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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Sandusky County
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To the County Commissioners:

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 Sandusky County, Ohio (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sandusky County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows, thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General, Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax, Human Services, and County Board of Developmental Disabilities funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 3, the Sandusky County, Ohio adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 20, 2012, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include Management's discussion and analysis, as listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential 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 other assurance.

We conducted our audit to opine on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements taken as a whole. The federal awards expenditures schedule provides additional information required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule is management's responsibility, and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. This schedule was subject to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

September 20, 2012

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 UNAUDITED

The management's discussion and analysis of Sandusky County's (the "County") financial performance provides an overall review of the County's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2011. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2011 are as follows:

- The total net assets of the County increased \$1,578,559. Net assets of governmental activities increased \$1,588,400, which represents a 2.21% increase over 2010. Net assets of business-type activities decreased \$9,841, or 0.22% from 2010.
- General revenues accounted for \$22,856,986 or 46.18% of total governmental activities revenue. Program specific revenues accounted for \$26,638,184 or 53.82% of total governmental activities revenue.
- The County had \$47,906,770 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$26,638,184 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of \$22,856,986 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The general fund, the County's largest major fund, had revenues of \$16,711,321 in 2011, an increase of \$1,137,261 from 2010 revenues. The general fund had expenditures and other financing uses of \$16,445,945 in 2011, an increase of \$2,051,130 from 2010. The fund balance of the general fund increased \$265,376 from 2010 to 2011.
- The motor vehicle and gas tax fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$5,374,166 in 2011. The motor vehicle and gas tax fund had expenditures of \$5,463,478 in 2011. The fund balance of the motor vehicle and gas tax fund decreased \$89,312 from 2010 to 2011.
- The human services fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$5,407,767 in 2011. The human services fund had expenditures of \$5,480,721 in 2011. The fund balance of the human services fund decreased \$72,954 from 2010 to 2011.
- The County board of developmental disabilities (DD) fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$8,498,765 in 2011. The County board of DD fund had expenditures of \$9,324,811 in 2011. The fund balance of the County board of DD fund decreased \$826,046 from 2010 to 2011.
- Net assets for the sanitary sewer enterprise fund decreased in 2011 by \$9,841 or 0.22%.
- In the general fund, the actual revenues and other financing sources came in \$818,179 greater than they were originally budgeted and actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$313,423 more than the amount in the original budget.

Using the Basic Financial Statements (BFS)

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the County as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

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The statement of net assets and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the whole County, presenting both an aggregate view of the County's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the County's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the County, there are four major governmental funds. The general fund is the largest major fund.

Reporting the County as a Whole

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities answer the question, how did we do financially during 2011? These statements include all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. The accrual basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the County's net assets and changes in those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the County as a whole, the financial position of the County has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the County's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, and other factors.

In the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, the County is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

Governmental activities - Most of the County's programs and services are reported here including human services, health, public safety, public works and general government. These services are funded primarily by taxes and intergovernmental revenues including Federal and State grants and other shared revenues.

Business-type activities - These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all or a significant portion of the expenses of the goods or services provided.

Reporting the County's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

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

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the County's major funds. The County uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the County's most significant funds. The County's major governmental funds are the general fund, motor vehicle and gas tax, human services and County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD).

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial

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statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The County maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the major funds, which were identified earlier. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

Proprietary Funds

The County maintains two different types of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses an enterprise fund to account for its sanitary sewer operations. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. The County uses an internal service fund to account for a self-funded workers compensation insurance program for employees of the County and several governmental units within the County. Because this service predominantly benefits governmental rather than business-type functions, it has been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The statement of net assets provides the perspective of the County as a whole. Certain fund balance classifications have been restated in the governmental activities for 2010 to conform to 2011 presentation in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54. The table below provides a summary of the County's net assets for 2011 and 2010.

