,934	28,324,324	7,180,610
Coal Severance & Other Taxes	9,194,004	6,818,138	2,375,866
Licenses and Permits	32,343	20,004	12,339
Fines and Forfeits	264,561	245,435	19,126
Investment Income	3,572,110	2,589,620	982,490
Refunds and Reimbursements	4,919,019	3,602,660	1,316,359
State OPEB Special Funding Revenue	209,882	(102,260)	312,142
Miscellaneous	1,074,035	1,028,659	45,376
Total General Revenues	<u>54,770,888</u>	<u>42,526,580</u>	<u>12,244,308</u>
Total Revenues	<u>80,902,881</u>	<u>59,900,101</u>	<u>21,002,780</u>
Program Expenses			
General Government	17,338,387	15,801,891	1,536,496
Public Safety	21,064,121	20,872,128	191,993
Health and Sanitation	899,435	855,867	43,568
Administrative and General	225,960	89,730	136,230
Culture and Recreation	3,094,475	3,254,907	(160,432)
Social Services	2,940,619	2,949,675	(9,056)
Capital Projects	7,933,197	13,689,938	(5,756,741)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	13,218,449	12,269,253	949,196
Total Program Expenses	<u>66,714,643</u>	<u>69,783,389</u>	<u>(3,068,746)</u>
Change in Net Position	14,188,238	(9,883,288)	24,071,526
Net Position, Beginning of Year (Restated)	<u>(136,884,215)</u>	<u>(127,000,927)</u>	<u>(9,883,288)</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ (122,695,977)</u>	<u>\$ (136,884,215)</u>	<u>\$ 14,188,238</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Governmental Activities

Several revenue sources fund our governmental activities with the property tax being the largest contributor. During 2024, the revenues generated from property tax collections amounted to \$35,504,934, which represents 65 percent of all County general revenues.

General government and public safety are the major activities of the County generating 58 percent of the governmental expenses. Public safety includes the cost of providing police and dispatch services for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. Techniques such as defensive and emergency vehicle operations training, technical skills evaluation, practical drills, and on-line education help keep the men and women updated to perform their jobs most efficiently.

General government expense accounted for \$17,338,387, or 26 percent, of the governmental expenses. Expenses for this program decreased \$1,536,496 compared to 2023. The increase in expense is due to a decrease in pension expense related to the net pension liability/asset and OPEB expense related to the net OPEB liability/aset.

Capital projects expense accounted for \$7,933,197, or 12 percent, of the governmental expenses. Expenses for this program increased \$5,756,741 compared to 2023 due to a decrease in expenditures related to the University Town Center project and related TIF and excise tax bond activity.

The County's Funds

Governmental Funds

Information about the County's major funds starts on the balance sheet. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$80,573,315, other financing sources of \$75,818,424, expenditures of \$89,762,577 and other financing uses of \$51,942,548. Overall fund balance increased \$14,686,614, or 27.8 percent during the year.

The net change in fund balance for the general fund was an increase in fund balance of \$4,242,610 in 2024 which increases its fund balance to \$12,942,319.

The net change in fund balance in the university town center debt service fund was an increase of \$8,198,473 in 2024 which increases its fund balance to \$29,944,248. Restricted cash increased to \$30,754,996 as TIF and excise tax bond proceeds from prior periods were received in excess of the amount spent. The coal severance tax fund reflected an increase of \$109,418, or 21 percent. The ARPA fund reflected an increase of \$214,033 or 2%. Net change in fund balance for all other non-major funds was an increase of \$1,922,080, or 23 percent.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The County's budget is prepared according to West Virginia law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund. An annual appropriation budget is legally required to be prepared for all funds of the County other than agency funds. County Commissioners are provided with a detailed line item budget for all departments and after a discussion at a regularly held meeting, which is open to the public; the budget is adopted by the Commissioners. The Commissioners must approve any revisions in the budget that alter totals or the total appropriations for any department or fund. The finance department watches all the departmental budgets closely to monitor compliance with allocated budgets and provides monthly reports to the County Commissioners depicting monthly and year-to-date activity.

For the general fund, final budget basis revenue, excluding other financing sources was \$35,619,864, more than the original budget estimates of \$29,677,653. The County continues the conservative practice of estimating low in the tax, intergovernmental revenue and interest revenue areas. The final appropriations of \$41,267,374, excluding other financing uses, was sufficient to meet the expenditures for the year, which ended up at \$40,319,864. The final budget of expenditures, excluding other financing uses, decreased \$12,493 from the original budget.

The County's ending unobligated budgetary fund balance was \$12,942,319 higher than the final budgeted amount.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2024, Monongalia County had \$45,573,743, invested in land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, structures and improvements and machinery and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.

Table 3 shows fiscal 2024 balances of capital assets as compared to the 2023 balances:

Table 3
Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023 - Restated	Change
Construction in Progress	\$ 6,648,682	\$ 7,204,639	\$ (555,957)
Land	1,545,021	1,545,021	-
Building and Improvements	45,780,549	35,897,196	9,883,353
Structures and Improvements	7,083,062	6,460,716	622,346
Machinery and Equipment	8,417,265	7,270,295	1,146,970
Less: Total Accumulated Depreciation	(23,900,836)	(22,291,751)	(1,609,085)
 Total Capital Assets	 \$ 45,573,743	 \$ 36,086,116	 \$ 9,487,627

The County has an aggressive stance on maintaining its assets, including infrastructure, in excellent condition. Vehicles such as trucks and plows are planned for well in advance by the respective department heads and a scheduled maintenance and replacement timetable is followed to provide peak performance for the maximum time frame. Vehicles no longer in service are either traded in or sold at an auction or online.

Additional information concerning the County's capital assets can be found in the Note III. C to the financial statements.

**MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Debt

At June 30, 2024, Monongalia County had \$242,967,443 in outstanding debt, net pension liability, net OPEB liability and compensated absences payable, of which \$230,410,850 was in bonds payable. Table 4 summarizes the outstanding obligations of the County.

**Table 4
Outstanding Long-Term Obligations at Year End**

	Governmental Activities		Change
	2024	2023	
Lease Revenue Bonds, Net of Premium and Discount	\$ 10,498,023	\$ 11,470,326	\$ (972,303)
TIF Bonds	76,017,285	60,839,025	15,178,260
Excise Tax Bonds, Net of Discount	143,895,542	157,041,507	(13,145,965)
Notes Payable	9,789,083	-	
Leases Payable	610,255	504,188	106,067
Subscriptions Payable	-	57,708	(57,708)
Net Pension Liability	1,249,186	2,359,515	(1,110,329)
Net OPEB Liability	-	161,214	(161,214)
Compensated Absences	908,069	938,526	(30,457)
Total	\$ 242,967,443	\$ 233,372,009	\$ (193,649)

Lease revenue bonds were issued for the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of a Monongalia County Justice Center. The TIF bonds consist of projects related to the Morgantown Industrial Park, the Monongalia General Hospital, the Star City project, the Harmony Grove project, and the University Town Center project.

Other obligations include notes payable, the net pension liability, the net OPEB liability and accrued compensated absences. Additional information concerning the County's debt can be found in Note III. F to the financial statements.

Current Related Financial Activities

The fund balance in the General Fund increased in 2024 due to a stronger recovery in property and other tax revenues. With a gradual improvement in the national economy and renewed support from federal and state funding sources, the Commissioners and department heads have strategically managed resources. They are proactively reviewing all non-statutory expenditure functions, ensuring only essential expenses remain. Travel and equipment purchases are still monitored closely but have seen selective increases to support key operations.

The County's portion of federal and state-based revenue has shown improvement as the economic climate stabilizes. While the State of West Virginia faced earlier revenue challenges, its allocation to counties has steadily recovered, helping to reduce pressure on the General Fund. Moreover, additional funds received under the American Recovery Plan Act have been effectively utilized to boost county services, ensuring greater resilience moving forward.

Inflationary trends for the County improved in 2024. Monongalia County's economy has been resilient in contrast to other counties in the State of West Virginia who are facing significant financial hardships and budget reductions. The key factor is the County's diversified commercial and industrial economic base. The County is fortunate to have a fairly large amount of undeveloped land in the portions of the County which can hopefully house future new development once the economy improves.

Contacting Monongalia County's Finance Department

This financial report is designed to provide our citizen's, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for all money it receives, spends, or invests. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact County Administrator, Renetta McClure, Monongalia County, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505, telephone (304) 291-7293.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

	Primary Government	Component Units	
	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Monongalia County Health <u>Department</u>	Monongalia County Development <u>Authority</u>
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,119,017	\$ 3,113,025	\$ 5,866
Restricted cash - capital projects	-	-	335,227
Receivables:			
Taxes	3,716,830	-	-
Accounts, Net	-	164,588	22,722
Grants	1,487,454	913,683	-
Notes - current	-	-	7,809
Prepaid expenses	-	42,797	4,318
Total current assets	<u>40,323,301</u>	<u>4,234,093</u>	<u>375,942</u>
Restricted assets:			
Restricted cash	32,502,861	-	-
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable:			
Land	1,545,021	-	6,132,475
Construction in progress	6,648,682	-	-
Depreciable:			
Buildings	45,780,549	-	27,332,017
Structures and improvements	7,083,062	-	-
Furniture and equipment	-	510,843	2,029,599
Vehicles	-	942,252	-
Machinery and equipment	8,417,265	-	-
Leasehold improvements	-	122,015	467,147
Less: accumulated depreciation	(23,900,836)	(797,380)	(3,054,806)
Right of Use Assets	1,148,007	-	-
Less: accumulated amortization	(550,498)	-	-
Other assets:			
Net pension asset	29,930	8,487	-
Net OPEB asset	268,976	91,609	-
Notes Receivable, noncurrent	-	-	118,003
Total noncurrent assets	<u>78,973,019</u>	<u>877,826</u>	<u>33,024,435</u>
Total assets	<u>119,296,320</u>	<u>5,111,919</u>	<u>33,400,377</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS			
Pension	2,831,155	527,419	-
OPEB	538,169	72,225	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 3,369,324</u>	<u>\$ 599,644</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

	Primary Government	Component Units	
	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Monongalia County Health <u>Department</u>	Monongalia County Development <u>Authority</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities payable			
from current assets:			
Accounts payable	\$ 895,318	152,856	357,997
Accrued salaries and benefits payable	-	257,125	-
Interest payable	1,088,789	-	-
Unearned fees and permits	-	231,713	-
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Bonds payable - due within one year	4,174,997	-	-
Bonds payable - due in more than one year	226,235,853	-	-
Notes payable - due within one year	81,204	-	13,860,645
Notes payable - due in more than one year	9,707,879	-	17,836,767
Leases payable - due within one year	272,877	-	-
Leases payable - due in more than one year	337,378	-	-
Compensated absences payable	908,069	244,967	-
Net pension liability	1,249,186	-	-
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Total liabilities	244,951,550	886,661	32,055,409
DEFERRED INFLOWS			
Pension	97,405	3,787	-
OPEB	312,666	116,599	-
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Total deferred inflows of resources	410,071	120,386	-
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	35,771,914	777,730	1,209,020
Restricted for:			
Debt service	32,502,861	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	335,227
Unrestricted	(190,970,752)	3,926,786	(199,279)
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Total net position	\$ (122,695,977)	\$ 4,704,516	\$ 1,344,968
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Total liabilities and net position	\$ 122,665,644	\$ 5,711,563	\$ 33,400,377

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	Component Units	
					Governmental Activities	Monongalia County Health Department	Monongalia County Development Authority
Functions / Programs							
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 17,338,387	\$ 5,067,410	\$ 3,670,322	\$ -	\$ (8,600,655)	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety	21,064,121	-	-	-	(21,064,121)	-	-
Health and sanitation	899,435	-	-	-	(899,435)	-	-
Administrative and general	225,960	-	-	-	(225,960)	-	-
Culture and recreation	3,094,475	-	-	-	(3,094,475)	-	-
Social services	2,940,619	-	-	-	(2,940,619)	-	-
Capital outlay	7,933,197	-	-	17,394,261	9,461,064	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	13,218,449	-	-	-	(13,218,449)	-	-
Total governmental activities	66,714,643	5,067,410	3,670,322	17,394,261	(40,582,650)	-	-
Total primary government	\$ 66,714,643	\$ 5,067,410	\$ 3,670,322	\$ 17,394,261	(40,582,650)	-	-
Component units:							
Monongalia County Health Department	7,206,246	2,584,619	2,855,373	-	-	(1,766,254)	-
Monongalia County Development Authority	3,006,930	1,697,685	250,000	-	-	-	(1,059,245)
Total component units	\$ 10,213,176	\$ 4,282,304	\$ 3,105,373	\$ -	-	(1,766,254)	(1,059,245)
General revenues:							
Ad valorem property taxes					35,504,934	-	-
Alcoholic beverages tax					321,993	-	-
Hotel occupancy tax					1,187,475	-	-
Gas and oil severance tax					3,689,397	-	-
Other taxes					3,678,125	-	-
Coal severance tax					317,014	-	-
Licenses and permits					32,343	-	-
Intergovernmental:							
State					-	802,048	-
Local					-	500,000	-
Fines and Forfeits					264,561	-	-
Unrestricted investment earnings					3,572,110	-	-
Refunds					4,119,876	-	-
Reimbursement					799,143	-	-
Investment earnings					-	126,350	13,192
Gain/(Loss) on Sale of capital assets					-	(6,800)	-
State Special Funding Revenue					209,882	-	-
Miscellaneous					1,074,035	462,284	215,666
Total general revenues					54,770,888	1,883,882	228,858
Change in net position					14,188,238	117,628	(830,387)
Net position - beginning (Restated)					(136,884,215)	4,586,888	2,175,355
Net position - ending					\$ (122,695,977)	\$ 4,704,516	\$ 1,344,968

