

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

With

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Chairman and Members of County Council
Barnwell, South Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Barnwell County, South Carolina (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, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation, the County's major discretely component unit, or Barnwell County Career Center and Barnwell County Library Foundation, which represent 84 percent, 64 percent, and 64 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues, respectively, of the County's non-major discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation, Barnwell County Career Center, and Barnwell County Library Foundation, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

As of the date of our audit report, management was still in the process of obtaining an auditor for Generations Unlimited, another non-major component unit of the County. We were unable to confirm or verify by alternative means the financial statements amounts for Generations Unlimited. As a result of these matters, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been found necessary for the amounts included in the statement of financial position and changes in financial position for Generations Unlimited. Generation Unlimited's financial activities are included in the County's basic financial statements as a discretely presented component unit and represent 16 percent, 36 percent, and 36 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues, respectively, of the County's non-major discretely presented component units.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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, budgetary comparison information, pension, and other post-employment benefit information, as listed in the table of contents, 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 accompanying other financial information as listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2024, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Scott and Company LLC

Columbia, South Carolina
December 19, 2024

FINANCIAL SECTION

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**BARNWELL COUNTY
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INTRODUCTION

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish at the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements, presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to this requirement, we hereby issue the Annual Financial Report for Barnwell County, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

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

Barnwell County's financial statements have been audited by Scott and Company LLC, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

Based on the audit worked performed, our independent auditors concluded, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an opinion that Barnwell County's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

Governmental Auditing Standards require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal and contractual requirements.

PROFILE OF THE GOVERNMENT

Barnwell County operates under a Council form of government. Policy-making and legislative authority is vested in a governing council consisting of seven Council members. The Council is elected on a partisan basis and includes seven single-member district elections.

Barnwell County Council is responsible for, among other duties, passing ordinances and policies, approving the budget, appointing committee members, and hiring the County's Administrator and Attorney. The Administrator is responsible for enforcing the policies and ordinances of the governing council, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the government services and its approximately 200 employees, and for appointing the heads of the various County departments.

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PROFILE OF THE GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)

Barnwell County, under a Council form of government, provides a broad range of services that include:

- Public safety - countywide law enforcement (Sheriff's Office), detention facilities, and emergency preparedness plans to include activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center in an event of a disaster, and fire protection through the Fire Coordinator's office.
- Veterans' assistance
- Health-related assistance - Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Voter registration
- Street and drainage maintenance
- Waste disposal and recycling
- Criminal, civil, probate, and family court administration
- Public defender assistance
- Tax billing, collection, and dispersal to appropriate entities/municipalities
- Building inspections
- Road construction and maintenance
- Airport

Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the statement of net position and in the statement of activities in order to emphasize that they are legally separate from the primary government, and to differentiate their financial position and results of operations from those of the primary government.

The following entity is being reported as a major discretely presented component unit:

- Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation

The following entities are non-major discretely presented component units with summary financial information disclosed in the notes:

- Barnwell County Career Center
- Generations Unlimited (Unaudited)
- Barnwell County Library Foundation

Blended component units are component units that are so intertwined with the primary government that they are, in substance, the same as the primary government and are presented as part of the primary government.

The Barnwell Facilities Corporation (BFC), a non-profit corporation, was formed in August 2013 and meets the criteria to be included in these financial statements as a blended component unit of the County.

Additional information on the component units can be found in Note 1.A. in the notes to the financial statements.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET

The annual budget serves as the foundation for Barnwell County's financial planning and control. All departments of the County are required to submit requests for appropriation to the County Administrator by April 15 each year. The County's Finance Committee uses these requests as the starting point for developing a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The County Administrator presents the proposed budget to County Council for review prior to May 1 each year. Council is required to hold public hearings on the proposed budget, and to adopt a final budget each year no later than June 30, which is the close of Barnwell County's fiscal year. The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function, and department.

The legal level of budgetary control is determined by County Council at the individual fund level. Expenditures by department, sub-organizational level and major category are further defined in the budget document and are subject to approval by the County Administrator.

The County Administrator has the authority to make transfers between major expenditure categories within departments and between departments within the same fund. The administrator has further delegated to the Department Heads the authority to transfer between their department line items with the exclusion of salaries and wages.

Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for each individual governmental fund for which an appropriated annual budget has been adopted.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Barnwell County's assets and deferred outflows exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at June 30, 2024 by \$2,776,132. The County's unrestricted portion of this amount is a deficit balance of \$(20,914,960).
- The County's total net position decreased by \$2,133,386 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, with a \$1,961,875 decrease resulting from governmental activities and a \$171,511 decrease resulting from business-type activities.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, Barnwell County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$9,412,175. Approximately 33.6 percent of this total amount, \$3,158,477 is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).
- The General Fund reported a fund balance of \$3,926,393, a decrease from last fiscal year of \$751,177.
- Barnwell County is no longer self-administering road construction and, therefore, has returned the assets (cash and investments) to the State of South Carolina. This resulted in a \$4,675,605 decrease in governmental fund balance.
- General obligation bond debt decreased overall by \$1,416,111. Installment purchase revenue bonds outstanding decreased by \$315,000. More information on debt can be found in Note 7.
- Net position was restated to include the net pension liability and related inflows/outflows of the Barnwell County Hospital Retirement Plan. It was also restated to adjust capital assets and long-term debt. The cumulative effect was a \$759,699 decrease in net position. See Note 19 for more information.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Barnwell County's basic financial statements which are comprised of three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements,
2. Fund financial statements, and
3. Notes to the financial statements.

This report also contains other supplementary financial information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements report information about the County as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector financial statements. They include a statement of net position and a statement of activities.

The statement of net position includes all of the County's assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. This statement combines and consolidates governmental funds' current financial resources (short-term spendable resources) with capital assets and long-term obligations.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. Therefore, this statement includes some items that will impact cash flows in future fiscal periods, such as collections of delinquent taxes and the use of earned leave time. This statement is focused on both the gross and net cost of various functions (including governmental, business-type, and component units), which are supported by the government's general tax and other revenues. This statement presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year.

These two government-wide statements report the County's net position and how it has changed. Net position, the County's assets and deferred outflows less liabilities and deferred inflows, measures the County's financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

These statements appear on Pages 18-19 and 20 of this report.

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

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds, presented on Pages 21 through 28, essentially account for the same functions as those reported under the governmental activities of the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities. However, this set of financial statements focuses on events that produce 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 and is a narrower focus than the government-wide financial

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

statements. Such information may be useful in evaluating Barnwell County's near-term financing requirements and available resources.

By comparing functions between the two sets of statements for governmental funds and governmental activities, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison. Governmental funds individually presented in Barnwell County's statements include ten major funds: the General Fund, Federal Inmate Funds, Self-Administered Transportation "C" Funds, American Rescue Funds, the Debt Service Fund, the Debt Service Fund related to the capital project sales tax bonds, the Debt Service Fund related to the Barnwell Facilities Corporation, the Capital Projects Fund, the Capital Projects Fund related to the capital project sales tax, and the Capital Projects Fund related to the Barnwell Facilities Corporation. The General Fund is always required to be reported as a major fund. The Debt Service Funds and Capital Projects Funds have been presented as major funds either because they were required to be or because it allowed for consistency. Other governmental funds are reported as major funds only when required.

Although there are many smaller governmental funds in Barnwell County Government, they have been presented in a total column termed as "other governmental funds". Combining statements for these other governmental funds have been presented in the combined and individual fund statements and schedules of the report.

Proprietary Funds - Barnwell County maintains and presents one proprietary fund, enterprise, shown on Pages 29 through 31 of this report. Enterprise funds report in greater detail, the same information presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements for the Barnwell County Airport.

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

Custodial Funds - Property taxes and other revenue are collected, temporarily retained and distributed by the County Treasurer in accordance with Acts of the General Assembly of South Carolina. Each governmental unit for which a custodial fund is maintained is administered by a governing body independent of the County Council.

Expendable Trust Fund - The Expendable Trust Fund is used to account for resources held by the South Carolina State Treasurer for the purpose of the economic development in the County.

The Fiduciary Fund financial statements can be found on Pages 32 through 33 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Notes begin on Page 34 of this report.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires information pertaining to budgetary comparison schedules, other post-employment benefits, and the pension plan be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. This required supplemental information (RSI) is presented immediately following the notes to the financial statements. Combining and individual fund schedules referred to earlier are presented following the RSI. The RSI can be found on pages 104 through 113 and the combining and individual fund schedules can be found on pages 114 through 155 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial condition. In the case of Barnwell County, assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$2,776,132 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. The County's decrease in net position for this year amounts to \$2,133,386.

One portion of the County's net position, \$18,695,366, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, infrastructure, machinery, and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the County's net position, \$4,995,726, represents resources that are subject to restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance is a deficit of \$(20,914,960) unrestricted net position.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the County reflected the following net position:

	Governmental Activities		Business - Type Activities		Total	
	As Restated				As Restated	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 13,697,121	\$ 18,274,947	\$ 290,328	\$ 394,750	\$ 13,987,449	\$ 18,669,697
Non-current assets	26,631,532	26,291,825	5,182,414	5,239,345	31,813,946	31,531,170
Total assets	40,328,653	44,566,772	5,472,742	5,634,095	45,801,395	50,200,867
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,550,439	5,809,272	15,100	13,843	4,565,539	5,823,115
Current liabilities	5,665,050	5,569,082	110,354	110,896	5,775,404	5,679,978
Non-current liabilities	38,296,516	41,142,181	106,231	96,641	38,402,747	41,238,822
Total liabilities	43,961,566	46,711,263	216,585	207,537	44,178,151	46,918,800
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,406,536	4,191,916	6,115	3,748	3,412,651	4,195,664
Net Position						
Net investment in capital assets	13,741,931	12,005,950	4,953,435	5,010,366	18,695,366	17,016,316
Restricted	4,995,726	8,938,261	-	-	4,995,726	8,938,261
Unrestricted	(21,226,667)	(21,471,346)	311,707	426,287	(20,914,960)	(21,045,059)
Total net position	\$ (2,489,010)	\$ (527,135)	\$ 5,265,142	\$ 5,436,653	\$ 2,776,132	\$ 4,909,518

The following are significant current year transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Position:

- Depreciation expense decreasing net position by \$1,935,015
- Net decreases of \$364,911 related to net pension expense, including the addition of the hospital retirement pension plan
- Net increases of \$480,609 related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB) amounts
- Interest expense on general obligation bonds decreasing net position by \$113,002
- Interest expense on installment purchase revenue bonds decreasing net position by \$290,650
- Foregoing the administration of C-Fund road improvements and transferring cash and investments back to the State of South Carolina decreasing net position by \$4,675,605

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Cont'd)

Changes in net position – The County's total revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, were \$30,043,465. The total cost of all programs and services was \$32,176,851. The following table presents a summary of the activity that resulted in changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>As Restated 2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>As Restated 2023</u>
Revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 1,561,256	\$ 1,600,755	\$ 291,448	\$ 257,454	\$ 1,852,704	\$ 1,858,209
Operating grant and contributions	7,501,114	8,544,810	-	-	7,501,114	8,544,810
Capital grants	25,000	-	-	1,041,610	25,000	1,041,610
General revenues						
Property taxes	12,367,801	11,834,162	-	-	12,367,801	11,834,162
Sales and use taxes	4,546,582	4,411,019	-	-	4,546,582	4,411,019
Special assessments	75,536	72,108	-	-	75,536	72,108
Accommodation taxes	169,506	94,999	-	-	169,506	94,999
Merchant's inventory tax	28,394	24,572	-	-	28,394	24,572
State shared revenues	1,771,606	1,699,648	-	-	1,771,606	1,699,648
Interest earnings	393,403	441,789	-	-	393,403	441,789
Net gain (loss) on sale or disposal of assets	(68,958)	20,874	-	-	(68,958)	20,874
Miscellaneous	1,297,040	814,366	83,737	29,615	1,380,777	843,981
Total revenues	<u>29,668,280</u>	<u>29,559,102</u>	<u>375,185</u>	<u>1,328,679</u>	<u>30,043,465</u>	<u>30,887,781</u>

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BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Cont'd)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	As Restated				As Restated	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Expenses:						
General government	\$ 2,394,860	\$ 3,164,014	\$ 546,696	\$ 455,551	\$ 2,941,556	\$ 3,619,565
Physical environment	6,482,735	5,085,224	-	-	6,482,735	5,085,224
Finance and taxation	838,877	871,934	-	-	838,877	871,934
Judicial	1,287,740	1,348,345	-	-	1,287,740	1,348,345
Public safety	8,350,410	7,761,865	-	-	8,350,410	7,761,865
Health and welfare	2,011,965	2,602,431	-	-	2,011,965	2,602,431
Culture/recreation	324,622	442,908	-	-	324,622	442,908
Miscellaneous	288,552	281,190	-	-	288,552	281,190
Capital outlay	278,159	132,809	-	-	278,159	132,809
Employee fringe benefits	3,740,369	3,251,667	-	-	3,740,369	3,251,667
Intergovernmental	5,163,818	530,809	-	-	5,163,818	530,809
Agencies	96,925	97,655	-	-	96,925	97,655
Interest expense	371,123	407,620	-	-	371,123	407,620
Total expenses	<u>31,630,155</u>	<u>25,978,471</u>	<u>546,696</u>	<u>455,551</u>	<u>32,176,851</u>	<u>26,434,022</u>
Excess of revenue over (under) expense	(1,961,875)	3,580,631	(171,511)	873,128	(2,133,386)	4,453,759
Net position (deficit) - beginning (as restated)	<u>(527,135)</u>	<u>(4,107,766)</u>	<u>5,436,653</u>	<u>4,563,525</u>	<u>4,909,518</u>	<u>455,759</u>
Net position (deficit) - ending	<u>\$ (2,489,010)</u>	<u>\$ (527,135)</u>	<u>\$ 5,265,142</u>	<u>\$ 5,436,653</u>	<u>\$ 2,776,132</u>	<u>\$ 4,909,518</u>

Governmental activities – The following table presents the cost of the major functional activities of the primary government. The table also shows each function's net cost (total cost, less charges for services generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the County's taxpayers by each of these functions. The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$31,630,155. Net cost of governmental activities \$(22,542,785) was financed by general revenues which are made up primarily of property taxes totaling \$12,367,801, sales taxes totaling \$4,546,582, and shared state aid totaling \$1,771,606.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Cont'd)

	Governmental Activities			
	2024		As Restated 2023	
	Total Expenses	Net (Expense) Revenue	Total Expenses	Net (Expense) Revenue
General government	\$ 2,394,860	\$ (2,007,763)	\$ 3,164,014	\$ (2,776,917)
Physical environment	6,482,735	(2,198,063)	5,085,224	(593,881)
Finance and taxation	838,877	(802,205)	871,934	(833,474)
Judicial	1,287,740	(1,042,157)	1,348,345	(1,136,607)
Public safety	8,350,410	(4,804,752)	7,761,865	(4,209,090)
Health and welfare	2,011,965	(1,575,143)	2,602,431	(1,266,214)
Culture/recreation	324,622	(324,622)	442,908	(442,908)
Miscellaneous	288,552	(137,686)	281,190	(153,255)
Capital outlay	278,159	(278,159)	132,809	(132,809)
Employee fringe benefits	3,740,369	(3,740,369)	3,251,667	(3,251,667)
Intergovernmental	5,163,818	(5,163,818)	530,809	(530,809)
Agencies	96,925	(96,925)	97,655	(97,655)
Interest expense	371,123	(371,123)	407,620	(407,620)
	<u>\$ 31,630,155</u>	<u>\$ (22,542,785)</u>	<u>\$ 25,978,471</u>	<u>\$ (15,832,906)</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

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

Governmental funds – The focus of Barnwell County governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing Barnwell County's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. As of June 30, 2024, Barnwell County governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$9,412,175, a decrease of \$4,595,321 from prior year balances.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At June 30, 2024, total fund balance in the General Fund was \$3,926,393, of which \$3,158,477 was unassigned. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, the total unassigned fund balances compared to total fund expenditures was 14.5%. The fund balance of the General Fund decreased by \$751,177 during the current fiscal year.

The major Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) fund is used to account for specific revenues and debt proceeds to fund the approved capital projects under the sales tax referendum. The fund balance for this fund increased by \$831,907, resulting in an ending fund balance of \$3,966,646 at June 30, 2024. The fund had \$2,484,862 in revenues from sales tax collections and allocated pooled interest. \$442,068 was expended on the approved capital projects and \$1,210,887 was transferred to Debt Service to pay the bonds.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS (Cont'd)

The major Debt Service fund that is servicing the general obligation capital projects sales tax (CPST) bonds reported principal and interest payments of \$1,160,000 and \$50,887, respectively. The debt service payments were funded with the sales tax collections transferred from the capital project sales tax (CPST) fund.

The Debt Service fund that is servicing the debt of the Barnwell Facilities Corporation (BFC) reported principal and interest payments of \$315,000 and \$290,650, respectively, on its Series 2019 refunding bonds. This fund also received total transfers of \$605,650 from other funds to cover any shortfalls.

The general Debt Service Fund had debt service tax revenues of \$640,971 and principal and interest payments on general obligation bonds of \$621,111 and \$62,077, respectively. \$42,217 was transferred from the General Fund to cover the shortfalls.

The Self-Administered Transportation "C" funds are reported as a major special revenue fund. The fund had revenues of \$3,752,205 and expenditures of \$8,427,810, resulting in a decrease to fund balance of \$4,675,605. \$4,721,750 of the expenditures included intergovernmental expenditures resulting from turning cash and investments over to the State of South Carolina after foregoing the administration of the program.

The Federal Inmate Funds are reported as a major special revenue fund. The fund had revenue of \$1,874,375 and expenditures/transfers out of \$1,956,318, resulting in a decrease to fund balance of \$81,943.

Other governmental funds are used to account for specific revenues and expenditures. Total fund balances of all other governmental funds decreased by \$133,477 from the prior year. Most of this decrease is attributable to the Rural Fire District Fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights – A summarized budget to actual statement for the General Fund is presented as required supplementary information on page 104 and other information regarding the budget can be found in the notes to the required supplementary information on pages 112-113. Detailed budget to actual information for the General Fund is also presented in the supplemental schedules of revenues and expenditures on pages 116 through 136. The expenditures incurred during the year were \$2,126,539 over the budgeted amounts and revenues were also \$1,297,510 over the budgeted amounts. Expenditures were over budget primarily in the equipment line items for departments. Unbudgeted capital outlay expenditures totaled \$559,803, adding to the overspending of the budget.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

By the end of 2024, the County had invested \$31,584,967 (net of depreciation) in a broad range of capital assets, including, land, buildings, various machinery and equipment and infrastructure.

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CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION (Cont'd)

The County's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities and business-type activities as of June 30, 2024 is stated below:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Land and land improvements	\$ 2,674,789	\$ 2,067,331
Construction in process	246,048	1,100,001
Infrastructure	82,076	-
Buildings and improvements	18,983,037	1,783,418
Furniture, vehicles, equipment	4,645,582	2,685
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 26,631,532</u>	<u>\$ 4,953,435</u>

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 6 on pages 56 through 61 of this report.

LONG-TERM DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the end of the current fiscal year, Barnwell County had \$3,125,292 in general obligation bonds, which included \$1,185,000 in 2017 CPST bonds to provide funding for capital sales tax projects as outlined in the sales tax referendum, and current year issuances of \$365,000. The County also had \$6,745,000 outstanding principal on its installment purchase "refunding" revenue bonds that were issued in 2019 to refund its 2013B construction bonds. There were proceeds from installment purchase contracts of \$1,076,762, while \$512,845 was paid on installment purchase contracts.

	Outstanding Debt		
	2024	2023	Change
General obligation bonds	\$ 3,125,292	\$ 4,541,403	\$ (1,416,111)
Installment purchase revenue bonds	6,745,000	7,060,000	(315,000)
Installment purchase contracts	1,696,300	1,132,383	563,917
	<u>11,566,592</u>	<u>12,733,786</u>	<u>\$ (1,167,194)</u>

Additional information on the County's long-term debt can be found in Notes 7 and 8 on pages 62 through 68 of this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The County adopted its 2024-2025 balanced budget with revenues and expenditures projected at \$24,044,813. There shall continue to be special assessment funds for the Barnwell County Career Center, public safety in the rural areas, and rural fire protection. For said funds it is anticipated that there shall be levied 24 mills for the Career Center which shall be used for operations/maintenance, 4 mills to be levied upon the unincorporated areas of the County for operations of Public Safety in the rural area, 11 mills to be levied upon the unincorporated areas of the County for rural fire protection, and 11.7 mills to be levied for debt service countywide.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Barnwell County's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to County Administrator, Barnwell County, 57 Wall Street, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812.

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BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GOVERNMENT-WIDE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Primary Government			Barnwell County EDC June 30, 2024	Non-major Component Units June 30, 2024
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total		
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,637,545	\$ 242,781	\$ 2,880,326	\$ 113,787	\$ 1,599,248
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	102,918	-	102,918	-	-
Investments	9,661	-	9,661	513,169	-
Equity in pooled cash and investments	2,969,509	-	2,969,509	-	-
Restricted equity in pooled cash and investments	4,491,338	-	4,491,338	-	-
Receivables:					
Property taxes	303,460	-	303,460	-	36,973
Leases receivable	-	-	-	2,182	23,266
Other receivables, net	48,708	1,111	49,819	-	114,853
Due from other governments	2,716,479	-	2,716,479	-	7,015
Due from Fiduciary Funds - Agency	106,835	-	106,835	-	1,001
Inventories and prepaid items	310,668	46,436	357,104	-	31,642
Total current assets	13,697,121	290,328	13,987,449	629,138	1,813,998
Non-current assets:					
Leases receivable, net of current portion	-	-	-	795,161	1,991
Land held for resale	-	228,979	228,979	-	-
Capital assets not subject to depreciation	2,920,837	1,843,503	4,764,340	-	27,525
Capital assets subject to depreciation, net	23,710,695	3,109,932	26,820,627	4,756,629	906,624
Total non-current assets	26,631,532	5,182,414	31,813,946	5,551,790	936,140
Total assets	40,328,653	5,472,742	45,801,395	6,180,928	2,750,138
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Total deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	1,564,301	3,472	1,567,773	-	578,187
Total contributions subsequent to the measurement date for pensions	1,734,664	11,628	1,746,292	-	-
Total contributions subsequent to the measurement date for pensions - Hospital	194,000	-	194,000	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	967,295	-	967,295	-	377,825
Deferred outflow of resources related to current refunding of bonds - debt defeasance	90,179	-	90,179	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,550,439	15,100	4,565,539	-	956,012
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	668,424	-	668,424	-	211,902
Accrued salaries and related taxes	432,156	-	432,156	-	160,365
Installment purchase contracts payable-current portion	570,930	-	570,930	-	-
Accrued compensated absences - current portion	14,941	-	14,941	-	2,038
Line of credit	-	-	-	-	68,509
Due to other governments	174,421	-	174,421	-	-
Internal balances	(110,354)	110,354	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	1,604,693	-	1,604,693	25,000	-

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Primary Government			Barnwell County EDC June 30, 2024	Non-major Component Units June 30, 2024
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total		
LIABILITIES (cont'd)					
Other liabilities	\$ 1,261,862	\$ -	\$ 1,261,862	\$ 22,518	\$ 9,327
Landfill closure costs - current portion	25,000	-	25,000	-	-
General obligation bonds payable - current portion	626,345	-	626,345	-	-
Installment purchase refunding revenue bonds - current portion, net of unamortized premium	396,632	-	396,632	-	-
Total current liabilities	5,665,050	110,354	5,775,404	47,518	452,141
Non-current liabilities:					
Accrued compensated absences	275,715	-	275,715	-	-
Accrued interest payable	147,728	-	147,728	-	-
Installment purchase contracts	1,125,370	-	1,125,370	-	-
General obligation bonds payable	2,498,947	-	2,498,947	-	-
Installment purchase refunding revenue bonds, net of unamortized premium	7,292,329	-	7,292,329	-	-
Landfill closure costs	206,238	-	206,238	-	-
Landfill postclosure care costs	237,989	-	237,989	-	-
Other post-employment benefit (OPEB) obligation	11,520,821	-	11,520,821	-	2,068,152
Aggregate Net Pension Liability	14,272,736	106,231	14,378,967	-	2,453,206
Aggregate Net Pension Liability - Hospital	718,643	-	718,643	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	38,296,516	106,231	38,402,747	-	4,521,358
Total liabilities	43,961,566	216,585	44,178,151	47,518	4,973,499
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Total deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	550,423	6,115	556,538	-	372,674
Total deferred inflows of resources related to pensions - Hospital	4,099	-	4,099	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	2,852,014	-	2,852,014	-	831,528
Total deferred inflows of resources related to leases	-	-	-	-	23,012
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,406,536	6,115	3,412,651	-	1,227,214
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	13,741,931	4,953,435	18,695,366	4,756,629	934,149
Restricted for:					
Property tax rollback program	25,707	-	25,707	-	-
Capital projects (CPST)	3,966,646	-	3,966,646	-	-
Capital projects (BFC)	2,528	-	2,528	-	-
Other restricted	1,000,845	-	1,000,845	-	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	(21,226,667)	311,707	(20,914,960)	1,376,781	(3,428,712)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (2,489,010)	\$ 5,265,142	\$ 2,776,132	\$ 6,133,410	\$ (2,494,563)

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GOVERNMENT-WIDE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Program Revenues					Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and and Contributions	Other	Primary Government			Barnwell County EDC June 30, 2024	Non-major Component Units June 30, 2024
						Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total		
Functions and Programs										
Primary Government:										
<u>Governmental activities:</u>										
General government	\$ (2,394,860)	\$ -	\$ 387,097	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,007,763)	\$ -	\$ (2,007,763)	\$ -	\$ -
Physical environment	(6,482,735)	543,225	3,741,447	-	-	(2,198,063)	-	(2,198,063)	-	-
Finance and taxation	(838,877)	36,672	-	-	-	(802,205)	-	(802,205)	-	-
Judicial	(1,287,740)	150,583	95,000	-	-	(1,042,157)	-	(1,042,157)	-	-
Public safety	(8,350,410)	815,034	2,730,624	-	-	(4,804,752)	-	(4,804,752)	-	-
Health and welfare	(2,011,965)	15,742	421,080	-	-	(1,575,143)	-	(1,575,143)	-	-
Culture/recreation	(324,622)	-	-	-	-	(324,622)	-	(324,622)	-	-
Miscellaneous	(288,552)	-	125,866	25,000	-	(137,686)	-	(137,686)	-	-
Capital outlay	(278,159)	-	-	-	-	(278,159)	-	(278,159)	-	-
Employee fringe benefits	(3,740,369)	-	-	-	-	(3,740,369)	-	(3,740,369)	-	-
Intergovernmental	(5,163,818)	-	-	-	-	(5,163,818)	-	(5,163,818)	-	-
Agencies	(96,925)	-	-	-	-	(96,925)	-	(96,925)	-	-
Interest expense	(371,124)	-	-	-	-	(371,124)	-	(371,124)	-	-
Total governmental activities	(31,630,155)	1,561,256	7,501,114	25,000	-	(22,542,785)	-	(22,542,785)	-	-
<u>Business-type activities:</u>										
Barnwell County Airport	(546,696)	291,448	-	-	-	-	(255,248)	(255,248)	-	-
Total business-type activities	(546,696)	291,448	-	-	-	-	(255,248)	(255,248)	-	-
Total primary government	<u>\$ (32,176,851)</u>	<u>\$ 1,852,704</u>	<u>\$ 7,501,114</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(22,542,785)</u>	<u>(255,248)</u>	<u>(22,798,033)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Component Units:										
Barnwell County EDC	\$ (535,830)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	(535,830)	-
Other Component Units	(3,372,498)	1,111,195	714,649	8,659	66,075	-	-	-	-	(1,471,920)
Total component units	<u>\$ (3,908,328)</u>	<u>\$ 1,111,195</u>	<u>\$ 714,649</u>	<u>\$ 8,659</u>	<u>\$ 66,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(535,830)</u>	<u>(1,471,920)</u>
General revenue and transfers:										
Property taxes						12,367,801	-	12,367,801	-	1,423,929
Local option sales tax						2,210,500	-	2,210,500	-	-
Capital projects sales tax						2,336,082	-	2,336,082	-	-
Special assessments - Plant Vogtle						75,536	-	75,536	-	-
Accommodations tax						169,506	-	169,506	-	-
Merchant's inventory tax						28,394	-	28,394	-	-
State shared and unallocated intergovernmental						1,771,606	-	1,771,606	-	-
Interest earnings						393,403	-	393,403	57,043	21,624
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment						-	-	-	-	4,999
Net gain (losses) on sales (disposition) of assets						(68,958)	-	(68,958)	-	-
Miscellaneous						1,297,040	83,737	1,380,777	-	7,068
Total general revenue						20,580,910	83,737	20,664,647	57,043	1,457,620
Change in net position						(1,961,875)	(171,511)	(2,133,386)	(478,787)	(14,300)
Net position (deficit) - beginning of year (as restated)						(527,135)	5,436,653	4,909,518	6,612,197	(2,480,263)
Net position (deficit) - end of year						<u>\$ (2,489,010)</u>	<u>\$ 5,265,142</u>	<u>\$ 2,776,132</u>	<u>\$ 6,133,410</u>	<u>\$ (2,494,563)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Federal Inmate Funds	Self- Administered "C" Funds	American Rescue Funds	Debt Service	(CPST) Debt Service	(BFC) Debt Service	Capital Projects	(CPST) Capital Projects	(BFC) Capital Projects	Other Govern- mental Funds	Total Govern- mental Funds
ASSETS												
Cash and cash equivalents												
Unrestricted	\$ 2,279,665	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 357,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,637,545
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,528	100,390	102,918
Investments												
Unrestricted	9,661	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,661
Equity in pooled cash												
Unrestricted	2,940,355	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,334	-	-	3,820	2,969,509
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,362,377	-	1,128,961	4,491,338
Receivables												
Property taxes	633,913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,325	653,238
Other receivables, net	48,708	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,708
Due from other governments	1,714,390	151,516	137,095	-	-	-	-	-	604,269	-	109,209	2,716,479
Due from other funds	637,798	-	-	1,602,153	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,272	2,269,223
Due from fiduciary funds - custodial	106,835	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106,835
Prepaid items	310,668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	310,668
Total assets	\$ 8,681,993	\$ 151,516	\$ 137,095	\$1,602,153	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 383,214	\$3,966,646	\$ 2,528	\$1,390,977	\$16,316,122
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCES												
Liabilities:												
Accounts payable	\$ 668,424	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 668,424
Accrued payroll and withholdings	432,156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	432,156
Unearned revenue	2,540	-	-	1,602,153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,604,693
Due to other governments	174,421	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174,421
Due to other funds	1,631,425	21,787	137,095	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	367,562	2,158,869
Other payables	1,261,861	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,261,861
Total liabilities	4,170,827	21,787	137,095	1,602,153	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	367,562	6,300,424