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Net Assets

			(Restated)		2011 Total	(Restated) 2010 Total
	Governmental Activities 2011	Business-type Activities 2011	Governmental Activities 2010	Business-type Activities 2010		
<u>Assets</u>						
Current and other assets	\$ 46,831,845	\$ 954,819	\$ 44,528,929	\$ 868,103	\$ 47,786,664	\$ 45,397,032
Capital assets, net	<u>41,909,670</u>	<u>5,208,217</u>	<u>42,625,972</u>	<u>5,282,441</u>	<u>47,117,887</u>	<u>47,908,413</u>
Total assets	<u>88,741,515</u>	<u>6,163,036</u>	<u>87,154,901</u>	<u>6,150,544</u>	<u>94,904,551</u>	<u>93,305,445</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Long-term liabilities outstanding	5,497,998	1,554,529	6,193,848	1,548,408	7,052,527	7,742,256
Other liabilities	<u>9,766,643</u>	<u>77,555</u>	<u>9,072,579</u>	<u>61,343</u>	<u>9,844,198</u>	<u>9,133,922</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,264,641</u>	<u>1,632,084</u>	<u>15,266,427</u>	<u>1,609,751</u>	<u>16,896,725</u>	<u>16,876,178</u>
<u>Net assets</u>						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	38,308,889	3,669,828	38,619,795	3,757,349	41,978,717	42,377,144
Restricted	23,573,263		23,051,029		23,573,263	23,051,029
Unrestricted	<u>11,594,722</u>	<u>861,124</u>	<u>10,217,650</u>	<u>783,444</u>	<u>12,455,846</u>	<u>11,001,094</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 73,476,874</u>	<u>\$ 4,530,952</u>	<u>\$ 71,888,474</u>	<u>\$ 4,540,793</u>	<u>\$ 78,007,826</u>	<u>\$ 76,429,267</u>

Over time, net assets can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2011, the County's assets exceeded liabilities by \$78,007,826. This amounts to \$73,476,874 in governmental activities and \$4,530,952 in business-type activities. The County's finances remained strong during 2011, despite the decline in the economy.

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the County's net assets. At year-end, capital assets represented 49.65% of total governmental and business-type assets. Capital assets include land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, construction in progress, water and sewer lines and infrastructure. Capital assets, net of related debt to acquire the assets at December 31, 2011, were \$41,978,717. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and 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 to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

As of December 31, 2011, the County is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

A portion of the County's net assets, \$23,573,263, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of government-wide unrestricted net assets of \$12,455,846 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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The table below shows the changes in net assets for 2011 and 2010.

	Change in Net Assets					
	Governmental	Business-type	Governmental	Business-type	2011	2010
	Activities 2011	Activities 2011	Activities 2010	Activities 2010	Total	Total
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services and sales	\$ 7,905,501	\$ 1,319,587	\$ 7,604,028	\$ 1,131,724	\$ 9,225,088	\$ 8,735,752
Operating grants and contributions	18,481,183		19,658,202		18,481,183	19,658,202
Capital grants and contributions	<u>251,500</u>		<u>499,550</u>	<u>439,101</u>	<u>251,500</u>	<u>938,651</u>
Total program revenues	<u>26,638,184</u>	<u>1,319,587</u>	<u>27,761,780</u>	<u>1,570,825</u>	<u>27,957,771</u>	<u>29,332,605</u>
General revenues:						
Property taxes	7,253,738		6,845,764		7,253,738	6,845,764
Sales tax	10,632,214		8,009,396		10,632,214	8,009,396
Unrestricted grants	3,235,806		3,850,356		3,235,806	3,850,356
Investment earnings	97,860	3,063	383,177	9,505	100,923	392,682
Other	<u>1,637,368</u>	<u>81,881</u>	<u>3,002,752</u>	<u>75,183</u>	<u>1,719,249</u>	<u>3,077,935</u>
Total general revenues	<u>22,856,986</u>	<u>84,944</u>	<u>22,091,445</u>	<u>84,688</u>	<u>22,941,930</u>	<u>22,176,133</u>
Total revenues	<u>49,495,170</u>	<u>1,404,531</u>	<u>49,853,225</u>	<u>1,655,513</u>	<u>50,899,701</u>	<u>51,508,738</u>
Expenses						
Program expenses:						
General government	9,546,989		9,532,871		9,546,989	9,532,871
Public safety	10,812,295		9,479,347		10,812,295	9,479,347
Public works	5,981,828		5,856,964		5,981,828	5,856,964
Health	403,345		445,732		403,345	445,732
Human services	20,222,453		21,445,322		20,222,453	21,445,322
Economic development and assistance	583,536		449,141		583,536	449,141
Intergovernmental	172,234		163,000		172,234	163,000
Interest and fiscal charges	184,090		197,052		184,090	197,052
Sanitary sewer		<u>1,414,372</u>		<u>1,177,694</u>	<u>1,414,372</u>	<u>1,177,694</u>
Total expenses	<u>47,906,770</u>	<u>1,414,372</u>	<u>47,569,429</u>	<u>1,177,694</u>	<u>49,321,142</u>	<u>48,747,123</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	1,588,400	(9,841)	2,283,796	477,819	1,578,559	2,761,615
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>71,888,474</u>	<u>4,540,793</u>	<u>69,604,678</u>	<u>4,062,974</u>	<u>76,429,267</u>	<u>73,667,652</u>
Net Assets End of Year	<u>\$ 73,476,874</u>	<u>\$ 4,530,952</u>	<u>\$ 71,888,474</u>	<u>\$ 4,540,793</u>	<u>\$ 78,007,826</u>	<u>\$ 76,429,267</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental net assets increased by \$1,588,400 in 2011 over 2010. This increase is due primarily to an increase in sales tax revenues, in 2011 over 2010.