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Coal Severance Tax</u>	<u>University Town Centre Debt Service</u>	<u>American Rescue Plan Act</u>	<u>Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS						
Assets:						
Current:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,947,653	\$ 662,169	\$ -	\$ 13,755,418	\$ 8,753,777	\$ 35,119,017
Receivables:						
Taxes	2,072,015	-	-	-	814,563	2,886,578
Grants	1,487,454	-	-	-	-	1,487,454
Restricted cash	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,754,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,747,865</u>	<u>32,502,861</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 15,507,122</u>	<u>\$ 662,169</u>	<u>\$ 30,754,996</u>	<u>\$ 13,755,418</u>	<u>\$ 11,316,205</u>	<u>\$ 71,995,910</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 712,751	\$ 38,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,185	\$ 895,318
Other accrued expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>810,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,865</u>	<u>1,087,613</u>
Total liabilities	<u>712,751</u>	<u>38,382</u>	<u>810,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>421,050</u>	<u>1,982,931</u>
Deferred Inflows:						
Unavailable revenue - taxes	<u>1,852,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>646,333</u>	<u>2,498,385</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,852,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>646,333</u>	<u>2,498,385</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,564,803</u>	<u>38,382</u>	<u>810,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,067,383</u>	<u>4,481,316</u>
Fund balances:						
Restricted	-	-	29,944,248	13,755,418	10,248,822	53,948,488
Assigned	10,000,000	623,787	-	-	-	10,623,787
Unassigned	<u>2,942,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,942,319</u>
Total fund balances	<u>12,942,319</u>	<u>623,787</u>	<u>29,944,248</u>	<u>13,755,418</u>	<u>10,248,822</u>	<u>67,514,594</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 15,507,122</u>	<u>\$ 662,169</u>	<u>\$ 30,754,996</u>	<u>\$ 13,755,418</u>	<u>\$ 11,316,205</u>	<u>\$ 71,995,910</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

Total fund balances on the governmental fund's balance sheet	\$ 67,514,594
 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds. (Note III.C.)	45,573,743
Other long-term assets that are not available to pay for current-year expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. (Note III G.)	1,726,667
Certain revenues are not available to fund current year expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. (Note III.B.)	2,498,385
Deferred inflows and outflows related to pension activity are not required to be reported in the funds but are required to be reported at the government-wide level (Note V):	
Deferred outflow - Pension	2,831,155
Deferred outflow - OPEB	538,169
Deferred inflow - Pension	(97,405)
Deferred inflow - OPEB	(312,666)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. (Note III.F.)	<u>(242,968,619)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (122,695,977)</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Coal Severance Tax</u>	<u>University Town Centre Debt Service</u>	<u>American Rescue Plan Act</u>	<u>Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES						
Taxes:						
Ad valorem property taxes	\$ 20,362,013	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,023,236	\$ 35,385,249
Alcoholic beverages tax	321,993	-	-	-	-	321,993
Hotel occupancy tax	1,187,475	-	-	-	-	1,187,475
Gas and oil severance tax	3,689,397	-	-	-	-	3,689,397
Other taxes	2,019,792	-	-	-	1,530,792	3,550,584
Coal severance tax	-	309,301	-	-	7,713	317,014
Licenses and permits	13,198	-	-	-	19,145	32,343
Intergovernmental:						
Federal	462,634	-	-	50,000	-	512,634
State	1,603,595	-	17,394,261	-	661,661	19,659,517
Local	-	-	-	-	1,019,973	1,019,973
Charges for services	1,339,176	-	-	-	3,728,234	5,067,410
Fines and forfeits	-	-	-	-	264,561	264,561
Interest and investment earnings	695,529	27,091	1,606,437	647,077	595,976	3,572,110
Refunds	3,016,611	-	-	-	1,103,265	4,119,876
Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	799,143	799,143
Payments in lieu of taxes	610,678	-	-	-	130,541	741,219
Contributions and donations	195,271	-	-	-	-	195,271
Miscellaneous	102,502	-	-	-	35,044	137,546
Total revenues	35,619,864	336,392	19,000,698	697,077	24,919,284	80,573,315
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	14,925,739	57,346	-	-	2,175,091	17,158,176
Public safety	11,967,683	-	-	390,119	8,436,682	20,794,484
Health and sanitation	888,036	-	-	-	-	888,036
Administrative and general	-	-	159,161	-	57,799	216,960
Culture and recreation	1,264,723	118,628	-	-	1,562,411	2,945,762
Social services	406,778	51,000	-	-	2,482,841	2,940,619
Capital outlay	10,516,366	-	4,089,641	92,925	3,537,860	18,236,792
Debt service:						
Principal	341,470	-	11,665,000	-	1,458,311	13,464,781
Interest	21,562	-	11,111,492	-	1,983,913	13,116,967
Total expenditures	40,332,357	226,974	27,025,294	483,044	21,694,908	89,762,577
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(4,712,493)	109,418	(8,024,596)	214,033	3,224,376	(9,189,262)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	787,476	-	4,279,532	-	3,559,958	8,626,966
Transfers (out)	(1,633,949)	-	-	-	(6,993,017)	(8,626,966)
Currently Refunded Bonds	-	-	(43,315,582)	-	-	(43,315,582)
Proceeds from Issuance of Debt	9,789,083	-	55,259,119	-	2,130,763	67,178,965
Proceeds from Lease Financing	12,493	-	-	-	-	12,493
Total other financing sources (uses)	8,955,103	-	16,223,069	-	(1,302,296)	23,875,876
Net change in fund balances	4,242,610	109,418	8,198,473	214,033	1,922,080	14,686,614
Fund balances - beginning (See note III.E.)	8,699,709	514,369	21,745,775	13,541,385	8,326,742	52,827,980
Fund balances - ending	\$ 12,942,319	\$ 623,787	\$ 29,944,248	\$ 13,755,418	\$ 10,248,822	\$ 67,514,594

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
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, 2024

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 14,686,614
<p>Capital outlays are reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds but are considered an asset at the government-wide level. This is the amount of capital assets that were purchased during the fiscal year. (Note III.C.)</p>	
Asset purchases during the fiscal year:	\$11,334,737
Depreciation expense:	(\$1,847,110) 9,487,627
<p>Right-of-use lease payments are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. In the statement of activities, the cost of those assets and liabilities are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization of assets and reductions of liabilities. (Note III G.)</p>	
	(4,411)
<p>Right-of-use subscription payments are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. In the statement of activities, the cost of those assets and liabilities are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization of assets and reductions of liabilities. (Note III G.)</p>	
	823
<p>Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the difference between prior and current year unavailable/unearned revenues.</p>	
	119,685
Prior year unavailable/unearned revenues:	\$2,378,700
Current year unavailable/unearned revenues:	\$2,498,385
<p>The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) 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. Also, 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. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items. (Note III.F.)</p>	
	(10,849,075)
<p>Certain pension & OPEB expenses and revenues in the statement of activities are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GASB 68 and 75. (Note V)</p>	
Amount of pension expenses recognized at government-wide level	71,128
Amount of OPEB expenses recognized at government-wide level	435,508
Amount of OPEB state special funding revenue recognized at government-wide level	209,882
<p>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. (Note III.F.)</p>	
	<u>30,457</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 14,188,238</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Modified Accrual Basis	Adjustments Budget Basis	Actual Amounts Budget Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final				
REVENUES						
Taxes:						
Ad valorem property taxes	21,078,211	\$ 21,078,211	\$ 20,362,013	\$ -	\$ 20,362,013	\$ (716,198)
Alcoholic beverages tax	300,000	300,000	321,993	-	321,993	21,993
Hotel occupancy tax	950,000	1,240,000	1,187,475	-	1,187,475	(52,525)
Gas and oil severance tax	1,000,000	3,600,000	3,689,397	-	3,689,397	89,397
Other taxes	1,450,000	1,455,605	2,019,792	-	2,019,792	564,187
Licenses and permits	3,200	3,200	13,198	-	13,198	9,998
Intergovernmental:						
Federal	476,013	528,821	462,634	-	462,634	(66,187)
State	253,029	372,753	1,603,595	-	1,603,595	1,230,842
Local	13,000	13,000	-	-	-	(13,000)
Charges for services	1,448,500	1,448,500	1,339,176	-	1,339,176	(109,324)
Interest and investment earnings	150,000	150,000	695,529	-	695,529	545,529
Refunds	1,505,000	2,019,804	3,016,611	-	3,016,611	996,807
Payments in lieu of taxes	650,700	650,700	610,678	-	610,678	(40,022)
Contributions and donations	-	190,052	195,271	-	195,271	5,219
Miscellaneous	400,000	432,281	102,502	-	102,502	(329,779)
Total revenues	29,677,653	33,482,927	35,619,864	-	35,619,864	2,136,937
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	20,070,271	23,185,338	14,925,739	363,259	15,288,998	7,896,340
Public safety	13,562,432	14,158,445	11,967,683	-	11,967,683	2,190,762
Health and sanitation	1,013,226	1,063,825	888,036	-	888,036	175,789
Culture and recreation	1,238,224	1,419,974	1,264,723	-	1,264,723	155,251
Social services	541,000	541,000	406,778	-	406,778	134,222
Capital outlay	755,500	898,792	10,516,366	(12,720)	10,503,646	(9,604,854)
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	341,470	(341,470)	-	-
Interest	-	-	21,562	(21,562)	-	-
Total expenditures	37,180,653	41,267,374	40,332,357	(12,493)	40,319,864	947,510
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(7,503,000)</u>	<u>(7,784,447)</u>	<u>(4,712,493)</u>	<u>12,493</u>	<u>(4,700,000)</u>	<u>3,084,447</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	3,000	3,000	787,476	-	787,476	784,476
Transfers (out)	(500,000)	(610,000)	(1,633,949)	-	(1,633,949)	(1,023,949)
Proceed from issuance of debt	-	-	9,789,083	-	9,789,083	9,789,083
Proceeds from lease financing	-	-	12,493	(12,493)	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(497,000)	(607,000)	8,955,103	(12,493)	8,942,610	9,549,610
Net change in fund balance	(8,000,000)	(8,391,447)	4,242,610	-	4,242,610	12,634,057
Fund balance - beginning	8,000,000	8,391,447	8,699,709	-	8,699,709	308,262
Fund balance - ending	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,942,319</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,942,319</u>	<u>\$ 12,942,319</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		Actual	Adjustments	Actual Amounts	Variance with
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Modified Accrual Basis</u>	<u>Budget Basis</u>	<u>Budget Basis</u>	Final Budget <u>Positive (Negative)</u>
REVENUES						
Taxes:						
Coal severance tax	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 309,301	\$ -	\$ 309,301	\$ 59,301
Interest and investment earnings	-	-	27,091	-	27,091	27,091
Total revenues	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>336,392</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>336,392</u>	<u>86,392</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	101,000	215,369	57,346	-	57,346	158,023
Health and sanitation	-	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Culture and recreation	73,000	143,500	118,628	-	118,628	24,872
Social services	<u>51,000</u>	<u>76,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>225,000</u>	<u>734,869</u>	<u>226,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>226,974</u>	<u>507,895</u>
Net change in fund balance	25,000	(484,869)	109,418	-	109,418	594,287
Fund balance - beginning	<u>75,000</u>	<u>514,369</u>	<u>514,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>514,369</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 29,500</u>	<u>\$ 623,787</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 623,787</u>	<u>\$ 594,287</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
June 30, 2024

	Custodial <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Non-pooled cash	\$ <u>1,047,146</u>
Receivables:	
Other	<u>8,988,543</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ <u><u>10,035,689</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to: other governments	<u>10,035,689</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	\$ <u><u>10,035,689</u></u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Custodial <u>Funds</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Amounts received as fiscal agent	\$ <u>91,732,160</u>
Total Additions	<u>91,732,160</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Distributions as fiscal agent	<u>92,312,280</u>
Total Deductions	<u>92,312,280</u>
Change in net position	<u>(580,120)</u>
NET POSITION:	
Net position - beginning	<u>-</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ -</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Monongalia County, West Virginia (the government), conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

Monongalia County is one of fifty-five counties established under the Constitution and the Laws of the State of West Virginia. There are six offices elected county-wide, which are: County Commission, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Assessor, Sheriff, and Prosecuting Attorney.

The County Commission is the legislative body for the government, and as such budgets and provides all the funding used by the separate Constitutional Offices except for the offices of the Assessor and the Sheriff, which also have additional revenue sources. The County Clerk's office maintains the accounting system for the County's operations. The operations of the County as a whole, however, including all the Constitutional offices have been combined in these financial statements.

The services provided by the government and accounted for within these financial statements include law enforcement for unincorporated areas of the County, health and social services, cultural and recreational programs, and other governmental services.

The accompanying financial statements present the primary government's component units as required by generally accepted accounting principles. In determining whether to include a governmental department, agency, commission or organization as a component unit, the government must evaluate each entity as to whether they are legally separate and financially accountable based on the criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Legal separateness is evaluated on the basis of: (1) its corporate name, (2) the right to sue and be sued, and (3) the right to buy, sell or lease and mortgage property. Financial accountability is based on: (1) the appointment of the governing authority and (2) the ability to impose will or (3) the providing of specific financial benefit or imposition of specific financial burden. Another factor to consider in this evaluation is whether an entity is fiscally dependent on the County.