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Federal Inmate Funds	Self- Administered "C" Funds	American Rescue Funds	Debt Service	(CPST) Debt Service	(BFC) Debt Service	Capital Projects	(CPST) Capital Projects	(BFC) Capital Projects	Other Govern- mental Funds	Total Govern- mental Funds
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES												
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	\$ 584,773	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,750	\$ 603,523
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>584,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,750</u>	<u>603,523</u>
Fund balances:												
Nonspendable for:												
Prepaid items	310,668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	310,668
Restricted for:												
Property tax rollback program	25,707	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,707
Federal Inmate Funds	-	129,729	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129,729
Capital projects (CPST)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,966,646	-	-	3,966,646
Capital projects (BFC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,528	-	2,528
Other restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,845	1,000,845
Committed for:												
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	382,214	-	-	-	382,214
Memorial Cemetery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,820	3,820
Other committed	431,541	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	431,541
Unassigned	<u>3,158,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,158,477</u>
Total fund balances	<u>3,926,393</u>	<u>129,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382,214</u>	<u>3,966,646</u>	<u>2,528</u>	<u>1,004,665</u>	<u>9,412,175</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances	<u>\$ 8,681,993</u>	<u>\$ 151,516</u>	<u>\$ 137,095</u>	<u>\$1,602,153</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 383,214</u>	<u>\$3,966,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,528</u>	<u>\$1,390,977</u>	<u>\$16,316,122</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 9,412,175

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

Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 50,791,380	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(24,159,849)</u>	26,631,531

Estimated uncollectible taxes are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds.		253,745
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Deferred charges from loss on refunding bonds (net of amortization) are not reported in the funds because they are not current financial resources, but they are reported in the statement of net position.		90,179
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Pension related amounts, including the proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to its participation in the State pension plans are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Pension amounts at year end consist of:

Aggregate proportionate share of collective net pension liability	(14,991,379)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	3,492,965	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(554,522)</u>	(12,052,936)

Other post-employment benefit (OPEB) related amounts, including the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. OPEB amounts at year end consist of:

Other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability	(11,520,821)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	967,295	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(2,852,014)</u>	(13,405,540)

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consisted of:

General obligation bonds	\$ (3,125,292)	
Installment purchase refunding revenue bonds	(6,745,000)	
Unamortized premium on installment purchase refunding revenue bonds	(943,961)	
Installment purchase contracts	(1,696,300)	
Accrued interest payable	(147,728)	
Accrued compensated absences	(290,656)	
Closure and postclosure care liabilities	<u>(469,227)</u>	<u>\$ (13,418,164)</u>

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$ (2,489,010)</u></u>
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BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Federal Inmate Funds	Self- Administered "C" Funds	American Rescue Funds	Debt Service	(CPST) Debt Service	(BFC) Debt Service	Capital Projects	(CPST) Capital Projects	(BFC) Capital Projects	Other Govern- mental Funds	Total Govern- mental Funds
REVENUE												
Property taxes	\$ 11,016,987	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640,971	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 608,687	\$ 12,266,645
Local option sales tax	2,210,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,210,500
Capital projects sales tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,336,082	-	-	2,336,082
Charges for services	669,075	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,742	684,817
Fines and forfeitures	376,093	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,363	419,456
Special assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,536	75,536
Interest	207,572	-	12,758	-	-	-	-	12,239	148,780	122	11,932	393,403
Intergovernmental	3,031,976	1,874,375	3,739,447	421,080	-	-	-	-	-	-	281,705	9,348,583
Miscellaneous	1,536,417	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	122,037	1,683,454
Total revenue	19,048,620	1,874,375	3,752,205	421,080	640,971	-	-	37,239	2,484,862	122	1,159,002	29,418,476
EXPENDITURES												
General government and administration	2,060,146	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,060,146
Physical environment	4,072,407	-	3,706,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,778,467
Finance and taxation	869,448	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	869,448
Judicial	1,348,213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,348,213
Public safety	6,677,985	789,705	-	-	-	-	-	27,800	-	-	1,079,788	8,575,278
Health and welfare	1,522,687	-	-	421,080	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,260	1,994,027
Culture and recreation	326,965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	326,965
Miscellaneous	250,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,000	-	-	-	295,070
Capital outlay	559,803	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	559,803
Employee fringe benefits	4,105,280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,105,280
Agencies	96,925	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96,925
Intergovernmental	-	-	4,721,750	-	-	-	-	-	442,068	-	-	5,163,818
Debt service	-	-	-	-	683,188	1,210,887	605,650	-	-	-	-	2,499,725
Total expenditures	21,889,929	789,705	8,427,810	421,080	683,188	1,210,887	605,650	72,800	442,068	-	1,130,048	35,673,165
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	(2,841,309)	1,084,670	(4,675,605)	-	(42,217)	(1,210,887)	(605,650)	(35,561)	2,042,794	122	28,954	(6,254,689)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Federal Inmate Funds	Self- Administered "C" Funds	American Rescue Funds	Debt Service	(CPST) Debt Service	(BFC) Debt Service	Capital Projects	(CPST) Capital Projects	(BFC) Capital Projects	Other Govern- mental Funds	Total Govern- mental Funds
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)												
Proceeds from general obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 365,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 365,000
Proceeds from installment purchase contracts	1,076,762	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,076,762
Proceeds from hospital bankruptcy claim	217,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	217,606
Transfers in	1,329,044	-	-	-	42,217	1,210,887	605,650	491,063	-	-	-	3,678,861
Transfers (out)	(533,280)	(1,166,613)	-	-	-	-	-	(605,650)	(1,210,887)	-	(162,431)	(3,678,861)
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,090,132	(1,166,613)	-	-	42,217	1,210,887	605,650	250,413	(1,210,887)	-	(162,431)	1,659,368
Net changes in fund balances	(751,177)	(81,943)	(4,675,605)	-	-	-	-	214,852	831,907	122	(133,477)	(4,595,321)
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,677,570	211,672	4,675,605	-	-	-	-	167,362	3,134,739	2,406	1,138,142	14,007,496
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 3,926,393</u>	<u>\$ 129,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 382,214</u>	<u>\$3,966,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,528</u>	<u>\$1,004,665</u>	<u>\$ 9,412,175</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total Governmental Funds **\$(4,595,321)**

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

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets are capitalized and allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital asset additions	\$ 2,147,333	
Capital asset disposals (net)	(68,958)	
Less, current year depreciation expense	(1,738,669)	339,706

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources, while repayment of bond principal and capital lease principal are expenditures in the governmental funds. Repayment of principal reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

Proceeds from general obligation bonds	(365,000)	
Proceeds from installment purchase contracts	(1,076,762)	
Principal payment on general obligation bonds	1,781,111	
Principal payments on installment purchase refunding revenue bonds	315,000	
Principal payments on installment purchase contracts	512,845	1,167,194

Governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:

Amortization of installment purchase revenue bond premium	66,632	
Amortization of loss on refunding bonds	(6,366)	60,266

Because some property taxes will not be collected for several months after the County's fiscal year ends, they are not considered "available" revenues and are unavailable revenues in the governmental funds.

Change in unavailable tax revenues		101,156
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**BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Pension expense in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because the proportionate shares of collective net pension expenses are required to be reported and any contribution made subsequent to the measurement date are to be shown as deferred outflows rather than expenses.

Change in aggregate proportionate share of collective net pension expense	\$ 1,073,254	
Change in contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>(708,343)</u>	\$ 364,911

Changes in the other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources for the current year are not reported in the governmental funds but are reported through expense by function in the statement of activities.

Change in other postemployment benefit (OPEB) expense	480,609
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in accrued compensated absences	(21,434)	
Change in accrued interest payable	(27,776)	
Change in closure and postclosure cost liabilities	<u>168,814</u>	<u>119,604</u>

Change in net position of Governmental Activities.	<u><u>\$(1,961,875)</u></u>
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BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund County Airport
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 242,781
Accounts receivable, net	1,111
Inventories	46,436
Total current assets	<u>290,328</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets not subject to depreciation	1,843,503
Capital assets subject to depreciation, net	3,109,932
Land held for resale	228,979
Total non-current assets	<u>5,182,414</u>
Total assets	<u>5,472,742</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Total deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	3,472
Total contributions subsequent to the measurement date for pensions	11,628
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>15,100</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Due to General Fund	110,354
Total current liabilities	<u>110,354</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	106,231
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>106,231</u>
Total liabilities	<u>216,585</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Total deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>6,115</u>
NET POSITION	
Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets	4,953,435
Unrestricted	311,707
Total net position	<u>\$ 5,265,142</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund County Airport
Operating Revenue	
Charges for services:	
Fuel and oil sales	\$ 228,165
Land rent	1,050
Hanger rent	60,650
Other charges	1,583
Miscellaneous	83,737
Total operating revenue	<u>375,185</u>
Operating Expenses	
Salaries and benefits	113,398
Bank fees	7,144
Building and grounds	7,684
Depreciation	196,346
Professional services	876
Fuel and oil purchases	184,326
Insurance	11,184
Terminal expense	2,145
Miscellaneous	78
Printing, binding, advertising	790
Travel and training	750
Maintenance	633
Permits	347
Supplies	3,591
Janitorial supplies	905
Utilities	16,499
Total operating expenses	<u>546,696</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(171,511)</u>
Change in net position	(171,511)
Net position - beginning of year	5,436,653
Net position - end of year	<u><u>\$ 5,265,142</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund County Airport
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Cash received from customers	\$ 318,169
Cash received from operating grants	83,737
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(236,952)
Cash payments to employees for services	(102,698)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>62,256</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities	
Interfund borrowings	<u>(542)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	<u>(542)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Purchases of improvements	<u>(139,415)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	<u>(139,415)</u>
Net decrease in cash and equivalents	(77,701)
Cash and equivalents at beginning of year	320,482
Cash and equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 242,781</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (171,511)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used in) operating activities:	
Depreciation	196,346
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	4,457
(Increase) decrease in inventories	22,264
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	(1,257)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	9,590
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	2,367
Net Cash used in Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ 62,256</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>	<u>Expendable Trust Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 2,371,813	\$ -	\$ 2,371,813
Equity in pooled cash and investments	10,162,179	-	10,162,179
Funds held in trust by State Treasurer	-	2,784,506	2,784,506
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Total assets	12,533,992	2,784,506	15,318,498
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LIABILITIES			
Due to General Fund	106,835	-	106,835
Funds held for others	12,427,157	-	12,427,157
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Total liabilities	12,533,992	-	12,533,992
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NET POSITION			
Restricted for economic development	-	2,784,506	2,784,506
Total net position	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,784,506</u>	<u>\$ 2,784,506</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
EXPENDABLE TRUST
BARNWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

ADDITIONS

Investment earnings	\$ 71,071
Total additions	<u>71,071</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Capital outlay for economic development	<u>-</u>
Total deductions	<u>-</u>

CHANGE IN NET POSITION

71,071

Net position - beginning of year	<u>2,713,435</u>
Net position - ending of year	<u><u>\$ 2,784,506</u></u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Barnwell County, (the “County”) a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, was chartered in 1800. Section 47-26 of the 1962 Code of Laws, as amended (Home Rule Act 283 of 1975), required that counties adopt a specific form of government, and a charter was issued for Barnwell County, South Carolina adopting the Council form of government.

The financial statements of the County have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements of Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units.

The County’s business-type activities financial statements have been prepared in accordance with reporting guidelines recommended by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The statements present year-end balances and results of operations for the County’s business-type activities.

Component Units

Using the criteria of GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*, and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, the basic financial statements of the County present the reporting entity of the County that consists of the primary government and those organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion could cause the County’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Financial accountability involves either appointments of a voting majority of the separate organization’s board and either a) the ability to impose will by the primary government, or b) the possibility that the separate organization will provide specific financial benefits to, or impose a financial burden on, the primary government.

“Discretely presented” component units are reported in separate columns in the ‘government-wide’ financial statements to indicate that they are not closely related to the operations of the primary government.

Certain other political subdivisions, including the various school boards, commissions, city governments and other entities, are excluded from the County Government funds because County Council does not exert significant influence or control over the usual operations of the separate entities and, accordingly, each entity has sufficient discretion in the management of its own affairs.

However, the County Treasurer is responsible for collection of property taxes, intergovernmental and other revenues for the other political subdivisions, and the balance and the results of the fiduciary responsibility have been included as Custodial and Trust Funds in the combining financial statements.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A. Reporting Entity (continued)

Based upon the foregoing criteria, the following entities have been determined to be component units of Barnwell County:

Significant (Major) Discretely Presented Component Unit:

The major discretely presented component unit has been reported separately on the 'government-wide' financial statements as if it is part of the County and is as follows:

Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation

The Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation is administered by a board of directors appointed in majority by County Council. The Corporation negotiates financing arrangements and lease arrangements with corporations coming into Barnwell County. The component unit is a proprietary fund type utilizing the accrual basis of accounting and has a year end of June 30.

Other (Non-Major) Discretely Presented Component Units:

The non-major discretely presented component units have been reported as a "combined total" on the 'government-wide' financial statements and include the following:

Barnwell County Career Center

The Barnwell County Career Center is administered by a board of which County Council appoints most members. County Council has the authority to set millage for property taxes for the Center's operations. The County Council also approves the budget of the Center. This component unit is comprised of governmental and fiduciary fund types. The fiduciary fund type is an agency fund to account for pupil activities. All of the above are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Barnwell County Library Foundation

Barnwell County provides a portion of the Foundation's funding. The Foundation's board is appointed by Barnwell County Council. The County Administrator serves as the Foundation's agent until the Foundation board assumes this position, and the County's finance department handles procurement and accounting functions for the Foundation. The Foundation has a year end of June 30. The Barnwell County Library is part of a regional library system known as the Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Edgefield Library System, a separate special-purpose district. Accordingly, those financial statements are not required to be presented.

Generations Unlimited (Unaudited)

Established as the Barnwell County Office on Aging, Generations Unlimited is designated as the single county authority for providing services to the elderly citizens of Barnwell County.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A. Reporting Entity (continued)

Complete financial statements for the County's Discretely Presented Component Units are available as follows:

Barnwell County Economic Development
Corporation

Tommy Boyleston
Barnwell, SC 29812
803-259-1263

Barnwell County Career Center

David Augustine
5214 Reynolds Road
Barnwell, SC 29812

Barnwell County Library Foundation

Mary Jo Dawson, Director
314 Chesterfield Street SW
Aiken, SC 29801

Generations Unlimited

Pam McKnight, Interim Director
10913 Ellenton Street
Barnwell, SC 29812

Blended Component Unit

On August 13, 2013, Barnwell County Council passed a resolution to provide for an installment purchase plan of finance for certain capital projects in the County. The Barnwell Facilities Corporation (BFC) was formed primarily to support the governmental mission and certain activities of the County. The BFC is governed by a board appointed by County Council. The BFC financed its projects by issuing revenue bonds which are being retired exclusively by the County's rental payments for property owned by the BFC. The County is to enter a Base Lease and Conveyance Agreement with the Corporation pursuant to which it will lease real property and convey the existing county jail and administration building to the Corporation over a lease term ending September 1, 2038.

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the County are composed of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to basic financial statements

1. Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary 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 in the year they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

Government-wide financial statements display information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. These statements include separate columns for the governmental and business-type activities of the primary government, as well as its discretely presented component units. 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 the legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statements distinguish between those activities of the County that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities for the County at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the County's governmental activities and for the business-type activities of the County. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses are allocated based on a percentage of functional salaries to total salaries. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient for the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues and all taxes are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions.

2. Fund Financial Statements

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 measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the County considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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

3. Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for general governmental activities. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. Non-current portions of long-term receivables (special assessments) due to governmental funds are reported on their balance sheets in spite of their measurement focus. Non-current portions of other long-term receivables are offset by fund balance reserve accounts.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect current net position, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources were expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as an other financing source rather than as a fund liability. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

4. Proprietary Fund

Enterprise Funds - These funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business. In the enterprise funds a fee is charged to external users. The County reports the Barnwell County Airport as a proprietary fund.

5. Fiduciary Funds

Custodial Funds - These funds account for assets held by the entity as a custodian on behalf of others. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations.

Expendable Trust Fund – This fund used to account for trusts where both principal and earnings on principal may be spent for the trust's intended purpose. Expendable trust funds use the same flow of current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting used by governmental funds.

C. Basis of Presentation

The County's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

The accounts of the County and its component units are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

GASB Statement 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category, and the governmental and enterprise funds combined) for the determination of major funds.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. All reported capital assets except land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over their remaining estimated useful lives. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. The County has used GASB 34 minimum criteria for major fund determination and has presented the following as its major funds. Some of these funds have been presented, even when not required, for consistency purposes. The non-major funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements and detailed in the combining section.

1. Major Governmental Funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund (Federal Inmate Funds) – This fund accounts for grant funds received to house federal inmates.

Special Revenue Fund (Self-Administered Transportation "C" Funds) – This fund accounts for the gasoline user fees received from the State to be used in accordance with the transportation plan approved by the Barnwell County Transportation Committee (CTC).

Special Revenue Fund (American Rescue Funds) – This fund accounts for American Rescue Plan funding provided to the County to assist in responding to the effects of COVID-19.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term debt of governmental funds.

Debt Service Fund (CPST) – The Debt Service Fund (CPST) accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term debt of governmental funds related to the capital penny sales tax capital projects.

Debt Service Fund (BFC) – The Debt Service Fund (BFC) accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term debt of governmental funds related to the Barnwell Facilities Corporation, a blended component unit.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities.

Capital Projects Fund (CPST) – The Capital Projects Fund (CPST) accounts for financial resources to be used for the capital penny sales tax capital projects.

Capital Projects Fund (BFC) – The Capital Projects Fund (BFC) accounts for financial resources related to the Barnwell Facilities Corporation, a blended component unit.

2. Nonmajor Governmental Funds:

Special Revenue Funds – These funds are established to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources and certain special assessments that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Generally, it is the County's policy not to budget for all Special Revenue Funds in the form of a legally adopted budget format.

3. Fiduciary Funds:

Custodial Funds – The County's Custodial Funds primarily consist of monies collected and disbursed by the County Treasurer (an elected, constitutionally mandated official) for various governmental units and taxing entities within Barnwell County's borders as defined by South Carolina law. These monies, such as cash bonds, traffic fines, child support payments and ad valorem taxes, are not under the control of Barnwell County Council.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Expendable Trust Fund – The County’s Expendable Trust Fund set forth by South Carolina State law as trustee; consists of monies held by the South Carolina State Treasurer for the purpose of economic development in the County.

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources and Net Position or Fund Balances

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents as reported in the Statement of Net Position, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flows includes cash on hand, operating accounts and savings or money market accounts. The County considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with original maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. These assets are presented at cost, which reasonably approximate fair value.

2. Restricted Assets

Restricted accounts include money or other resources, the use of which is restricted by legal or contractual requirements.

3. Investments

The County’s investment policy is designed to operate within existing statutes (which are identical for all funds and activities, fund types, and component units within the State of South Carolina) that authorize the County to invest in the following:

- a. Obligations of the United States and its agencies, the principal and interest of which is fully guaranteed by the United States.
- b. Obligations issued by the Federal Financing Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, the Bank of Cooperatives, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Federal Land Banks, the Federal Home Loan Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal Housing Administration, and the Farmers Home Administration, if, at the time of investment, the obligor has a long-term, unenhanced, unsecured debt rating in one of the top two rating categories, without regard to a refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise, issued by at least two nationally recognized credit rating organizations.
- c. (i) General obligations of the State of South Carolina or any of its political units; or (ii) revenue obligations of the State of South Carolina or its political units, if at the time of investment, the obligor has a long-term, unenhanced, unsecured debt rating in one of the top two ratings categories, without regard to a refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise, issued by at least two nationally recognized credit rating organizations.
- d. Savings and Loan Associations to the extent that the same are insured by an agency of the federal government.
- e. Certificates of deposit where the certificates are collaterally secured by securities of the type described in (a) and (b) above held by a third party as escrow agent or custodian, of a market value not less than the amount of the certificates of deposit so secured, including interest;

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balances (continued)

3. Investments (continued)

- e. provided, however, such collateral shall not be required to the extent the same are insured by an agency of the federal government.
- f. Repurchase agreements when collateralized by securities as set forth in this section.
- g. No load open-end or closed-end management type investment companies or investment trusts registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, where the investment is made by a bank or trust company or savings and loan association or other financial institution when acting as trustee or agent for a bond or other debt issue of that local government unit, political subdivision, or county treasurer if the particular portfolio of the investment company or investment trust in which the investment is made (i) is limited to obligations described in items (a), (b), (c), (f) of this subsection, and (ii) has among its objectives the attempt to maintain a constant net asset value of one dollar a share and to that end, value its assets by the amortized cost method.

The County's cash and investment objectives are preservation of capital, liquidity, and yield. The County reports its cash and investments at fair value which is normally determined by quoted market prices. The County primarily used the following investments in its operating activities:

South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool investments are invested with the South Carolina State Treasurer's Office, which established the South Carolina Pool pursuant to Section 6-6-10 of the South Carolina Code. The Pool is an investment trust fund, in which public monies in excess of current needs, which are under the custody of any city treasurer or any governing body of a political subdivision of the State, may be deposited. The Pool is a 2a7-like pool which is not registered with the Securities and Exchange ("SEC") as an investment company, but has a policy that it will operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, investments are carried at fair value determined annually based upon quoted market prices. The total fair value of the Pool is apportioned to the entities with funds invested on an equal basis for each share owned, which are acquired at a cost of \$1.00. Financial statements for the Pool may be obtained from www.osa.sc.gov.

4. Receivables

Property tax receivables and all other receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The allowance for property taxes receivable is computed by summing the estimates of collections for each of the previous ten years' outstanding balances.

The County bills and collects property taxes for itself and all other taxing entities within the County. The County recognizes property taxes in the period for which they are levied and available for financing current expenditures. Property taxes receivable represent delinquent real and personal taxes for the past ten years, less an allowance for amounts estimated to be uncollectible. All net property taxes receivable at year-end, except those collected within 60 days, are recorded as unavailable and thus not recognized as revenue until collected in the governmental funds.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balances (continued)

5. Inventory and Prepaid Items

At June 30, 2024, the County Airport, a proprietary fund, had \$46,436 of fuel on hand, which is recorded as inventory, valued at cost. The cost of inventories is recorded as expense when consumed rather than when purchased. Payments to vendors that reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, rights-of-way, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

The County has capital assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost of older capital assets for which detailed records of purchase prices were not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during construction of capital assets for governmental activities is not capitalized. However, interest incurred during the construction phase of business-type activity capital assets is included in the capitalized value of the asset constructed. Construction in progress represents funds expended for construction of capital assets which have not been placed into service.

Property, plant, and equipment of the County are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	15 – 50
Land improvements	15
Infrastructure	20 – 50
Machinery and equipment	3 – 10
Vehicles	5
Office Equipment	5 – 10

7. Revenues Received in Advance/Unearned Revenue

The County reports unearned revenue on its statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet. In both government-wide and fund financial statements, unearned revenue consists of revenue received for which purpose restrictions have not yet been met.

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position and/or the Balance Sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of resources that applies to a future period(s) and, therefore, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure)

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balances (continued)

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

until then. The County currently has two types of deferred outflows of resources: 1) The County reports *deferred bond refunding charges* in its Statement of Net Position. Deferred bond refunding charges, which is the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the defeased debt, is deferred and amortized over the life of the refunding bonds, which has the same maturity as the bonds that were refunded. Amortization of deferred bond refunding charges is included in interest expense; 2) The County also reports *deferred pension charges* in its Statements of Net Pension in connection with its participation in the South Carolina Retirement System and South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System and *deferred OPEB charges* associated with other post-employment health benefits. These deferred charges are either a) recognized in the subsequent period as a reduction of the net pension or OPEB liability (which includes contributions and benefits paid after the measurement date), or b) amortized in a systematic and rational manner and included in expense in future periods in accordance with GAAP.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position and the Balance Sheet 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 future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County currently has two types of deferred inflows of resources: 1) The County reports *unavailable revenue* for property taxes in the governmental funds balance sheet; it is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amount become available. 2) The County also reports *deferred pension credits* in its Statements of Net Position in connection with its participation in the South Carolina Retirement System and South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System and *deferred OPEB credits* associated with other post-employment health benefits. These deferred credits are amortized in a systematic and rational manner and recognized as a reduction of expenses in future periods in accordance with GAAP.

9. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities or proprietary fund type Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred, if material, and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method.

Gains or losses on debt refunding, if material, are deferred and amortized over the shorter life of the refunded debt or the new debt. Amortization of premiums, discounts, and deferred advance refunding costs is included in interest expense. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discounts.

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 in the year of issuance. Payments on existing debt are recorded as debt service expenditures in the period in which the payment is made. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balances (continued)

10. Accrued Compensated Absences

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. The County accrues accumulated unpaid vacation leave when earned by the employee. The current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following year. The non-current portion is the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years. Both the current and non-current estimated accrued compensated absences amounts for governmental funds are maintained separately and represent a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations. Accrued sick leave is not payable upon termination. Therefore, no provision for accrued sick leave has been made in these financial statements.

11. Net Position and Fund Balances

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Statements

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position. Net position is classified as net investment in capital assets, restricted (distinguished between major categories of restrictions); and unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the county or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The remaining balance is reported as unrestricted.

Governmental Fund Statements

The County classifies governmental fund balances as follows in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*:

Nonspendable – includes amounts that inherently cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form (i.e., prepaids, inventories, etc.) or because of legal or contractual requirements (i.e., principal on an endowment, etc.)