Human services expenses, which support the operations of the County Board of DD, Job and Family Services (human services fund), Veteran Services, and the Children Services Board, accounts for \$20,222,453 of expenses, or 42.21% of total governmental expenses of the County. These expenses were funded by \$408,901 in charges to users of services and \$11,239,815 in operating grants and contributions in 2011. General government expenses which includes legislative and executive and judicial programs, totaled \$9,546,989 or 19.93% of total governmental expenses. General government

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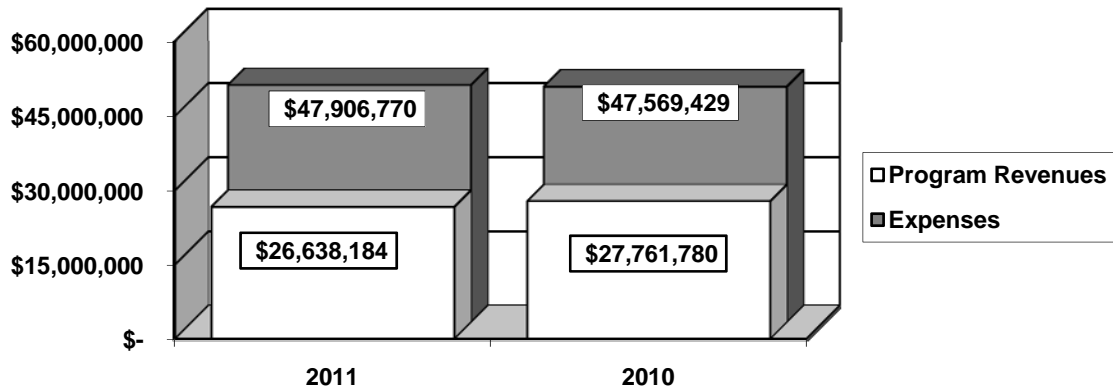
expenses were covered by \$4,042,955 of direct charges to users in 2011 and \$128,000 in operating grants and contributions in 2011.

The State and Federal government contributed to the County revenues of \$18,481,183 in operating grants and contributions and \$251,500 in capital grants and contributions. These revenues are restricted to a particular program or purpose. Of the total operating grants and contributions \$11,239,815, or 60.82%, subsidized human services programs.

Governmental general revenues totaled \$22,856,986, and amounted to 46.18% of total governmental revenues. These revenues primarily consist of property and sales tax revenue of \$17,885,952, or 78.25% of total governmental general revenues in 2011. The other primary source of general revenues is grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs, which consists primarily of local government revenue and property tax reimbursements received from the State, \$3,235,806, or 14.16% of total governmental general revenues.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services for 2011 and 2010. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements.