Blended Component Unit

The entity below is legally separate from the County and meets GASB criteria for component units. This entity is blended with the primary government because it provides services entirely or almost entirely to the County.

The Monongalia County Building Commission serves Monongalia County, West Virginia, and is governed by a board comprised of five members appointed by the County Commission for a term of six years each. The Building Commission acquires property and debt on behalf of the County.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Discretely presented component units are entities which are legally separate from the County, but are financially accountable to the County, or whose relationship with the County is such that exclusion would cause the County's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Because of the nature of services they provide and the County's ability to impose its will on them or a financial benefit/burden relationship exists, the following component units are discretely presented in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14 (as amended by GASB Statement 39 and GASB Statement 61). The discretely presented component units are presented on the government-wide statements.

The Monongalia County Board of Health (doing business as Monongalia County Health Department) is a unit of government that has the primary mission of promoting and protecting the public's health in Monongalia County, West Virginia, by identifying and monitoring public health needs and promoting collaboration with the State of West Virginia and other health care providers to assure those needs are met through education, prevention, regulation and treatment. While its primary service area is Monongalia County, it also provides health related services to several surrounding counties.

The Monongalia County Development Authority was created on March 31, 1975 by the Monongalia County Commission pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 12 of the West Virginia State Code. The Authority was organized primarily to promote and assist in promoting the business prosperity and development of Monongalia County. Management and control of the Authority is vested in a board consisting of no less than 12 or greater than 21 members. One member must be a Monongalia County Commissioner, and five other members must represent the five municipalities of Monongalia County. The remaining members are appointed by the Monongalia County Commission.

Complete financial statements for each of the individual component units can be obtained at the entity's administrative offices.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The County, in conjunction with the City of Morgantown, has created the Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit Authority. The authority is composed of seven members with three members appointed by the Monongalia County Commission, three members appointed by the City of Morgantown, and a seventh being an agreed upon appointee who is a representative of West Virginia University.

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B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Interest on general long-term debt liabilities is considered an indirect expense and is reported in the Statement of Activities as a separate line.

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Combining financial statements for the nonmajor governmental funds are included as supplementary information.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied and collectible. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered 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 collectible 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 and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, interest and special assessments are susceptible to accrual. Other receipts and taxes become measurable and available when cash is received by the government and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The *Coal Severance Tax fund*, a special revenue fund, accounts for revenues and expenditures from a severance tax placed on coal that is distributed to West Virginia counties. The State Auditor's Office requires an annual budget be submitted for approval for this fund.

The *University Town Center Debt Service fund*, a debt service fund, accounts for the activity in the trustee bank accounts associated with bonds issued by the Monongalia County Commission for the University Series bonds.

The American Rescue Plan Act fund, a special revenue fund, accounts for a federal grant received in accordance with federal law that was enacted to support local governments during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

The custodial funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. Agency funds are accounted for using the full accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for assets that Monongalia County, West Virginia holds for others in an agency capacity.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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Use of Estimates – The financial statements and related disclosures are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Management is required to make estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenue and expenditures during the period reported. These estimates may include the collectability or taxes receivable and the useful lives of impairment of both tangible and intangible assets. Any estimates or assumptions are periodically reviewed and any revisions are reflected in the financial statements in the period determined to be necessary. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position

1. Deposits and Investments

Monongalia County, West Virginia's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, the County reports its investments at fair value, except for non-participating investment contracts (certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements) which are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. All investment income, including changes in fair value of investments, are recognized as revenue in the operating statement. Fair value is determined by quoted market prices.

State statutes authorize the government to enter into agreements with the State Treasurer for the investment of monies. Authority is provided for investment in the Investment Management Board, the West Virginia Board of Treasury or the Municipal Bond Commission, or to invest such funds in the following classes of securities: Any investment company or investment trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. §80a, the portfolio of which is limited: (i) To obligations issued by or guaranteed as to the payment of both principal and interest by the United States of America or its agencies or instrumentalities; and (ii) to repurchase agreements fully collateralized by obligations of the United States government or its agencies or instrumentalities: Provided, That the investment company or investment trust takes delivery of the collateral either directly or through an authorized custodian: Provided, however, That the investment company or investment trust is rated within one of the top two rating categories of any nationally recognized rating service such as Moody's or Standard & Poor's.

2. Receivables and Payables

Property Tax Receivable

The property tax receivable allowance is equal to 16 percent of the property taxes outstanding at June 30, 2024.

All current taxes assessed on real and personal property may be paid in two installments; the first installment is payable on September first of the year for which the assessment is made, and becomes delinquent on October first; the second installment is payable on the first day of the following March and becomes delinquent on April first. Taxes paid on or before the date when they are payable, including both first and second installments, are subject to a discount of two and one-half percent. If the taxes are not paid on or before the date in which they become delinquent, including both first and second installments, interest at the rate of nine percent per annum is added from the date they become delinquent until the date they are paid. Taxes paid on or before the due date are allowed a two and one half percent discount. A tax lien is issued for all unpaid real estate taxes as of the date of the sheriff's sale and these liens are sold between October 14th and November 23rd of each year. Sixty days of estimated property tax collections are recorded in revenues at the end of each fiscal year.

All counties within the state are authorized to levy taxes not in excess of the following maximum levies per \$100 of assessed valuation: On Class I property, fourteen and three-tenths cents (14.30 cents); On Class II property, twenty-eight and six-tenths cents (28.60 cents); On Class III property, fifty-seven and two-tenths cents (57.20 cents); On Class IV property, fifty-seven and two-tenths cents (57.20 cents). In addition, counties may provide for an election to lay an excess levy; the rates not to exceed statutory limitations, provided at least sixty percent of the voters cast ballots in favor of the excess levy.

The rates levied by the County per \$100 of assessed valuation for each class of property for the fiscal year ended June 30 were as follows:

Class of Property	Class of Property	Assessed Valuation For Tax Purposes	Current Expense	Mass Transit Excess Levy	Parks and Recreation Excess Levy	Fire Protection Excess Levy	Public Libraries Excess Levy
Class I	Class I	\$ -	11.00 cents	1.10 cents	0.58 cents	0.40 cents	0.27 cents
Class II	Class II	3,039,608,061	22.00 cents	2.20 cents	1.16 cents	0.80 cents	0.54 cents
Class III	Class III	2,600,105,800	44.00 cents	4.40 cents	2.32 cents	1.60 cents	1.08 cents
Class IV	Class IV	1,366,941,093	44.00 cents	4.40 cents	2.32 cents	1.60 cents	1.08 cents

Monongalia County, West Virginia held a special election on May 12, 2020. The County was authorized to lay an excess levy during the four fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2025, for the purpose of contributing funds from such levy to the Monongalia County Urban Mass Transportation Authority (Mountain Line) for the acquisition of equipment and other capital improvements, and payment of a portion of its general operating, maintenance and other expenses.

Monongalia County, West Virginia held a special election on May 12, 2020. The County was authorized to lay an excess levy during the four fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2025, for the purpose of providing funding and maintenance of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation programs. Those funding items include: Operation, Expenses, and other Capital Improvements for Camp Muffly Park, Chestnut Ridge Park, Mason-Dixon Historical Park, Mon River and Deckers Creek Rail-Trails, Westover Park Baseball Facilities, Cheat Lake and Laurel Point soccer fields, and the Morgantown Ice Arena.

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Monongalia County, West Virginia held a special election on May 12, 2020. The County was authorized to lay an excess levy during the four fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2025, for the Monongalia County Volunteer Fire Departments, the Monongalia Hazardous Incident Response Team, the Monongalia County Brush Fire Team, and the Monongalia County Volunteer Fire Companies Association Inc.

Monongalia County, West Virginia held a special election on May 12, 2020. The County was authorized to lay an excess levy during the four fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2025, for the Morgantown Public Library System.

3. Restricted Assets

Certain assets of the University Town Center Project Debt Service fund, the Star City Project Debt Service fund, the Morgantown Industrial Project Debt Service fund, the Mon General Project Debt Service fund, and the Justice Center Project Debt Service fund are classified as restricted assets because their use is restricted by bond agreements.

The "regular" account is used to segregate resources accumulated for debt service payments over the next twelve months.

The "reserve" account is used to report resources set aside to make up potential future deficiencies in the regular account.

The "reserve for construction account" is used to report those proceeds of revenue bonds that are restricted for use in construction.

4. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and estimated to have a useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

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

The government depreciates the capital assets using the straight-line method. Capital assets depreciation and capitalization policies are defined by the government as follows:

Asset	Asset	Straight-line Years	Inventory Purposes	Capitalize/ Depreciate
Land	Land	not applicable	\$ 1	\$ Capitalize only
Land improvement	Land improvement	20 to 30 years	1	5,000
Building	Building	40 years	1	5,000
Building improvements	Building improvements	20 to 25 years	1	5,000
Construction in progress	Construction in progress	not applicable	1	Capitalize only
Equipment	Equipment	5 to 10 years	1,000	5,000
Vehicles	Vehicles	5 to 10 years	1,000	5,500
Infrastructure	Infrastructure	40 to 50 years	50,000	100,000

5. Right-of-Use Assets

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

6. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

The County has recorded SBITA lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 94. The SBITA assets and are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related SBITA liability plus any SBITA payments made prior to the SBITA term, less incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the SBITA into service. The SBITA assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related SBITA.

7. Compensated Absences

It is the government's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements in accordance with GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*.

8. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

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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. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenditures.

9. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

10. Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is reported in five classifications.

Nonspendable fund balance	Inventories and prepaid amounts represent fund balance amounts that are not in spendable form.
Restricted	The restricted category is the portion of fund balance that is externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations. It also is imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
Committed	The committed category is the portion of fund balance whose use is constrained by limitations have been approved by an order (the highest level of formal action) of the County Commission, and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. The approval does not automatically lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The government does not have any committed fund balance this fiscal year.
Assigned	The assigned category is the portion of fund balance that has been approved by formal action of the County Commission for any amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
Unassigned	The unassigned category is the portion of fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification. Only the general fund can report a positive amount of unassigned fund balance. However, any governmental fund in a deficit position could report a negative amount of unassigned fund balance.

The County Commission is the government's highest level of decision-making authority. The Commission would take formal action to establish, and modify or rescind, a fund balance commitment or to assign fund balance amounts to a specific purpose. The government has adopted a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The government has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the County.

The County has not adopted a minimum fund balance policy that requires management to maintain a total spendable general fund balance.

11. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of the resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of Monongalia County's Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and Deputy Sheriffs' Retirement System (DSRS) and additions to/deductions from the Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the PERS and DSRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

12. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

It is the Commission's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick pay benefits. Sick benefits can be accumulated for unlimited days and carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year. When separated from employment, employees' sick leave benefits are considered ended and no reimbursement is provided. However, upon retirement, an employee's accumulated annual sick leave may be converted to a greater retirement benefit or payment of the retired employee's health insurance premiums. The cost of the increased retirement option is the liability/asset of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board. For employees hired full-time prior to July 1, 1998, the payment of health insurance premiums must be absorbed by the last agency employing the retiree and is included as part of the OPEB liability.

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For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State OPEB Plan and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund (RHBT). For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for certain pooled investments, money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at amortized cost. See Note VI for further discussion.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General Fund and the Coal Severance Tax Special Revenue Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

Monongalia County, West Virginia prepares its budget on the cash less accounts payable basis of accounting. Therefore, a reconciliation has been performed on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual for both the General and Coal Severance Tax Funds.

Prior to March 2nd of each year, the various elected officials submit to the County Commission proposed requests for their respective offices for the fiscal year commencing July 1. Upon review and approval of these requests, the County Commission prepares proposed budgets on forms prescribed by the State Auditor and submits them to the State Auditor by March 28 for approval. The County Commission then reconvenes on the third Tuesday in April to hear objections from the public and to formally lay the levy.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function and department. Transfers of appropriations between departments and revenue related revisions to the budget require approval from the governing council and then submission to the State Auditor for approval. Revisions become effective when approved by the State Auditor and budgeted amounts in the financial statements reflect only such approved amounts. The governing body made the following material supplementary budgetary appropriations throughout the year.

<u>Description</u>	General Fund <u>Amount</u>	Coal Severance <u>Amount</u>
General government expenditure increase/(decrease)	\$ 3,115,067	\$ 114,369
Public safety expenditure increase	596,013	-
Health and sanitation expenditure increase	50,599	300,000
Culture and recreation expenditure increase	181,750	70,500
Social services expenditure increase	-	25,000
Capital projects expenditure increase	143,292	-

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Deposits and Investments

At year-end, the government had no investments.

Custodial Credit Risk

For deposits, the government could be exposed to risk in the event of a bank failure where the government's deposits may not be returned. The government's policy for custodial credit risk is to comply with statutory provisions for depository bond coverage, which provides that no public money should be deposited until the banking institution designated executes a bond with good and sufficient sureties which may not be less than the maximum sum that is deposited in the depository at any one time.

At year end, the government's bank balances were lower than book balances. The bank balance was collateralized by federal depository insurance or with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the government's name.