Restricted – includes amounts that are constrained by specific purposes which are externally imposed by (a) other governments through laws and regulations, (b) grantors and contributions through agreements, (c) creditors through debt covenants or other contracts, or (d) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – includes amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action made by the County Council, which is the highest level of decision-making authority, before the end of the reporting period. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balances (continued)

11. Net Position and Fund Balances (continued)

Assigned – includes amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed and that such assignments are made before the report issuance date. The County Administrator is authorized to assign amounts for a specific purpose.

Unassigned – includes amounts that do not qualify to be accounted for and reported in any of the other fund balance categories. This classification represents the amount of fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned balance.

12. Interfund Activity

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

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers and are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds.

13. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by the County at varying rates per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation of real estate and personal property owned and used in the County except exempt property as provided by the constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina and attach an enforceable lien when levied.

The Barnwell County Treasurer’s Office collects taxes for county and school purposes as a single tax bill. Taxes are collected on a calendar year basis. Real property taxes are payable without penalty on or before January 15 of each year. If taxes are not paid on or before January 15, incremental penalties are added and taxes go into execution (become delinquent) on March 16. After September 1, properties on which the taxes have not been paid may be sold to satisfy the taxes. Personal property taxes are payable on a monthly basis.

At the government-wide level, property taxes are recognized as revenue at the time of levy. At the fund level, property tax revenue is recognized as the related ad valorem taxes are collected. Additional amounts estimated to be collectible in time to be a resource for payment obligations incurred during the fiscal year (measurable and available) are susceptible to accrual in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The County considers the portion of uncollected taxes at June 30, 2024 that are collected within sixty days of June 30 to be available to liquidate current liabilities.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balances (continued)

14. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires the County's management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

15. Pensions

In government-wide financial statements, pensions are required to be recognized and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting regardless of the amount recognized as pension expenditures on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The County recognizes a net pension liability for each qualified pension plan in which it participates, which represents the excess of the total pension liability over the fiduciary net position of the qualified pension plan, or the County's proportionate share thereof in the case of a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan, measured as of the County's fiscal year-end. Changes in the net pension liability during the period are recorded as pension expense, or as deferred outflows or inflows of resources depending on the nature of the change, in the period incurred. Those changes in net pension liability that are recorded as deferred outflows or inflows of resources that arise from changes in actuarial assumptions or other inputs and differences between expected or actual experience are amortized over the weighted average remaining service life of all participants in the respective qualified pension plan and recorded as a component of pension expense beginning with the period in which they are incurred. Projected earnings on qualified pension plan investments are recognized as a component of pension expense. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings are reported as deferred outflows or inflows of resources and amortized as a component of pension expense on a closed basis over a five-year period beginning with the period in which the difference occurred.

16. Other Postemployment Benefits

In government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund statements, other postemployment benefits ("OPEB") are required to be recognized and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting regardless of the amounts recognized as OPEB expenditures on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The County recognizes net OPEB liabilities for each plan for which it participates, which represents the excess of the total OPEB liability over the fiduciary net position of the qualified plan. Changes in the OPEB liabilities during the period are recorded as OPEB expense, or as deferred outflows or inflows of resources depending on the nature of the change, in the period incurred. Those changes in OPEB liabilities that are recorded as deferred outflows or inflows of resources that arise from changes in actuarial assumptions or other inputs and differences between expected or actual experience are amortized over the weighted average of the remaining service life of all participants in the respective qualified plan and recorded as a component of OPEB expense beginning with the period in which they are incurred. Any projected earnings as qualified OPEB plan investments are recognized as a component of OPEB expense. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings are reported as deferred outflows or inflows of resources and amortized as a component of OPEB expense on the closed basis over a five-year period beginning with the period in which the difference occurred.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balances (continued)

17. Leases

GASB Statement No. 87 establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. The County engages in lease agreements to meet operational needs or serve the general public. However, there are currently no leases that meet the criteria to be reported under this standard.

18. Subscription-Based Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

GASB Statement No. 96 establishes a single model for subscription accounting based on the principle that subscriptions are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, the County is required to recognize a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use subscription asset for arrangements that meet certain criteria. The County routinely engages in SBITAs to meet operational needs or serve the general public. However, there are currently no SBITAs that meet the criteria to be reported under this standard.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Primary Government and Custodial Funds:

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits:

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk, that in the event of a bank failure, the County and its component units' deposits may not be returned or that they will not be able to recover collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. Custodial credit risk for deposits is not formally addressed by a policy.

The cash on deposit under the direction of the County Treasurer and the County's component units consist of funds held in checking and savings accounts, money market and certificates of deposit. The County does not have a formal policy for deposits, but follows the State investment guidelines.

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the County's deposits and investments was \$10,450,552 for the primary government and \$12,533,887 for fiduciary funds. The bank balances for these funds were \$23,433,509. Cash on hand was \$3,200 for the primary government and \$105 for fiduciary funds. All deposits were insured by FDIC or collateralized by United States Government securities, Treasury notes held in the financial institution's name, or a bank letter of credit.

Investments

The County's investments are limited by and subject to State Statutes. The statutes provide that all authorized investments shall have maturities consistent with the time or times when the invested monies will be needed in cash. Statutes also allow the State Treasurer to assist local governments in investing funds.

As of June 30, 2024, the County had the following investments and maturities, with fair value amounts reflecting active market values as reported by the various financial institutions and agents holding the investments:

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

A. Primary Government and Agency Funds: (continued)

Investments (continued)

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturities</u>
South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool (SCLGIP)	Unrated	\$9,661	Less than One Year
Greenwood Capital	Unrated	\$10,712,950	Less than One Year

The SCLGIP is subject to oversight by the State Treasurer, although it is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The fair value measurements listed above are considered Level 1 in the hierarchy of valuation inputs, providing the highest level of reliability and the lowest level of risk in the disclosed values.

Interest Rate Risk:

The County does not have a formal policy limiting investment maturities that would help manage its exposure to fair value losses from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk for Investments:

Credit risk for investments is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The County does not have an investment policy for credit risk, but follows the investment policy statutes of the State of South Carolina.

Custodial Credit Risk for Investments:

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of a counterparty failure, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have an investment policy for custodial credit risk but follows the investment policy statutes of the State of South Carolina.

Concentration of Credit Risk for Investments:

The County places no limit on the amount the County may invest in any one issuer. Investments issued by or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments are exempt from concentration of credit risk disclosures.

Reconciliation to the Financial Statements

A reconciliation of cash and investments as shown in the Statements of Net Position for all activities is as follows:

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NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

A. Primary Government and Agency Funds: (continued)

Primary Government	Amount
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 12,261,828
Cash on hand	3,305
Fair value of investments	10,722,611
	<u>\$ 22,987,744</u>

Statement of Net Position

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,880,326
Equity in pooled cash and investments	2,969,509
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	102,918
Investments	9,661
Restricted equity in pooled cash and investments	4,491,338

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

Cash and cash equivalents	2,371,813
Equity in pooled cash and investments	10,162,179
	<u>\$ 22,987,744</u>

B. Major component units:

1. Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the Corporation's deposits was \$113,787 and the bank balances were \$117,206. The bank balances were covered by FDIC for \$117,206.

C. Non-major component units:

1. Barnwell County Career Center

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the Career Center's deposits was \$1,504,416 and the bank balance was \$1,516,453. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, and \$1,266,453 was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's trust department or agency in the Center's name.

Barnwell County Library Foundation

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount and bank balance of the Foundation's deposits was \$34,754. All funds were covered by federal depository insurance.

2. Generations Unlimited

At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the Organization's deposits was \$3,473 and the bank balance was \$26,667, which was covered by federal depository insurance. Cash in the amount of \$100 was on hand at June 30, 2024.

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NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

Primary Government:

Accounts Receivables

Receivables, consisting of real and personal property taxes, accounts and other receivables at June 30, 2024, less an estimated allowance for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Property taxes receivable:		
Delinquent taxes	\$ 653,238	\$ -
Less, allowances for uncollectible accounts	(349,778)	-
	<u>\$ 303,460</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Receivables:		
Landfill dumping (tipping) fees	\$ 77,854	\$ -
Hanger rent and fuel	-	1,111
Miscellaneous	4,333	-
Less, allowances for uncollectible accounts	(33,479)	-
	<u>\$ 48,708</u>	<u>\$ 1,111</u>

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NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES (continued)

Due From Other Governments

The following are due from other governments at June 30, 2024:

	Governmental Activities
Due from local governments:	
Magistrate reimbursements	\$ 59,840
SRO reimbursements from schools	295,426
Clerk of Court reimbursements	23,874
E-911 reimbursements	10,993
Other reimbursements	3,499
Total due from local governments	<u>393,632</u>
Due from state governments:	
Capital project sales tax	604,269
Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.)	318,064
Fees in lieu of taxes	572,934
Accommodations tax	166,621
Merchants' inventory	9,965
Motor carrier	39,891
Voter registration	33,233
Solid waste grants	2,248
SRO state grants	118,778
Sheriff's department grants	59,024
E-911 reimbursements	31,589
Transportation C-funds	137,095
Total due from state governments	<u>2,093,711</u>
Due from federal government:	
FEMA	23,671
DOE Emergency Preparedness grant	53,949
Federal inmate funds	151,516
Total due from federal government	<u>229,136</u>
Total due from other governments	<u><u>\$ 2,716,479</u></u>

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NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES (continued)

Non-major Component Units:

Generations Unlimited

Other receivables

Other receivables at June 30, 2024 are composed of the following:

	Generations Unlimited
Lower Savannah COG	\$ 69,769
SC Department of Transportation	21,956
ModivCare Solutions	21,735
Other	287
	<u>113,747</u>
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	-
	<u><u>\$ 113,747</u></u>

Barnwell County Library Foundation

Other receivables

Other receivables at June 30, 2024 are composed of the following:

	Barnwell County Library Foundation
Rent Bonus from Citi-Trends	<u><u>\$ 1,106</u></u>

NOTE 4 - LEASE AGREEMENTS

Operating Leases

Primary Government:

Business-type Activities

Revenue from T-hanger space rentals is accounted for under the operating lease method. Base monthly rentals are computed on a per hanger basis and vary depending on the size of the leased hanger. Tenant leases are normally month to month with a 30-day cancellation policy for both the lessor and lessee. As such, the County makes no provision for future minimum rentals receivable on these operating leases.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4 - LEASE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Other Component Units:

Barnwell County Library Foundation

The Foundation leases a building with a cost of \$243,883 and accumulated depreciation of \$134,593 to Citi Trends, Inc. This lease is considered for accounting purposes to be an operating lease. The original lease term was renewed for five years, from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2025, with monthly rental payments of \$2,000. Either party may terminate the lease at any time after the first year term expires with sixty days written notice. Citi Trends, Inc. will pay an annual rent bonus of three percent of sales over \$800,000 to the Foundation. The Foundation's lease receivable is measured as the present value of the future minimum rent payments expected to be received during the lease term at a discount rate of 5%.

In fiscal year 2024, the Foundation recognized \$21,242 of lease revenue and \$1,867 of interest revenue under the lease. In addition, the Foundation recognized \$1,106 in variable lease revenue equal to three percent of the lessee's reported excess revenue during the year.

Future minimum lease payments and the net present value of these minimum lease payments under the current agreement will be as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 23,266	\$ 734	\$ 24,000
2026	1,991	9	2,000
Total	<u>\$ 25,257</u>	<u>\$ 743</u>	<u>\$ 26,000</u>

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Primary Government:

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 2024, were as follows:

	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ 744,633	\$ 1,631,425
Special Revenue Funds:		
E-911	-	7,068
Plant Vogtle	-	949
Department of Emergency Preparedness	20,675	-
Local Energy Management Performance Grant	6,887	-
Federal Inmates	-	21,787
Transportation "C" Funds	-	137,095
Rural Fire District	-	359,545
American Rescue Funds	1,602,153	-
PREA Grant	1,710	-
Capital Projects Fund	-	1,000
Enterprise Fund	-	110,354
Fiduciary Funds:		
Barnwell Magistrate	-	11,861
Williston Magistrate	-	9,676
Blackville Magistrate	-	13,076
Clerk of Court	-	68,851
Delinquent Tax	-	3,371
Totals	<u>\$ 2,376,058</u>	<u>\$ 2,376,058</u>

Interfund receivable and payable amounts between the Governmental Activities and Business-type Activities (\$110,354) have been eliminated in the Statement of Net Position as net "internal balances".

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS (continued)

Individual fund interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024, were as follows:

	<u>Interfund Transfers In</u>	<u>Interfund Transfers Out</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,329,044	\$ 533,280
Special Revenue Funds:		
Public Safety	-	162,431
Federal Inmate	-	1,166,613
Capital Projects Fund (New Jail)	491,063	605,650
Capital Projects Fund (CPST)	-	1,210,887
Debt Service Fund	42,217	-
Debt Service Fund (CPST)	1,210,887	-
Debt Service Fund (BFC)	605,650	-
Totals	<u>\$ 3,678,861</u>	<u>\$ 3,678,861</u>

- Transfers were made from the Public Safety special revenue fund to the General Fund to reimburse for public safety expenditures reported in various public safety departments within the General Fund.
- Transfers were made from the Federal Inmate special revenue fund to the General Fund for its share of the funds in accordance with an agreement between County Administration and the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office.
- Transfers were made from the General Fund to the capital projects fund to cover excess capital expenditures.
- Bond proceeds and sales tax proceeds in capital projects funds were transferred to debt service funds to cover debt service principal and interest payments.
- Transfers were made from the General Fund to the debt service funds to cover debt service principal and interest payments not covered by other sources.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Primary Government:

Governmental Activities

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

	Balance June 30, 2023 (as restated)	Transfers	Additions	Retire- ments	Balance June 30, 2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land and Land improvements	\$ 2,674,789	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,674,789
Construction in process	89,759	(118,435)	274,724	-	246,048
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>2,764,548</u>	<u>(118,435)</u>	<u>274,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,920,837</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Infrastructure	6,271,701	-	-	-	6,271,701
Buildings and improvements	26,377,344	118,435	31,442	(5,500)	26,521,721
Furniture, vehicles, equipment	14,336,503	-	1,841,167	(1,100,549)	15,077,121
Totals capital assets being depreciated	<u>46,985,548</u>	<u>118,435</u>	<u>1,872,609</u>	<u>(1,106,049)</u>	<u>47,870,543</u>
Less, accumulated depreciation for:					
Infrastructure	(6,175,119)	-	(14,506)	-	(6,189,625)
Buildings and improvements	(6,836,374)	-	(707,810)	5,500	(7,538,684)
Furniture, vehicles, equipment	(10,446,777)	-	(1,016,353)	1,031,591	(10,431,539)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(23,458,270)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,738,669)</u>	<u>1,037,091</u>	<u>(24,159,848)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>23,527,278</u>	<u>118,435</u>	<u>133,940</u>	<u>(68,958)</u>	<u>23,710,695</u>
Net capital assets - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 26,291,826</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 408,664</u>	<u>\$ (68,958)</u>	<u>\$ 26,631,532</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Governmental Activities capital asset cost (inclusive of land) and depreciation expense was charged as a direct expense to departments are as follows:

Department	Cost	Depreciation Expense
Finance	\$ 85,237	\$ -
County Council	8,759	-
Fire Coordinator	707,081	58,149
Non-departmental	23,450,176	408,452
Cemetery	66,744	-
Emergency management	204,048	27,668
Voter registration	67,860	-
Assessor	29,265	-
E-911	665,598	-
Probate court	7,049	-
Barnwell magistrate	17,908	-
Blackville magistrate	17,818	-
Williston magistrate	72,021	-
Buildings and grounds	301,752	7,684
Public works (Engineering)	2,379,610	97,725
Solid waste	3,529,662	131,546
Animal shelter	65,485	786
Sheriff's office	4,314,263	462,434
Coroner	59,385	2,074
Emergency services	48,545	-
Fire commission	3,456,037	68,836
Detention center	11,237,077	473,315
Total	<u>\$ 50,791,380</u>	<u>\$ 1,738,669</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 408,452
Physical environment	237,742
Public safety	1,064,808
Health and welfare	27,667
	<u>\$ 1,738,669</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Primary Government (continued):

Business-type Activities

Barnwell County Airport Enterprise Fund

	Balance June 30, 2023	Transfers	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 743,502	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 743,502
Construction in process	981,586	-	118,415	-	1,100,001
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>1,725,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,843,503</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	4,567,736	-	21,000	-	4,588,736
Land improvements	1,830,385	-	-	-	1,830,385
Equipment	405,636	-	-	-	405,636
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>6,803,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,824,757</u>
Less, accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	(2,728,121)	-	(77,197)	-	(2,805,318)
Land improvements	(388,886)	-	(117,670)	-	(506,556)
Equipment	(401,472)	-	(1,479)	-	(402,951)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,518,479)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(196,346)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,714,825)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>3,285,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(175,346)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,109,932</u>
Net capital assets - Business-type activities	<u>\$ 5,010,366</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (56,931)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,953,435</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024, equaled \$196,346 for business-type activities.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Discretely Presented Component Unit:

Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,085,466	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,085,466
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>1,085,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,085,466</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	4,503,889	-	-	4,503,889
Infrastructure	1,184,821	-	-	1,184,821
Land improvements	2,910,493	-	-	2,910,493
Equipment	89,195	-	-	89,195
Signs	31,967	-	-	31,967
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>8,720,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,720,365</u>
Less, accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(1,981,969)	(112,597)	-	(2,094,566)
Infrastructure	(813,557)	(36,507)	-	(850,064)
Land improvements	(1,896,420)	(90,929)	-	(1,987,349)
Equipment	(83,217)	(2,039)	-	(85,256)
Signs	(31,967)	-	-	(31,967)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,807,130)</u>	<u>(242,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,049,202)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>3,913,235</u>	<u>(242,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,671,163</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,998,701</u>	<u>\$ (242,072)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,756,629</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024, was \$242,072.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Other Non-Major Component Units:

Barnwell County Career Center

	Balance			Balance
	June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	\$ 304,437	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304,437
Building improvements	207,672	-	-	207,672
Equipment	241,644	51,456	-	293,100
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>753,753</u>	<u>51,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>805,209</u>
Less, accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(48,967)	(2,725)	-	(51,692)
Building improvements	(189,026)	(12,439)	-	(201,465)
Equipment	(172,099)	(15,827)	-	(187,926)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(410,092)</u>	<u>(30,991)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(441,083)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>343,661</u>	<u>20,465</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>364,126</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 343,661</u>	<u>\$ 20,465</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 364,126</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024, equaled \$30,991.

Barnwell County Library Foundation

	Balance			Balance
	June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 27,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,525
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>27,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,525</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	494,446	-	-	494,446
Equipment	39,550	-	-	39,550
Land improvements	40,199	-	-	40,199
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>574,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>574,195</u>
Less, accumulated depreciation				
Building	(229,166)	(12,361)	-	(241,527)
Equipment	(26,561)	(2,495)	-	(29,056)
Land improvements	(40,200)	-	-	(40,200)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(295,927)</u>	<u>(14,856)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(310,783)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>278,268</u>	<u>(14,856)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>263,412</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 305,793</u>	<u>\$ (14,856)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 290,937</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Other Non-Major Component Units: (continued)

Barnwell County Library Foundation (continued)

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024, equaled \$14,856.

Generations Unlimited

	Balance			Balance
	June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Start-up costs	\$ 31,910	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,910
Buildings and Improvements	180,146	-	-	180,146
Furniture & Equipment	507,927	-	(94,149)	413,778
Motor Vehicles	1,374,464	-	-	1,374,464
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>2,094,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(94,149)</u>	<u>2,000,298</u>
Accumulated depreciation				
Start-up costs	(18,081)	(2,127)	-	(20,208)
Buildings and Improvements	(27,739)	(9,076)	-	(36,815)
Furniture & Equipment	(410,489)	(45,812)	94,149	(362,152)
Motor Vehicles	(1,208,233)	(93,804)	-	(1,302,037)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,664,542)</u>	<u>(150,819)</u>	<u>94,149</u>	<u>(1,721,212)</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 429,905</u>	<u>\$ (150,819)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 279,086</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024, equaled \$150,819.

Total Other Non-Major Component Units

	Balance			Balance
	June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 27,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,525
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>27,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,525</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Start-up costs	31,910	-	-	31,910
Buildings and improvements	1,226,900	-	-	1,226,900
Furniture & Equipment	789,121	51,456	(94,149)	746,428
Vehicles	1,374,464	-	-	1,374,464
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,422,395</u>	<u>51,456</u>	<u>(94,149)</u>	<u>3,379,702</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,370,561)</u>	<u>(196,666)</u>	<u>94,149</u>	<u>(2,473,078)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>1,051,834</u>	<u>(145,210)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>906,624</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,079,359</u>	<u>\$ (145,210)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 934,149</u>

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NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Presented below is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Primary Government

Governmental Activities

	Balance			Balance	Due Within
<u>Long-Term Obligations</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>One Year</u>
General Obligation Bonds					
<i>Direct Borrowings/Placements</i>					
Series 2016 D Bonds	\$ 1,110,000	\$ -	\$ (270,000)	\$ 840,000	\$ 275,000
Series 2017 CPST Bonds	2,345,000	-	(1,160,000)	1,185,000	-
Series 2019A Bonds	29,277	-	(29,277)	-	-
Series 2019B Bonds	50,165	-	(50,165)	-	-
Series 2020A Bonds	148,158	-	(72,168)	75,990	75,990
Series 2021A Bonds	214,067	-	(69,257)	144,810	71,335
Series 2022A Bonds	286,211	-	(66,404)	219,807	69,725
Series 2023A Bonds	358,525	-	(63,840)	294,685	68,239
Series 2024A Bonds	-	365,000	-	365,000	66,056
	<u>\$ 4,541,403</u>	<u>\$ 365,000</u>	<u>\$ (1,781,111)</u>	<u>\$ 3,125,292</u>	<u>\$ 626,345</u>
Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds					
<i>Direct Borrowings/Placements</i>					
Series 2019 Refunding Bonds	7,060,000	-	(315,000)	6,745,000	330,000
	7,060,000	-	(315,000)	6,745,000	330,000
 Premium - Series 2019 Refunding Bonds	1,010,593	-	(66,632)	943,961	66,632
	<u>\$ 8,437,225</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (381,632)</u>	<u>\$ 7,688,961</u>	<u>\$ 396,632</u>
Other General Long-term Obligations					
Landfill Closure and Postclosure					
Care Costs	\$ 638,042	\$ -	\$ (168,815)	\$ 469,227	\$ 25,000
 Accrued compensated absences, net	\$ 269,222	\$ 21,434	\$ -	\$ 290,656	\$ 14,941

General Obligation Bonds

The County issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the County.

On December 20, 2016, the County issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2016D) in the amount of \$2,600,000. Interest is 2.24% due semi-annually. The bond matures in ten annual installments ending on March 1, 2027. The bonds were issued to complete the final phase of the new detention center. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$6,221 at June 30, 2024.

On November 8, 2016, voters passed a referendum to permit Barnwell County to issue general obligation bonds in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$13,971,328, which is intended to be repaid from the sales and use tax proceeds. On May 2, 2017, the County issued General Obligation/Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds (Series 2017 CPST) in the amount of \$8,790,000. Interest is 2.17% due semi-annually. The bond matures in eight annual principal installments which will end on July 1, 2025. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$0 at June 30, 2024 due to the annual installment being paid early in June 2024.

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NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Primary Government (continued)

General Obligation Bonds (continued)

On February 14, 2019, the County issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2019A) in the amount of \$106,500. Interest is 4.02% due semi-annually. The bond matures in five annual principal installments beginning March 1, 2020 and ending on March 1, 2024. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$0 at June 30, 2024 due to the bond being paid off during the fiscal year.

On August 13, 2019, the County issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2019B) in the amount of \$225,000. Interest is 3.95% due semi-annually. The bond matures in five annual principal installments beginning March 1, 2020 and ending on March 1, 2024. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$0 at June 30, 2024 due to the bond being paid off during the fiscal year.

On February 13, 2020, the County issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2020A) in the amount of \$348,500. Interest is 2.87% due semi-annually. The bond matures in five annual principal installments beginning March 1, 2021 and ending on March 1, 2025. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$721 at June 30, 2024.

On February 10, 2021, the County issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2021A) in the amount of \$346,000. Interest is 3.00% due semi-annually. The bond matures in five annual principal installments beginning March 1, 2022 and ending on March 1, 2026. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$742 at June 30, 2024.

On February 10, 2022, the County issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2022A) in the amount of \$348,485. Interest is 2.44% due semi-annually. The bond matures in five annual principal installments beginning March 1, 2023 and ending on March 1, 2027. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$1,773 at June 30, 2024.

On February 9, 2023, the County issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2023A) in the amount of \$358,525. Interest is 5.13% due semi-annually. The bond matures in five annual principal installments beginning March 1, 2024 and ending on March 1, 2028. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$4,998 at June 30, 2024.

On February 8, 2024, the County issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2024A) in the amount of \$365,000. Interest is 5.13% due semi-annually. The bond matures in five annual principal installments beginning March 1, 2025 and ending on March 1, 2029. Accrued interest on these bonds was \$8,169 at June 30, 2024.

Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds

Revenue Bonds are obligations of the County that are secured by revenue from a specific source.

On August 22, 2019, Barnwell County and Barnwell Facilities Corporation closed an installment purchase plan of finance that included the Corporation's issuance of \$8,415,000 of its Installment Purchase Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2019) to currently refund \$9,050,000 of the outstanding 2013A and 2013B Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds. The Corporation received a premium of \$1,266,016 and incurred bond issuance costs of \$468,986. The bonds carry interest rates ranging from 2.50% to 5.00%. The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$120,948. The amount is reported as a deferred outflow in the Statement of Net Position and is being amortized to interest expense over the remaining term of the refunding bonds. Amortization of these bond premiums totaled \$66,632 and amortization of the deferred outflow totaled \$6,366 for fiscal year 2024.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Primary Government (continued)

The County's outstanding debt obligations have been obtained through direct borrowings or direct placements.

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The following is the debt service to maturity requirements for the general obligation bonds at June 30, 2024:

Year Ending June 30,	<u>Direct Borrowings/Placements</u>		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 626,345	\$ 78,675	\$ 705,020
2026	1,752,784	58,940	1,811,724
2027	510,117	29,260	539,377
2028	155,756	12,987	168,743
2029	80,290	4,569	84,859
	<u>\$ 3,125,292</u>	<u>\$ 184,431</u>	<u>\$ 3,309,723</u>

The County paid \$113,002 in interest expense on all its general obligation bonds during the fiscal year.

The following is the debt service to maturity requirements for the installment purchase revenue bonds at June 30, 2024:

Year Ending June 30,	<u>Direct Borrowings/Placements</u>		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 330,000	\$ 274,525	\$ 604,525
2026	345,000	257,650	602,650
2027	365,000	244,463	609,463
2028	370,000	230,650	600,650
2029	390,000	211,650	601,650
2030-2034	2,230,000	775,050	3,005,050
2035-2039	2,715,000	279,700	2,994,700
	<u>\$ 6,745,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,273,688</u>	<u>\$ 9,018,688</u>

The County paid \$290,650 in total interest expense on its installment purchase revenue bonds during the fiscal year.

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NOTE 8 - INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS

Installment Purchase Obligations

Primary Government:

The County has entered into several purchase contracts for financing the acquisition of various machinery and equipment to provide for the day to day operations of its departments. Each of these purchase contracts are direct borrowings secured/collateralized by the underlying capital assets and are subject to acceleration clauses in case of an event of default.