Governmental Activities – Program Revenues vs. Total Expenses



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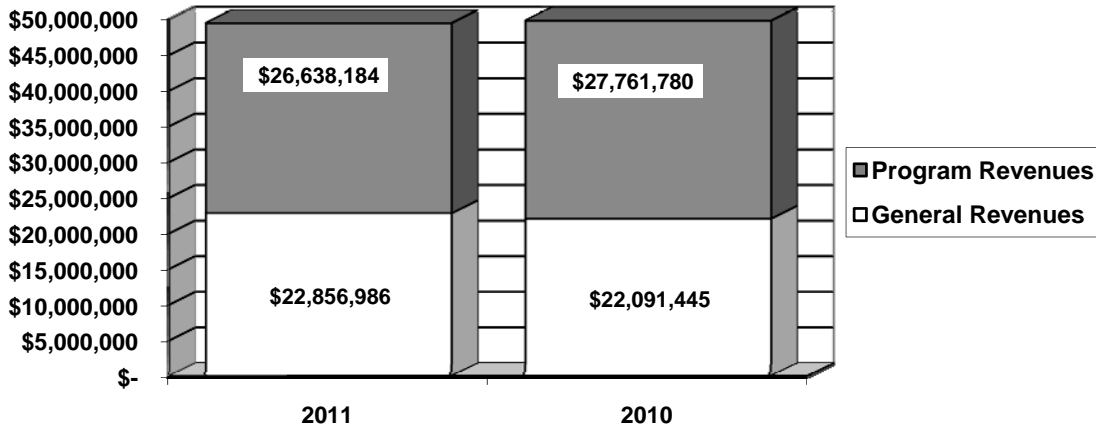
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Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2011	Net Cost of Services 2011	Total Cost of Services 2010	Net Cost of Services 2010
Program expenses:				
General government	\$ 9,546,989	\$ 5,376,034	\$ 9,532,871	\$ 5,709,988
Public safety	10,812,295	7,496,360	9,479,347	6,909,121
Public works	5,981,828	(395,563)	5,856,964	(399,943)
Health	403,345	121,001	445,732	194,560
Human services	20,222,453	8,573,737	21,445,322	7,188,717
Economic development and assistance	583,536	(26,406)	449,141	76,859
Intergovernmental	172,234	172,234	163,000	163,000
Interest and fiscal charges	184,090	(48,811)	197,052	(34,653)
Total	<u>\$ 47,906,770</u>	<u>\$ 21,268,586</u>	<u>\$ 47,569,429</u>	<u>\$ 19,807,649</u>

The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, with 44.40% of expenses supported through taxes and other general revenues during 2011.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



Business-Type Activities

The sanitary sewer is the County's only enterprise fund. This program had revenues of \$1,404,531 and expenses of \$1,414,372 for 2011. The sanitary sewer fund's net asset balance decreased \$9,841 in 2011.

Financial Analysis of the Government'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 the County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing

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requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the County's net resources available for spending at year-end.

The December 31, 2010 fund balance of the general fund and other governmental funds were restated for fund reclassification required for the implementation of GASB 54 (See note 3.B for detail). The County's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$27,295,437, which is \$1,049,998 greater than last year's restated total of \$26,245,439. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of December 31, 2011 for all major and non-major governmental funds.

	Fund Balance <u>December 31, 2011</u>	(Restated) Fund Balance <u>December 31, 2010</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>
Major funds:			
General	\$ 5,536,449	\$ 5,271,073	\$ 265,376
Motor vehicle and gas tax	3,041,831	3,131,143	(89,312)
Human services	1,323,404	1,396,358	(72,954)
County board of DD	5,007,756	5,833,802	(826,046)
Other nonmajor governmental funds	<u>12,385,997</u>	<u>10,613,063</u>	<u>1,772,934</u>
Total	<u>\$ 27,295,437</u>	<u>\$ 26,245,439</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,998</u>

General Fund

The general fund, the County's largest major fund, had revenues of \$16,711,321 in 2011, an increase of \$1,137,261 from 2010 revenues. The general fund had expenditures and other financing uses of \$16,445,945 in 2011, an increase of \$2,051,130 from 2010. The fund balance of the general fund increased \$265,376 from 2010 to 2011, mainly due to an increase in sales tax revenue.

Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund

The motor vehicle and gas tax fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$5,374,166 in 2011. The motor vehicle and gas tax fund had expenditures of \$5,463,478 in 2011. The fund balance of the motor vehicle and gas tax fund decreased \$89,312 from 2010 to 2011 due to increased public works expenditures.

Human Services Fund

The human services fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$5,407,767 in 2011. The human services fund had expenditures of \$5,480,721 in 2011. The fund balance of the human services fund decreased \$72,954 from 2010 to 2011 due to lower intergovernmental revenues.