A reconciliation of cash and investments as shown on the Statement of Net Position of the primary government and Statement of Net Position of the Fiduciary Funds is as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,119,017
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted	32,502,861
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted (fiduciary)	<u>1,047,146</u>
Total	<u>\$ 68,669,024</u>

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B. Receivables

Receivables at year end for the government's individual major and aggregate nonmajor funds, and aggregate fiduciary funds, including applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	Other Nonmajor Governmental	Total	Fiduciary
Receivables:				
Taxes	\$ 2,466,685	\$ 969,717	\$ 3,436,402	\$ 8,988,543
Grants	<u>1,487,454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,487,454</u>	<u>-</u>
Gross Receivables	<u>3,954,139</u>	<u>969,717</u>	<u>4,923,856</u>	<u>8,988,543</u>
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(394,670)</u>	<u>(155,154)</u>	<u>(549,824)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Total Receivables	<u>\$ 3,559,469</u>	<u>\$ 814,563</u>	<u>\$ 4,374,032</u>	<u>\$ 8,988,543</u>

Governmental funds report unavailable/unearned revenue in connection with receivables for revenue that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of unavailable revenue and unearned revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

	Deferred Inflows - Unavailable
Delinquent property taxes receivable (General Fund)	\$ 1,852,052
Delinquent property taxes receivable (Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds)	<u>646,333</u>
Total unavailable/unearned revenue for governmental funds	<u>\$ 2,498,385</u>

C. Capital Assets

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

	Primary Government			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance (Restated)	Increases	Decreases	
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,545,021	\$ -	\$ -	1,545,021
Construction in progress	<u>7,204,639</u>	<u>409,116</u>	<u>(965,073)</u>	<u>6,648,682</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>8,749,660</u>	<u>409,116</u>	<u>(965,073)</u>	<u>8,193,703</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	35,897,196	9,892,095	(8,742)	45,780,549
Structures and improvements	6,460,716	635,409	(13,063)	7,083,062
Machinery and equipment	7,270,295	1,363,190	(216,220)	8,417,265
Less: Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(22,291,751)</u>	<u>(1,847,110)</u>	<u>238,025</u>	<u>(23,900,836)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>27,336,456</u>	<u>10,043,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,380,040</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 36,086,116</u>	<u>\$ 10,452,700</u>	<u>\$ (965,073)</u>	<u>\$ 45,573,743</u>

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 1,428,762
Public safety	263,845
Health and sanitation	11,708
Culture and recreation	<u>142,795</u>
Total depreciation expense-governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,847,110</u>

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D. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

The composition of interfund transfers as of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Interfund Transfers:

<u>Transferred from:</u>	<u>Transferred to:</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General County	Mason/Dixon Park	Contribution	\$ 100,000
General County	Chestnut Ridge Park	Contribution	150,000
General County	Mon Co Center	Contribution	250,000
Dog Tax	General County	Reimbursement	39,402
General School	General County	Care for prisoners	201,045
Magistrate Court	General County	Reimbursement	20,291
Day Report Center	General County	Reimbursement	416,423
Home Confinement	General County	Regional jail bills	66,903
Teen Court	General County	Contribution	43,412
Recreation Levy	Chestnut Ridge Park	Contribution	109,307
Recreation Levy	Camp Mully	Contribution	115,892
Recreation Levy	Mason/Dixon Park	Contribution	85,728
Mon General TIF	Mon General Project DS	payments toward bonds	685,916
Morgantown Industrial TIF	Morgantown Industrial DS	payments toward bonds	366,165
General County	Justice Center DS	payments toward bonds	1,133,949
University Town Center TIF	University Town Center Project DS	payments toward bonds	4,279,532
Harmony Grove TIF	Harmony Grove DS	payments toward bonds	563,001
			<u>563,001</u>
Total	Total		\$ <u><u>8,626,966</u></u>

E. Fund Balance Detail

At year-end, the detail of the government's fund balances is as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Coal Severance Fund</u>	<u>University Town Center Debt Service</u>	<u>ARPA Fund</u>	<u>Non-major Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Restricted:						
General government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,014,637	\$ 2,014,637
Public safety	-	-	-	13,755,418	3,733,797	17,489,215
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	1,856,279	1,856,279
Social services	-	-	-	-	56,950	56,950
Debt service	-	-	29,944,248	-	2,587,159	32,531,407
Assigned:						
Budget carryover	10,000,000	623,787	-	-	-	10,623,787
Unassigned	<u>2,942,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,942,319</u>
Total fund balances	\$ <u><u>12,942,319</u></u>	\$ <u><u>623,787</u></u>	\$ <u><u>29,944,248</u></u>	\$ <u><u>13,755,418</u></u>	\$ <u><u>10,248,822</u></u>	\$ <u><u>67,514,594</u></u>

F. Long-term Debt

Revenue Bonds

The county issues bonds where the government pledges income derived either from acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service. Revenue bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>						<u>Balance</u>
<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Building Commission Series 2021	2/1/2034	3.00%	\$ <u>12,650,000</u>	\$ <u>2,325,000</u>	\$ <u>10,325,000</u>	
Total			\$ <u><u>30,720,000</u></u>	\$ <u><u>20,395,000</u></u>	\$ <u><u>10,325,000</u></u>	

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Monongalia County Building Commission Taxable Lease Revenue bonds, Series 2021 (Monongalia County Justice Center)

In 2021, the Monongalia County Building Commission, a blended component unit of Monongalia County, West Virginia, issued \$12,650,000 of Monongalia County Building Commission Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Monongalia County Justice Center) bearing interest at 3% to refund the previously issued Series 2014 A Bonds. The Series 2021 Bonds contain a bond premium of \$345,107 and a bond discount of \$120,175. The proceeds of these bonds are being used to finance the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of a Monongalia County Justice Center. The bonds are secured by the Justice Center and an irrevocable pledge of lease payments, which are required to be in sufficient amount to pay principal and interest on the bonds when due. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$11,430,980. Lease revenue bond debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 960,000	\$ 185,685
2026	985,000	156,885
2027	995,000	149,005
2028	1,005,000	139,005
2029	1,015,000	128,000
2030-2034	<u>5,365,000</u>	<u>327,400</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,325,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,085,980</u>

Pledged Revenues - Lease Revenue Bonds

The Monongalia County Building Commission, a blended component unit of Monongalia County, West Virginia, has pledged future lease rentals to be paid by the Monongalia County Commission to repay \$12,650,000 in lease revenue bonds issued in 2014. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the Commission. The bonds are payable solely from lease revenues paid by the County Commission through 2036. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require 100 percent of net revenues.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue Bonds

The county issues bonds where the government pledges income derived from tax increment financing revenue to pay debt service. Tax increment financing (TIF) revenue bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Purpose	Governmental Activities				Balance June 30, 2024
	Maturity Dates	Interest Rates	Issued	Retired	
TIF Morgantown Industrial Park	6/1/2038	5.15%	\$ 9,560,508	\$ 239,000	\$ 9,265,624
TIF Monongalia General Hospital	6/1/2038	5.00%	5,153,000	2,872,396	2,280,604
TIF University Town Centre	6/1/2037	5.00-6.00%	53,040,000	660,000	52,380,000
TIF Harmony Grove	5/1/2044	5.15%	<u>21,500,000</u>	-	<u>12,091,057</u>
Total TIF revenue bonds			<u>\$ 89,253,508</u>	<u>\$ 3,771,396</u>	<u>\$ 76,017,285</u>

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue Bonds (Harmony Grove Phase I Infrastructure Project) Series 2021B

In 2021, the Monongalia County Commission issued Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the cost for the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain infrastructure improvements in Monongalia County, West Virginia, consisting generally of all or some of the following: utility expansion in the park and reimbursement to the state of West Virginia for a new Interstate 79 interchange. The Series 2021 Bonds in December 2021 in the aggregate principal amount of \$21,500,000 of which \$12,091,057 is the amount outstanding. The bonds do not constitute a general obligation, or pledge of the full faith and credit of the County of Monongalia. The principal and interest on the tax increment revenue bonds are to be paid solely by the property taxes generated in association with the increased assessed values of property within the TIF district area. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the tax increment financing bonds that are not available as the project is not complete and the loan is still being drawn down.

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Pledged Revenues - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue Bonds

The County has pledged future tax increment revenue to repay \$21,500,000 in tax increment financing revenue bonds issued in 2021 of which \$12,091,057 has been advanced, \$0 has been repaid and \$12,091,057 is outstanding. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the design, acquisition and construction of certain infrastructure improvements in Monongalia County, West Virginia. The bonds are payable solely from the tax increment property taxes assessed and are collected in the district area and are payable through 2033. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 100 percent of net revenues. The total estimated principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds are not yet available as the loan is still being drawn down. No principal and interest payments were made in the year ended June 30, 2024.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue & Refunding Bonds (Morgantown Industrial Park Phase III) Series 2021A

In 2009, the Monongalia County Commission issued Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the cost for the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain infrastructure improvements in Monongalia County, West Virginia, consisting generally of all or some of the following: acquisition and construction of certain infrastructure improvements in the Development District, which improvements include upgrade of roads, sanitary sewer and water lines, including the installation of a required surge tank to handle the gray water and sanitary discharge anticipated with business expansion, installation of necessary storm water management systems to accommodate the additional runoff from the expanded road system and provide for the necessary expansion of natural gas and electric lines to facilitate future business expansion and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements and all necessary appurtenances. The Series 2009 Bonds were currently refunded and re-issued in November of 2017. The Series 2017 bonds were currently refunded and reissued in August 2021 in the aggregate principal amount of \$9,560,508 of which \$9,265,624 is the amount outstanding. The bonds do not constitute a general obligation, or pledge of the full faith and credit of the County of Monongalia. The principal and interest on the tax increment revenue bonds are to be paid solely by the property taxes generated in association with the increased assessed values of property within the TIF district area. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the tax increment financing bonds that are not available as the project is not complete and the loan is still being drawn down.

Pledged Revenues - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue Bonds

The County has pledged future tax increment revenue to repay \$9,560,508 in tax increment financing revenue bonds issued in 2021 of which \$9,504,624 has been advanced, \$239,000 has been repaid and \$9,265,624 is outstanding. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the design, acquisition and construction of certain infrastructure improvements in Monongalia County, West Virginia, consisting generally of all or some of the following: acquisition and construction of certain infrastructure improvements in the Development District, which improvements include upgrade of roads, sanitary sewer and water lines, including the installation of a required surge tank to handle the gray water and sanitary discharge anticipated with business expansion, installation of necessary storm water management systems to accommodate the additional runoff from the expanded road system and provide for the necessary expansion of natural gas and electric lines to facilitate future business expansion and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements and all necessary appurtenances. The bonds are payable solely from the tax increment property taxes assessed and are collected in the district area and are payable through 2033. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 100 percent of net revenues. The total estimated principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds are not yet available as the loan is still being drawn down. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total customer net revenues were \$0 (principal) and \$0 (interest) and \$382,072, respectively.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue & Refunding Bonds (Monongalia General Hospital Maple Drive Improvement Project) Series 2016 A

In 2011, the Monongalia County Commission issued Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the cost for the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain infrastructure improvements in Monongalia County, West Virginia, consisting generally of all or some of the following: acquisition and construction of a new access road to Monongalia General Hospital and Mon Emergency Services from WV Route 705, with appropriate intersection improvements, curbing, grading, drainage, signage and all necessary appurtenances. The Series 2011 A Bonds were issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,015,000 and were refunded in October of 2016. The series 2016 C bonds were issued in the amount of \$5,153,000 of which \$4,378,604 was advanced, \$1,742,000 was repaid and \$2,647,091 remains outstanding. The bonds do not constitute a general obligation, or pledge of the full faith and credit of the County of Monongalia. The principal and interest on the tax increment revenue bonds are to be paid solely by the property taxes generated in association with the increased assessed values of property within the TIF district area. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the tax increment financing bonds that are not available as the loan is still being drawn down.

Pledged Revenues - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue Bonds

The County has pledged future tax increment revenue to repay \$5,153,000 in tax increment financing revenue bonds issued in 2016 of which \$4,378,604 has been advanced, \$1,731,513 has been repaid and \$2,647,091 is outstanding. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain infrastructure improvements in Monongalia County, West Virginia, consisting generally of all or some of the following: acquisition and construction of a new access road to Monongalia General Hospital and Mon Emergency Medical Services from WV Route 705, with appropriate intersection improvements, curbing, grading, drainage, signage and all necessary appurtenances. The bonds are payable solely from the tax increment property taxes assessed and are collected in the district area and are payable through 2031. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 100 percent of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds advanced and outstanding is not available as the loan is still being drawn down. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total customer net revenues were \$642,214 and \$634,593, respectively.

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Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue, Refunding and Improvement Bonds (University Town Centre) Series 2023 A and B Taxable

The Monongalia County Commission issued Taxable Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue, refunding and improvement bonds in 2023 to refund the Series 2020 A and B revenue bonds and provide funds to finance the costs of the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of the TIF Project and paying costs of issuance of the bonds. Of the aggregate principal amount issued in the Series 2023 A and B Bonds, \$53,040,000 was advanced and outstanding. The bonds do not constitute a general obligation, or pledge of the full faith and credit of the County of Monongalia. The principal and interest on the tax increment revenue bonds are to be paid solely by the property taxes generated in association with the increased assessed values of property within the TIF district area. The issuances are a combination of three term bonds ending in June 2033, 2043 and 2053. The principal and interest on the 2033, 2043, and 2053 maturity dates are \$8,515,000, \$16,075,000 and \$28,450,000 and 5.00%, 5.75%, and 6.00%, respectively. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the tax increment financing bonds that are outstanding are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 260,000	3,024,063
2026	500,000	3,011,063
2027	835,000	2,986,063
2028	920,000	2,944,313
2029	965,000	2,898,313
2030-2034	5,610,000	13,716,815
2035-2039	7,320,000	12,006,564
2040-2044	9,680,000	9,646,188
2045-2049	12,900,000	6,429,000
2050-2053	13,390,000	2,067,000
Totals	\$ 52,380,000	\$ 58,729,382

Pledged Revenues - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue Bonds

The County has pledged future tax increment revenue to repay \$37,317,000 in tax increment financing revenue bonds issued in 2020 of which \$37,317,000 has been advanced, \$1,608,000 has been repaid and \$35,709,000 is outstanding. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain infrastructure improvements in Monongalia County, West Virginia, consisting generally of all or some of the following: acquisition and construction of public improvements in the TIF District: road and intersection improvements (including utility relocation, pedestrian ways, lighting, land and right of way acquisition, and related infrastructure), water lines, storm water culverts and facilities, sewer line, demolition and site preparation necessary for and incidental to the construction and installation of public infrastructure improvements, and other related public infrastructure. The bonds are payable solely from the tax increment property taxes assessed and are collected in the district area and are payable through 2037. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 100 percent of net revenues. The total estimated principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$111,109,382. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total customer net revenues were \$660,000 (principal) \$2,573,028 (interest) and \$3,233,028, respectively.