Government Activities

Changes in the County's installment purchase contracts obligations (which have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments) are as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2023 (as restated)	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
<u>Direct Borrowings/Placements</u>				
2018 New Way Mammoth Loader	\$ 61,673	\$ -	\$ (30,466)	\$ 31,207
2017 Case 865B Freightliner	50,617	-	(24,940)	25,677
2018 Case 580SN Backhoe	20,485	-	(20,485)	-
2018 Volvo L60H Wheel Loader	36,504	-	(36,504)	-
Three 2021 Ford Explorers	27,154	-	(27,154)	-
Four Ford Explorers & Alamo Slope Mower	50,136	-	(50,136)	-
856C Motor Grader/Case 1150M Dozer	281,794	-	(68,565)	213,229
F-350 Ford Service Truck	21,404	-	(10,626)	10,778
Two Ford Explorers & Chevrolet Tahoe	67,412	-	(33,328)	34,084
Two 2022 Fire Trucks	334,581	-	(109,958)	224,623
Four 2023 Ford Cars & 2022 Ford F-250	180,620	-	(56,325)	124,295
Remanufactured ALJON Compactor	-	474,787	-	474,787
Four 2023 Ford Explorers	-	144,642	-	144,642
Case Excavator	-	220,044	-	220,044
IT Network Refresh	-	237,289	(44,355)	192,934
Total	1,132,380	1,076,762	(512,842)	1,696,300
Less, current portion	(469,230)	(101,700)	-	(570,930)
Net installment purchase contracts	<u>\$ 663,150</u>	<u>\$ 975,062</u>	<u>\$ (512,842)</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,370</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8 - INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS (continued)

Installment Purchase Obligations (Cont'd)

Primary Government: (Cont'd)

Governmental Activities (Cont'd)

The annual requirements to amortize installment purchase contracts are as follows:

Year Ended	2018	2017	856 C Motor		(2) Ford	
30-Jun	Mammoth	Case 865B	Grader & Case	Ford F-350	Explorers &	(2) 2022
	Loader	Freightliner	1150M Dozer	Service Truck	Tahoe	Freightliners
2025	\$ 31,207	\$ 25,676	\$ 69,806	\$ 10,778	\$ 34,084	\$ 111,520
2026	-	-	71,070	-	-	113,103
2027	-	-	72,355	-	-	-
2028	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	<u>\$ 31,207</u>	<u>\$ 25,676</u>	<u>\$ 213,231</u>	<u>\$ 10,778</u>	<u>\$ 34,084</u>	<u>\$ 224,623</u>

	(4) 2023 Ford					
Year Ended	Cars & 2022	ALJON	(4) 2023 Ford	Case	IT Network	
30-Jun	Ford F-250	Compactor	Explorers	Excavator	Refresh	Totals
2025	\$ 60,121	\$ 84,427	\$ 48,214	\$ 49,744	\$ 45,353	\$ 570,930
2026	64,174	87,998	48,214	53,102	47,226	484,887
2027	-	94,105	48,214	56,686	49,174	320,534
2028	-	100,636	-	60,512	51,181	212,329
2029	-	107,620	-	-	-	107,620
Totals	<u>\$ 124,295</u>	<u>\$ 474,786</u>	<u>\$ 144,642</u>	<u>\$ 220,044</u>	<u>\$ 192,934</u>	<u>\$ 1,696,300</u>

Discretely Presented Component Units:

Barnwell County Economic Development Corporation

The Corporation entered into lease agreements with the following companies who are leasing buildings owned by the Corporation. These leases are considered for accounting purposes to be capital leases.

Pineview Buildings, LLC

The Corporation leases a building to Pineview Buildings, LLC for \$10,000 a month based on a lease purchase that originated on April 20, 2022. The original amount of the lease receivable is \$517,565. This is based on the total purchase price of \$600,000. Because this is a non-interest-bearing agreement, the purchase price has been converted to present value and interest has been imputed. Interest income will be recognized as payments are made. The note has a maturity date of March 21, 2027 at which time the building conveys to Pineview Buildings, LLC if the lessee is compliant in all terms of the agreement. This lease is classified as a capital lease. Interest income recognized on this lease is \$21,363 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8 - INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS (continued)

The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

June 30, 2025	\$ 120,000
June 30, 2026	120,000
June 30, 2027	<u>90,000</u>
Total minimum lease payments	330,000
Less amount representing interest	<u>26,381</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u><u>\$ 303,619</u></u>

TJ Broadway Corporation

The Corporation leases a building to TJ Broadway Corporation for \$8,333.33 a month based on a lease purchase that originated on January 7, 2022. The original amount of the lease receivable is \$452,865. This is based on the total purchase price of \$500,000. Because this is a non-interest-bearing agreement, the purchase price has been converted to present value and interest has been imputed. Interest income will be recognized as payments are made. The note has a maturity date of December 31, 2026 at which time the building conveys to TJ Broadway Corporation if the lessee is compliant in all terms of the agreement. This lease is classified as a capital lease. Interest income recognized on this lease is \$11,715 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

June 30, 2025	\$ 100,000
June 30, 2026	100,000
June 30, 2027	<u>50,000</u>
Total minimum lease payments	250,000
Less amount representing interest	<u>12,788</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u><u>\$ 237,212</u></u>

Intelligent Lifecycle Solutions, LLC

The Corporation leases a building to Intelligent Lifecycle Solutions, LLC for \$4,166.66 a month based on a lease purchase that originated on July 14, 2020. The original amount of the lease receivable is \$377,213. This is based on the total purchase price of \$500,000. Because this is a non-interest-bearing agreement, the purchase price has been converted to present value and interest has been imputed. Interest income will be recognized as payments are made. The note has a maturity date of July 14, 2030 at which time the building conveys to Intelligent Lifecycle Solutions, LLC if the lessee is compliant in all terms of the agreement. This lease is classified as a capital lease. Interest income recognized on this lease is \$14,923 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
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NOTE 8 - INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS (continued)

The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

June 30, 2025	\$ 54,171
June 30, 2026	50,004
June 30, 2027	50,004
June 30, 2028	50,004
June 30, 2029	50,004
June 30, 2030	<u>50,004</u>
Total minimum lease payments	304,191
Less amount representing interest	<u>49,861</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u><u>\$ 254,330</u></u>

NOTE 9 - LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE OBLIGATION

State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its landfill site when they stop accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions for 30 years after closure. Barnwell County's original landfill is closed, and the County's vertical expansion which allowed the stacking of municipal waste above the ground in trenches was in effect until September 1998, at which time the County began using a regional landfill.

In August 1993, the GASB issued Statement #18, *Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post closure Care Costs*, in order to reduce the diversity of acceptable accounting practices in this area.

GASB #18 applies to all governmental municipal solid waste landfills irrespective of what type of accounting model is used to account for the activities of a landfill. As defined by GASB #18, the basic objective is to recognize all landfill costs by the time a landfill is closed. The costs to be identified for closure and post closure care include (1) capital assets, (2) final cover, and (3) monitoring and maintenance activities.

The estimated total current cost of the landfill closure and post closure care is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities and services required to close, monitor, and maintain the landfill were acquired as of June 30, 2024. However, the actual cost of closure and post closure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations. Barnwell County has committed \$124,005 to meet this additional liability. The nature and source of landfill closure and post closure care requirements are monitored by both federal and State of South Carolina environmental protection agencies. Levels of ground water pollutants are set by State agencies and the monitoring of these amounts have been reported to County officials to be in conformity with guidelines.

Because the original (municipal waste) landfill was closed in 2001, 100% of the liability for the above costs has been recognized as a long-term debt. The estimated total liability for post closure care costs equaled \$750,000 which is being amortized over 30 years. The remaining unamortized balance equaled \$231,238 at June 30, 2024. During the fiscal year, the County amortized \$25,000 for post closure care costs for their closed landfill.

The County also operates a Class II landfill, formally referred to as a Construction Demolition and Land Clearing Debris (C & D) Landfill, at its site off Reynolds Road. This site, when designed, was estimated to remain open and accept construction and demolition debris for at least 30 years. The Class II landfill originally had a capacity of 782,000 cubic yards. At June 30, 2024, the landfill had used 447,700 cubic yards,

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
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NOTE 9 - LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE OBLIGATION (continued)

or 57%, and the estimated remaining life is 7.6 years. Total closure and post closure care costs are estimated to be \$415,696. At June 30, 2024 the County has accrued \$237,989 in closure and post closure care costs for their Class II landfill.

Although closure and post closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and post closure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date.

Closure and post closure care costs accrued are as follows:

Accrued liabilities at June 30, 2023	\$ 638,042
Change in cost estimates	<u>(168,815)</u>
Accrued liability at June 30, 2024	469,227
Less, current portion	<u>(25,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 444,227</u>

NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANS

General Information about the Pension Plans

The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), created July 1, 2012 is the state agency responsible for the administration and management of the various Retirement Systems and retirement programs of the state of South Carolina, including the State Optional Program and the S.C. Deferred Compensation Program, as well as the state's employee insurance programs. As such, PEBA is responsible for administering the South Carolina Retirement Systems' five defined benefit pension plans. PEBA has an 11-member Board of Directors, appointed by the Governor and General Assembly Leadership, which serves as custodian, co-trustee and co-fiduciary of the Systems and the assets of the retirement trust funds. The Retirement System Investment Commission (Commission as the governing body, RSIC as the agency), created by the General Assembly in 2005, has exclusive authority to invest and manage the retirement trust funds' assets. The Commission, an eight-member board, serves as co-trustee and co-fiduciary for the assets of the retirement trust funds. By law, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), which consists of five elected officials, also reviews certain PEBA Board decisions regarding the actuary of the Systems.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Systems and additions to/deductions from the Systems fiduciary net position have been determined on the accrual basis of accounting as they are reported by the Systems in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Benefit and refund expenses are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Investments are reported at fair value.

PEBA issues an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the Systems' Pension Trust Funds. The ACFR is publicly available through the Retirement Benefits' link on PEBA's website at www.peba.sc.gov, or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29223. PEBA is considered a division of the primary government of the state of South Carolina and therefore, retirement trust fund financial information is also included in the annual comprehensive financial report of the state.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANS (continued)

Plan Descriptions

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

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

Membership

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

- SCRS – Generally, all employees of covered employers are required to participate in and contribute to the system as a condition of employment. This plan covers general employees and teachers and individuals newly elected to the South Carolina General Assembly beginning with the November 2012 general election. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a class Three member.
- PORS – To be eligible for PORS membership, an employee must be required by the terms of his employment, by election or appointment, to preserve public order, protect life and property, and detect crimes in the state; to prevent and control property destruction by fire; or to serve as a peace officer employed by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Mental Health. Probate judges and coroners may elect membership in PORS. Magistrates are required to participate in PORS for service as a magistrate. PORS members, other than magistrates and probate judges, must also earn at least \$2,000 per year and devote at least 1,600 hours per year to this work, unless exempted by state statute. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

Benefits Provided

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

- SCRS – A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 65 or with 28 years credited service regardless of age. A member may elect early retirement with reduced pension benefits payable at age 55 with 25 years of service credit. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension upon satisfying the Rule of 90 requirement that the total of the member's age and the member's creditable service equals 90 years. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a reduced deferred annuity at age 60 if they satisfy the five-

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
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NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANS (continued)

or eight-year earned service requirement, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program.

The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase. Members who retire under the early retirement provisions at age 55 with 25 years of service are not eligible for the benefit adjustment until the second July 1 after reaching age 60 or the second July 1 after the date they would have had 28 years of service credit had they not retired.

- **PORS** – A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 25 years of service regardless of age. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 27 years of service regardless of age. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a deferred annuity at age 55 with five or eight years of earned service, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program. Accidental death benefits are also provided upon the death of an active member working for a covered employer whose death was a natural and proximate result of an injury incurred while in the performance of duty.

The retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase.

Contributions

Actuarial valuations are performed annually by an external consulting actuary to ensure applicable contribution rates satisfy the funding parameters specified in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Under these provisions, SCRS and PORS contribution requirements must be sufficient to maintain an amortization period for the financing of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) over a period that does not exceed the number of years scheduled in state statute. The Retirement Funding and Administration Act of 2017 increased, but also established a ceiling for SCRS and PORS employee contribution rates. Effective July 1, 2017, employee rates were increased to a capped rate of 9.00 percent for SCRS and 9.75 percent for PORS. The legislation also increased employer contribution rates beginning July 1, 2017, for both SCRS and PORS until reaching 18.56 percent for SCRS and 21.24 percent for PORS. The legislation included a further provision that if the scheduled contributions are not sufficient to meet the funding periods set in state statute, the PEBA board would increase the employer contribution rates as necessary to meet the funding periods set for the applicable year..

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

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANS (continued)

- Required employee contribution rates for fiscal year 2023-2024 are as follows:
 SCRS
 Employee Class Two 9.00% of earnable compensation
 Employee Class Three 9.00% of earnable compensation
 PORS
 Employee Class Two 9.75% of earnable compensation
 Employee Class Three 9.75% of earnable compensation

- Required employer contribution rates for fiscal year 2023-2024 are as follows:
 SCRS
 Employer Class Two 18.41% of earnable compensation
 Employer Class Three 18.41% of earnable compensation
 Employer Incidental Death Benefit 0.15% of earnable compensation

- Required employer contribution rates for fiscal year 2023-2024 are as follows:
 PORS
 Employer Class Two 20.84% of earnable compensation
 Employer Class Three 20.84% of earnable compensation
 Employer Incidental Death Benefit 0.20% of earnable compensation
 Employer Accidental Death Program 0.20% of earnable compensation

The governmental unit's contributions to the SCRS and PORS for the last three fiscal years were as follows:

SCRS	2024	2023	2022
Employee Contributions	\$ 402,583	\$ 383,479	\$ 383,455
Employer Contributions	\$ 823,506	\$ 741,819	\$ 699,167
Employer Group Life Contributions	\$ 6,710	\$ 6,391	\$ 6,391
Total	\$ 1,232,799	\$ 1,131,689	\$ 1,089,013

PORS	2024	2023	2022
Employee Contributions	\$ 420,515	\$ 349,595	\$ 296,113
Employer Contributions	\$ 898,824	\$ 711,381	\$ 572,182
Employer Group Life Contributions	\$ 8,626	\$ 7,171	\$ 6,074
Total	\$ 1,327,965	\$ 1,068,147	\$ 874,369

The governmental unit contributed 100% of the required contributions for the current year and each of the two preceding years.

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

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

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NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANS (continued)

The June 30, 2023, total pension liability (TPL), net pension liability (NPL), and sensitivity information shown in this report were determined by our consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) and are based on an actuarial valuation performed as of July 1, 2022. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plans' fiscal year end, June 30, 2023, using generally accepted actuarial principles. There was no legislation enacted during the 2023 legislative session that had a material change in the benefit provisions for any of the systems.

The following provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used to calculate the TPL as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date:

	SCRS	PORS
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.0%	7.0%
Projected salary increases	3.0% - 11.0%	3.5% - 10.5%
Includes inflation at	2.25%	2.25%
Benefits adjustments	Lesser of 1% or \$500 annually	Lesser of 1% or \$500 annually

The post-retiree mortality assumption is dependent upon the member's job category and gender. The base mortality assumptions, the 2016 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality table (2020 PRSC), was developed using the Systems' mortality experience. These base rates are adjusted for future improvement in mortality using 80% of Scale UMP projected from the year 2020.

Assumptions used in the determination of the June 30, 2023, TPL are as follows.

Former Job Class	Males	Females
Educators	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 95%	2020 PRSC Females multiplied by 94%
General Employees and Members of the General Assembly	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 97%	2020 PRSC Females multiplied by 107%
Public Safety and Firefighters	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 127%	2020 PRSC Females multiplied by 107%

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability (NPL) is calculated separately for each system and represents that particular system's total pension liability (TPL) determined in accordance with GASB No. 67 less that System's fiduciary net position. As of the June 30, 2023 measurement date, NPL amounts for SCRS and PORS as a whole are presented below.

System	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Employers' Net Pension Liability(Asset)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
SCRS	\$58,464,402,454	\$34,286,961,942	\$24,177,440,512	58.6%
PORS	\$9,450,021,576	\$6,405,925,370	\$3,044,096,206	67.8%

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The TPL is calculated by the Systems' actuary, and each plan's fiduciary net position is reported in the Systems' financial statements. The NPL is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67 in the Systems' notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. Liability calculations performed by the Systems' actuary for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Nos. 67 and 68 are not applicable for other purposes, such as determining the plans' funding requirements.

Long-term Expected Rate of Return

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

The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted at the beginning of the 2023 fiscal year. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and adding expected inflation and is summarized in the table on the following page. For actuarial purposes, the 7 percent assumed annual investment rate of return used in the calculation of the TPL includes a 4.75 percent real rate of return and a 2.25 percent inflation component.

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

		Expected	Long-Term
		Arithmetic	Expected
	Policy	Real Rate of	Portfolio Real
Allocation/Exposure	Target	Return	Rate of Return
Public Equity	46.0%	6.62%	3.04%
Bonds	26.0%	0.31%	0.08%
Private Equity	9.0%	10.91%	0.98%
Private Debt	7.0%	6.16%	0.43%
Real Assets	12.0%		
Real Estate	9.0%	6.41%	0.58%
Infrastructure	3.0%	6.62%	0.20%
Total Expected Return	100%		5.31%
Inflation for Actuarial Purposes			2.25%
			7.56%

Discount Rate

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

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Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the collective NPL of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 7 percent, as well as what the employers' NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00 percent lower (6 percent) or 1.00 percent higher (8 percent) than the current rate.

Governmental Activities			
Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate			
System	1.00% Decrease (6%)	Current Discount Rate (7%)	1.00% Increase (8%)
SCRS	\$ 10,390,781	\$ 8,041,733	\$ 6,089,420
PORS	\$ 8,789,755	\$ 6,231,003	\$ 4,135,044
Business-Type Activities			
Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate			
System	1.00% Decrease (6%)	Current Discount Rate (7%)	1.00% Increase (8%)
SCRS	\$ 137,262	\$ 106,231	\$ 80,441

Payables to the Pension Plan

As of June 30, 2024, the County had \$211,945 in payables outstanding to the pension plans for its legally required contributions.

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2024, the County reported a liability of \$8,041,733 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for SCRS and a liability of \$6,231,003 for PORS related to governmental activities. For business-type activities, its proportionate share of the net pension liability for SCRS was \$106,231. The net pension liability of each defined benefit plan was determined based on the most recent actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, using membership as of that date projected forward to the end of the fiscal year, and financial information of the pension trust funds as of June 30, 2023. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the County's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating governmental units, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the County's proportions for governmental activities were 0.0332616% percent and 0.204691% for SCRS and PORS, respectively. The County's proportion for business-type activities was 0.000439% for SCRS. The County's proportionate shares were calculated on the basis of employer contributions actually remitted to the plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County recognized pension expense of \$1,697,816 related to governmental activities and \$22,308 related to business-type activities. At June 30, 2024, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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Governmental Activities

	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
SCRS	Resources	Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 139,619	\$ 22,301
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings On Pension Plan Investments	-	11,008
Assumption Changes	123,211	-
Deferred Amounts from Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Total Plan Contributions	-	429,606
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	818,588	-
Totals	\$ 1,081,418	\$ 462,915

	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
PORS	Resources	Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 293,237	\$ 76,815
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings On Pension Plan Investments	-	10,693
Assumptions Changes	135,612	-
Deferred Amounts from Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Total Plan Contributions	872,622	-
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	916,076	-
Totals	\$ 2,217,547	\$ 87,508

Business-Type Activities

	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
SCRS	Resources	Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 1,844	\$ 295
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings On Pension Plan Investments	-	145
Assumption Changes	1,628	-
Deferred Amounts from Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Total Plan Contributions	-	5,675
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	11,628	-
	\$ 15,100	\$ 6,115

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date totaling \$1,734,664 for governmental activities and \$11,628 for business-type activities will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending 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:

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Year ending June 30:	Governmental Activities		
	SCRS	PORS	TOTAL
2024	\$ (29,937)	\$ 671,182	\$ 641,245
2025	(312,757)	172,834	(139,923)
2026	147,326	376,465	523,791
2027	(4,717)	(6,518)	(11,235)
Total	\$ (200,085)	\$ 1,213,963	\$ 1,013,878

Year ending June 30:	Business-Type Activities		
	SCRS	PORS	TOTAL
2024	\$ (395)	\$ -	\$ (395)
2025	(4,132)	-	(4,132)
2026	1,946	-	1,946
2027	(62)	-	(62)
Total	\$ (2,643)	\$ -	\$ (2,643)

Other Component Units:

Barnwell County Career Center:

Substantially all Career Center employees are members of the South Carolina Retirement Systems (SCRS).

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

At June 30, 2024, the Career Center reported a liability of \$2,068,152 of its proportionate share of the net pension liability for SCRS. At June 30, 2024, the Career Center's proportion was 0.008554%.

At June 30, 2024, the Center reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources for the measurement period ending June 30, 2023:

Governmental Activities		
	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
SCRS	Resources	Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 35,907	\$ 5,735
Assumptions Changes	31,687	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings On Pension Plan Investments	203,268	206,099

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Deferred Amounts from Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Total Plan Contributions	\$ -	\$ 37,291
Contributions after the measurement date	189,914	-
Totals	\$ 460,776	\$ 249,125

The following schedule reflects the amortization of the collective deferred outflows / (inflows) of resources for the measurement period ending June 30, 2021:

Year Ending June 30,	SCRS
2024	\$ 17,231
2025	(51,839)
2026	57,558
2027	(1,213)
Thereafter	-
Total	<u>\$ 21,737</u>

The following presents the Career Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7 percent, as well as what the Center's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8 percent) than the current rate:

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate			
System	1.00% Decrease (6%)	Current Discount Rate (7%)	1.00% Increase (8%)
SCRS	\$ 2,672,250	\$ 2,068,152	\$ 1,566,047

Generations Unlimited:

Substantially all Generations Unlimited employees are members of the South Carolina Retirement Systems (SCRS).

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

At June 30, 2024, Generations Unlimited reported a liability of \$1,102,688 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for SCRS. At June 30, 2024, Generations Unlimited's proportion was 0.004561%.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, Generations Unlimited recognized pension expense of \$11,369 for SCRS. At June 30, 2024, the Organization reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources for the measurement period ending June 30, 2023:

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Governmental Activities

	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
SCRS	Resources	Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 19,145	\$ 3,058
Assumptions Changes	16,895	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings On Pension Plan Investments	-	1,509
Deferred Amounts from Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences Between Employer Contributions & Proportionate Share of Total Plan Employer Contributions	-	118,982
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	81,371	-
Totals	\$ 117,411	\$ 123,549

The amount of \$81,371 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Organization's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. The following schedule reflects the amortization of the collective deferred outflows / (inflows) of resources for the measurement period ending June 30, 2023:

Year Ending June 30,	SCRS
2024	\$ (34,669)
2025	(66,164)
2026	13,969
2027	(645)
Total	<u>\$ (87,509)</u>

The following presents Generations Unlimited's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the Organization's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate			
System	1.00% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1.00% Increase (8.00%)
SCRS	\$ 1,424,778	\$ 1,102,688	\$ 834,978

Barnwell County Hospital Pension Plan

General Information About the Pension Plan

Employer. Barnwell County Hospital

Plan Description. Barnwell County maintains a defined benefit plan, the Barnwell County Hospital Retirement Plan.

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Benefits provided. Plan benefits were frozen as of November 30, 2002, and all participants in the plan are at present either terminated with a vested benefit or are retired and currently receiving benefits. Before being frozen, the plan covered all employees who had met the age and service requirements for participating, and provided benefits based on final average compensation and service. Benefits in the normal form of a monthly single-life annuity are available at retirement, which is the first of the month coincident with or immediately following attainment of age 65. Benefits are also available upon other events, such as early retirement, disability, death, and vested termination of service, upon meeting various requirements.

The plan was frozen effective November 30, 2002. As of that date, no additional employees become participants in the plan and benefit accruals ceased for the employees who were participating prior to that date.

Employees covered by benefit terms. At October 1, 2022 (the valuation date) the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	50
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	35
Active employees	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>85</u>

Where data was indicated by the County to be indefinite, incomplete, or missing, certain assumptions have been made. Those situations, the effect on valuation results, and any bias introduced, are outlined in Appendix C of the funding valuation report noted in the footnote below. While that discussion pertains to plan funding, the same principles and qualitative results apply to the accounting results as well.

Employer Contributions

The employer reserves the option to contribute an annual actuarially-determined amount based on the normal cost plus a closed five-year amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability.

Employee Contributions

None.

Net Pension Liability

The employer's net pension liability is reported herein as of June 30, 2024 for the employer fiscal year and reporting period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The values shown for this fiscal year and reporting period are based on a measurement date of June 30, 2023 and the corresponding measurement period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The measurement of the total pension liability is based on a valuation date of October 1, 2022, and the liability has been adjusted for the passage of time between the valuation date and the measurement date by standard actuarial techniques. This timing structure is described under paragraphs 20 and 22 of GASB No. 68.

Actuarial Assumptions and Actuarial Methods. The total pension liability in the October 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following key actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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Expected Return on Assets:	5.50%
Discount Rate:	5.50%
Inflation:	2.50%
Salary Scale:	N/A
Mortality:	RP-2014 Mortality Table as described under Regulation §1.430(h)(3)-1 (static, not generational) projected by Scale MP-2020, sex-distinct, with separate rates pre- and postcommencement.
Asset Method:	Fair value (market value of assets).
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method.

Other key assumptions are listed in the October 1, 2022 actuarial valuation report used for funding purposes. Key assumptions such as the discount rate and expected rate of return on assets are formulated by a review of the expected return on categories of securities, discussed in more detail below. We monitor gains and losses from all sources annually to ensure all assumptions are, and remain, reasonable.

Expected Return on Assets:

The selection of 5.50% is dependent on the County having a contribution policy that prefunds the plan (as opposed to pay-as-you go funding) to create a meaningful corpus of assets to invest, and is consistent with a moderate investment policy having a debt/equity blend of about 50%/50% with an appropriate allowance for liquidity needs. Specifically, this rate is based on a 45%/45%/10% blend of debt, equity and cash. If the future allocation is materially different from this, the valuation may need to be revised.

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability has been set equal to 5.50% and represents the long-term expected rate of return on assets (5.50%) for the period during which assets are available for benefit payments. The plan's fiduciary net position is expected to be sufficient to pay for all future benefits if the plan assets return 5.50% on average.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability/(Asset)
Balances at July 1, 2023	\$2,052,335	\$54,904	\$1,997,431
Changes for the year:			
Interest	109,208	-	109,208
Differences between expected and actual experience	(165,904)	-	(165,904)
Contributions – employer	-	1,180,000	(1,180,000)
Net investment income	-	40,365	(40,365)
Benefit payments	(135,299)	(135,299)	-
Assumption changes	(1,727)	-	(1,727)
Net changes	\$1,858,613	\$1,139,970	\$718,643

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Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability/(asset) of the employer as of June 30, 2024 calculated using the discount rate of 5.50%, as well as what the employer's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (4.50%) or one percentage-point higher (6.50%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.5%)	Current Discount Rate (5.5%)	1% Increase (6.5%)
Employer's Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$883,701	\$718,643	\$576,719
Funded Percentage	56.33%	61.33%	66.41%

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, under GASB 68 the employer pension expense is (\$90,553). The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as of June 30, 2024 from various sources are as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ -	\$ (4,099)
Employer contributions after measurement date but prior to fiscal year end	194,000	-
Total	\$ 194,000	\$ (4,099)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	Amount
2025	\$ (766)
2026	(766)
2027	(766)
2028	<u>(1,801)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (4,099)</u>

Payable to the Pension Plan

The amount of contributions to the pension plan made after the measurement date but prior to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 totaled \$194,000 and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the next fiscal year.

This illustration provides additional detail about the calculation of pension expense and the balances of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions that are presented for the employer. The detailed calculations presented in this illustration are not required by Statement 68 to be included in the financial reports of employers and are show here for purposes of documentation.

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Components of the Employer's Pension Expense for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	\$ 109,208
Projected earnings on pension plan investments	(31,364)
Amortizations of Deferred Outflow and Inflow of Resources	(165,904)
Differences between expected and actual experience	(1,727)
Differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	(766)
Total pension expense/(credit)	<u>\$ (90,553)</u>

Amortizations of Deferred Outflow and Inflow of Resources

Schedule of Differences between Expected and Actual Experience

In conformity with paragraph 33a of Statement 68, the effects of differences between expected and actual experience are recognized in pension expense, beginning in the current reporting period, using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees) determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. With all participants being inactive, the effect is recognized immediately.