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County Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund

The County board of developmental disabilities (DD) fund, a County major fund, had revenues of \$8,498,765 in 2011. The County board of DD fund had expenditures of \$9,324,811 in 2011. The fund balance of the County board of DD fund decreased \$826,046 from 2010 to 2011 due to lower intergovernmental revenues.

Budgeting Highlights - General Fund

The County's budgeting process is prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Essentially the budget is the County's appropriations which are restricted by the amounts of anticipated revenues certified by the Budget Commission in accordance with the ORC. Therefore, the County's plans or desires cannot be totally reflected in the original budget. If budgeted revenues are adjusted due to actual activity then the appropriations can be adjusted accordingly.

The original budgeted revenues were \$314,962 less than the final budgeted revenues and other financing sources. Actual revenues and other financing sources of \$16,335,020 are more than final budgeted revenues and other financing sources by \$503,217. The final budgeted appropriations and other financing uses were greater than actual expenditures and other financing uses by \$592,419.

Proprietary Funds

The County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements for business-type activities, but in more detail.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of 2011, the County had \$47,117,887 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, construction in progress, sewer and water lines and infrastructure. Of this total, \$41,909,670 was reported in governmental activities and \$5,208,217 was reported in business-type activities. The following table shows 2011 balances compared to 2010:

**Capital Assets at December 31
(Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
Land	\$ 1,407,198	\$ 1,407,198	\$ 11,828	\$ 11,828	\$ 1,419,026	\$ 1,419,026
Land improvements	408,320	447,163	37,558	42,028	445,878	489,191
Building and improvements	13,177,246	13,768,254	104,859	124,531	13,282,105	13,892,785
Furniture and equipment	1,580,419	1,763,340	134,408	164,391	1,714,827	1,927,731
Vehicles	2,209,314	2,043,845	48,318	28,071	2,257,632	2,071,916
Infrastructure	23,009,207	23,196,172			23,009,207	23,196,172
Construction in progress	117,966		992,083	856,452	1,110,049	856,452
Sewer and water lines			3,879,163	4,055,140	3,879,163	4,055,140
Total	\$ 41,909,670	\$ 42,625,972	\$ 5,208,217	\$ 5,282,441	\$ 47,117,887	\$ 47,908,413

SANDUSKY COUNTY

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011
UNAUDITED
(Continued)**

During 2011, the County's governmental activities had \$2,401,760 in additions, \$457,801 (net of accumulated depreciation) in deletions and \$2,660,261 in depreciation expense. The decrease in the County's governmental activities capital assets for 2011 was \$716,302. See Note 10 to the basic financial statements for detail on governmental activities and business-type activities capital assets.

Debt Administration

At December 31, 2011 the County's governmental activities had \$5,497,998 in general obligation bonds, special assessment bonds, capital leases and compensated absences outstanding. Of this total, \$1,517,173 is due within one year and \$3,980,825 is due in greater than one year. At December 31, 2011 the County's business-type activities had \$1,554,529 in OWPC/OPWC loans and compensated absences outstanding. Of this total, \$141,772 is due within one year and \$1,412,757 is due within greater than one year. The following table summarizes the bonds, leases, loans and compensated absences outstanding.

Outstanding Debt, at Year End

	Governmental Activities 2011	Business-Type Activities 2011	Governmental Activities 2010	Business-Type Activities 2010
Long-term obligations:				
General obligation bonds	\$ 3,385,000		\$ 3,710,000	
Special assessment bonds	79,525		108,847	
OPWC/OWPC loans		\$ 1,538,389		\$ 1,525,092
Capital lease obligation	136,256		187,330	
Compensated absences	<u>1,897,217</u>	<u>16,140</u>	<u>2,187,671</u>	<u>23,316</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,497,998</u>	<u>\$ 1,554,529</u>	<u>\$ 6,193,848</u>	<u>\$ 1,548,408</u>

See Note 13 to the basic financial statements for additional disclosures and detail regarding the County's debt activity.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The County's current estimated population is 60,944.

The County's unemployment rate is currently 8.2%, compared to the 7.8% state average and the 8.4% national average.

These economic factors were considered in preparing the County's budget for 2011. With the continuation of conservative budgeting practices, the County's financial position should remain strong in future years.

Contacting the County's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Honorable Bill Farrell, Sandusky County Auditor, 100 North Park Avenue, Fremont, Ohio 43420-2472.

SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 25,410,227	\$ 855,234	\$ 26,265,461
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Sales taxes.	2,595,719		2,595,719
Real estate and other taxes	8,171,672		8,171,672
Accounts	642,788	100,180	742,968
Special assessments	233,445	10,152	243,597
Accrued interest.	20,031		20,031
Due from other governments	4,110,710		4,110,710
Loans receivable	139,741		139,741
Internal balances	12,000	(12,000)	
Prepayments	173,326	1,253	174,579
Materials and supplies inventory.	666,458		666,458
Investment in joint ventures	4,655,728		4,655,728
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,525,164	1,003,911	2,529,075
Depreciable capital assets, net	40,384,506	4,204,306	44,588,812
Total capital assets, net.	<u>41,909,670</u>	<u>5,208,217</u>	<u>47,117,887</u>
Total assets.	<u>88,741,515</u>	<u>6,163,036</u>	<u>94,904,551</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable.	1,173,509	24,485	1,197,994
Contracts payable.	117,966		117,966
Accrued wages and benefits payable	407,190	7,336	414,526
Due to other governments	708,156	45,734	753,890
Accrued interest payable	13,337		13,337
Amount to be repaid to claimants.	115,694		115,694
Unearned revenue	7,230,791		7,230,791
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	1,517,173	141,772	1,658,945
Due in more than one year	<u>3,980,825</u>	<u>1,412,757</u>	<u>5,393,582</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,264,641</u>	<u>1,632,084</u>	<u>16,896,725</u>
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	38,308,889	3,669,828	41,978,717
Restricted for:			
Debt service	503,602		503,602
Capital Projects	3,907,860		3,907,860
Public works projects	4,657,484		4,657,484
Public safety programs	3,048,811		3,048,811
Human services programs	8,867,450		8,867,450
Health programs	180,200		180,200
Other purposes.	2,407,856		2,407,856
Unrestricted	<u>11,594,722</u>	<u>861,124</u>	<u>12,455,846</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 73,476,874</u>	<u>\$ 4,530,952</u>	<u>\$ 78,007,826</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services and Sales</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
Governmental activities:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	\$ 6,239,780	\$ 2,321,686		
Judicial	3,307,209	1,721,269	\$ 128,000	
Public safety	10,812,295	1,955,380	1,360,555	
Public works	5,981,828	1,036,081	5,089,810	\$ 251,500
Health	403,345	229,283	53,061	
Human services.	20,222,453	408,901	11,239,815	
Economic development and assistance	583,536		609,942	
Intergovernmental	172,234			
Interest and fiscal charges	184,090	232,901		
Total governmental activities	<u>47,906,770</u>	<u>7,905,501</u>	<u>18,481,183</u>	<u>251,500</u>
Business-type activities:				
Sanitary sewer.	1,414,372	1,319,587		
Totals primary government.	<u>\$ 49,321,142</u>	<u>\$ 9,225,088</u>	<u>\$ 18,481,183</u>	<u>\$ 251,500</u>

General revenues:

Property taxes levied for:

- General fund
- Human services - County Board of DD
- Human services - Senior Citizens
- Public safety 911 systems

Sales taxes levied for:

- General fund.
- Public safety - EMS

- Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs
- Investment earnings
- Miscellaneous

Total general revenues

Change in net assets

Net assets at beginning of year

Net assets at end of year

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets

Primary Government		
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
\$ (3,918,094)		\$ (3,918,094)
(1,457,940)		(1,457,940)
(7,496,360)		(7,496,360)
395,563		395,563
(121,001)		(121,001)
(8,573,737)		(8,573,737)
26,406		26,406
(172,234)		(172,234)
48,811		48,811
<u>(21,268,586)</u>		<u>(21,268,586)</u>
	\$ (94,785)	(94,785)
<u>(21,268,586)</u>	<u>(94,785)</u>	<u>(21,363,371)</u>
2,701,822		2,701,822
3,851,216		3,851,216
463,635		463,635
237,065		237,065
8,865,080		8,865,080
1,767,134		1,767,134
3,235,806		3,235,806
97,860	3,063	100,923
<u>1,637,368</u>	<u>81,881</u>	<u>1,719,249</u>
<u>22,856,986</u>	<u>84,944</u>	<u>22,941,930</u>
1,588,400	(9,841)	1,578,559
<u>71,888,474</u>	<u>4,540,793</u>	<u>76,429,267</u>
<u>\$ 73,476,874</u>	<u>\$ 4,530,952</u>	<u>\$ 78,007,826</u>