Special District Excise Tax Revenue Bonds

The county issues bonds where the government pledges income derived from special district excise tax revenue to pay debt service. Excise Tax revenue bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Purpose	Governmental Activities				Balance
	Maturity Dates	Interest Rates	Issued	Retired	June 30, 2024
University Series 2017 A Taxable	6/1/2043	variable	\$ 76,360,000	\$ 6,030,000	\$ 70,330,000
University Series 2020 A Taxable	6/1/2037	7.50%	27,265,000	215,000	27,050,000
University Series 2020 B Taxable	6/1/2032	9.75%	25,466,497	25,466,497	-
University Series 2021 A Tax-Exempt	8/14/2036	4.13%	32,750,000	2,085,000	30,665,000
University Series 2021 B Tax-Exempt	9/25/2033	4.88%	16,445,000	440,000	16,005,000
University Series 2021 C Taxable	6/1/2032	6.35%	47,180,000	47,180,000	-
University Series 2022 A Tax-Exempt	6/1/2024	6.25%	8,490,000	8,490,000	-
University Series 2023 A Tax-Exempt	6/1/2043	6.25%	16,925,000	-	495,259
University Series 2023 B Tax-Exempt	6/1/2053	6.25%	20,831,895	-	-
University Series 2023 C Tax-Exempt	6/1/2053	6.25%	47,180,000	-	1,723,860
Total Excise Tax revenue bonds			\$ 318,893,392	\$ 89,906,497	\$ 146,269,119

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Special District Excise Tax Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2017 A

In 2017, the Monongalia County Commission issued special district excise tax revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the development and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements within the excise tax district including, but not limited to, the following: water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage, new road construction, and road improvements, including without limitation a new interstate highway interchange and related improvements, intersection improvements, curbing, traffic control, lighting and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain intercollegiate and other athletic facilities, including without limitation, a baseball park and other facilities, fields, parks and/or stadiums, and appurtenances and amenities relating thereto, all within or benefitting the Excise Tax District. The Series 2017 A Bonds were issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$76,360,000 with a bond discount of \$1,362,790. The aggregate principal amount was fully advanced, \$4,545,000 is refunded, and \$70,330,000 is outstanding. According to the Bond Indenture the 2017 Excise Tax Bonds shall evidence indebtedness only to the extent that such principal has been advanced and is outstanding as reflected on such Record of Advances. The principal and interest on the Series 2017 A Bonds are to be paid from and secured by a pledge of 50% of the net excise tax revenues generated in the Excise Tax District with additional rent to be payable from time to time by West Virginia University pursuant to the lease purchase agreement. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the bonds that are outstanding are as follows:

Year Ended	Special District Excise 2017 A	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,660,000	3,898,363
2026	1,845,000	3,823,663
2027	2,040,000	3,740,638
2028	2,245,000	3,648,838
2029	2,485,000	3,525,363
2030-2034	14,810,000	15,400,963
2035-2039	19,355,000	10,846,688
2040-2043	25,890,000	4,322,565
Totals	\$ 70,330,000	\$ 49,207,078

Special District Excise Tax Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2020 A and 2020 B

In 2020, the Monongalia County Commission issued special district excise tax revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the development and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements within the excise tax district including, but not limited to, the following: water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage, new road construction, and road improvements, including without limitation a new interstate highway interchange and related improvements, intersection improvements, curbing, traffic control, lighting and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain intercollegiate and other athletic facilities, including without limitation, a baseball park and other facilities, fields, parks and/or stadiums, and appurtenances and amenities relating thereto, all within or benefitting the Excise Tax District. The Series 2020 A Bond was issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$27,265,000 with a bond discount of \$1,427,595. The aggregate principal amount has been fully drawn and is outstanding. The aggregate amount issued in the Series 2020 B Bond was \$80,000,000, of which \$26,032,078 has been drawn and refunded in June 2024. According to the Bond Indenture the 2020 Excise Tax Bonds shall evidence indebtedness only to the extent that such principal has been advanced and is outstanding as reflected on such Record of Advances. The principal and interest on the Series 2020 A Bond is to be paid from and secured by a pledge of 50% of the net excise tax revenues generated in the Excise Tax District with additional rent to be payable from time to time by West Virginia University pursuant to the lease purchase agreement. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the bond that is outstanding are as follows.

Year Ended	Special District Excise 2020 A	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 275,000	\$ 2,028,750
2026	345,000	2,008,125
2027	420,000	1,982,250
2028	500,000	1,950,750
2029	590,000	1,913,250
2030-2034	5,835,000	8,598,375
2035-2039	9,065,000	5,895,375
2040-2043	10,020,000	1,946,250
Totals	\$ 27,050,000	\$ 26,323,125

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Tax-Exempt Senior Lien Special District Excise Tax Revenue Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2021 A

In 2021, the Monongalia County Commission issued a special district excise tax revenue bond to provide funds to finance the development and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements within the excise tax district including, but not limited to, the following: water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage, new road construction, and road improvements, including without limitation a new interstate highway interchange and related improvements, intersection improvements, curbing, traffic control, lighting and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain intercollegiate and other athletic facilities, including without limitation, a baseball park and other facilities, fields, parks and/or stadiums, and appurtenances and amenities relating thereto, all within or benefitting the Excise Tax District. The Series 2021 A Bond was issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$32,750,000, of which \$2,085,000 has been repaid and \$30,665,000 is outstanding. According to the Bond Indenture the 2021 Excise Tax Bond shall evidence indebtedness only to the extent that such principal has been advanced and is outstanding as reflected on such Record of Advances. The principal and interest on the Series 2021 A Bond is to be paid from and secured by a pledge of 50% of the net excise tax revenues generated in the Excise Tax District with additional rent to be payable from time to time by West Virginia University pursuant to the lease purchase agreement. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the bond that is outstanding are as follows:

Year Ended	Special District Excise 2021 A	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 460,000	1,264,931
2026	510,000	1,245,956
2027	565,000	1,224,919
2028	630,000	1,201,613
2029	690,000	1,175,625
2030-2034	5,095,000	5,384,983
2035-2039	11,215,000	3,850,070
2040-2043	11,500,000	1,210,275
Totals	\$ 30,665,000	\$ 16,558,372

Tax-Exempt Subordinate Lien Special District Excise Tax Revenue Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2021 B

In 2021, the Monongalia County Commission issued a special district excise tax revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the development and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements within the excise tax district including, but not limited to, the following: water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage, new road construction, and road improvements, including without limitation a new interstate highway interchange and related improvements, intersection improvements, curbing, traffic control, lighting and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain intercollegiate and other athletic facilities, including without limitation, a baseball park and other facilities, fields, parks and/or stadiums, and appurtenances and amenities relating thereto, all within or benefitting the Excise Tax District. The Series 2021 A Bonds were issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$16,445,000, of which \$440,000 has been repaid and \$16,005,000 is outstanding. According to the Bond Indenture the 2021 Excise Tax Bonds shall evidence indebtedness only to the extent that such principal has been advanced and is outstanding as reflected on such Record of Advances. The principal and interest on the Series 2021 B Bonds are to be paid from and secured by a pledge of 50% of the net excise tax revenues generated in the Excise Tax District with additional rent to be payable from time to time by West Virginia University pursuant to the lease purchase agreement. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the bonds that is outstanding are as follows:

Year Ended	Special District Excise 2021 B	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 660,000	780,244
2026	720,000	748,069
2027	785,000	712,969
2028	855,000	674,700
2029	925,000	633,019
2030-2034	5,665,000	2,411,906
2035-2039	3,600,000	1,161,469
2040-2043	2,795,000	348,807
Totals	\$ 16,005,000	\$ 7,471,183

Tax-Exempt Subordinate Lien Special District Excise Tax Revenue Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2022 A

In 2022, the Monongalia County Commission issued a special district excise tax revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the development and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements within the excise tax district including, but not limited to, the following: water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage, new road construction, and road improvements, including without limitation a new interstate highway interchange and related improvements, intersection improvements, curbing, traffic control, lighting and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain intercollegiate and other athletic facilities, including without limitation, a baseball park and other facilities, fields, parks and/or stadiums, and appurtenances and amenities relating thereto, all within or benefitting the Excise Tax District. The Series 2022 A Bonds were fully refunded by the issuance of Series 2023 A and Series 2023 B special district excise tax bonds, as subsequently described.

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Tax-Exempt Subordinate Special District Excise Tax Revenue Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2023 A

In 2023, the Monongalia County Commission issued a special district excise tax revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the development and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements within the excise tax district including, but not limited to, the following: water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage, new road construction, and road improvements, including without limitation a new interstate highway interchange and related improvements, intersection improvements, curbing, traffic control, lighting and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain intercollegiate and other athletic facilities, including without limitation, a baseball park and other facilities, fields, parks and/or stadiums, and appurtenances and amenities relating thereto, all within or benefitting the Excise Tax District. The principal and interest on the Series 2023 A Bonds are to be paid from and secured by a pledge of 50% of the net excise tax revenues generated in the Excise Tax District. The bonds have an interest rate of 7.0% with a maturity date of June 1, 2043. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the bonds that is outstanding are as follows:

Year Ended	Special District Excise 2023 A	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ -	\$ 1,184,750
2026	-	1,184,750
2027	290,000	1,184,750
2028	335,000	1,164,450
2029	395,000	1,141,000
2030-2034	3,120,000	5,205,550
2035-2039	6,140,000	3,673,250
2040-2043	6,645,000	1,191,550
Totals	\$ 16,925,000	\$ 15,930,050

Tax-Exempt Subordinate Special District Excise Tax Revenue, Refunding and Improvement Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2023 B

In 2023, the Monongalia County Commission issued a special district excise tax revenue bonds to provide funds to finance the development and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements within the excise tax district including, but not limited to, the following: water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage, new road construction, and road improvements, including without limitation a new interstate highway interchange and related improvements, intersection improvements, curbing, traffic control, lighting and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain intercollegiate and other athletic facilities, including without limitation, a baseball park and other facilities, fields, parks and/or stadiums, and appurtenances and amenities relating thereto, all within or benefitting the Excise Tax District. The Series 2023 B bonds include junior subordinate bonds that are planned to be issued to refund previously issued bonds at a later date. These bonds are structured as a convertible capital appreciation bonds, which means interest will accrue from the original issue date of the bonds until June 1, 2043 at which time compounded interest will become principal and will require repayment. The original principal of the Series 2023 Bonds was issued in the amount of \$19,886,269 at an annual interest rate of 8.45% with an accreted value on June 1, 2043 of \$100,385,000. Outstanding balance as of June 30, 2024 was \$20,831,895. Principal and interest payments, including compounded and current interest, will be repaid as follows:

Year Ended	Special District Excise 2023 B	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ -	\$ -
2026	-	--
2027	-	--
2028	-	--
2029	-	--
2030-2034	-	--
2035-2039	-	--
2040-2044	1,372,833	13,587,967
2045-2049	8,698,572	66,106,630
2050-2053	10,760,490	50,019,735
Totals	\$ 20,831,895	\$ 129,714,332

Taxable Junior Subordinate Special District Excise Tax Revenue Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2023 C

In 2023, the Monongalia County Commission issued a special district excise tax revenue bond to provide funds to finance the development and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements within the excise tax district including, but not limited to, the following: water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm water drainage, new road construction, and road improvements, including without limitation a new interstate highway interchange and related improvements, intersection improvements, curbing, traffic control, lighting and other related infrastructure and utilities improvements, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain intercollegiate and other athletic facilities, including without limitation, a baseball park and other facilities, fields, parks and/or stadiums, and appurtenances and amenities relating thereto, all within or benefitting the Excise Tax District. The aggregate amount issued in the Series 2023 C Bond was \$47,180,000, the outstanding portion of which was used to refund the issuance of the Special District Excise Tax Revenue, Refunding, and Improvement Bonds (University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District) Series 2021 C during the year ended June 30, 2024. The full amount has not been drawn down, and therefore, a repayment schedule is not readily available. The total amount outstanding at June 30, 2024 was \$1,723,860.