The following table illustrates the application of this requirement:

<u>Year</u> <u>End</u>	<u>Changes of</u> <u>Assumptions</u>	<u>Recognition</u> <u>Period</u> <u>(Years)</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the</u> <u>Recognition of the Effects of Changes in Assumptions</u>						
			<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
2023	\$ (65,787)	1.00	\$(65,787)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2024	(1,727)	1.00	-	(1,727)	-	-	-	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in pension expense:			<u>\$(65,787)</u>	<u>\$(1,727)*</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Positive amounts represent increases in the total pension liability from assumption changes. These liability losses result in increases in the pension expense and deferred outflows of resources. Negative amounts represent decreases in the total pension liability from assumption changes. These liability gains result in decreases in the pension expense and increases in deferred inflows of resources.

* Amount recognized in pension expense for year ended June 30, 2024.

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Schedule of Differences between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments

In conformity with paragraph 33b of Statement 68, the effects of differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments are recognized in pension expense using a systematic and rational method over a closed five-year period, beginning in the current reporting period.

The following table illustrates the application of this requirement:

			Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Differences Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments						
Year End	Differences Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	Recognition Period (Years)	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
2023	\$ 5,170	5.00	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,034	\$ -	\$ -
2024	(9,001)	5.00	-	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,801)	-
Net increase (decrease) in pension expense:			\$ 1,034	\$ (766)*	\$ (766)	\$ (766)	\$ (766)	\$ (1,801)	\$ -

Positive amounts represent investment returns that are less than projected. These asset losses result in increases in the pension expense and deferred outflows of resources. Negative amounts represent investment returns that are greater than projected. These asset gains result in decreases in the pension expense and increases in deferred inflows of resources.

* Amount recognized in pension expense for year ended June 30, 2024

Determination of Remaining Amounts of Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Balances at June 30, 2024

The following schedules illustrate calculation of the balances of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions that are reported for differences between expected and actual experience, changes of assumptions, and differences between projected and actual returns on pension plan investments.

			Amounts Recognized in Pension Expense through June 30, 2024	Balances at June 30, 2024	
Year End	Experience Losses	Experience Gains		Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
2023	\$ 102,303	\$ -	\$ 102,303	\$ -	\$ -
2024	-	(165,904)	(165,904)	-	-
				<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Arising from Changes of Assumptions

				Balances at June 30, 2024	
Year End	Increases in Total Pension Liability	Decreases in Total Pension Liability	Amounts Recognized in Pension Expense through June 30, 2024	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
2023	\$ -	\$ (65,787)	\$ (65,787)	\$ -	\$ -
2024	-	(1,727)	(1,727)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
				<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Arising from Differences between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments

				Balances at June 30, 2024	
Year End	Investment Earnings Less Than Projected	Investment Earnings Greater Than Projected	Amounts Recognized in Pension Expense through June 30, 2024	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
2023	\$ 5,170	\$ -	\$ 2,068	\$ 3,102	\$ -
2024	-	(9,001)	(1,800)	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,201)</u>
				<u>\$ 3,102</u>	<u>\$ (7,201)</u>

In conformity with paragraph 33b of Statement 68, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources arising from differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments in different measurement periods are aggregated and reported as a net deferred outflow of resources or a net deferred inflow of resources. Therefore, at June 30, 2024, the employer reports a net deferred outflow of resources arising from differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments of (\$4,099) calculated as the deferred outflow balance of \$3,102 net of the deferred inflow balance of (\$7,201).

Calculation of the Discount Rate

The following calculation is an example of the projections and calculations used to determine the discount rate as required by paragraphs 26-31 or 64-69 of Statement 68, as applicable. The discount rate is the single rate that reflects (1) the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits, to the extent that the pension plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to make projected benefit payments and pension plan assets are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve that return, and (2) a yield or index rate for 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher (or equivalent quality on another scale), to the extent that the conditions for use of the long-term expected rate of return are not met.

The illustration below demonstrates that the plan's fiduciary net position is expected to be sufficient to provide for future benefit payments. Future projected contributions are based on closed amortizations of the unfunded actuarial liability. Contributions made through June 30, 2023 for the October 1, 2022 plan year have been used for that year's projected total contributions. For purposes of this illustration, the plan sponsor is assumed to make annual contributions for years beginning in 2023 and later based on the run-out of the amortizations established in the most recent actuarial funding valuation.

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Plan Year Beginning	Projected Benefit Payments	Projected Total Contributions	Interest	Projected Assets	Rate of Return
2022	162,007	1,135,000	61,613	1,099,756	5.50%
2023	159,617	428,286	79,712	1,448,136	5.50%
2024	162,912	428,286	98,783	1,812,293	5.50%
2025	159,377	428,286	118,908	2,200,110	5.50%
2026	155,579	36,145	118,773	2,199,449	5.50%
2027	154,282	71,430	120,712	2,237,309	5.50%
2028	149,885	71,430	122,914	2,281,768	5.50%
2029	146,249	71,430	125,458	2,332,407	5.50%
2030	143,724	71,430	128,312	2,388,424	5.50%
2031	140,389	-	127,554	2,375,589	5.50%
2032	134,900	-	126,997	2,367,686	5.50%
2033	132,064	-	126,640	2,362,262	5.50%
2034	126,120	-	126,503	2,362,645	5.50%
2035	120,117	-	126,686	2,369,214	5.50%
2036	113,852	-	127,218	2,382,580	5.50%
2037	107,480	-	128,126	2,403,226	5.50%
2038	101,042	-	129,436	2,431,620	5.50%
2039	94,734	-	131,169	2,468,055	5.50%
2040	88,299	-	133,347	2,513,104	5.50%
2041	81,935	-	135,998	2,567,166	5.50%
2042	75,692	-	139,140	2,630,615	5.50%
2043	69,615	-	142,795	2,703,795	5.50%
2044	63,744	-	146,979	2,787,030	5.50%
2045	58,115	-	151,710	2,880,625	5.50%
2046	52,756	-	157,003	2,984,872	5.50%
2047	47,687	-	162,874	3,100,060	5.50%
2048	42,924	-	169,339	3,226,475	5.50%
2049	38,479	-	176,412	3,364,409	5.50%
2050	34,354	-	184,110	3,514,165	5.50%
2051	30,551	-	192,450	3,676,065	5.50%
2052	27,064	-	201,449	3,850,451	5.50%
2053	23,885	-	211,127	4,037,693	5.50%
2054	21,002	-	221,503	4,238,194	5.50%
2055	18,400	-	232,601	4,452,396	5.50%
2056	16,061	-	244,446	4,680,781	5.50%
2057	13,965	-	257,064	4,923,880	5.50%
2058	12,092	-	270,485	5,182,274	5.50%
2059	10,422	-	284,742	5,456,594	5.50%
2060	8,936	-	299,870	5,747,528	5.50%
2061	7,617	-	315,907	6,055,819	5.50%
2062	6,446	-	332,895	6,382,268	5.50%
2063	5,412	-	350,878	6,727,734	5.50%
2064	4,501	-	369,903	7,093,136	5.50%
2065	3,704	-	390,022	7,479,454	5.50%
2066	3,013	-	411,288	7,887,729	5.50%
2067	2,418	-	433,759	8,319,070	5.50%

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NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANS (continued)

Plan Year Beginning	Projected Benefit Payments	Projected Total Contributions	Interest	Projected Assets	Rate of Return
2068	1,914	-	457,497	8,774,653	5.50%
2069	1,491	-	482,565	9,255,728	5.50%
2070	1,142	-	509,034	9,763,620	5.50%
2071	858	-	536,976	10,299,737	5.50%
2072	633	-	566,468	10,865,573	5.50%

NOTE 11 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

Primary Government:

The County offers their employees several deferred compensation plans under programs administered by the South Carolina Deferred Compensation Commission. The multiple-employer plans were created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 457 and 401(K). The plans, available to all full-time County and component unit employees, at their option, permit participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Only upon termination, retirement, disability, death, or an approved hardship is the deferred compensation available to an employee. During the year ended June 30, 2000, the deferred compensation plans were amended to allow for employer matching contributions of up to \$300 per year for each covered participant. The County made no contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The County has elected to provide this benefit to all employees who meet the following criteria:

1. Must have one continued year of service as a permanent employee, and
2. Covered participants earning up to \$20,000 per year regardless of employee contributions, or
3. Covered participants earning more than \$20,000 subject to meeting minimum contribution levels.

Other (Non-major) Component Units

Barnwell County Career Center

The Career Center employees may participate in the 457, 403(b) and/or 401(k) deferred compensation plans available to state and local government employees through the state public employee retirement system. These programs are administered by a state approved nongovernmental third party.

NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss and maintains elements of both self-insurance and purchased insurance policies divided into coverage for worker's compensation, property and casualty and employee health insurance. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses for the covered risks. The County also pays insurance premiums to certain other commercial insurers to cover risks that may occur in normal operations. The insurers promise to pay to or on behalf of the insured for covered economic losses sustained during the policy in accordance with insurance policy and benefit program limits.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

State funds accumulate assets and the State itself assumes substantially all risks for the following:

- 1) Claims of covered public employees for health and dental insurance benefits (Office of Insurance Services),
- 2) Claims of covered public employees for long-term disability and group-life insurance benefits (Retirement System), and
- 3) Claims of state employees for unemployment compensation benefits (Employment Security Commission).

The County and other entities pay premiums to the State's Insurance Reserve Fund which issues policies, accumulates assets to cover the risk of loss, and pays claims incurred for covered losses related to the following assets and activities:

- 1) Theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets;
- 2) Real property, its contents, and other equipment;
- 3) Auto liability;
- 4) General tort liability.

The County obtains coverage through a state agency for employee worker's compensation.

The County obtains coverage through a commercial insurer for employee fidelity bond insurance for all employees for losses arising from theft or misappropriation.

The County has recorded insurance premium payments in the general fund. All claims are expected to be covered beyond the deductibles. These risks of loss (the deductibles) have not been transferred to a commercial insurer.

The County has not reported a supplemental premium assessment nor a related liability at June 30, 2024, because the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, which states that a liability for supplemental assessments must be reported if information prior to issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred on or before June 30, 2024, and that the amount of the premium is reasonably estimable, have not been satisfied.

In management's opinion, supplemental premium assessments, if any, would not be significant enough to have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the County.

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NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

Primary Government

Solid Waste Disposal – Multi-County Agreement

The County is a member of the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority (the Authority), a public body and politic of the State of South Carolina. Pursuant to the agreement between the County and the Authority, the County is obligated to pay its annual fee and member fee each year for the remainder of a 30-year term expiring in the year 2027. In addition to its annual obligation, the County has agreed to pay its share of closure and post closure costs assessed. The County has also committed to proportionally fund the operations of the Authority in the event another member defaults on its obligations.

Litigation

The County is party to legal proceedings that normally occur in governmental operations. County officials believe the legal proceedings are not likely to have a material adverse impact on the affected funds of the County.

Federal and State Assisted Programs

In the normal course of operations, the County receives grant funds from various federal and state agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to insure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. However, management believes that any required refunds would be immaterial and no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant monies.

Economic Development Compact

The State of South Carolina established the Barnwell Economic Development Fund pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws section 48-46-60 (A)(5)(a). The State granted to Barnwell County the net proceeds of the payments received from members of the Northeast Interstate Low Level Radioactive Waste Commission for the purpose of economic development in the Barnwell County area. The terms of the State's membership require the State to provide a refund to the original members of a pro rata amount of the payments received should one of two contingencies occur. The contingencies are an interruption of the availability of the disposal facility for more than six months or the 800,000 cubic feet space allotment becomes unavailable. Neither have occurred as of June 30, 2024.

However, and pursuant to the agreement, the State's potential liability is 10% of the incentive payments received or \$1,200,000 plus accrued interest. The State intends to fund the contingency from the Barnwell Economic Development fund. As of June 30, 2024 management has determined the likelihood of the State making a levy against the fund is remote.

Hospital Pension Plan

An actuarial valuation of the Barnwell County Hospital Retirement Plan was performed to provide measurements required under Statement 68 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for the employer's fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The measurement of the total pension liability is based on a valuation date of October 1, 2022 and the liability has been adjusted for the passage of time between the valuation date and the measurement date by standard actuarial techniques.

The net pension liability as of June 30, 2024 (measurement date as of June 30, 2023) calculated at a discount rate of 5.5% is \$718,643.

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NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (continued)

Barnwell County Hospital

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, County Council filed the Barnwell County Hospital for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. On June 12, 2013, the sale of the Hospital was closed, with the County retaining ownership of all cash and receivables, plus liabilities, through the date of closing. The sales agreement also required the County to – (i) maintain “tail insurance” at its own expense for seven (7) years to insure against liabilities that may arise of the Hospital, its employees (including professional employees), and the overall business for all periods prior to the closing date, (ii) pay a “subsidy” to Purchaser for annual operations equaling to \$450,000 for three (3) years (or \$1,350,000); (iii) pay a “subsidy” to the Purchaser to offset cost of medical transportation in Barnwell County by paying (a) years 1-2, the current contract amount to the third-party provider which approximates \$1 million annually and (b) years 3-5, 25% of the current contract amount to the third-party provider, but not more than \$225,000 annually.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the County advanced the Hospital \$650,000 for operational purposes. These advances are unsecured. The Hospital has repaid \$310,031 of the advances, but the full collectability of the remaining \$339,969 is uncertain and has been reserved as an allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2024.

The Bankruptcy protection has been approved by the court, however the Bankruptcy estate has not been closed as of the report date and the amount of funds that will be available to settle unsecured claims is unknown. The County received \$217,606 in bankruptcy claims during 2023-24.

The Barnwell County Hospital closed its doors on January 21, 2016. The County’s commitments related to the hospital, described above, will continue to be in effect with any payments/subsidies going towards providing rescue squad services. The County paid a combined \$1,180,619 to three different rescue squad contractors during the fiscal year, including Medshore Ambulance Services, Thorne Ambulance Services, and Ameripro EMS of South Carolina.

NOTE 14 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, General Fund expenditures totaled \$21,889,929 and exceeded the appropriated final budget of \$19,763,390 resulting in a negative variance of \$2,126,539. This was largely due to equipment line items for departments being over budget as well as unbudgeted capital outlay expenditures that became necessary.

NOTE 15 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

Primary Government

Background

Beginning in fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, Barnwell County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 which replaced the requirements of Statement No. 45 for the accounting and financial reporting of other postemployment benefits (OPEB) other than pensions offered to retirees. This scope of this statement establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of OPEB expense/expenditures and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, note disclosures, and, if applicable, required supplementary information (RSI) in the financial reports of state and local governmental employers. An implicit rate subsidy is an inherent subsidy of retiree healthcare costs by active employee healthcare costs when healthcare premiums paid by retirees and actives are the same. Under the current health plan, described in the next paragraph, healthcare premiums paid by retirees and actives are the same. The true healthcare costs for retirees are, on average, greater than active employees’ healthcare costs. Thus, if both

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NOTE 15 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

Primary Government (continued)

subgroups pay the same per-capita premium for their benefits, retirees are paying less than they would if their premiums were calculated solely based on retiree-only expected healthcare costs. With an implicit rate subsidy, the active employee premiums are subsidizing the retiree premiums, and that subsidization creates a liability that needs to be recognized.

Plan Description

The State Insurance Benefits Program, a community-rated plan with respect to local subdivisions which is managed by the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), offers a variety of plans to active employees, retirees and survivors. The health, dental, Basic Life and Basic Long Term Disability plans are the core benefits the participating local subdivision must provide to each employee by paying a minimum contribution for each plan. A local subdivision or entity is defined as any employer, other than a state agency or public school district, that has the South Carolina General Assembly's approval to participate in the state insurance benefits program. More specifically, Section 1-11-720 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, gives specified local government organizations the right to participate in the state insurance benefits program.

Barnwell County must offer all eligible employees the entire package of state insurance benefits and allow employees to refuse all or any part of the benefits package. The County must ensure that all covered employees, retirees and their dependents meet the eligibility guidelines established by the S.C. PEBA or set forth in Section 1-11-730 of the 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended. The County must contribute, for its active employees, no less than the same percentage the state contributes toward the premiums for active employees of state agencies and public school districts.

Benefits Provided

Under the State Insurance Benefits Program, each local subdivision develops its own policy for funding retiree insurance premiums for its eligible retirees. Therefore, Barnwell County has the option to choose the amount, if any, it wishes to contribute toward health and dental coverage for its eligible retirees. For retirees hired on or prior to January 1, 2012, the County will pay 100% of the standard insurance or Medicare supplement rates for retirees only (not including spouse or dependents) with twenty (20) years of full-time service to Barnwell County or within fifteen (15) years of full-time service and retirement at age 62 or older. To be eligible, the retiree must also remain a member of the State Retirement System and must be receiving a retirement check. The County currently requires those retirees hired after January 1, 2012 to pay 100% of their premiums. The fact that the County will no longer contribute toward retiree premiums is irrelevant when considering the implicit rate subsidy because the contribution is a matter of employer policy and is outside the scope of GASB Statement No. 75. Currently, the County has elected not to pre-fund OPEB liabilities and to fund healthcare benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. These benefits consist of an inherent rate insurance subsidy that retirees will receive by staying on the employer provided health plan. Retirees will reimburse Barnwell County for the insurance premiums charged. The liability and expense amounts are only included on the Statement of Net Position and Statements of Activities.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

Active Participants	191
Retired Participants	43
Total	<u>234</u>

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NOTE 15 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

Primary Government (continued)

Total OPEB Liability

The County's total OPEB liability of \$11,520,821 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Cost Method – Individual entry age normal level percent of salary

Dates of Calculations

Actuarial valuation: June 30, 2024

Census Date: June 30, 2024

Measurement Date: June 30, 2024

Reporting Date: June 30, 2024

Employees Included in the Calculations – All active employees who are potentially eligible to receive medical benefits as a retiree. Former employees and their spouses or their survivors who are receiving benefits.

Discount Rate – Pursuant to GASB 75, for unfunded plans the discount rate should be a yield or index rate for 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher (or equivalent quality on another rating scale). The Bond Buyer's 20 bond index is often cited as an appropriate benchmark. A discount rate of 3.97% was used for the June 30, 2024 measurement date.

Inflation Rate – 2.25% per year

Salary Increase Rate – 2.50% per year

Retirement Rates – The rates used for the July 1, 2023 SCRS Valuation.

Mortality Rates – The rates used for the July 1, 2023 SCRS Valuation.

Disability Rates – None assumed.

Termination Rates – The rates used for the July 1, 2023 SCRS Valuation.

Per Capita Claims Costs – Per Capita Claims Costs include Medical, Dental and Prescription Drug and were developed based on the June 30, 2023 SC OPEB Valuation.

Healthcare Trend – The healthcare trend rates are based on the rates used for the June 30, 2023 SC OPEB Valuation.

Election Percentage – It is assumed that 100% of eligible retirees and 20% of spouses will elect to receive coverage upon retirement.

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NOTE 15 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

Primary Government (continued)

Marriage Percentage – 80% of active employees are assumed to be married at retirement. Female spouses are assumed to be 3 years younger than their husbands.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2023	\$ 11,485,046
Changes for the year	
Service cost	243,754
Interest	412,476
Differences between expected and actual experience	286,523
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(534,952)
Benefit payments	(326,607)
Implicit rate subsidy fulfillment	(45,419)
Net changes	35,775
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 11,520,821

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 3.97%, as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (2.97%) or 1-percentage point higher (4.97%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.97%)	Current Discount Rate (3.97%)	1% Increase (4.97%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$13,323,586	\$11,520,821	\$10,062,038

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Rates	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$9,997,246	\$11,520,821	\$13,415,092

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NOTE 15 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

Primary Government (continued)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County recognized OPEB expense of \$108,583. The following table provides a summary of the deferred inflows and outflows as of June 30, 2024.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 223,089	\$ (2,191,746)
Changes of assumption or other inputs	<u>744,206</u>	<u>(1,430,134)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 967,295</u>	<u>\$ (2,852,014)</u>

Collective amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense in future years as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Year Ended June 30		
2025	\$ 569,199	\$ (1,397,757)
2026	291,409	(1,238,894)
2027	73,900	(154,143)
2028	32,787	(61,220)
2029	-	-
Thereafter	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 967,295</u>	<u>\$ (2,852,014)</u>

Other (Non-major) Component Units

Barnwell County Career Center

The Career Center participates in the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund (“SCRHITF”) and the South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund (“SCLTDITF”). The SCRHITF is a healthcare plan that covers retired employees of the State of South Carolina, including all agencies, and public school districts. The SCLTDITF is a long-term disability plan that covers employees of the State of South Carolina, including all agencies and public school districts and all participating local government entities.

The proportionate share of the OPEB liability and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources, as they relate to the SCLTDITF are not material to the Center’s financials. However, the OPEB liability and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to the SCRHITF are material to the Center’s financials and information related to those items is presented below:

The Center’s proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability for SCRHITF is \$1,350,518.

At June 30, 2024, the Center reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following:

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NOTE 15 – POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (continued)

Other (Non-major) Component Units (continued)

Barnwell County Career Center (continued)

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 23,893	\$ 307,752
Changes of assumption or other inputs	270,930	433,905
Differences between projected and actual investment experience	14,857	1,294
Deferred amounts from changes in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of total plan employer contributions	-	88,577
Contributions after measurement date	<u>68,145</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 377,825</u>	<u>\$ 831,528</u>

Collective amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense in future years as follows:

Year Ended June 30	<u>SCRHITF</u>
2024	\$ 85,577
2025	75,778
2026	80,832
2027	112,097
2028	133,018
Thereafter	<u>34,844</u>
Total	<u>\$ 522,146</u>

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 3.86%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (2.86%) or 1-percentage point higher (4.86%) than the current rate:

	<u>(2.86%)</u>	<u>(3.86%)</u>	<u>(4.86%)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$1,594,231	\$1,350,518	\$1,594,231

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the net OPEB liability as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$1,121,390	\$1,350,518	\$1,644,898

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NOTE 16 - OTHER RESTRICTED AND COMMITTED FUND BALANCES

The following other restricted fund balances for the non-major funds were combined and presented as a total on the governmental funds balance sheet:

E-911 Services	\$ 112,840
Plant Vogtle	35,704
DOE Emergency Preparedness Grant	74,624
Local Emergency Management Performance Grant	30,558
Sex Offender Registry	10,006
Rural Fire District	588,816
Sheriff's DSS	19,274
Sheriff's Donations	2,457
Sheriff's Drug Fund	124,856
PREA grant	1,710
Total	\$ 1,000,845

The following other committed fund balances for the general fund and non-major funds were combined and presented as a total on the governmental funds balance sheet:

General Fund:

Nursing Home Sale Funds	\$ 14,854
Pooled Interest	27,746
BCSO Vehicle Replacement	34,708
Technology Improvements	14,039
Case Mgmt System	20,374
Computer Replacement	5,146
Fire Commission Equipment Acquisition	19,770
Sheriff's Dare Fund	56
Landfill Closure	139,775
Public Works Dept	3,551
Building and Grounds Dept	234
Sheriff's Map & Signs	817
Drug/Gang Task Force	12,689
Solid Waste Department	74,215
Animal Shelter	63,567
Total General Fund	431,541

Total Committed Balances	\$ 431,541
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NOTE 17 – TAX ABATEMENTS

The County has two tax abatement programs pursuant to which the County reduces certain taxpayers' property tax liability.

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NOTE 17 – TAX ABATEMENTS (continued)

Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Property Tax Program

One of the County's tax abatement programs is the "Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Property Tax" ("FILOT") program. The FILOT program is authorized by South Carolina State law, specifically, Chapter 44, Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The purpose of the FILOT program is to reduce the disparately higher property tax rates applied to manufacturing and certain commercial properties in South Carolina, which have previously impeded new and expanding business from locating in South Carolina.

A taxpayer is eligible to receive a property tax reduction under the FILOT program if the taxpayer agrees to make a minimum investment of \$2,500,000 in a project located in the County within a 5-year period. Additionally, before a taxpayer's project is eligible for benefits under the FILOT program, the County Council, the governing body of the County, must find that (i) the project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally; (ii) the project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or a charge against its general credit or taxing power; (iii) the purposes to be accomplished by the project are proper governmental and public purposes; and (iv) the benefits of the project are greater than the costs.

Property taxes are abated under the FILOT program through an agreement, executed by the County and the taxpayer, pursuant to which a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem property tax payment for the economic development property associated with the project is calculated using (i) a reduced assessment ratio, which may be reduced from the effective assessment ratio imposed by state law to a floor of 6% (or 4% in the case of certain enhanced investments as defined by state law), and (ii) a locked millage rate (or a millage rate that is allowed to increase or decrease every fifth year), for an initial term of not more than 30 years (or 40 years in the case of certain enhanced investments as defined by state law). The FILOT program also permits certain qualifying taxpayers and the County to negotiate for equalized fee-in-lieu of ad valorem property tax payments over the term of the agreement.

If the taxpayer does not make the minimum investment in a project within the 5-year period as described above, then the agreement is automatically terminated and the taxpayer is no longer entitled to any benefit under the FILOT program. On termination of an agreement, the taxpayer is obligated to pay to the County the difference between (i) the total amount of ad valorem property taxes that would have been paid by the taxpayer had the economic development property not been subject to the agreement, taking into account exemptions from property taxes that would have been available to the taxpayer, and (ii) the total amount of fee-in-lieu of ad valorem property tax payment made by the taxpayer with respect to the economic development property associated with the project.

In addition to the minimum eligibility requirements to receive a property tax reduction under the FILOT program as described above, the taxpayer and the County may also negotiate certain other commitments by the taxpayer. For example, the taxpayer may make certain commitments to (i) invest certain amounts in taxable real and personal property at a project in an amount greater than minimum investment, and (ii) create a certain number of new, full-time jobs at a project. If the County negotiates other commitments with a taxpayer, the failure to achieve such commitments by the taxpayer may also result in the claw back of benefits received under the FILOT program.

For tax year 2023, County property taxes abated as a result of the FILOT program (inclusive of agreements entered into pursuant to the FILOT program and the SSRC program, as described below, combined) totaled \$1,568,580. The County received \$954,132 in fees-in-lieu of ad valorem tax payments from taxpayers with active agreements under the FILOT program (inclusive of agreements entered into pursuant to the FILOT program and the SSRC program, as described below, combined) in tax year 2023.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 17 – TAX ABATEMENTS (continued)

Special Source Revenue Credit Program

The County also abates property taxes through the “Special Source Revenue Credit” (“SSRC”) program. The SSRC program is authorized by South Carolina state law, specifically, Section 4-1-175 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. The purpose of the SSRC program is to enhance the economic development of the County.

A taxpayer is eligible to receive a credit under the SSRC program, thereby reducing its property taxes, if (i) the taxpayer’s property is located in a multicounty industrial or business park, and (ii) the taxpayer uses the credit to pay the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving, or expanding (a) infrastructure serving the County or the taxpayer’s property, or (b) improved or unimproved real estate and personal property, including machinery and equipment used in the operation of a manufacturing or commercial enterprise.

Property taxes are abated under the SSRC program through the County providing a credit (in the form of a percentage or fixed dollar amount) against a taxpayer’s property tax liability.

The County uses the SSRC program in connection with the FILOT program. Following the calculation of a taxpayer’s fee-in-lieu of ad valorem payment under the FILOT program, the County applies a credit to further abate the taxpayer’s property tax liability. To receive property tax abatements under the SSRC program and the FILOT program, the taxpayer must meet the eligibility criteria for both programs.

Because the County uses the SSRC program in connection with the FILOT program, the fees-in-lieu of ad valorem tax payments abated or received by the County from taxpayers receiving benefits under the SSRC program are reflected in the report of active agreements under the FILOT program described above.

Multicounty Industrial or Business Park

The County uses multicounty industrial or business parks in connection with the SSRC program and the FILOT program. Specifically, as noted above, to receive a property tax abatement under the SSRC program, a taxpayer’s property must be located in a multicounty industrial or business park. Additionally, the County may locate a taxpayer’s property in a multicounty industrial or business park at the request of the taxpayer so the taxpayer may secure enhanced credits from certain state taxes. To locate a taxpayer’s property in a multicounty industrial or business park, the County must develop, with one or more contiguous counties, a multicounty industrial or business park by entering into an agreement with the contiguous counties which sets forth how the counties will share the expenses and revenues from the multicounty industrial or business park. The agreement must further specify how the revenues from the multicounty industrial or business park will be distributed to each taxing entity in the participating counties.

For tax year 2023, of the total payments made by taxpayers who were subject to the County’s multicounty industrial park agreements, \$292,892 would have been received by the County but for the taxpayers’ location within its multicounty industrial parks. For tax year 2023, fees-in-lieu of standard ad valorem taxes received by the County from taxpayers within its multicounty industrial parks totaled \$92,487.

The following summarizes the taxes abated and received under the various agreements and included the General County and effected entities:

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 17 – TAX ABATEMENTS (continued)

Via Active FILOT Agreements:

<u>Taxing Entity (Effected Entities)</u>	<u>Taxes Abated</u>	<u>Taxes Received</u>
School Dist. 45 Operations & Bonds (Millage = 0.263)	\$ 1,593,318	\$ 600,898
School Dist. 19 Operations & Bonds (Millage = 0.248)	401,224	517,144
Career Center (Millage = 0.024)	184,210	-
City of Barnwell (Millage = 0.0841)	37,449	91,321
Town of Snelling (Millage = 0.020)	1,759	14,428
Town of Blackville (Millage = 0.079)	110,677	18,804
General County (Millage = 0.1772 or 0.1922)	503,407	954,133
Total	\$ 2,832,044	\$ 2,196,728

Via SSRCS in Connection with Active FILOT Agreements

<u>Taxing Entity (Effected Entities)</u>	<u>Taxes Abated</u>	<u>Taxes Received</u>
School Dist. 45 Operations & Bonds (Millage = 0.263)	\$ 2,583,427	N/A
School Dist. 19 Operations & Bonds (Millage = 0.248)	437,493	N/A
Career Center (Millage = 0.024)	278,071	N/A
City of Barnwell (Millage = 0.0841)	335,869	N/A
Town of Snelling (Millage = 0.020)	4,028	N/A
Town of Blackville (Millage = 0.079)	120,361	N/A
General County (Millage = 0.1772 or 0.1922)	1,065,173	N/A
Total	\$ 4,824,422	\$ -

Via MCIP Agreements:

Through FILOT Agreements

<u>Taxing Entity (Effected Entities)</u>	<u>Taxes Abated</u>	<u>Taxes Received</u>
School Dist. 45 Operations & Bonds (Millage = 0.263)	\$ 796,093	N/A
School Dist. 19 Operations & Bonds (Millage = 0.248)	19,006	N/A
Career Center (Millage = 0.024)	74,486	N/A
City of Barnwell (Millage = 0.0841)	5,401	N/A
Town of Snelling (Millage = 0.020)	4,701	N/A
Town of Blackville (Millage = 0.079)	5,436	N/A
General County (Millage = 0.1772 or 0.1922)	185,845	N/A
Total	\$ 1,090,968	\$ -

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 17 – TAX ABATEMENTS (continued)

Standard Ad Valorem Taxpayers subject to MCIP Agreement

<u>Taxing Entity (Effected Entities)</u>	<u>Taxes Abated</u>	<u>Taxes Received</u>
School Dist. 45 Operations & Bonds (Millage = 0.263)	\$ 158,877	\$ 93,190
School Dist. 19 Operations & Bonds (Millage = 0.2481)	-	-
Career Center (Millage = 0.024)	14,498	-
City of Barnwell (Millage = 0.0841)	50,804	22,602
General County (Millage = 0.1772 or 0.1922)	107,046	92,486
Total	\$ 331,225	\$ 208,278
 Total General County	 \$ 1,861,471	 \$ 1,046,619
 Total Other Entities	 \$ 7,217,188	 \$ 1,358,387
 Total Taxes Abated/Received	 \$ 9,078,659	 \$ 2,405,006

NOTE 18 – SALES TAX FUND PROJECTS

On November 8, 2016, the Barnwell County voters passed a referendum to impose a one penny per dollar (1%) capital projects sales and use tax in Barnwell County from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2025 and to permit Barnwell County to issue general obligation bonds in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed the aggregate of \$13,971,328 which Barnwell County intends to repay from the sales and use tax proceeds of which shall be distributed proportionately, as received among the following jurisdictions in the following percentages: Barnwell County (49.57%) the City of Barnwell (21.00%), the Town of Williston (13.88%), the Town of Blackville (10.64%), the Town of Hilda (1.98%), the Town of Snelling (1.21%), the Town of Kline (0.87%), and the Town of Elko (0.85%) to be used as follows:

Barnwell County projects listed in the following priority with the estimated cost to be paid from the sales and use tax or bond proceeds:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Transfer station renovation	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Courthouse repairs	3,600,000	3,600,000	-	3,600,000
Purchase/repair SCA building *	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Water/sewer systems improvements (Sewage line to SCAT Park / water line from Barnwell to Hwy 78 down Reynolds Road *	2,000,000	-	-	-
Repair/replace landfill scale house	125,000	-	-	-
* Order of projects changed by resolution	<u>\$ 6,925,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,800,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,800,000</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 18 – SALES TAX FUND PROJECTS (continued)

City of Barnwell projects listed in the following priority with the estimated cost to be paid from the sales and use tax or bond proceeds:

Description	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Total to Date
Public safety building (Phase I)	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000
Fuller Park splash pad and playground equip	350,000	350,000	-	350,000
Sewer system improvements	650,000	-	-	-
Fuller Park restrooms	133,979	133,979	-	133,979
	<u>\$ 2,933,979</u>	<u>\$ 2,283,979</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,283,979</u>

Town of Williston projects listed in the following priority with the estimated cost to be paid from the sales and use tax or bond proceeds:

Description	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Total to Date
Backhoe	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000
Acquire/upgrade town parks	375,000	375,000	-	375,000
Water system improvements	1,429,220	908,690	238,753	1,147,443
Water/sewer system right-of-way improv.	100,000	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,939,220</u>	<u>\$ 1,318,690</u>	<u>\$ 238,753</u>	<u>\$ 1,557,443</u>

Town of Blackville projects listed in the following priority with the estimated cost to be paid from the sales and use tax or bond proceeds:

Description	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Total to Date
Water/sewer system improvements	\$ 900,000	\$ 899,996	\$ -	\$ 899,996
Remediate blighted areas	500,000	333,293	166,707	500,000
Police substation and crime prev. equip	75,000	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,475,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,233,289</u>	<u>\$ 166,707</u>	<u>\$ 1,399,996</u>

Town of Hilda projects listed in the following priority with the estimated cost to be paid from the sales and use tax or bond proceeds:

Description	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Total to Date
Town shed and related equipment	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Repair/renovate railroad depot	45,000	40,217	4,783	45,000
Repair/renovate town hall	40,000	40,000	-	40,000
	<u>\$ 115,000</u>	<u>\$ 110,217</u>	<u>\$ 4,783</u>	<u>\$ 115,000</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 18 – SALES TAX FUND PROJECTS (continued)

Town of Snelling projects listed in the following priority with the estimated cost to be paid from the sales and use tax or bond proceeds:

Description	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Total to Date
Construct/purchase picnic shelter	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Town park improvements	60,000	41,184	18,776	59,960
	<u>\$ 160,000</u>	<u>\$ 141,184</u>	<u>\$ 18,776</u>	<u>\$ 159,960</u>

Town of Kline projects listed in the following priority with the estimated cost to be paid from the sales and use tax or bond proceeds:

Description	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Total to Date
Construct/purchase town hall/community ctr	\$ 180,000	\$ 102,552	\$ 13,050	\$ 115,602

Town of Elko projects listed in the following priority with the estimated cost to be paid from the sales and use tax or bond proceeds:

Description	Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Total to Date
Water system improvement	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ -	\$ 44,000
Fire hydrants	12,000	-	-	-
Construct/purchase farmers' market structure	28,000	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 84,000</u>	<u>\$ 44,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 44,000</u>

NOTE 19 – RESTATEMENTS

Primary Government:

The County discovered an error in the prior year reporting of capital assets on the statement of net position, which required a restatement of the beginning net position. There was a glitch in the fixed assets software which allowed accumulated depreciation to exceed the cost of certain assets.

The County discovered an error in the prior year reporting of installment purchase obligations, which required a restatement of the beginning net position.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 68 titled Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension Plans in June 2012. An actuarial valuation of the Barnwell County Hospital Retirement Plan was performed in 2023, which required a prior period adjustment to properly record the aggregate proportionate share of the collective net pension liability and related deferred inflows/outflows under GASB 68.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 19 – RESTATEMENTS (continued)

Net position for governmental activities at June 30, 2023 was restated as follows:

Previous balance at June 30, 2023	\$ 232,564
Adjustment for capital assets	88,199
Adjustment for long-term debt	(30,467)
Add deferred outflows related to pensions	1,180,000
Subtract net pension liability	<u>(1,997,431)</u>
Restated balance at June 30, 2023	\$ <u>(527,135)</u>

NOTE 20 – RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED PRONOUNCEMENT

The County adopted and implemented GASB Statement No. 100, “*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*” during the fiscal year. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	BUDGET ORIGINAL/ FINAL	ACTUAL	VARIANCE POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
REVENUE			
Property taxes	\$ 11,160,695	\$11,016,987	\$ (143,708)
Intergovernmental	3,161,970	3,031,976	(129,994)
Local option sales tax	1,600,000	2,210,500	610,500
Miscellaneous	705,415	1,536,417	831,002
Charges for services	621,460	669,075	47,615
Fines and forfeitures	381,570	376,093	(5,477)
Interest	120,000	207,572	87,572
Total revenue	<u>17,751,110</u>	<u>19,048,620</u>	<u>1,297,510</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	6,131,960	6,677,985	(546,025)
Employee fringe benefits	4,116,450	4,105,280	11,170
Physical environment	3,410,680	4,072,407	(661,727)
General government and administration	1,694,470	2,060,146	(365,676)
Health and welfare	1,417,860	1,522,687	(104,827)
Judicial	1,360,170	1,348,213	11,957
Finance and taxation	848,205	869,448	(21,243)
Culture and recreation	338,930	326,965	11,965
Capital outlay	-	559,803	(559,803)
Miscellaneous	347,740	250,070	97,670
Agencies	96,925	96,925	-
Total expenditures	<u>19,763,390</u>	<u>21,889,929</u>	<u>(2,126,539)</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	(2,012,280)	(2,841,309)	(829,029)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from installment purchase contracts	-	1,076,762	1,076,762
Proceeds from general obligation bonds	310,600	-	(310,600)
Hospital bankruptcy claim	-	217,606	217,606
Transfers in	1,999,915	1,329,044	(670,871)
Transfers (out)	(298,235)	(533,280)	(235,045)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>2,012,280</u>	<u>2,090,132</u>	<u>77,852</u>
Net changes in fund balances	-	(751,177)	(751,177)
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	4,677,570	4,677,570
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,926,393</u>	<u>\$ 3,926,393</u>

BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total OPEB Liability										
Service cost	\$ 243,754	\$ 241,804	\$ 478,393	\$ 462,120	\$ 417,841	\$ 367,850	\$ 354,145	NA*	NA*	NA*
Interest cost	412,476	397,000	350,618	344,412	455,176	452,859	431,884	NA*	NA*	NA*
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA*	NA*	NA*
Difference between expected and actual experience	286,523	-	(3,203,369)	-	(763,751)	-	-	NA*	NA*	NA*
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(534,952)	(192,206)	(2,310,659)	140,666	2,772,415	777,095	-	NA*	NA*	NA*
Benefit payments	(326,607)	(300,469)	(265,243)	(242,537)	(262,498)	(226,811)	(160,313)	NA*	NA*	NA*
Implicit rate subsidy fulfillment	(45,419)	(48,970)	(51,846)	(38,844)	(59,819)	(40,187)	(61,191)	NA*	NA*	NA*
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>35,775</u>	<u>97,159</u>	<u>(5,002,106)</u>	<u>665,817</u>	<u>2,559,364</u>	<u>1,330,806</u>	<u>564,525</u>	NA*	NA*	NA*
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>11,485,046</u>	<u>11,387,887</u>	<u>16,389,993</u>	<u>15,724,176</u>	<u>13,164,812</u>	<u>11,834,006</u>	<u>11,269,481</u>	NA*	NA*	NA*
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 11,520,821</u>	<u>\$ 11,485,046</u>	<u>\$ 11,387,887</u>	<u>\$ 16,389,993</u>	<u>\$ 15,724,176</u>	<u>\$ 13,164,812</u>	<u>\$ 11,834,006</u>	NA*	NA*	NA*
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 8,193,862	\$ 6,862,450	\$ 6,862,450	\$ 5,557,993	\$ 5,557,993	\$ 4,923,955	\$ 4,923,955	NA*	NA*	NA*
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	140.60%	167.36%	165.94%	294.89%	282.91%	267.36%	240.34%	NA*	NA*	NA*
Census date	6/30/2024	6/30/2022	6/30/2022	6/30/2020	6/30/2020	6/30/2018	6/30/2018	NA*	NA*	NA*
Measurement date	6/30/2024	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	NA*	NA*	NA*
Reporting date	6/30/2024	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	NA*	NA*	NA*

NA* - Not Available

<p>This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.</p>

BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY (SCRS)
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.033701%	0.035796%	0.036468%	0.036564%	0.039503%	0.046853%	0.028630%	0.038415%	0.037213%	0.040956%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 8,147,964	\$ 8,677,671	\$ 7,892,082	\$ 9,342,702	\$ 9,020,118	\$10,498,335	\$ 6,445,073	\$ 8,205,387	\$ 7,057,625	\$ 7,051,265
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,260,879	\$ 4,260,614	\$ 4,111,499	\$ 4,079,190	\$ 4,188,827	\$ 4,045,255	\$ 3,829,506	\$ 3,686,443	\$ 3,626,492	\$ 3,692,370
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	191.23%	203.67%	191.95%	229.03%	215.34%	259.52%	168.30%	222.58%	194.61%	190.97%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	58.60%	57.10%	60.70%	50.70%	54.40%	54.10%	53.30%	52.90%	57.00%	59.90%

NA* - Not Available

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.
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BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY (PORS)
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.204691%	0.192109%	0.162769%	0.138288%	0.130890%	0.154442%	0.097160%	0.123320%	0.131700%	0.099600%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 6,231,003	\$ 5,761,300	\$ 4,187,902	\$ 4,585,927	\$ 3,751,240	\$ 4,376,194	\$ 2,661,839	\$ 3,127,854	\$ 2,870,484	\$ 1,906,846
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,585,591	\$ 3,037,058	\$ 2,458,380	\$ 2,089,046	\$ 1,881,068	\$ 1,686,715	\$ 1,518,117	\$ 1,512,452	\$ 1,341,422	\$ 1,198,350
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	173.78%	189.70%	170.35%	219.52%	199.42%	259.45%	175.34%	206.81%	213.99%	159.12%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.80%	66.40%	70.40%	58.80%	62.70%	61.70%	60.90%	60.40%	64.60%	59.90%

NA* - Not Available

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.
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BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY (BARNWELL COUNTY HOSPITAL)
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
County's net pension liability	\$ 718,643	\$ 1,997,431	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.33%	2.68%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

NA* - Not Available

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.
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BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS (SCRS)
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 748,210	\$ 705,860	\$ 641,436	\$ 634,722	\$ 609,893	\$ 548,537	\$ 442,691	\$ 411,432	\$ 380,323	\$ 394,136
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(748,210)</u>	<u>(705,860)</u>	<u>(641,436)</u>	<u>(634,722)</u>	<u>(609,893)</u>	<u>(548,537)</u>	<u>(442,691)</u>	<u>(411,432)</u>	<u>(380,323)</u>	<u>(394,136)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 4,260,879	\$ 4,260,614	\$ 4,111,499	\$ 4,079,190	\$ 4,188,827	\$ 4,045,255	\$ 3,829,506	\$ 3,686,443	\$ 3,626,492	\$ 3,692,370
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	17.56%	16.57%	15.60%	15.56%	14.56%	13.56%	11.56%	11.16%	10.49%	10.67%

NA* - Not Available

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BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS (PORS)
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 725,884	\$ 584,955	\$ 446,431	\$ 381,042	\$ 324,296	\$ 273,923	\$ 216,180	\$ 216,006	\$ 218,802	\$ 153,821
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(725,884)</u>	<u>(584,955)</u>	<u>(446,431)</u>	<u>(381,042)</u>	<u>(324,296)</u>	<u>(273,923)</u>	<u>(216,180)</u>	<u>(216,006)</u>	<u>(218,802)</u>	<u>(153,821)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,585,591	\$ 3,037,058	\$ 2,458,380	\$ 2,089,046	\$ 1,881,068	\$ 1,686,715	\$ 1,518,117	\$ 1,512,452	\$ 1,341,422	\$ 1,198,350
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	20.24%	19.26%	18.16%	18.24%	17.24%	16.24%	14.24%	14.28%	16.31%	12.84%

NA* - Not Available

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BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS (BARNWELL COUNTY HOSPITAL)
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 428,286	\$ 403,771	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(1,180,000)</u>	<u>(180,000)</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ (751,714)</u>	<u>\$ 223,771</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

NA* - Not Available

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BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Note 1- Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The County adopts an annual appropriations budget (legal-based) to fund operations and debt service for all County departments and Agencies based on estimated revenues. Annual appropriations are also legally adopted for certain line-items in Special Revenue Funds and Capital Projects Funds. In the event actual revenues exceed estimated revenues, the County has the authority to exceed the appropriated expenditure of a fund.

For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the County adopted its annual budget of \$23,097,570 through Ordinance 2023-06-399-0 as follows: \$19,763,390 for operations (principally accounted for in the General Fund); \$983,235 for debt service; and \$2,350,945 for selected Special Revenue Funds. The County levied 177.18 mills on all taxable property in Barnwell County to fund its budget for County operations and debt service. Additionally, mills levied for Special Assessment Funds were as follows: the Barnwell County Career Center (24 mills used for operations and maintenance), Public Safety in the Rural Areas (4 mills for rural Public Safety operations), Rural Fire Protection (11 mills for rural fire protection), and 11.7 mills to be levied for debt service countywide.

Expenditure of funds for grant programs included in the annual budget shall not be authorized unless evidence that the respective grants have been approved by the grantor agency and has been provided to the County Administrator. In such cases, total program expenditures shall be limited to the lesser of the total grant award(s), or the amount(s) designated in the approved budget. Expenditures set forth under the heading "Capital Improvements" shall be placed in Special Designated Accounts and if not expended at the end of the fiscal year, shall remain in those accounts to be expended for their allocated purposes.

All departments of the County must submit budget requests to the County Administrator by February 15 along with applicable revenue estimates. The County follows the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Each year, the County Administrator submits to the County Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1st. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Three public readings are conducted by County Council and one public hearing to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to June 30th, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
4. The County Administrator is authorized to administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments and funds as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget. It is the practice of the County that when actual revenues exceed budgeted revenues, the County Government has the authority to exceed the appropriated expenditures of a fund.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Note 1- Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device on a monthly basis during the year for the General Fund as well as selected Special Revenue Funds. Some of the Special Revenue Funds are formally budgeted by ordinance.
6. The budget at the end of the year for the General Fund represents the budget adopted and amended by County Council.
7. Unused appropriations of the General Fund's annually budget lapse at the end of the year.

Note 2- Pensions

On April 25, 2017, Governor Henry McMaster signed into law the Retirement Funding and Administration Act of 2017 which became effective on July 1, 2017. This legislation increased the employer and employee contribution rates, established a ceiling on the employee contribution rate, lowered the assumed rate of return, required a scheduled reduction of the funding period, and addressed various governance issues including the assignment of the PEBA Board as custodian of the retirement trust funds and assignment of the Retirement System Investment Commission (RSIC) and PEBA as co-trustees.

There was no legislation enacted during the 2023 legislative session that had a material change in the benefit provisions for any of the systems.

The inflation rate used in the current calculation of the pension liability was 2.25%.

Note 3- Other Post-Employment Benefits

There was no difference between actual and expected experience.

The \$286,500 actuarial loss on the total OPEB liability for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is primarily attributable to the retirement of active participants.

The \$535,000 actuarial gain on the total OPEB liability for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is attributable to increasing the discount rate from 3.65% to 3.97%.

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is the major operating fund of the County's governmental activities and is used to accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounts for in other funds.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,279,665
Equity in pooled cash and investments	2,940,355
Investments	9,661
Receivables:	
Property taxes	633,913
Other receivables, net	48,708
Due from other governments:	
State of South Carolina	1,320,759
Local governments	393,631
Due from other funds:	
Special Revenue Funds	526,444
Fiduciary Funds	106,835
Enterprise Fund	110,354
Capital Projects Funds	1,000
Notes receivable:	
Barnwell County Hospital - operations	339,969
Less, allowance for doubtful accounts	(339,969)
Prepaid items	310,668
Total Assets	\$ 8,681,993

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 668,424
Accrued payroll and withholdings	432,156
Due to other governments:	
State of South Carolina	32,148
Local governments	142,273
Other payables	1,261,861
Due to other funds:	
Special Revenue Funds	1,631,425
Unearned revenue	2,540
Total liabilities	<u>4,170,827</u>

Deferred inflows of resources:

Unavailable revenue - property taxes	584,773
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>584,773</u>

Fund balances:

Nonspendable:	
Prepaid items	310,668
Restricted for:	
Property tax rollback program	25,707
Committed for:	
Other	431,541
Unassigned	3,158,477
Total fund balances	<u>3,926,393</u>

Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 8,681,993</u></u>
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BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUE			
Property Taxes			
Current property taxes	\$ 7,193,845	\$ 7,099,937	\$ (93,908)
DOE - payment in lieu of taxes	3,193,090	3,196,602	3,512
Delinquent taxes	363,760	296,025	(67,735)
Payment in lieu - motor carrier	180,000	219,051	39,051
Collection costs on back taxes	170,000	172,327	2,327
Tax penalties	60,000	33,045	(26,955)
Total property taxes	<u>11,160,695</u>	<u>11,016,987</u>	<u>(143,708)</u>
Local option sales tax			
Sales tax credit fund	1,300,000	1,377,875	77,875
Sales tax revenue fund	300,000	832,625	532,625
Total local option sales tax	<u>1,600,000</u>	<u>2,210,500</u>	<u>610,500</u>
Charges for services			
Landfill fees	449,000	367,307	(81,693)
Sheriff's office fees	-	78,603	78,603
Building inspector fees	73,000	73,815	815
Animal Shelter	12,960	58,317	45,357
Recycling	40,000	43,786	3,786
Vehicle tag stickers	16,500	16,930	430
Cities fees - current tax	17,800	16,818	(982)
Jail fees	8,700	10,575	1,875
Assessor's office	3,500	2,924	(576)
Total charges for services	<u>621,460</u>	<u>669,075</u>	<u>47,615</u>
Fines and forfeitures			
Fees, fines, and penalties, net of state portion	<u>381,570</u>	<u>376,093</u>	<u>(5,477)</u>
Total fines and forfeitures	<u>381,570</u>	<u>376,093</u>	<u>(5,477)</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
Interest income			
Interest	\$ 120,000	\$ 207,572	\$ 87,572
Total interest income	<u>120,000</u>	<u>207,572</u>	<u>87,572</u>
Intergovernmental			
State:			
Local government fund-aid to subdivisions	919,145	870,720	(48,425)
Homestead Exemption	526,790	605,919	79,129
Manufacturers exempt reimbursement	406,120	271,521	(134,599)
Accommodations tax	34,500	169,506	135,006
Clerk/Sheriff/Probate Judge supplements	77,500	95,000	17,500
Voter registration	105,565	88,083	(17,482)
Merchant's inventory tax	24,570	28,394	3,824
Solid waste tire fees	18,320	8,520	(9,800)
Grants:			
Rural county stabilization fund	387,095	387,097	2
School resource officer	444,880	376,264	(68,616)
Other state grants	34,785	37,783	2,998
Solid waste	26,510	2,000	(24,510)
C Fund revenue	100,000	-	(100,000)
Federal:			
Other grants	-	59,024	59,024
Sheriff's Department SAVE grant	46,125	17,219	(28,906)
DSS utilities reimbursement	5,000	9,607	4,607
Veterans affairs	5,065	5,319	254
Total intergovernmental	<u>3,161,970</u>	<u>3,031,976</u>	<u>(129,994)</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
Miscellaneous			
Other reimbursements	\$ 111,120	\$ 664,945	\$ 553,825
Other miscellaneous revenue	194,030	384,659	190,629
School resource officer reimbursements - LEA	255,695	306,400	50,705
Magistrate reimbursements	81,910	88,598	6,688
Clerk of Court reimbursements	62,660	61,985	(675)
Surplus sale funds	-	29,830	29,830
Total miscellaneous	<u>705,415</u>	<u>1,536,417</u>	<u>831,002</u>
 Total revenue	 17,751,110	 19,048,620	 1,297,510
 Other financing sources			
Transfers in	1,999,915	1,329,044	(670,871)
Hospital bankruptcy claim	310,600	217,606	(92,994)
Proceeds from installment purchase contracts	-	1,076,762	1,076,762
Total other financing sources	<u>2,310,515</u>	<u>2,623,412</u>	<u>312,897</u>
 Total revenue and other financing sources	 <u><u>\$ 20,061,625</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 21,672,032</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 1,610,407</u></u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:			
County Council:			
Salaries	\$ 63,450	\$ 62,371	\$ 1,079
Travel and training	29,000	35,082	(6,082)
Miscellaneous	4,585	16,700	(12,115)
Dues and memberships	3,225	4,541	(1,316)
Special projects	500	3,104	(2,604)
Printing, binding, and advertising	6,000	1,731	4,269
Contractual services	-	1,500	(1,500)
Telephone	700	927	(227)
Equipment - office furniture	235	604	(369)
Office supplies	820	331	489
Postage	75	31	44
	<u>108,590</u>	<u>126,922</u>	<u>(18,332)</u>
Business Office:			
Telephone	-	114	(114)
	<u>-</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>(114)</u>
Finance:			
Salaries	89,690	90,355	(665)
Printing, binding and advertising	2,500	2,364	136
Postage	1,300	1,711	(411)
Telephone	1,100	1,032	68
Travel and training	200	199	1
Computer services	200	186	14
Maintenance - office equipment	185	-	185
Office supplies	700	580	120
Dues and membership fees	225	225	-
Equipment - office furniture	100	90	10
	<u>96,200</u>	<u>96,742</u>	<u>(542)</u>
County Administrator:			
Salaries	234,465	252,100	(17,635)
Travel and training	2,000	13,639	(11,639)

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION: (Cont'd)			
County Administrator: (Cont'd)			
Printing, binding and advertising	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,294	\$ (8,294)
Office supplies	1,500	4,172	(2,672)
Telephone	2,240	4,005	(1,765)
Equipment - office furniture	500	1,721	(1,221)
Computer services	-	1,259	(1,259)
Postage	395	1,097	(702)
Dues and membership fees	500	452	48
Overtime wages	-	80	(80)
Drug testing	-	50	(50)
Background checks	-	26	(26)
Fuel supplies	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>243,600</u>	<u>287,895</u>	<u>(44,295)</u>
Contingency Funds:			
Grant expense	10,000	19,858	(9,858)
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>19,858</u>	<u>(9,858)</u>
Non-Departmental:			
Retiree trust acct - hospital	408,585	288,221	120,364
Utilities	155,000	210,365	(55,365)
Insurance - tort	201,785	198,129	3,656
Computer services	250	167,046	(166,796)
Telephone	80,000	121,879	(41,879)
Janitorial supplies	48,220	92,253	(44,033)
Accounting and auditing	82,120	89,521	(7,401)
Attorney fees - special litigation	20,000	58,927	(38,927)
Case management system	53,180	55,802	(2,622)
Insurance - building	48,240	48,449	(209)
County attorney	40,000	40,017	(17)
Miscellaneous	-	34,554	(34,554)
Capital outlay	-	32,661	(32,661)
Contractual services	-	17,970	(17,970)
Insurance - cyber	18,000	13,224	4,776
Maintenance - buildings	5,500	11,896	(6,396)
Maintenance - equipment	23,405	6,920	16,485