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Lease-Purchase Note Payable

In 2024, the Monongalia County Commission entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Enrout Inc. for the purchase of the Mecca 911 Center building. The lease-purchase is being passed-through from MVB Bank to the Commission in the name of Enrout Inc. The principal and interest on the note are to be paid from general revenues of the Commission. The semi-annual payments are \$402,917 with an annual interest rate of 6.43% fixed until November 2027. The note matures in November 2032. Estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity for the bonds that is outstanding are as follows:

Year Ended	Enrout Inc. Note Payable	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 81,204	\$ 321,713
2026	175,875	629,959
2027	187,528	618,306
2028	199,953	605,881
2030-2033	8,933,009	2,120,568
Totals	\$ 9,789,083	\$ 4,890,747

Governmental Activities

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Lease revenue					
bonds payable	\$ 11,280,000	\$ -	\$ (955,000)	\$ 10,325,000	\$ 960,000
Plus: unamortized bond premium	292,013	-	(26,547)	265,466	26,547
Less: unamortized bond discount	(101,687)	-	9,244	(92,443)	(9,244)
Net lease revenue bonds payable	11,470,326	-	(972,303)	10,498,023	977,303
TIF bonds payable	60,839,025	55,032,452	(39,854,192)	76,017,285	260,000
Excise tax bonds payable	159,532,390	2,219,119	(15,482,390)	146,269,119	3,055,000
Less: Discount on Bond Issuance	(2,490,883)	-	117,306	(2,373,577)	(117,306)
Total bonds payable	229,350,858	57,251,571	(56,191,579)	230,410,850	4,174,997
Lease-purchase note payable	-	9,789,083	-	9,789,083	81,204
Lease obligation	504,188	106,067	-	610,255	272,877
SBITA obligation	57,708	113,769	(113,769)	-	-
Net pension obligation	2,359,515	(1,110,329)	-	1,249,186	-
Net OPEB obligation	161,214	(161,214)	-	-	-
Compensated absences	938,526	(30,457)	-	908,069	-
Governmental activities					
Long-term liabilities	\$ 233,372,009	\$ 65,958,490	\$ (56,305,348)	\$ 242,967,443	\$ 4,529,078

Conduit Debt Obligations

The Monongalia County Building Commission has issued Series 2008A Variable Rate Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds to provide financial assistance to Monongalia General Hospital for projects deemed to be in the public interest. The notes are secured by Monongalia General Hospital and are payable solely from charges for services. Neither the Building Commission, the County, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the notes. Accordingly, the notes are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

The Monongalia County Building Commission has issued Series 2015 Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds to provide financial assistance to Monongalia Health Obligated Group for projects deemed to be in the public interest. The notes are secured by Monongalia Health Obligated Group and are payable solely from charges for services. Neither the Building Commission, the County, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the notes. Accordingly, the notes are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

In 2021, the Monongalia County Building Commission issued a Tax-Exempt Variable Rate Hospital Refunding Revenue Bond to provide funds to finance the current refunding and redemption of the outstanding Series 2011 Bonds on behalf of the Monongalia Health System Obligated Group ("the Obligated Group"), comprised of Monongalia County General Hospital, Mon Elder Services, INC., and Monongalia Health System, Inc., for the purpose of paying project costs, and pay costs of issuance and related costs. The bonds do not constitute a general obligation, or pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Monongalia. The principal and interest on the refunding revenue bonds are to be paid by revenues and a mortgage pledge from the Obligated Group. Neither the Building Commission, the County, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the notes. Accordingly, the notes are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

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G. Right-of-Use Lease Assets and Liabilities

The County continued to apply GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, for the year ended June 30, 2024. The following chart displays the expenses incurred related to the recording of right-of-use lease assets and liabilities:

Lease expense	Year Ending 6/30/2024
Amortization expense by class of underlying asset	
Office Space	\$ 94,154
Equipment	34,384
Building	75,914
Copy Machine	72,393
Computer	12,076
Total amortization expense	288,921
Interest on lease liabilities	19,345
Variable lease expense	-
Total	\$ 308,266

The following chart displays the current year right-of-use asset and lease liability activity:

Lease Assets	Beginning of Year - Restated	Additions	Modifications & Remeasurements	Subtractions	End of Year	Amounts Due Within One Year
Office Space	\$ 282,464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 282,464	
Equipment	143,266	-	-	-	143,266	
Building	379,568	-	-	-	379,568	
Copy Machine	340,766	12,719	-	(56,112)	297,373	
Computer	45,336	-	-	-	45,336	
	1,191,400	12,719	-	(56,112)	1,148,007	
Less: Accumulated Amortization						
Office Space	(23,539)	(94,154)	-	-	(117,693)	
Equipment	(68,767)	(34,384)	-	-	(103,151)	
Building	(75,914)	(75,915)	-	-	(151,829)	
Copy Machine	(126,688)	(72,393)	-	56,112	(142,969)	
Computer	(22,780)	(12,076)	-	-	(34,856)	
	(317,688)	(288,922)	-	56,112	(550,498)	
Total Lease Assets, net	\$ 873,712	\$ (276,203)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 597,509	
Lease Liabilities	\$ 881,524	\$ 12,493	\$ -	\$ (283,762)	\$ 610,255	\$ 272,877

Amortization of the above liabilities, including principal and interest, is as follows:

Maturity Analysis	Principal	Interest	Total Payments
2025	\$ 272,877	\$ 12,732	\$ 285,609
2026	209,633	6,027	215,660
2027	114,261	2,002	116,263
2028	12,803	163	12,966
2029	681	4	685
Total Future Payments	\$ 610,255	\$ 20,928	\$ 631,183

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H. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) Assets and Liabilities

The County reports SBITA activity in accordance with GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, for the year ended June 30, 2024. The following chart displays the expenses incurred related to the recording of right-of-use lease assets and liabilities:

Lease expense	Year Ending June 30, 2024
Amortization expense by class of underlying asset	
SBITA - GASB 96	\$ 56,884
Total amortization expense	56,884
Interest on lease liabilities	1,696
Variable lease expense	-
Total	\$ 58,580

The following chart displays the current year right-of-use asset and lease liability activity:

	Beginning of Year	Additions	Modifications & Remeasurements	Subtractions	End of Year	Amounts Due Within One Year
Lease Assets						
SBITA - GASB 96	\$ 113,769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (113,769)	\$ -	
	113,769	-	-	(113,769)	-	
Less: Accumulated Amortization						
SBITA - GASB 96	(56,884)	(56,885)	-	113,769	-	
	(56,884)	(56,885)	-	113,769	-	
Total Lease Assets, net	\$ 56,885	\$ (56,885)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lease Liabilities	\$ 57,708	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (57,708)	\$ -	\$ -

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The government 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 government carries insurance for these various risks.

Workers' Compensation Fund (WCF): Private insurance companies could begin to offer workers compensation coverage to government employers beginning July 1, 2010. Workers compensation coverage is provided for this entity by West Virginia Communities Risk Pool.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

B. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds.

The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The government is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, it is the opinion of the government's counsel that resolution of these matters will not have a material effect on the financial condition of the government.

C. Deferred Compensation Plan

The government offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all full-time government employees at their option, permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to participants until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

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D. COVID-19

Management is currently evaluating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the industry and has concluded that while it is reasonably possible that the virus could have a negative effect on the County's financial position and/or the results of its operations, the specific impact is not readily determinable as of the date of these financial statements. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

E. Subsequent Events

The Commission evaluated subsequent events and transactions that occurred after the date of the statement of net position up to the date that the financial statements were issued. No events have occurred subsequent to the date of the financial statements through the report date that would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

V. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANS

General Information about the Pension Plans

Monongalia County, West Virginia participates in state-wide, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plans on behalf of county employees. The system is administered by agencies of the State of West Virginia and funded by contributions from participants, employers, and state appropriations, as necessary.

All of the County's cost-sharing multiple-employer plans are administered by the Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB), which acts as a common investment and administrative agent for all of the participating employers. CPRB issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plans regarding benefit provisions, assumptions and membership information that can be found on the CPRB website at www.wvretirement.com. The following is a summary of eligibility factors, contribution methods, and benefit provisions:

Public Employees Retirement System

Eligibility to participate	All county full-time employees, except those covered by other pension plans
Authority establishing contribution obligations and benefit provisions	West Virginia State Code §5-10d discusses the Consolidated Public Retirement Board, which
Tier 1 Plan member's contribution rate hired before 7/1/2015	4.50%
County's contribution rate hired before 7/1/2015	9.00%
Tier 2 Plan member's contribution rate hired after 7/1/2015	6.00%
County's contribution rate hired after 7/1/2015	9.00%
Period required to vest	Tier 1: 5 Years Tier 2: 10 Years
Benefits and eligibility for distribution	<p><u>Tier 1</u></p> <p>A member who has attained age 60 and has earned 5 years or more of contributing service or age 55 if the sum of his/her age plus years of credited service is equal to or greater than 80. The final average salary (three highest consecutive years in the last 15) times the years of service times 2% equals the annual retirement benefit.</p> <p><u>Tier 2</u></p> <p>Qualification for normal retirement is age 62 with 10 years of services or at least age 55 with and service equal to 80 or greater. The average salary is the average of the five consecutive highest annual earnings out of the last fifteen years of earnings) times the years of service times 2% equals the retirement benefit.</p>
Deferred retirement portion	No
Provisions for:	
Cost of living	No

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West Virginia Deputy Sheriff Retirement System (WVDSRS)

Eligibility to participate	West Virginia deputy sheriffs first employed after the effective date and any deputy sheriffs hired prior to the effective date who elect to become members.
Authority establishing contribution obligations and benefit provisions	West Virginia State Code §5-10d discusses the Consolidated Public Retirement Board, which administers all public retirement plans in the state of West Virginia. The WVDSRS is also discussed in West Virginia State Code §7-14d.
Period required to vest	Five years
Benefits and eligibility for distribution	A member who has attained age 50 and has earned 20 or more years of contributory service; or age 50 when age plus contributory service equals 70 while still in covered employment; or the attainment of age 60 and completion of 10 years contributory service while still in covered employment; or attainment of age 62 and completion of 5 years of contributory service. The final average salary is the average of the highest annual compensation received by the member during covered employment for any 5 consecutive plan years (January 1 - December 31) within the last 10 years of service.
Deferred retirement option	No deferred retirement option is available.
Provisions for:	
Cost of living	No
Death benefits	Yes

Trend Information

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)</u>		<u>West Virginia Deputy Sheriff Retirement System (WVDSRS)</u>	
	Annual Pension Cost	Percentage Contributed	Annual Pension Cost	Percentage Contributed
	2024	\$ 1,071,710	100%	\$ 366,832
2023	\$ 1,061,863	100%	\$ 292,489	100%
2022	\$ 1,144,236	100%	\$ 272,025	100%

PERS and WVDSRS issue a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to the Public Employees' Retirement System, 4101 MacCorkle Avenue, SE, Charleston, WV 25304.

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

At fiscal year-end, the government reported the following (assets)/liabilities for its proportionate share of the net pension (assets)/liabilities. The net pension (assets)/liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension (asset)/liability used to calculate the net pension (asset)/liabilities was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The government's proportion of the net pension (assets)/liabilities was based on a projection of the government's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating governments, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the government's reported the following proportions and increase/decreases from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023:

	PERS	WVDSRS
Amount for proportionate share of net pension (asset)/liability	\$ (29,930)	\$ 1,249,186
Percentage for proportionate share of net pension (asset)/liability	0.667793%	3.319214%
Increase/(decrease) % from prior proportion measured	-0.039040%	0.028586%

For this fiscal year, the government recognized the following pension expenses.

	PERS	WVDSRS
Pension expense/(Offset)	\$ 1,061,327	\$ 306,091

The government reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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Public Employees Retirement System

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in proportion and differences between government contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 25,989	\$ (2,623)
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	181,873	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	253,494	-
Deferred difference in assumptions	193,587	-
Government contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,071,713	-
	\$ 1,726,656	\$ (2,623)

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from government contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension (asset)/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:

<u>Year Ended June 30:</u>	
2025	\$ (1,956)
2026	(682,036)
2027	1,462,918
2028	(126,606)
	652,320

West Virginia Deputy Sheriff Retirement System

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in proportion and differences between government contributions and proportionate share of contributions	\$ 19,620	\$ (89,041)
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	52,776	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	386,589	(5,742)
Deferred difference in assumptions	278,681	-
Government contributions subsequent to the measurement date	366,832	-
	\$ 1,104,498	\$ (94,783)

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from government contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30:</u>	
2025	\$ 111,900
2026	46,255
2027	408,467
2028	49,690
2029	25,591
Thereafter	980
Total	\$ 642,883

Summary of Deferred Outflow/Inflow Balances

	Total	PERS	DSRS
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 634,341	\$ 253,494	\$ 380,847
Changes of assumptions	472,268	193,587	278,681
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	234,649	181,873	52,776
Changes in proportion and differences between government contributions and proportionate share of contributions	(46,055)	23,366	(69,421)
Government contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,438,545	1,071,713	366,832

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 and rolled forward to June 30, 2023 for all plans, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

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Public Employees Retirement System

Actuarial assumptions		
Inflation rate		2.75%
Salary increases		2.75% - 6.75%
Investment Rate of Return		7.25%
Mortality Rates	Mortality Rates	Active-100% of Pub-2010 General Employees table, below-median, headcount weighted, projected with scale MP-2018; Healthy Male Retirees-108% of Pub-2010 General Retiree Male table, below-median, headcount weighted, projected with scale MP-2018; Healthy Female Retirees-122% of Pub-2010 Annuitant, Scale AA fully generational General Retiree Female table, below-median, headcount weighted, projected with scale MP-2018; Disabled males-118% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Male table, below-median headcount weighted, projected with scale MP-2018; Disabled females-117% of Pub-2010 General/Teachers Disabled Female table, below-median, headcount weighted projected with scale MP-2018

The actuarial assumptions used in the valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 for economic assumptions and July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 all other assumptions.

West Virginia Deputy Sheriff Retirement System

Actuarial assumptions		
Inflation rate		2.75%
Salary increases		3.75% - 5.25%
Investment Rate of Return		7.25%
Mortality Rates		Actives - 100% of Pub-2010 Safety Employee Table, Amountweighted, projected generationally with Scale MP-2020 Healthy Male Retirees - 98% of Pub-2010 Safety Retiree Male Table, Amount-weighted, projected generationally with Scale MP-2020 Healthy Female Retirees - 99% of Pub-2010 Safety Retiree Female Table, Amount-weighted, projected generationally with Scale MP-2020 Disabled Males - 124% of Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Male Table, Amount-weighted, projected generationally with Scale MP-2020 Disabled Females - 100% of Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Female Table, Amount-weighted, projected generationally with Scale MP-2020

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2016 DSRS valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments were determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate rates of expected future real rates of returns (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included are summarized in the following chart:

Investment	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	(PERS)		
		PERS Target Asset Allocation	DSRS Target Asset Allocation	Weighted Average Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	6.5%	27.5%	27.5%	1.8%
International Equity	9.1%	27.5%	27.5%	2.5%
Core Fixed Income	4.3%	15.0%	15.0%	0.7%
Real Estate	5.8%	10.0%	10.0%	0.6%
Private Equity	9.2%	10.0%	10.0%	0.9%
Hedge Funds	4.6%	10.0%	10.0%	0.5%
<u>Total</u>		<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>9.4%</u>
Inflation (CPI)				2.5%
		1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
		<u>6.25%</u>	<u>7.25%</u>	<u>8.25%</u>

Government's proportionate share of PERS's net pension (asset)/liability	\$	(6,204,071)	\$	(29,930)	\$	5,290,290
Government's proportionate share of WVDSRS's net pension (asset)/liability	\$	(2,890,338)	\$	1,249,186	\$	102,099

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VI. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN

West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund (RHBT)

Plan description:

The Commission participates in the West Virginia Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (the Plan) a cost-sharing, multiple employer, defined benefit other post-employment benefit plan and covers the retirees of State agencies, colleges and universities, county boards of education, and other government entities as set forth in the West Virginia Code Section 5-16D-2 (the Code). The Plan is administered by a combination of the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) and the RHBT staff. Plan benefits are established and revised by PEIA and the RHBT management with approval of the Finance Board. The Finance Board is comprised of nine members. Finance Board members are appointed by the Governor, serve a term of four years and are eligible for reappointment. The State Department of Administration cabinet secretary serves as the Chairman of the Board. Four members represent labor, education, public employees and public retirees. Four remaining members represent the public-at-large.

RHBT issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the other post-employment benefit plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions and membership information that can be obtained by contacting Public Employees Insurance Agency, 601 57th Street SE, Suite 2, Charleston, West Virginia 25304-2345, by calling (888) 680-7342 or can be found on the PEIA website at www.peia.wv.gov.

Benefits Provided:

The Commission's employees who retire are eligible for PEIA health and life benefits, provided they meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the PERS or meet certain other. The RHBT Medicare-eligible retired employees and their Medicare-eligible dependents receive medical and drug coverage from a Medicare Advantage Plan. Under this arrangement, the Eligible participants hired after June 30, 2010, will be required to fully fund premium contributions upon retirement. The Plan is a closed plan to new entrants.

Contribution Requirements:

Employer contributions consist of pay as you go premiums, commonly referred to as paygo, and retiree leave conversion billings. Employees are not required to contribute to the OPEB plan.

Paygo premiums are established by the Finance Board annually. All participating employers are required by statute to contribute to the RHBT this premium at the established rate for every active policyholder per month. The paygo rates for June 30 were:

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023:	\$ 70
February 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022:	48
July 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022:	116

The Commission's contributions to the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$184,241. No amount was payable at year-end.

A special funding situation under GASB 75 occurs when a nonemployer entity (often another government) is legally responsible for providing financial support for OPEB of the employees of another entity by making contributions directly to the OPEB Plan on behalf of a government. Based on GASB 75 guidelines, the State of West Virginia (the State), is a non-employer contributing entity to the Plan as described in more detail in the following paragraphs.

The State of West Virginia is a nonemployer contributing entity that provides funding through SB 419, effective July 1, 2012, amended by West Virginia Code §11-21-96 (the Code). The State provides a supplemental pre-funding source dedicating \$30 million annually to the RHBT Fund from annual collections of the Personal Income Tax Fund and dedicated for payment of the unfunded liability of the RHBT. The \$30 million transferred pursuant to this Code shall be transferred until the Governor certifies to the Legislature that an independent actuarial study has determined that the unfunded liability of RHBT has been provided for in its entirety or July 1, 2037, whichever date is later. This funding is to the advantage of all RHBT contributing employers.

The State is a nonemployer contributing entity that provides funding through SB 469 which was passed February 10, 2012, granting OPEB liability relief to the 55 County Boards of Education effective July 1, 2012. The public school support plan (PSSP) is a basic foundation allowance program that provides funding to the local school boards for "any amount of the employer's annual required contribution allocated and billed to the county boards for employees who are employed as professional employees, employees who are employed as service personnel and employees who are employed as professional student support personnel", within the limits authorized by the State Code. This special funding under the school aid formula subsidizes employer contributions of the county boards of education and contributes to the overall unfunded OPEB liability.

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

At fiscal year-end, the Commission reported the following liability for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset). The net pension liability/(asset) was measured as of June 30, 2023 for the Commission's fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, using the actuarial assumptions and methods described in the appropriate section of this note. The government's proportion of the net pension liability/(asset) was based on a projection of the government's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating governments, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the Commission reported the following proportions and increase/decreases from its proportion as of June 30, 2024:

	2024
Amount of proportionate share of net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$ (268,976)
Percentage of proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	0.169970051%
	2024
Commission's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$ (268,976)
State's proportional share of the net OPEB liability/(asset) associated with the Commission	(124,093)
Total portion of the net OPEB liability/(asset) associated with the Commission	\$ (393,069)

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Commission recognized the following OPEB expense and support provided by the State:

	2024
OPEB expense Commission	\$ (546,938)
OPEB expense State support	(124,093)
Total OPEB expense	\$ (671,031)
State support revenue	\$ (124,093)

The Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	2023	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ -	-	\$ (4,485)
Differences between expected and actual experience		-	(156,573)
Changes in assumptions		74,168	(150,067)
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions		279,762	(1,541)
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date		184,239	
Total		\$ 538,169	\$ (312,666)

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The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability on June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Amount
2025	27,380
2026	(8,691)
2027	32,583
2028	(10,008)
Total	41,264

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability/(asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 and rolled forward to June 30, 2023 for all plans, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

OPEB	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal cost method
Asset Valuation Method	Fair value
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Amortization Period	20 years closed as of June 30, 2017
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	6.65%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	Dependent upon pension system. Ranging from 2.75% to 5.18%
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Discount Rate	7.40%
Healthcare Cost Trends	Trend rate for pre-Medicare and Medicare per capita costs of 7.0% medical and 8.0% drug. The trends increase over four years to 9.0% and 9.5%, respectively. The trends then decrease linearly for 5 years until ultimate trend rate of 4.50% is reached in plan year end 2032.
Mortality Rates	Postretirement: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 108% females) projected with MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 General Below Median Healthy Retiree Tables (106% males, 113% females) projected with MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A and B. Pre-Retirement: Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Tables (100% males, 100% females) projected with Scale MP-2021 for TRS. Pub-2010 Below-Median Income General Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for PERS. Pub-2010 Public Safety Employee Mortality Tables projected with Scale MP-2021 for Troopers A & B.
Date Range in Most Recent Experience Study	July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020

The long term expected rate of return of 7.40% on the OPEB plan investments was determined by a combination of an expected long-term rate of return of 7.60% for long-term assets invested with the WV Investment Management Board and an expected short-term rate of return of 2.75% for assets invested with the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments.

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Long-term pre-funding assets are invested the WVIMB. The strategic asset allocation consists of 45% equity, 15% fixed income, 5% private credit and income, 12% private equity, 10% hedge fund and 12% real estate invested. Short-term assets used to pay current year benefits and expenses are invested with the WVBTI.

The long-term rates of return on OPEB plan investments are determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Target asset allocations, capital market assumptions (CMA), and forecast returns were provided by the Plan's investment advisors, including West Virginia Investment Management Board (WVIMB). The projected return for the Money Market Pool held with the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments (WVBTI) was estimated based on WVIMB assumed inflation of 2.50% plus a 25- basis point spread. The best estimates of geometric rates of return for each asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-term Expected Rate of Return	Target Asset Allocation
Global Equity	7.4%	45.0%
Core Plus Fixed Income	3.9%	15.0%
Core Real Estate	7.2%	12.0%
Hedge Fund	4.5%	10.0%
Private Credit and Income	7.4%	6.0%
Private Equity	10.0%	12.0%
		100.0%

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.40% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 7.40%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made in accordance with the prefunding and investment policies. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan'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 OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

The following chart presents the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate, calculated using the discount rates as used in the actuarial evaluation, and what the net pension 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 rate:

	1% decrease (6.40%)	Current Discount Rate (7.40%)	1% Increase (8.40%)
Proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ (45,513)	\$ (268,976)	\$ (514,064)

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The following table presents the Commission's proportionate share of its net OPEB liability/(asset) calculated using the healthcare cost trend rate of percent and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1% decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
Proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ (685,193)	\$ (268,976)	\$ 225,985

VI. RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

During the year ended June 30, 2024, management identified right-of use lease assets and capital assets from the previous year that were unidentified or improperly classified. Beginning net position has been restated, as follows, to adjust these additions to construction-in-progress and remove the effect of depreciation from net position:

	As of June 30, 2023	Restatement	Restated as of June 30, 2023
Machinery and equipment	\$ 7,183,461	\$ 86,834	\$ 7,270,295
Right-of-Use Lease Assets	776,803	414,596	1,191,399
Interest Payable	(1,046,867)	(644)	(1,047,511)
Lease Liabilities	(504,188)	(377,336)	(881,524)
Accumulated Amortization	(279,507)	(38,181)	(317,688)
Effect on net position	6,129,702	85,269	6,214,971
Net position	\$ (136,969,484)	\$ 85,269	\$ (136,884,215)

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SCHEDULES OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Public Employees Retirement System
 Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.667793	0.706833	0.656157	0.657499	0.637932	0.637672	0.615423	0.602609	0.580496	0.560897
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ (29,930)	\$ 1,052,609	\$ (5,760,639)	\$ 3,476,007	\$ 1,371,637	\$ 1,646,799	\$ 2,656,443	\$ 5,538,692	\$ 3,241,513	\$ 2,070,075
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 11,798,428	\$ 11,442,360	\$ 10,449,036	\$ 10,217,147	\$ 9,365,641	\$ 8,812,858	\$ 8,463,408	\$ 8,282,748	\$ 10,379,714	\$ 9,841,538
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.25%	9.20%	55.13%	34.02%	14.65%	18.69%	31.39%	66.87%	31.23%	21.03%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	100.05%	98.24%	111.07%	92.89%	96.99%	96.33%	93.67%	86.11%	91.29%	93.98%

* - Applicable information was available for seven years for this schedule.

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**West Virginia Deputy Sheriff Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (percentage)	3.319214	3.290628	3.715254	3.943768	3.804321	3.937168	3.913477	3.798734	3.477091	3.628928
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 1,249,186	\$ 1,306,906	\$ (223,881)	\$ 1,413,959	764,516	\$ (211,347)	\$ 146,638	\$ 1,209,365	\$ 713,221	\$ 618,768
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,113,335	\$ 2,080,403	\$ 2,249,391	\$ 2,261,630	2,126,671	\$ 2,045,630	\$ 1,958,258	\$ 1,827,317	\$ 2,676,800	\$ 2,780,215
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	40.12%	62.82%	9.95%	62.52%	35.95%	-10.33%	7.49%	66.18%	26.64%	22.26%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	89.39%	98.24%	101.95%	87.01%	92.08%	102.50%	98.17%	84.48%	89.31%	90.52%

* - Applicable information was available for seven years for this schedule.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
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Public Employees Retirement System
 Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,071,713	\$ 1,061,863	\$ 1,144,236	\$ 1,044,904	\$ 1,021,716	\$ 936,564	\$ 969,414	\$ 1,015,609	\$ 1,118,171	\$ 1,453,160
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(1,071,713)</u>	<u>(1,061,863)</u>	<u>(1,144,236)</u>	<u>(1,044,904)</u>	<u>(1,021,716)</u>	<u>(936,564)</u>	<u>(969,414)</u>	<u>(1,015,609)</u>	<u>(1,118,171)</u>	<u>(1,453,160)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>				
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 11,907,887	\$ 11,798,428	\$ 11,442,360	\$ 10,449,036	\$ 10,217,147	\$ 9,365,641	\$ 8,812,858	\$ 8,463,408	\$ 8,282,748	\$ 10,379,714
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	9.00%	9.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	11.00%	12.00%	13.50%	14.00%

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SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
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West Virginia Deputy Sheriff Retirement System
 Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 366,832	\$ 292,489	\$ 270,574	\$ 269,927	\$ 271,396	\$ 255,200	\$ 245,476	\$ 234,991	\$ 219,278	\$ 347,984
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(366,832)</u>	<u>(292,489)</u>	<u>(270,574)</u>	<u>(269,927)</u>	<u>(271,396)</u>	<u>(255,200)</u>	<u>(245,476)</u>	<u>(234,991)</u>	<u>(219,278)</u>	<u>(347,984)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ --</u>									
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,292,704	\$ 2,080,403	\$ 2,080,403	\$ 2,249,391	\$ 2,261,630	\$ 2,126,671	\$ 2,045,630	\$ 1,958,258	\$ 1,827,317	\$ 2,676,800
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	16.00%	13.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	13.00%

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Retiree Health Benefit Trust							
	Last 8 Fiscal Years*							
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
County's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.169970051	0.144848119	0.100404549	0.100839587	0.09771866	0.10379722	0.10836747	0.14364055
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (268,976)	\$ 161,214	\$ (29,855)	\$ 445,400	\$ 1,621,282	\$ 2,226,903	\$ 2,664,744	\$ 3,567,062
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the County	<u>(124,093)</u>	<u>31,772</u>	<u>(5,494)</u>	<u>92,515</u>	<u>321,211</u>	<u>460,241</u>	<u>806,845</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>(393,069)</u>	<u>192,986</u>	<u>(35,349)</u>	<u>537,915</u>	<u>1,942,493</u>	<u>2,687,144</u>	<u>3,471,589</u>	<u>3,567,062</u>
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 14,048,345	\$ 13,878,831	\$ 12,698,427	\$ 12,478,777	\$ 11,492,312	\$ 10,858,488	\$ 10,421,666	\$ 10,110,065
County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	-1.91%	1.16%	0.24%	3.57%	14.11%	20.51%	25.57%	35.28%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)	109.66%	93.59%	101.81%	73.49%	39.69%	30.98%	25.10%	21.64%

* - Applicable information was available for four years for this schedule.