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION: (Cont'd)			
Non-Departmental: (Cont'd)			
Postage	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,700	\$ (700)
Data processing service	2,185	4,000	(1,815)
Office supplies	300	3,277	(2,977)
Employee Gifts	6,000	2,844	3,156
Insurance - inland marine	-	2,281	(2,281)
Insurance - employee bond	1,065	1,200	(135)
Printing, binding and advertising	2,900	984	1,916
Travel and training	50	180	(130)
Insurance - auto	-	111	(111)
Insurance - information technology	3,800	-	3,800
SC Dept. of Youth Services	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>1,207,585</u>	<u>1,508,411</u>	<u>(300,826)</u>
Risk Management:			
Travel and training	1,000	372	628
Equipment - safety	400	267	133
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>639</u>	<u>761</u>
South Carolina Association of Counties:			
County appropriation	7,530	-	7,530
	<u>7,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,530</u>
Lower Savannah Council of Governments:			
County appropriation	18,565	18,565	-
	<u>18,565</u>	<u>18,565</u>	<u>-</u>
Information Line 2-1-1:			
County appropriation	1,000	1,000	-
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total General Government and Administration	<u>1,694,470</u>	<u>2,060,146</u>	<u>(365,676)</u>
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT:			
Building Inspection:			
Contractual services	75,000	81,393	(6,393)
Telephone	-	385	(385)
	<u>75,000</u>	<u>81,778</u>	<u>(6,778)</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget Original/Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT: (Cont'd)			
Buildings and Grounds:			
Salaries	\$ 319,555	\$ 291,068	\$ 28,487
Maintenance - buildings	205,000	223,758	(18,758)
Contractual services	20,000	49,653	(29,653)
Maintenance - grounds	6,000	19,205	(13,205)
Fuel supplies	9,000	10,462	(1,462)
Utilities	7,125	10,052	(2,927)
Insurance - auto	7,890	7,970	(80)
Maintenance - vehicles	5,500	7,158	(1,658)
Telephone	5,770	6,637	(867)
Overtime wages	1,200	5,486	(4,286)
Clothing supplies	6,000	4,958	1,042
Equipment - machinery and other	3,000	3,590	(590)
Office supplies	660	1,069	(409)
Maintenance - office equipment	250	886	(636)
Equipment - office furniture	100	655	(555)
Printing, binding, and advertising	350	341	9
Drug testing	150	250	(100)
Insurance - inland marine	95	195	(100)
Background checks	150	130	20
Postage	-	11	(11)
Travel and training	300	-	300
	<u>598,095</u>	<u>643,534</u>	<u>(45,439)</u>
Public Works:			
Salaries	488,095	345,216	142,879
Equipment - machinery and other	188,935	374,914	(185,979)
Maintenance - equipment	80,000	67,742	12,258
Fuel supplies	42,500	33,651	8,849
Insurance - inland marine	14,025	16,593	(2,568)
Clothing supplies	5,500	9,863	(4,363)
Insurance - auto	9,380	9,455	(75)
Utilities	6,100	6,339	(239)
Overtime wages	8,000	5,859	2,141
Telephone	4,500	4,383	117
Pipe and road material	6,000	3,677	2,323
Office supplies	1,000	1,708	(708)
Travel and training	500	804	(304)
Printing, binding, advertising	400	287	113

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget Original/Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT: (Cont'd)			
Public Works: (Cont'd)			
Equipment - office furniture	\$ 500	\$ 231	\$ 269
Drug testing	100	225	(125)
Maintenance - office equipment	250	210	40
Janitorial supplies	200	148	52
Expendable supplies	500	144	356
Background checks	100	104	(4)
Postage	25	23	2
Maintenance - buildings	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>857,610</u>	<u>881,576</u>	<u>(23,966)</u>
Solid Waste:			
Solid Waste Authority	600,000	625,619	(25,619)
Equipment - machinery and other	140,000	592,845	(452,845)
Salaries	462,870	438,105	24,765
Maintenance - equipment	80,000	100,604	(20,604)
Contractual services	56,500	97,359	(40,859)
Fuel supplies	65,000	65,177	(177)
Special waste disposal	35,000	64,025	(29,025)
Professional services	16,000	29,744	(13,744)
Utilities	26,000	25,111	889
Maintenance - buildings	5,000	20,741	(15,741)
Insurance - auto	13,030	15,773	(2,743)
Ground water assessment	46,000	15,513	30,487
Clothing supplies	6,500	9,299	(2,799)
Maintenance - tires	12,500	9,131	3,369
Maintenance - vehicles	2,000	8,481	(6,481)
Insurance - inland marine	4,080	5,906	(1,826)
Scales	2,000	5,383	(3,383)
Telephone	5,600	4,694	906
Grant expense	15,750	4,595	11,155
Overtime wages	12,000	3,523	8,477
Travel and training	500	1,423	(923)
Printing, binding, and advertising	500	1,363	(863)
Office supplies	1,000	957	43
Backgrounds checks	150	233	(83)
Drug testing	150	225	(75)
Postage	250	212	38
Janitorial supplies	500	207	293

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT: (Cont'd)			
Solid Waste: (Cont'd)			
Landfill credit card fees	\$ 150	\$ 198	\$ (48)
Recycling	900	0	900
Equipment - office furniture	600	-	600
	<u>1,610,530</u>	<u>2,146,446</u>	<u>(535,916)</u>
Animal Shelter:			
Salaries	107,250	107,524	(274)
Shelter supplies	34,800	65,773	(30,973)
Miscellaneous	-	21,321	(21,321)
Utilities	6,900	11,090	(4,190)
Overtime wages	1,500	7,268	(5,768)
Fuel supplies	2,500	4,403	(1,903)
Telephone	2,260	2,705	(445)
Janitorial supplies	2,500	2,611	(111)
Travel and training	730	2,459	(1,729)
Maintenance - buildings	2,445	1,975	470
Insurance - auto	1,585	1,934	(349)
Contractual services	1,000	1,417	(417)
Maintenance - vehicles	2,500	957	1,543
Printing, binding, and advertising	1,000	905	95
Clothing supplies	100	778	(678)
Office supplies	1,000	306	694
Drug testing	200	250	(50)
Background checks	250	130	120
Dog food	500	112	388
Postage	100	15	85
Dues and membership fees	125	-	125
Equipment - office furniture	200	-	200
	<u>169,445</u>	<u>233,933</u>	<u>(64,488)</u>
C Funds:			
Road improvements	100,000	85,140	14,860
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>85,140</u>	<u>14,860</u>
Total Physical Environment	<u>3,410,680</u>	<u>4,072,407</u>	<u>(661,727)</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget Original/Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
FINANCE AND TAXATION:			
County Auditor:			
Salaries	\$ 126,970	\$ 133,496	\$ (6,526)
Computer services	85,820	110,265	(24,445)
Travel and training	2,215	3,622	(1,407)
Postage	1,000	1,280	(280)
Equipment - office furniture	150	1,197	(1,047)
Office supplies	2,500	1,048	1,452
Printing, binding, and advertising	515	919	(404)
Books and publications	2,150	481	1,669
Deed transfer & recording	225	263	(38)
Overtime wages	300	231	69
Maintenance - office equipment	860	209	651
Dues and membership fees	250	180	70
Telephone	440	157	283
Background checks	-	50	(50)
	<u>223,395</u>	<u>253,398</u>	<u>(30,003)</u>
County Treasurer:			
Salaries	185,845	184,159	1,686
Computer services	90,000	92,370	(2,370)
Contractual services	31,850	35,222	(3,372)
Printing, binding, and advertising	25,000	16,081	8,919
Travel and training	6,000	6,626	(626)
Office supplies	3,000	4,321	(1,321)
Postage	3,500	3,744	(244)
Telephone	2,500	1,846	654
Legal Fees	-	929	(929)
Maintenance - office equipment	150	560	(410)
Equipment - office furniture	250	439	(189)
Insurance - employee bond	-	400	(400)
Dues and membership fees	400	300	100
Drug testing	50	100	(50)
Background checks	-	52	(52)
Miscellaneous	-	(260)	260
	<u>348,545</u>	<u>346,889</u>	<u>1,656</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
FINANCE AND TAXATION: (Cont'd)			
County Tax Assessor:			
Salaries	\$ 233,570	\$ 216,323	\$ 17,247
Computer services	21,650	24,896	(3,246)
Contractual services	4,200	8,993	(4,793)
Office supplies	4,500	7,404	(2,904)
Travel and training	2,590	3,123	(533)
Insurance - auto	1,650	1,650	-
Books and publications	1,900	1,574	326
Telephone	1,600	1,205	395
Postage	1,400	1,108	292
Printing, binding, and advertising	1,200	919	281
Fuel supplies	750	689	61
Maintenance - vehicles	200	631	(431)
Equipment - office furniture	500	515	(15)
Dues and membership fees	55	55	-
Background checks	-	26	(26)
Drug testing	-	25	(25)
Registration fees	300	25	275
Maintenance - office equipment	200	-	200
	<u>276,265</u>	<u>269,161</u>	<u>7,104</u>
 Total Finance and Taxation	 <u>848,205</u>	 <u>869,448</u>	 <u>(21,243)</u>
 JUDICIAL:			
Clerk of Court:			
Salaries	351,525	375,370	(23,845)
Court expense	30,000	29,598	402
Copy and reproductions	26,500	24,831	1,669
Telephone	13,600	16,194	(2,594)
Postage	9,000	6,472	2,528
Travel and training	6,000	4,866	1,134
Office supplies	2,300	3,010	(710)
Maintenance - office equipment	2,250	2,837	(587)
Printing, binding, and advertising	2,000	2,015	(15)
Insurance - malpractice	1,800	1,908	(108)
Audit and accounting services	1,100	1,720	(620)
Registration fees	1,200	1,150	50

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget Original/Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
JUDICIAL: (Cont'd)			
Clerk of Court: (Cont'd)			
Dues and membership fees	\$ 700	\$ 325	\$ 375
Computer services	2,000	178	1,822
Overtime wages	500	113	387
Equipment - office furniture	1,800	54	1,746
Background checks	50	52	(2)
Drug testing	50	50	-
Insurance - employee bond	335	-	335
	<u>452,710</u>	<u>470,743</u>	<u>(18,033)</u>
Judge of Probate:			
Salaries	128,160	138,584	(10,424)
Telephone	2,820	3,223	(403)
Travel and training	2,500	3,100	(600)
Computer services	4,740	2,860	1,880
Printing, binding, and advertising	2,000	1,811	189
Books and publications	1,200	1,310	(110)
Postage	1,080	893	187
Office supplies	1,820	737	1,083
Equipment - office furniture	500	399	101
Dues and membership fees	305	355	(50)
Insurance - employee bond	-	249	(249)
	<u>145,125</u>	<u>153,521</u>	<u>(8,396)</u>
Magistrate - Barnwell:			
Salaries	163,485	131,220	32,265
City supplement	21,000	27,360	(6,360)
Travel and training	5,115	5,224	(109)
Printing, binding, and advertising	1,000	994	6
Telephone	7,440	882	6,558
Office supplies	800	774	26
Postage	900	631	269
Maintenance - office equipment	500	579	(79)
Equipment - office furniture	700	338	362
Court expense	800	211	589
Dues and membership fees	55	53	2
Background checks	-	26	(26)
Insurance - employee bond	840	-	840
	<u>202,635</u>	<u>168,292</u>	<u>34,343</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
JUDICIAL: (Cont'd)			
Magistrate - Blackville:			
Salaries	\$ 121,445	\$ 129,987	\$ (8,542)
City supplement	20,000	20,772	(772)
Travel and training	4,895	6,372	(1,477)
Utilities	-	1,206	(1,206)
Printing, binding, and advertising	845	818	27
Office supplies	800	800	-
Postage	1,000	680	320
Court expense	1,200	406	794
Telephone	1,800	401	1,399
Equipment - office furniture	500	355	145
Background checks	-	26	(26)
Drug testing	-	25	(25)
Maintenance - office equipment	250	-	250
Insurance - employee bond	790	-	790
	<u>153,525</u>	<u>161,848</u>	<u>(8,323)</u>
Magistrate - Williston:			
Salaries	119,075	109,019	10,056
City supplement	19,990	21,472	(1,482)
Travel and training	3,965	6,829	(2,864)
Telephone	4,400	4,235	165
Utilities	3,800	3,323	477
Office supplies	2,600	2,394	206
Court expense	1,000	798	202
Printing, binding, and advertising	-	662	(662)
Postage	800	656	144
Books and publications	750	616	134
Maintenance building	-	402	(402)
Equipment - office furniture	100	259	(159)
Overtime wages	-	125	(125)
Maintenance - office equipment	50	-	50
Insurance - employee bond	630	-	630
	<u>157,160</u>	<u>150,790</u>	<u>6,370</u>
Public Defender:			
County appropriation	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>-</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
JUDICIAL: (Cont'd)			
Solicitor's Office:			
County appropriation	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ -
Magistrate week-end judge:			
Salaries	44,015	36,711	7,304
Travel and training	2,600	3,620	(1,020)
Telephone	500	1,661	(1,161)
Insurance - employee bond	800	515	285
Printing, binding, and advertising	50	309	(259)
Office supplies	500	125	375
Dues and membership fees	-	53	(53)
Drug testing	25	25	-
Background checks	25	-	25
Equipment - office furniture	500	-	500
	<u>49,015</u>	<u>43,019</u>	<u>5,996</u>
Total Judicial	<u>1,360,170</u>	<u>1,348,213</u>	<u>11,957</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
County Sheriff and Dispatch:			
Salaries	2,597,310	2,852,757	(255,447)
Equipment - vehicles	171,470	379,965	(208,495)
Overtime wages	90,000	190,452	(100,452)
Fuel supplies	135,000	165,058	(30,058)
Maintenance - vehicles	75,000	114,637	(39,637)
Insurance - auto	72,100	66,876	5,224
Maintenance - communications equipment	60,000	59,820	180
Grant Expense	-	45,000	(45,000)
Miscellaneous	-	41,205	(41,205)
Telephone	35,000	40,538	(5,538)
Clothing supplies	25,000	36,611	(11,611)
Investigations	11,610	18,752	(7,142)
Community relations	10,000	12,037	(2,037)
Ammunitions and weapons	14,000	11,769	2,231
Court expense - bailiffs	10,000	11,397	(1,397)
In-service training	9,070	11,096	(2,026)
Tracking: high risk entry	9,000	10,222	(1,222)
Computer service	10,000	8,249	1,751

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY: (Cont'd)			
County Sheriff and Dispatch: (Cont'd)			
Printing, binding, and advertising	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,689	\$ (1,689)
Utilities	2,000	4,460	(2,460)
Office supplies	3,000	3,430	(430)
Animal control	3,000	2,838	162
Expendable supplies	3,000	2,609	391
Maintenance - office equipment	2,400	2,526	(126)
Dues and membership fees	2,600	1,985	615
Premium pay	-	500	(500)
Subsistence	470	457	13
Postage	470	291	179
Equipment - office furniture	500	252	248
Travel and training	-	250	(250)
Salary supplement - SRO	7,410	195	7,215
Insurance - inland marine	150	195	(45)
Drug testing	250	35	215
Deputy buy-out	7,500	-	7,500
Insurance - employee bond	180	-	180
	<u>3,372,490</u>	<u>4,103,153</u>	<u>(730,663)</u>
County Coroner:			
Salaries	50,865	69,461	(18,596)
Autopsies and post mortem	31,815	60,623	(28,808)
Utilities	1,670	3,601	(1,931)
Deputy Coroner - on call	6,250	2,450	3,800
Telephone	715	1,026	(311)
Insurance - auto	845	846	(1)
Maintenance - communications equipment	1,260	644	616
Office supplies	1,200	606	594
Fuel supplies	1,000	295	705
Clothing supplies	365	292	73
Dues and membership fees	350	234	116
Postage	200	216	(16)
Maintenance - vehicles	200	133	67
Computer services	-	113	(113)
Insurance - building	5	6	(1)
Travel and training	1,500	-	1,500
Photo supplies	800	-	800

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY: (Cont'd)			
County Coroner: (Cont'd)			
Insurance - employee bond	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
Equipment - office furniture	500	-	500
	<u>99,640</u>	<u>140,546</u>	<u>(40,906)</u>
Detention Center:			
Salaries	1,827,935	1,647,673	180,262
Overtime wages	55,000	192,376	(137,376)
Food supplies	320,000	178,121	141,879
Utilities	139,790	163,960	(24,170)
Physician care	160,255	86,832	73,423
Contractual services	35,000	34,524	476
Clothing supplies	15,000	17,758	(2,758)
Insurance - auto	14,965	17,126	(2,161)
Telephone	10,000	8,885	1,115
Printing, binding, and advertising	475	7,150	(6,675)
Laundry	5,000	6,139	(1,139)
Travel and training	5,580	5,990	(410)
Office supplies	6,000	5,498	502
Equipment - vehicles	5,575	3,806	1,769
Maintenance - vehicles	-	1,612	(1,612)
Expendable supplies	1,135	1,135	-
Ammunition and weapons	940	940	-
Janitorial supplies	470	453	17
Equipment - communications	300	336	(36)
Drug testing	-	255	(255)
Postage	375	243	132
Maintenance - office equipment	470	167	303
Equipment - office furniture	940	-	940
	<u>2,605,205</u>	<u>2,380,979</u>	<u>224,226</u>
E911 Phase II:			
Telephone	28,680	26,493	2,187
Equipment - communications	6,820	17,426	(10,606)
Equipment - office furniture	1,500	-	1,500
	<u>37,000</u>	<u>43,919</u>	<u>(6,919)</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY: (Cont'd)			
Friendship Fire Dept - STEM:			
County appropriation	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Road Signs:			
Road and street signs	1,425	3,583	(2,158)
Fuel supplies	1,200	805	395
	<u>2,625</u>	<u>4,388</u>	<u>(1,763)</u>
Volunteer Firefighters:			
County appropriation	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
 Total Public Safety	 <u>6,131,960</u>	 <u>6,677,985</u>	 <u>(546,025)</u>
HEALTH AND WELFARE:			
Health Department:			
County appropriation	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Emergency Services:			
Equipment - vehicles	11,500	24,323	(12,823)
Salaries	11,845	10,279	1,566
Telephone	2,000	2,442	(442)
Travel and training	1,500	2,325	(825)
Office supplies	1,500	1,521	(21)
Insurance - inland marine	1,505	1,504	1
Insurance - aviation	-	1,394	(1,394)
Insurance - auto	1,425	1,126	299
Fuel supplies	1,000	1,030	(30)
Maintenance - vehicles	1,000	544	456
Printing, binding, and advertising	50	78	(28)
Computer services	500	-	500
Postage	50	-	50
Maintenance - other	3,500	-	3,500
	<u>37,375</u>	<u>46,566</u>	<u>(9,191)</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
HEALTH AND WELFARE: (Cont'd)			
Emergency Medical Transportation Service:			
Contractual services	\$ 1,164,985	\$ 1,180,619	\$ (15,634)
Expendable supplies	-	2,032	(2,032)
	<u>1,164,985</u>	<u>1,182,651</u>	<u>(17,666)</u>
Generations Unlimited:			
County appropriation	<u>100,000</u>	<u>178,380</u>	<u>(78,380)</u>
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:			
AXIS I - appropriation	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Department of Social Services:			
County appropriation	<u>40,250</u>	<u>40,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Veteran Affairs Office:			
Salaries	38,350	38,520	(170)
Travel and training	4,500	3,496	1,004
Miscellaneous	-	2,911	(2,911)
Telephone	3,200	1,584	1,616
Office supplies	1,900	1,500	400
Equipment - office furniture	200	1,088	(888)
Special projects	2,000	688	1,312
Postage	100	53	47
	<u>50,250</u>	<u>49,840</u>	<u>410</u>
Total Health and Welfare	<u>1,417,860</u>	<u>1,522,687</u>	<u>(104,827)</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Edgefield Regional Library System:			
County appropriation	<u>240,000</u>	<u>240,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Barnwell County Museum:			
County appropriation	15,000	15,000	-
Salaries	10,400	9,608	792
	<u>25,400</u>	<u>24,608</u>	<u>792</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION: (Cont'd)			
Recreation - County appropriation :			
City of Barnwell	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -
Town of Williston	5,875	5,875	-
Town of Blackville	5,700	5,700	-
Town of Hilda	1,000	1,000	-
Town of Elko	1,000	1,000	-
Town of Kline	1,000	1,000	-
Town of Snelling	1,000	1,000	-
Red Oak community	1,000	1,000	-
	<u>25,075</u>	<u>25,075</u>	<u>-</u>
Recreation:			
Salaries	48,455	33,750	14,705
Printing, binding, and advertising	-	1,541	(1,541)
Travel and training	-	1,019	(1,019)
Telephone	-	547	(547)
Office Supplies	-	374	(374)
Background checks	-	26	(26)
Drug testing	-	25	(25)
	<u>48,455</u>	<u>37,282</u>	<u>11,173</u>
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>338,930</u>	<u>326,965</u>	<u>11,965</u>
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Voter Registration Office:			
Salaries	118,525	131,401	(12,876)
Salaries - poll workers	-	49,645	(49,645)
Lease agreement	24,850	24,849	1
Poll workers	92,540	10,557	81,983
Travel and training	10,000	10,304	(304)
Printing, binding, and advertising	6,325	7,278	(953)
Professional fees and services	5,000	5,250	(250)
Equipment - machinery and other	5,000	3,913	1,087
Telephone	3,000	2,835	165
Postage	2,650	1,550	1,100
Utilities	-	1,195	(1,195)

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budget Original/Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
MISCELLANEOUS: (Cont'd)			
Voter Registration Office: (Cont'd)			
Office supplies	\$ 850	\$ 487	\$ 363
Overtime wages	-	389	(389)
Computer services	-	268	(268)
Equipment - office furniture	1,000	124	876
Drug testing	-	25	(25)
Maintenance - office equipment	500	-	500
	<u>270,240</u>	<u>250,070</u>	<u>20,170</u>
Other expenditures:			
Other general expenditures	77,500	-	77,500
	<u>77,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,500</u>
 Total Miscellaneous	 <u>347,740</u>	 <u>250,070</u>	 <u>97,670</u>
 CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
Capital outlay	-	559,803	(559,803)
Total Capital Outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>559,803</u>	<u>(559,803)</u>
 EMPLOYEE FRINGE BENEFITS:			
Retirement match	1,640,000	1,637,829	2,171
Health / life insurance	1,650,000	1,609,299	40,701
Social Security match	642,450	633,630	8,820
Worker's compensation insurance	180,000	220,432	(40,432)
Unemployment	4,000	4,090	(90)
Total Employee Fringe Benefits	<u>4,116,450</u>	<u>4,105,280</u>	<u>11,170</u>
 AGENCIES:			
Southern Carolina Alliance	60,000	60,000	-
Medical Indigent Fund	23,925	23,925	-
USC Salkehatchie	5,000	5,000	-
Denmark Technical College	5,000	5,000	-
Aiken/Barnwell Mental Health	1,000	1,000	-
Allendale/Barnwell Special Needs	1,000	1,000	-
Clemson Extension	500	500	-

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budget Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
AGENCIES: (Cont'd)			
Soil and Water Conservation	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Total Agencies	<u>96,925</u>	<u>96,925</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>19,763,390</u>	 <u>21,889,929</u>	 <u>(2,126,539)</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES:			
Transfers out	<u>298,235</u>	<u>533,280</u>	<u>(235,045)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 20,061,625</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,423,209</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (2,361,584)</u></u>

OTHER MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Major governmental funds are presented separately from non-major governmental funds when revenues/expenditures, assets/deferred outflows, or liabilities/deferred inflows meet certain quantitative thresholds or if the County believes that separately presenting the fund as major is particularly important to financial statement users.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special revenue funds are used to report specific revenue sources that are limited to being used for a particular purpose, such as transportation aid or federal grants.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

	Federal Inmate Funds	Self- Administered "C" Funds	American Rescue Funds	Total
ASSETS				
Equity in pooled cash/investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due from other governments	151,516	137,095	-	288,611
Due from General Fund	-	-	1,602,153	1,602,153
Total assets	<u>\$ 151,516</u>	<u>\$ 137,095</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,153</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,764</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities:				
Unearned revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,602,153	\$ 1,602,153
Due to General Fund	21,787	137,095	-	158,882
Total liabilities	<u>21,787</u>	<u>137,095</u>	<u>1,602,153</u>	<u>1,761,035</u>
Fund balance:				
Restricted	129,729	-	-	129,729
Total fund balance	<u>129,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,729</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 151,516</u>	<u>\$ 137,095</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,153</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,764</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Federal Inmate Funds	Self- Administered "C" Funds	American Rescue Funds	Total
Revenue				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,874,375	\$ 3,739,447	\$ 421,080	\$ 6,034,902
Interest	-	12,758	-	12,758
Total revenue	<u>1,874,375</u>	<u>3,752,205</u>	<u>421,080</u>	<u>6,047,660</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Physical environment	-	3,706,060	-	3,706,060
Public Safety	789,705	-	-	789,705
Health and welfare	-	-	421,080	421,080
Intergovernmental	-	4,721,750	-	4,721,750
Total expenditures	<u>789,705</u>	<u>8,427,810</u>	<u>421,080</u>	<u>9,638,595</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	1,084,670	(4,675,605)	-	(3,590,935)
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers (out)	<u>(1,166,613)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,166,613)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(81,943)	(4,675,605)	-	(4,757,548)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>211,672</u>	<u>4,675,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,887,277</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 129,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 129,729</u>

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Debt Service Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used to pay principal and interest on debt as it comes due.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

	Debt Service	(CPST) Debt Service	(BFC) Debt Service	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equity in pooled cash - restricted	-	-	-	-
Due from General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-
Due to General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance:				
Restricted for:				
Debt Service	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Debt Service	(CPST) Debt Service	(BFC) Debt Service	Total
Revenue				
Current property taxes	\$ 640,971	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640,971
Total revenue	<u>640,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>640,971</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Debt service	683,188	1,210,887	605,650	2,499,725
Total expenditures	<u>683,188</u>	<u>1,210,887</u>	<u>605,650</u>	<u>2,499,725</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	(42,217)	(1,210,887)	(605,650)	(1,858,754)
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers in	42,217	1,210,887	605,650	1,858,754
Net other financing sources	<u>42,217</u>	<u>1,210,887</u>	<u>605,650</u>	<u>1,858,754</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities that are not financed by proprietary funds.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

	Capital Projects	(CPST) Capital Projects	(BFC) Capital Projects	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 357,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 357,880
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	-	-	2,528	2,528
Equity in pooled cash	25,334	-	-	25,334
Equity in pooled cash/investments - restricted	-	3,362,377	-	3,362,377
Due from State Government	-	604,269	-	604,269
Total assets	<u>\$ 383,214</u>	<u>\$ 3,966,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,528</u>	<u>\$ 4,352,388</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities:				
Due to General Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Fund balance:				
Restricted for:				
Capital projects (CPST)	-	3,966,646	-	3,966,646
Capital projects (BFC)	-	-	2,528	2,528
Committed for:				
Capital projects	382,214	-	-	382,214
Total fund balance	<u>382,214</u>	<u>3,966,646</u>	<u>2,528</u>	<u>4,351,388</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 383,214</u>	<u>\$ 3,966,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,528</u>	<u>\$ 4,352,388</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Capital Projects	(CPST) Capital Projects	(BFC) Capital Projects	Total
Revenue				
Capital Projects Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ 2,336,082	\$ -	\$ 2,336,082
Interest	12,239	148,780	122	161,141
Miscellaneous revenues	25,000	-	-	25,000
Total revenue	<u>37,239</u>	<u>2,484,862</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>2,522,223</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public Safety	27,800	-	-	27,800
Intergovernmental	-	442,068	-	442,068
Miscellaneous	45,000	-	-	45,000
Total expenditures	<u>72,800</u>	<u>442,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>514,868</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	(35,561)	2,042,794	122	2,007,355
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from general obligation bonds	365,000	-	-	365,000
Transfers in	491,063	-	-	491,063
Transfers (out)	(605,650)	(1,210,887)	-	(1,816,537)
Net other financing sources (Uses)	<u>250,413</u>	<u>(1,210,887)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(960,474)</u>
Net change in fund balance	214,852	831,907	122	1,046,881
Fund balance, beginning of year	167,362	3,134,739	2,406	3,304,507
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 382,214</u>	<u>\$ 3,966,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,528</u>	<u>\$ 4,351,388</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Fund

- 200 E-911 - Accounts for funds received and disbursed related to the County's E-911 services.

- 201 Plant Vogtle - Accounts for funds received from Georgia Power for emergency preparedness in relation to the County's proximity to the company's nuclear power plant on the Savannah River.

- 202 DOE Emergency Preparedness Grant - Accounts for federal revenues and expenditures for emergency preparedness in relation to County's proximity to the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site nuclear facility.