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SCHEDULE OF COUNTY OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS
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Retiree Health Benefit Trust
 Last 9 Fiscal Years

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 184,239	\$ 170,455	\$ 171,119	\$ 183,096	\$ 194,911	\$ 201,328	\$ 212,109	\$ 222,585	\$ 245,721
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(184,239)</u>	<u>(170,455)</u>	<u>(171,119)</u>	<u>(183,096)</u>	<u>(194,911)</u>	<u>(201,328)</u>	<u>(212,109)</u>	<u>(222,585)</u>	<u>(245,721)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ --</u>								
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 14,200,591	\$ 14,048,345	\$ 13,878,831	\$ 12,698,427	\$ 12,478,777	\$ 11,492,312	\$ 10,858,488	\$ 10,421,666	\$ 10,110,065
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	1.30%	1.21%	1.23%	1.44%	1.56%	1.75%	1.95%	2.14%	2.43%

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Note 1 - Changes in Assumptions PERS

There were no changes in the assumptions between the 2022 and 2023 valuations. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until the Board adopts revised assumptions.

There were no changes in the assumptions between the 2021 and 2022 valuations. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until the Board adopts revised assumptions.

Changes in the assumptions between the 2021 and 2020 valuations:

Projected salary increases went from 3.1-5.3% (state) and 3.35-6.5% (nonstate) in 2020 to 2.75-5.55% (state) and 3.60-6.75% (nonstate) in 2021; the inflation rate dropped from 3% in 2020 to 2.75% in 2021. These changes in assumptions lead to deferred outflows of \$236,067,000 in 2021.

There were no changes in the assumptions between the 2020 and 2019 valuations. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until the Board adopts revised assumptions.

Changes in the assumptions between the 2019 and 2018 valuations:

Projected salary increases went from 3-6% in 2018 to 3.1-6.5% in 2019; the inflation rate remained at 3% in 2019 from 2018; mortality rates changed due to changing from the RP-2000 model to the Pub-2010 model; withdrawal rates went from 1.75-35.88% in 2018 to 2.28-35.88% in 2019; disability rates went from 0-.675% in 2018 to 0-.54% in 2019. The range of the experience study was 2004-2009 in 2018 and 2013-2018 in 2019. These changes in assumptions lead to deferred inflows of \$55,650,000 in 2019.

Changes in the assumptions between the 2015 and 2014 valuations:

Projected salary increases went from 4.25-6% in 2014 to 3-6% in 2015; the inflation rate went from 2.2% in 2015 to 1.9% in 2015; mortality rates changed due to from the Gam model to RP-2000 model; withdrawal rates went from 1-31.2% in 2014 to 1.75-35.8% in 2015; disability rates went from 0-.8% in 2014 to 0-.675% in 2015; The range of the experience study was 2004-2009 in 2014 and 2009-2014 in 2015. These changes in assumptions lead to deferred inflows of \$89,556,000 in 2015.

Note 2 - Changes in Assumptions DSRS

There were no changes in the assumptions between the 2022 and 2023 valuations. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until the Board adopts revised assumptions.

There were no changes in the assumptions between the 2021 and 2022 valuations. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until the Board adopts revised assumptions.

The investment rate of return decreased from 7.50% to 7.25%, projected salary increases changed from a range of 3.50%- 7.50% to a range of 3.75%-7.25%, the inflation rate decreased from 3.0% to 2.75%, the discount rate decreased from 7.50% to 7.25%, the mortality rates changed from the RP-2014 model to the Pub-2010 model, the withdrawal rates changed from a range of 4.0%-12.0% to a range of 4.93%-12.32%, disability rates changed from a range of 0.04%-0.60% to a range of 0.03%-0.40% in 2021.

There were no changes in the assumptions between the 2020 and 2019 valuations. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until the Board adopts revised assumptions.

There were no changes in the assumptions between the 2019 and 2018 valuations. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until the Board adopts revised assumptions.

There were no changes in the assumptions between the 2018 and 2017 valuations. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until the Board adopts revised assumptions.

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Note 3 – Changes in Assumptions OPEB

The actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, reflects changes to the following healthcare-related assumptions which include:

- Per capita claim costs;
- Healthcare trend rates;
- Aging factors;
- Participation rates

The long-term expected rate of return of 7.40% on OPEB plan investments was determined by a combination of an expected long-term rate of return of 7.60% for long-term assets invested with the WV Investment Management Board (WVIMB) and an expected short-term rate of return of 2.75% for assets invested with the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments.

Long-term pre-funding assets are invested with the WVIMB. The strategic asset allocation consists of 45% equity, 15% fixed income, 6% private credit and income, 12% private equity, 10% hedge fund and 12% real estate invested. Short-term assets used to pay current year benefits and expenses are invested with the WVBTI. The long-term rates of return on OPEB plan investments are determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Target asset allocations, capital market assumptions (CMA), and forecast returns were provided by the Plan's investment advisors, including West Virginia Investment Management Board (WVIMB). The projected return for the Money Market Pool held with the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments (WVBTI) was estimated.

Changes in the assumptions between the 2021 and 2022 valuations:

The revisions encompass key assumptions: projected capped subsidies, per capita claim costs, healthcare trend rates, coverage and continuance, percentage eligible for tobacco-free premium discounts, and retired employee assistance program participation.

There were no assumption changes from the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, measured at June 30, 2020 to a roll-forward measurement date of June 30, 2021.

Changes in the assumptions between the 2020 and 2019 valuations:

Certain assumptions have been changed since the prior actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018 and a measurement date of June 30, 2020. The net effect of the assumption changes was approximately \$1,147 million. Certain other assumption changes were noted but did not materially impact the Net OPEB Liability.

Changes in the assumptions between the 2019 and 2018 valuations:

Certain assumptions have been changed since the prior measurement date. The assumption changes that most significantly impacted the Net OPEB Liability are as follows: the per capita claims costs for Pre-Medicare and Medicare decreased the liability by approximately \$12 million and a capped subsidy costs implemented in December 2019 decreased the liability by approximately \$224 million. Certain other assumption changes were noted but did not materially impact the Net OPEB Liability.

MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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Note 3 – Changes in Assumptions OPEB (Continued)

Changes in the assumptions between the 2018 and 2017 valuations:

Certain assumptions have been changed since the prior measurement date. The assumption changes that most significantly impacted the Net OPEB Liability are as follows: the inclusion of waived annuitants increased the liability by approximately \$17 million; a 15% reduction in the retirement rate assumption decreased the liability by approximately \$68 million; a change in certain healthcare-related assumptions decreased the liability by approximately \$232 million; and an update to the mortality tables increased the liability by approximately \$25 million. Certain other assumption changes were noted but did not materially impact the Net OPEB Liability.

Changes in the assumptions between the 2016 and 2015 valuations:

Certain economic and behavioral assumptions are unique to healthcare benefits. These assumptions include the healthcare trend, per capita claims costs, the likelihood that a member selects healthcare coverage and the likelihood that a retiree selects one-person, two person or family coverage. These assumptions were updated based on a recent experience study performed by the RHBT actuaries using five-year experience data through June 30, 2015. The updated per capita claims costs were also based on recent claims, enrollment and premium information as of the valuation date.

For the June 30, 2016 valuation, the retiree healthcare participation assumption for each retirement plan is slightly higher than the previous assumption used in the June 30, 2015 OPEB valuation. More members who were covered as actives will be assumed to participate as retirees.

The 2016 and 2015 valuations include consideration of the \$30 million annual appropriations under Senate Bill 419, through July 1, 2037, or if earlier, the year the benefit obligation is fully funded. Additionally, the presentation of covered payroll was changed for the June 30, 2015, actuarial valuation. Participating employees hired before July 1, 2010, pay retiree premiums that are subsidized based on years of service at retirement. Participating employees hired on or after July 1, 2010, are required to fully fund premium contributions upon retirement. Consequently, beginning June 30, 2015, actuarial valuation covered payroll represents only the payroll for those OPEB eligible participating employees that were hired before July 1, 2010, allowing a better representation of the UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll, whereas, for the prior years, covered payroll is in total for all participating employees.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE -
 ASSESSOR'S VALUATION FUND
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Adjustments	Actual Amounts	Variance with
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	Modified <u>Accrual Basis</u>	Budget <u>Basis</u>	Budget <u>Basis</u>	Final Budget <u>Positive (Negative)</u>
REVENUES:						
Other taxes	\$ 1,195,607	\$ 1,197,607	\$ 1,261,551	\$ -	\$ 1,261,551	\$ 63,944
Charges for services	40,000	40,000	29,310	-	29,310	(10,690)
Interest	4,500	4,500	27,492	-	27,492	22,992
Reimbursements	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Total revenues	<u>1,240,107</u>	<u>1,242,107</u>	<u>1,319,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,319,353</u>	<u>77,246</u>
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General government	1,495,107	1,518,863	1,126,102	-	1,126,102	392,761
Capital outlay	<u>45,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>35,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,878</u>	<u>19,122</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,540,107</u>	<u>1,573,863</u>	<u>1,161,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,161,980</u>	<u>411,883</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>(331,756)</u>	<u>157,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,373</u>	<u>489,129</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,227</u>	<u>600,227</u>
Fund balance at end of year	\$ <u><u>(300,000)</u></u>	\$ <u><u>(331,756)</u></u>	\$ <u><u>757,600</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>757,600</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,089,356</u></u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Name of State Grant	Grant Identification	Period of Award	Award Amount	Beginning Balance 7/1/2023	Current Year Revenues	Current Year Expenditures	Ending Balance 6/30/2024
Community Corrections	24-CC-16	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 190,000	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	\$ -
Records Management & Preservation Grant	RMPB2422	7/1/23-6/30/24	14,061	-	14,061	14,061	-
LEDA Grant - Brookhaven Community Association	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	30,000	-	30,000	29,035	965
LEDA Grant - Clay-Battelle FFA Alumni	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	25,000	-	25,000	12,065	12,935
LEDA Grant - Mountaineer Area Council Boy Scouts of America (Roof Repairs)	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
LEDA Grant - Izaak Walton League	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	6,825	-	6,825	6,825	-
LEDA Grant - American Legion Post #174	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
LEDA Grant - Mountaineer Area Council Boy Scouts of America (Dining Hall Replacement)	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
Total			<u>\$ 285,886</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 285,886</u>	<u>\$ 256,986</u>	<u>\$ 28,900</u>

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through To Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY				
<i>Direct Award</i>				
COVID-19 - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	21.027	2023	\$ 324,252	\$ 483,044
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			324,252	483,044
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Passed through West Virginia Department of Human Resources</i>				
Community Development Block Grants	14.218	N/A	-	17,498
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			-	17,498
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
<i>Passed Through West Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services</i>				
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	N/A	-	18,355
National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative	16.833	N/A	-	132,079
Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program	16.838	N/A	-	138,060
Total U.S. Department of Justice			-	288,494
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
<i>Passed Through West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles</i>				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	2022	-	23,230
National Priority Safety Program	20.616	2022	-	36,796
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			-	60,026
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 324,252	\$ 849,062

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Monongalia County, West Virginia (the County) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the County. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Guidance Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

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

NOTE D - SUBRECIPIENTS

The County passes certain federal awards received from the United States Department of Treasury to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes the County reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Monongalia County Commission
243 High Street, Room 123
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

To the Board of Commissioners:

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 discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Monongalia County, West Virginia, (the County) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 5, 2025, wherein we noted the County adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (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 purposes 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County'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

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Perry & Associates CPAs A.C." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

March 5, 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Monongalia County Commission
243 High Street, Room 123
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

To the Board of Commissioners:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Monongalia County, West Virginia (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Monongalia County's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024. Monongalia County's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Monongalia County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on the 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). 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 the 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

The County's 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 Responsibilities 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 Board'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 Board's compliance with the requirements of the 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.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance (Continued)

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 in internal control over compliance may exist that were not 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 this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

March 5, 2025

**MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list):	AL# 21.027 Covid-19 – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None