- 203 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMP) - Accounts for funds from the Federal Department of Homeland Security to provide resources to assist State and local governments to sustain and enhance all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

- 204 Victim's Assistance - Accounts for court fines received from certain violators to be expended for various assistance to victims as prescribed by State of S.C. laws.

- 205 Public Safety - Accounts for special tax levy revenue for public safety.

- 212 Sex Offender Registry - Accounts for expenditures for the publishing of the registry.

- 215 Rural Fire District - Accounts for special tax levy revenue for rural fire protection.

- 217 Memorial Cemetery - Accounts for the sale and upkeep of plots and activity of the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery.

- 222 Sheriff's DSS - Accounts for funds received by the County Sherriff's Department for the processing and service of child support documentation.

- 223 Sheriff's Donations - Accounts for funds donated to the County specifically for sheriff's department use.

- 224 Sheriff's Drug - Accounts for funds confiscated by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Department.

- 225 PREA Grant - Accounts for grant funds related to the new jail.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds							
	200	201	202	203	204	205	212	215
			DOE					
			Emergency				Sex	Rural
			Preparedness				Offender	Fire
			Grant				Registry	District
	E-911	Plant Vogtle		LEMP Grant	Victim's Assistance	Public Safety		
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,390
Equity in pooled cash/investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equity in pooled cash/investments - restricted	88,319	36,653	-	-	-	-	10,006	847,396
Taxes receivable, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,325
Due from other governments	31,589	-	53,949	23,671	-	-	-	-
Due from General Fund	-	-	20,675	6,887	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 119,908</u>	<u>\$ 36,653</u>	<u>\$ 74,624</u>	<u>\$ 30,558</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,006</u>	<u>\$ 967,111</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Due to General Fund	<u>\$ 7,068</u>	<u>\$ 949</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 359,545</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,068</u>	<u>949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>359,545</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resouces								
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,750</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,750</u>
Fund balances:								
Restricted	112,840	35,704	74,624	30,558	-	-	10,006	588,816
Committed	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>112,840</u>	<u>35,704</u>	<u>74,624</u>	<u>30,558</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,006</u>	<u>588,816</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and fund balances	<u>\$ 119,908</u>	<u>\$ 36,653</u>	<u>\$ 74,624</u>	<u>\$ 30,558</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,006</u>	<u>\$ 967,111</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds					
	217	222	223	224	225	
	Memorial Cemetery	Sheriff's DSS	Sheriff's Donations	Sheriff's Drug	PREA Grant	Total Nonmajor Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,390
Equity in pooled cash/investments	3,820	-	-	-	-	3,820
Equity in pooled cash/investments - restricted	-	19,274	2,457	124,856	-	1,128,961
Taxes receivable, net	-	-	-	-	-	19,325
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-	-	109,209
Due from General Fund	-	-	-	-	1,710	29,272
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,820</u>	<u>\$ 19,274</u>	<u>\$ 2,457</u>	<u>\$ 124,856</u>	<u>\$ 1,710</u>	<u>\$ 1,390,977</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Due to General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367,562
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>367,562</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	-	-	-	-	-	18,750
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,750</u>
Fund balances:						
Restricted	-	19,274	2,457	124,856	1,710	1,000,845
Committed	3,820	-	-	-	-	3,820
Total fund balances	<u>3,820</u>	<u>19,274</u>	<u>2,457</u>	<u>124,856</u>	<u>1,710</u>	<u>1,004,665</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,820</u>	<u>\$ 19,274</u>	<u>\$ 2,457</u>	<u>\$ 124,856</u>	<u>\$ 1,710</u>	<u>\$ 1,390,977</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds						
	200	201	202	203	204	205	212
			DOE Emergency				Sex
		Plant	Preparedness	LEMP	Victim's	Public	Offender
	E-911	Vogtle	Grant	Grant	Assistance	Safety	Registry
REVENUE							
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162,431	\$ -
Intergovernmental	112,576	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal grants	-	-	83,515	75,638	-	-	-
Local grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines, forfeitures, and fees	-	-	-	-	19,180	-	-
Special assessments	-	75,536	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	4,124	1,396	-	-	-	-	413
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	116,700	76,932	83,515	75,638	19,180	162,431	413
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Public safety	146,609	73,533	85,256	79,819	19,180	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	146,609	73,533	85,256	79,819	19,180	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over (under) expenditures	(29,909)	3,399	(1,741)	(4,181)	-	162,431	413
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	(162,431)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-	(162,431)	-
Net change in fund balances	(29,909)	3,399	(1,741)	(4,181)	-	-	413
Fund balances, beginning of year	142,749	32,305	76,365	34,739	-	-	9,593
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 112,840	\$ 35,704	\$ 74,624	\$ 30,558	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,006

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds						
	215	217	222	223	224	225	Total
	Rural Fire District	Memorial Cemetery	Sheriff's DSS	Sheriff's Donations	Sheriff's Drug	PREA Grant	Nonmajor Funds
REVENUE							
Property taxes	\$ 446,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 608,687
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	112,576
Federal grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	159,153
Local grants	-	-	3,416	6,560	-	-	9,976
Charges for services	-	15,742	-	-	-	-	15,742
Fines, forfeitures, and fees	-	-	-	-	24,183	-	43,363
Special assessments	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,536
Interest	-	-	734	142	5,123	-	11,932
Miscellaneous	122,037	-	-	-	-	-	122,037
Total revenue	568,293	15,742	4,150	6,702	29,306	-	1,159,002
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Public safety	657,535	-	219	6,083	11,554	-	1,079,788
Health and welfare	-	50,260	-	-	-	-	50,260
Total expenditures	657,535	50,260	219	6,083	11,554	-	1,130,048
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over (under) expenditures	(89,242)	(34,518)	3,931	619	17,752	-	28,954
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(162,431)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(162,431)
Net change in fund balances	(89,242)	(34,518)	3,931	619	17,752	-	(133,477)
Fund balances, beginning of year	678,058	38,338	15,343	1,838	107,104	1,710	1,138,142
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 588,816	\$ 3,820	\$ 19,274	\$ 2,457	\$ 124,856	\$ 1,710	\$ 1,004,665

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary (enterprise) Funds account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise. In a proprietary fund the intent is that costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed primarily through user charges.

The Barnwell County Airport accounts for revenue and expenses for the operations of the Barnwell County Airport as an Enterprise Fund.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
ENTERPRISE FUND
COUNTY AIRPORT
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 242,781
Accounts receivable, net	1,111
Inventories	46,436
Total current assets	<u>290,328</u>

Non-current assets:

Capital assets:	
Land	743,502
Construction in process	1,100,001
Buildings and improvements, land improvements, and equipment	6,824,757
	<u>8,668,260</u>
Less, accumulated depreciation	(3,714,825)
Net capital assets	4,953,435
Land held for resale	228,979
Total non-current assets	<u>5,182,414</u>
Total assets	<u>5,472,742</u>

Deferred outflows of resources

Total deferred outflows related to pension plans	3,472
Total contributions subsequent to the measurement date for pensions	<u>11,628</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>15,100</u>

Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 5,487,842</u></u>
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LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION

Current liabilities:

Due to General Fund	\$ 110,354
Total current liabilities	<u>110,354</u>

Noncurrent liabilities:

Net pension liability	106,231
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>106,231</u>

Total liabilities	<u>216,585</u>
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Deferred inflows of resources

Total deferred inflows related to pensions	<u>6,115</u>
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Net position:

Net investment in capital assets	4,953,435
Unrestricted	311,707
Total net position	<u>5,265,142</u>

Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	<u><u>\$ 5,487,842</u></u>
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BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
ENTERPRISE FUND
COUNTY AIRPORT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Operating Revenue

Charges for services:

Fuel and oil sales	\$ 228,165
Land rent	1,050
Hanger rent	60,650
Other charges	1,583

Total charges for services	<u>291,448</u>
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Miscellaneous	<u>83,737</u>
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Total operating revenue	<u><u>375,185</u></u>
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Operating Expenses

Salaries and benefits	113,398
Bank fees	7,144
Printing, binding, advertising	790
Travel and training	750
Utilities	16,499
Fuel and oil purchases	184,326
Janitorial supplies	905
Office supplies	3,591
Insurance	11,184
Maintenance - building and grounds	7,684
Maintenance - vehicles	633
Depreciation	196,346
Professional services	876
Compliance and permits	347
Terminal expense	2,145
Miscellaneous	78

Total operating expenses	<u><u>546,696</u></u>
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Operating loss	<u>(171,511)</u>
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Change in net position	(171,511)
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Total net position - beginning	<u>5,436,653</u>
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Total net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 5,265,142</u></u>
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FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary Funds include trust and custodial funds used to account for assets received and held by the County acting in the capacity of an agent or custodian. In custodial funds, total assets equal total liabilities and, therefore, do not measure the results of operations.

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Balance				Balance
	June 30, 2023	Additions	Deductions		June 30, 2024
Assets					
Cash	\$ 2,584,826	\$ 5,522,954	\$ (5,735,967)	\$	2,371,813
Equity in pooled cash	8,341,719	59,831,903	(58,011,443)		10,162,179
	<u>\$ 10,926,545</u>	<u>\$ 65,354,857</u>	<u>\$ (63,747,410)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>12,533,992</u>
Liabilities					
Due to General Fund	\$ 118,289	\$ 437,510	\$ (448,964)	\$	106,835
Funds held for others:					
District # 19	308,384	10,133	(125,676)		192,841
District # 29	(117,265)	117,265	-		-
District # 45	8,276,298	34,974,458	(34,924,921)		8,325,835
District # 48	988,821	23,747,860	(22,433,489)		2,303,192
Career Center	(1,906)	1,992,238	(1,943,760)		46,572
City of Barnwell	7,310	648,152	(566,811)		88,651
Town of Williston	5,147	307,177	(305,885)		6,439
Town of Blackville	3,251	214,202	(213,490)		3,963
Town of Snelling	202	24,823	(24,884)		141
Barnwell Magistrate	1,404	90,497	(88,976)		2,925
Williston Magistrate	1,036	182,121	(180,469)		2,688
Blackville Magistrate	1,794	112,800	(113,176)		1,418
Clerk of Court	130,599	347,090	(345,154)		132,535
Delinquent Tax Sale Escrow	959,893	1,399,158	(1,348,508)		1,010,543
Jail Inmates Trust Account	188,467	739,904	(683,355)		245,016
Unincorporated Fire Districts (1%)	54,821	9,577	-		64,398
	<u>10,808,256</u>	<u>64,917,455</u>	<u>(63,298,554)</u>		<u>12,427,157</u>
	<u>\$ 10,926,545</u>	<u>\$ 65,354,965</u>	<u>\$ (63,747,518)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>12,533,992</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2024
BARNWELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS				
School District #19				
Assets				
Operating:				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 308,384	\$ 10,133	\$ (125,676)	\$ 192,841
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 308,384	\$ 10,133	\$ (125,676)	\$ 192,841
School District #29				
Assets				
Operating:				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ (117,265)	\$ 117,265	\$ -	\$ -
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ (117,265)	\$ 117,265	\$ -	\$ -
School District #45				
Assets				
Operating:				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 7,674,015	\$ 33,654,435	\$ (33,431,695)	\$ 7,896,755
Debt service:				
Cash	602,283	1,320,023	(1,493,226)	429,080
	\$ 8,276,298	\$ 34,974,458	\$ (34,924,921)	\$ 8,325,835
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 8,276,298	\$ 34,974,458	\$ (34,924,921)	\$ 8,325,835
School District #48				
Assets				
Operating:				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 462,581	\$ 22,863,478	\$ (21,399,242)	\$ 1,926,817
Debt service:				
Cash	526,240	884,382	(1,034,247)	376,375
	\$ 988,821	\$ 23,747,860	\$ (22,433,489)	\$ 2,303,192
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 988,821	\$ 23,747,860	\$ (22,433,489)	\$ 2,303,192

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
Barnwell County Career Center				
Assets				
Operating:				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ (1,906)	\$ 1,992,238	\$ (1,943,760)	\$ 46,572
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ (1,906)	\$ 1,992,238	\$ (1,943,760)	\$ 46,572
TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS				
Assets				
Operating:				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 8,325,809	\$ 58,637,549	\$ (56,900,373)	\$ 10,062,985
Debt service:				
Cash	1,128,523	2,204,405	(2,527,473)	805,455
	<u>\$ 9,454,332</u>	<u>\$ 60,841,954</u>	<u>\$ (59,427,846)</u>	<u>\$ 10,868,440</u>
Liabilities				
Funds held for others:				
District # 19	\$ 308,384	\$ 10,133	\$ (125,676)	\$ 192,841
District # 29	(117,265)	117,265	-	-
District # 45	8,276,298	34,974,458	(34,924,921)	8,325,835
District # 48	988,821	23,747,860	(22,433,489)	2,303,192
Career Center	(1,906)	1,992,238	(1,943,760)	46,572
	<u>\$ 9,454,332</u>	<u>\$ 60,841,954</u>	<u>\$ (59,427,846)</u>	<u>\$ 10,868,440</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
MUNICIPALITIES				
City of Barnwell				
Assets				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 7,310	\$ 648,152	\$ (566,811)	\$ 88,651
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 7,310	\$ 648,152	\$ (566,811)	\$ 88,651
Town of Williston				
Assets				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 5,147	\$ 307,177	\$ (305,885)	\$ 6,439
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 5,147	\$ 307,177	\$ (305,885)	\$ 6,439
Town of Blackville				
Assets				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 3,251	\$ 214,202	\$ (213,490)	\$ 3,963
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 3,251	\$ 214,202	\$ (213,490)	\$ 3,963
Town of Snelling				
Assets				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 202	\$ 24,823	\$ (24,884)	\$ 141
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 202	\$ 24,823	\$ (24,884)	\$ 141
TOTAL MUNICIPALITIES				
Assets				
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 15,910	\$ 1,194,354	\$ (1,111,070)	\$ 99,194
Liabilities				
Funds held for others:				
City of Barnwell	\$ 7,310	\$ 648,152	\$ (566,811)	\$ 88,651
Town of Williston	5,147	307,177	(305,885)	6,439
Town of Blackville	3,251	214,202	(213,490)	3,963
Town of Snelling	202	24,823	(24,884)	141
	<u>\$ 15,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,354</u>	<u>\$ (1,111,070)</u>	<u>\$ 99,194</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
MAGISTRATES				
Barnwell Magistrate				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 6,258	\$ 97,504	\$ (88,976)	\$ 14,786
Liabilities				
Due to General Fund	\$ 4,854	\$ 7,007	\$ -	\$ 11,861
Funds held for others (o/s bonds)	1,404	90,497	(88,976)	2,925
	<u>\$ 6,258</u>	<u>\$ 97,504</u>	<u>\$ (88,976)</u>	<u>\$ 14,786</u>
Williston Magistrate				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 15,285	\$ 182,121	\$ (185,042)	\$ 12,364
Liabilities				
Due to General Fund	\$ 14,249	\$ -	\$ (4,573)	\$ 9,676
Funds held for others (o/s bonds)	1,036	182,121	(180,469)	2,688
	<u>\$ 15,285</u>	<u>\$ 182,121</u>	<u>\$ (185,042)</u>	<u>\$ 12,364</u>
Blackville Magistrate				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 9,527	\$ 118,143	\$ (113,176)	\$ 14,494
Liabilities				
Due to General Fund	\$ 7,733	\$ 5,343	\$ -	\$ 13,076
Funds held for others (o/s bonds)	1,794	112,800	(113,176)	1,418
	<u>\$ 9,527</u>	<u>\$ 118,143</u>	<u>\$ (113,176)</u>	<u>\$ 14,494</u>
TOTAL MAGISTRATES				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 31,070	\$ 397,768	\$ (387,194)	\$ 41,644
Liabilities				
Due to General Fund	\$ 26,836	\$ 12,350	\$ (4,573)	\$ 34,613
Funds held for others (o/s bonds):				
Barnwell Magistrate	1,404	90,497	(88,976)	2,925
Williston Magistrate	1,036	182,121	(180,469)	2,688
Blackville Magistrate	1,794	112,800	(113,176)	1,418
	<u>\$ 31,070</u>	<u>\$ 397,768</u>	<u>\$ (387,194)</u>	<u>\$ 41,644</u>

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
OTHER AGENCIES				
Clerk of Court				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 218,681	\$ 663,220	\$ (680,515)	\$ 201,386
Liabilities				
Due to General Fund	\$ 88,082	\$ 316,238	\$ (335,469)	\$ 68,851
Funds held for others	130,599	347,090	(345,154)	132,535
	<u>\$ 218,681</u>	<u>\$ 663,328</u>	<u>\$ (680,623)</u>	<u>\$ 201,386</u>
Delinquent Tax Sale Escrow				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 963,264	\$ 1,508,080	\$ (1,457,430)	\$ 1,013,914
Liabilities				
Due to General Fund	\$ 3,371	\$ 108,922	\$ (108,922)	\$ 3,371
Funds held for others	959,893	1,399,158	(1,348,508)	1,010,543
	<u>\$ 963,264</u>	<u>\$ 1,508,080</u>	<u>\$ (1,457,430)</u>	<u>\$ 1,013,914</u>
Jail Inmates Trust Account				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 188,467	\$ 739,904	\$ (683,355)	\$ 245,016
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 188,467	\$ 739,904	\$ (683,355)	\$ 245,016
Unincorporated Fire Districts (1%)				
Assets				
Cash - Barnwell Rural	\$ 18,034	\$ 4,747	\$ -	\$ 22,781
Cash - Long Branch	8,815	2,560	-	11,375
Cash - Red Oak	27,972	2,270	-	30,242
	<u>\$ 54,821</u>	<u>\$ 9,577</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 64,398</u>
Liabilities				
Funds held for others	\$ 54,821	\$ 9,577	\$ -	\$ 64,398

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
TOTAL OTHER AGENCIES				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 1,425,233	\$ 2,920,781	\$ (2,821,300)	\$ 1,524,714
Liabilities				
Due to General Fund	\$ 91,453	\$ 425,160	\$ (444,391)	\$ 72,222
Funds held for others:				
Clerk of Court	130,599	347,090	(345,154)	132,535
Delinquent Tax Sale Escrow	959,893	1,399,158	(1,348,508)	1,010,543
Jail Inmates Trust Account	188,467	739,904	(683,355)	245,016
Unincorporated Fire Districts (1%)	54,821	9,577	-	64,398
	<u>\$ 1,425,233</u>	<u>\$ 2,920,889</u>	<u>\$ (2,821,408)</u>	<u>\$ 1,524,714</u>

NON-MAJOR COMPONENT UNITS

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
NON-MAJOR COMPONENT UNITS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Generations Unlimited (Unaudited)	Barnwell County Career Center	Barnwell County Library Foundation	Total
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,573	\$ 1,504,416	\$ 91,259	\$ 1,599,248
Receivables, net:				
Delinquent taxes (net of allowance for uncollectible taxes)	-	36,973	-	36,973
Leases	-	-	23,266	23,266
Other	113,747	-	1,106	114,853
Prepaid items	31,642	-	-	31,642
Due from other governments	-	7,015	-	7,015
Due from other funds	-	1,001	-	1,001
Total current assets	148,962	1,549,405	115,631	1,813,998
Non-current assets:				
Capital assets not subject to depreciation	-	-	27,525	27,525
Capital assets subject to depreciation, net	279,086	364,126	263,412	906,624
Leases receivable, noncurrent	-	-	1,991	1,991
Total non-current assets	279,086	364,126	292,928	936,140
Total Assets	428,048	1,913,531	408,559	2,750,138
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred outflows related to pensions	117,411	460,776	-	578,187
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	-	377,825	-	377,825
Total deferred outflows of resources	117,411	838,601	-	956,012
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	129,853	82,049	-	211,902
Accrued salaries and related taxes	17,703	142,662	-	160,365
Retirement payable	5,735	-	-	5,735
Health insurance payable	3,592	-	-	3,592
Line of credit	68,509	-	-	68,509
Accrued compensated absences - current portion	2,038	-	-	2,038
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	227,430	224,711	-	452,141
Long-term (non-current) liabilities:				
Net pension liability	1,102,688	1,350,518	-	2,453,206
Other post-employment benefit (OPEB) obligation	-	2,068,152	-	2,068,152
Total long-term liabilities	1,102,688	3,418,670	-	4,521,358
Total Liabilities	1,330,118	3,643,381	-	4,973,499
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred inflows related to pensions	123,549	249,125	-	372,674
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	-	831,528	-	831,528
Deferred inflows related to leases	-	-	23,012	23,012
Total deferred inflows of resources	123,549	1,080,653	23,012	1,227,214
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	279,086	364,126	290,937	934,149
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(1,187,294)	(2,336,028)	94,610	(3,428,712)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (908,208)</u>	<u>\$ (1,971,902)</u>	<u>\$ 385,547</u>	<u>\$ (2,494,563)</u>

**BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
NON-MAJOR COMPONENT UNITS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Functions and Programs	Program Revenues					Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Other	Governmental Activities			Totals
						Generations Unlimited (Unaudited)	Barnwell County Career Center	Barnwell County Library Foundation	
Generations Unlimited (Unaudited)									
Governmental activities:									
Transportation	\$ (833,718)	\$ 517,661	\$ 317,640	\$ 8,659	\$ -	\$ 10,242			\$ 10,242
Meals	(361,187)	293,806	-	-	8,618	(58,763)			(58,763)
Intermediate Cost Centers	(38,972)	-	-	-	38,972	-			-
Other	(111,362)	11,923	-	-	18,485	(80,954)			(80,954)
Total Generations Unlimited	(1,345,239)	823,390	317,640	8,659	66,075	(129,475)			(129,475)
Barnwell County Career Center									
Governmental activities:									
Instruction	(1,215,654)	265,457	397,009	-	-		\$ (553,188)		(553,188)
Support services	(783,004)	-	-	-	-		(783,004)		(783,004)
Total Barnwell County Career Center	(1,998,658)	265,457	397,009	-	-		(1,336,192)		(1,336,192)
Barnwell County Library Foundation									
Governmental activities:									
General Government	(28,601)	22,348	-	-	-			\$ (6,253)	(6,253)
Total Barnwell County Library Foundation	(28,601)	22,348	-	-	-			(6,253)	(6,253)
Total non-major component units	\$(3,372,498)	\$ 1,111,195	\$ 714,649	\$ 8,659	\$ 66,075	(129,475)	(1,336,192)	(6,253)	(1,471,920)
General Revenues:									
General Revenue:									
Property taxes						-	1,423,929	-	1,423,929
Interest earnings						-	19,754	1,870	21,624
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment						-	-	4,999	4,999
Other						-	6,318	750	7,068
Total general revenues						-	1,450,001	7,619	1,457,620
Change in net position						(129,475)	113,809	1,366	(14,300)
Net position(deficit) - beginning						(778,733)	(2,085,711)	384,181	(2,480,263)
Net position(deficit) - ending						<u>\$ (908,208)</u>	<u>\$ (1,971,902)</u>	<u>\$ 385,547</u>	<u>\$(2,494,563)</u>

VICTIMS' RIGHTS ASSISTANCE

BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF COURT FINES, ASSESSMENTS, AND SURCHARGES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FOR THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE

COUNTY/MUNICIPAL FUNDS COLLECTED BY CLERK OF COURT	General Sessions	Magistrate Court	Municipal Court	Total
Court Fines and Assessments:				
Court fines and assessments collected	\$ 62,535	\$ 346,246	\$ -	\$ 408,781
Court fines and assessments remitted to State Treasurer	(43,305)	(185,683)	-	(228,988)
Total Court Fines and Assessments retained	\$ 19,230	\$ 160,563	\$ -	\$ 179,793
Surcharges and Assessments retained for victim services:				
Surcharges collected and retained	\$ 1,818	\$ 3,092	\$ -	\$ 4,910
Assessments retained	495	13,775	-	14,270
Total Surcharges and Assessments retained for victim services	\$ 2,313	\$ 16,867	\$ -	\$ 19,180

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION (DCVC)

VICTIM SERVICE FUNDS COLLECTED	Municipal	County	Total
Carryforward from previous year - beginning balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Victim Service revenue			
Victim Service Fines Retained by City/County Treasurer	-	-	-
Victim Service Assessments Retained by City/County Treasurer	-	14,270	14,270
Victim Service Surcharges Retained by City/County Treasurer	-	4,910	4,910
Interest Earned	-	-	-
Grant Funds Received			
Grant from:	-	-	-
General Funds Transferred to Victim Service Fund	-	-	-
Contribution Received from Victim Service Contracts:			
(1) Town of	-	-	-
(2) Town of	-	-	-
(3) City of	-	-	-
Total Funds Allocated to Victim Service Fund + Beginning Balance (A)	\$ -	\$ 19,180	\$ 19,180
Expenditures for Victim Service Program			
Salaries and Benefits	\$ -	\$ 19,180	\$ 19,180
Operating Expenditures	-	-	-
Victim Service Contract(s):			
(1) Entity's Name	-	-	-
(2) Entity's Name	-	-	-
Victim Service Donation(s):			
(1) Domestic Violence Shelter:	-	-	-
(2) Rape Crisis Center:	-	-	-
(3) Other local direct crime victims service agency:	-	-	-
Transferred to General Fund	-	-	-
Total Expenditures from Victim Service Fund/Program(B)	\$ -	\$ 19,180	\$ 19,180
Total Victim Service Funds Retained by Municipal/County Treasurer (A-B)	-	-	-
Less: Prior Year Fund Deficit Repayment	-	-	-
Carryforward Funds - End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based
on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
*Government Auditing Standards***

To the Honorable Chairman and Members of County Council
Barnwell, South Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, of Barnwell County, South Carolina (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 December 19, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions 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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2024-001 and 2024-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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*.

Barnwell County, South Carolina's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of This Report

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



Columbia, South Carolina
December 19, 2024

**BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Section I—Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements:

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|------|--|------------|
| i. | Type of auditor’s report issued on the financial statements: | |
| a. | Governmental activities | Unmodified |
| b. | Business-type activities | Unmodified |
| c. | Major funds | Unmodified |
| d. | Other governmental funds | Unmodified |
| ii. | Internal Control over financial reporting: | |
| a. | Material weaknesses identified | No |
| b. | Significant deficiencies identified | Yes |
| iii. | Noncompliance material to the financial statements: | No |

**BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Section II - Financial Statement Findings:

2024-001

Condition: There is an insufficient control framework surrounding the classification of expenses, leading to potential inconsistencies and inaccuracies in how expenses are categorized and recorded.

Criteria: It is critical to implement controls over the classification of expenses to ensure they are accurately categorized and properly managed.

Effect: Because a sufficient control framework for classification of expenses does not exist, errors and irregularities could occur and not be detected in a timely manner. Additionally, this makes it challenging to reconcile capital outlay additions and ensure their completeness.

Recommendation: A consistent process and sufficient control framework surrounding the classification of expenses should be established and maintained.

Management's Response: Management will employ better communication with department heads when they classify their expenses and send their invoices to the Finance Department for payment. We will also ensure that Department Heads understand the importance of accurately classifying expenses (even when they feel it will cause them to go over budget on a specific line item) so that our records are accurate and true. This will also help ensure that the fixed asset purchases are accurately recorded under the capital outlay.

2024-002

Condition: There were errors and omissions to the June 30, 2023 financial statements that required restatement.

Criteria: An actuarial valuation related to the Barnwell County Hospital Retirement Plan was performed in 2023, however related net pension liabilities and deferred inflows/outflows were not reported as of June 30, 2023. In addition, an installment purchase obligation balance was inaccurately reported as of June 30, 2023. Lastly, an issue with the fixed assets software allowed accumulated depreciation to exceed the cost of certain assets during 2023, while also governmental capital assets on the statement of net position did not agree to the correctly stated amount disclosed in the footnotes.

Effect: There was a restatement to the June 30, 2023 net position for governmental activities.

Recommendation: Additional checks and balances should be implemented to identify and address such errors before the issuance of financial statements.

Management's Response: Management has contracted with an outside entity which provides additional checks and balances, and the evidence of that is the error was caught and corrected in a timely manner and was corrected in the restatement.

**BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings:

2023-1

Condition: There is a lack of segregation of accounting duties that enables the same individuals to have access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction.

Management took corrective action with regards to this finding and so it has not been repeated for the current year.