SANDUSKY COUNTY

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2011

	General	Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax	Human Services	County Board of DD
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and investments.	\$ 4,049,181	\$ 2,379,177	\$ 1,385,745	\$ 5,070,435
Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles):				
Sales taxes	2,163,485			
Real estate and other taxes	2,951,013			4,318,430
Accounts	129,888	4,256	1,394	209,023
Special assessments				
Accrued interest	20,031			
Due from other governments	739,677	2,108,311	290,726	312,765
Loans receivable				
Interfund loans receivable.	130,407			
Due from other funds	77,372			
Prepayments	98,790	1,154	66,726	
Materials and supplies inventory.	225,484	370,825	41,601	8,937
Total assets	\$ 10,585,328	\$ 4,863,723	\$ 1,786,192	\$ 9,919,590
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable.	\$ 248,835	\$ 300,232	\$ 49,297	\$ 69,115
Contracts payable.				
Accrued wages and benefits payable	138,702	55,123	54,984	90,450
Compensated absences payable	26,838	59,241		
Due to other funds				
Due to other governments	252,032	110,914	75,577	131,187
Interfund loans payable.				
Amount to be repaid to claimants.	115,694			
Deferred revenue	1,655,543	1,296,382	282,930	799,873
Unearned revenue	2,611,235	-	-	3,821,209
Total liabilities	5,048,879	1,821,892	462,788	4,911,834
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	625,431	371,979	108,327	8,937
Restricted.	21,242	2,669,852	1,215,077	4,998,819
Committed	252,328			
Assigned	2,325,472			
Unassigned (deficit)	2,311,976			
Total fund balances.	5,536,449	3,041,831	1,323,404	5,007,756
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 10,585,328	\$ 4,863,723	\$ 1,786,192	\$ 9,919,590

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Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 12,305,525	\$ 25,190,063
432,234	2,595,719
902,229	8,171,672
298,227	642,788
233,445	233,445
	20,031
655,270	4,106,749
139,741	139,741
12,000	142,407
	77,372
6,656	173,326
19,611	666,458
<u>\$ 15,004,938</u>	<u>\$ 42,159,771</u>
\$ 506,030	\$ 1,173,509
117,966	117,966
67,931	407,190
	86,079
77,372	77,372
138,446	708,156
130,407	130,407
	115,694
782,442	4,817,170
798,347	7,230,791
<u>2,618,941</u>	<u>14,864,334</u>
26,267	1,140,941
8,371,415	17,276,405
4,132,285	4,384,613
	2,325,472
(143,970)	2,168,006
<u>12,385,997</u>	<u>27,295,437</u>
<u>\$ 15,004,938</u>	<u>\$ 42,159,771</u>

SANDUSKY COUNTY

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2011

Total governmental fund balances	\$	27,295,437
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net assets are different because:</i>		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		41,909,670
Other long-term receivables are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		
Real estate and other taxes	\$ 940,881	
Sales tax	998,533	
Special assessments	233,445	
Accrued interest receivable	9,903	
Charges for services	40,345	
Intergovernmental revenues	2,594,063	
Total	4,817,170	4,817,170
The investments in joint ventures by governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in fund balance at year end.		4,655,728
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities on the statement of net assets.		224,125
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.		(13,337)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
General obligation bonds	3,385,000	
Special assessment bonds	79,525	
Capital lease payable	136,256	
Compensated absences	1,811,138	
Total	(5,411,919)	(5,411,919)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$	73,476,874

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>General</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
Revenues:			
Real estate and other taxes	\$ 2,628,755		
Sales taxes	8,032,754		
Charges for services.	2,070,768	\$ 123,359	
Licenses and permits	2,690		
Fines and forfeitures.	505,209	44,598	
Intergovernmental.	2,042,285	5,172,163	\$ 5,407,166
Special assessments.			
Investment income	99,368	34,046	
Rental income.	6,000		
Contributions and donations.	28,165		601
Refunds and reimbursements	1,290,181		
Other.	5,146		
Total revenues	<u>16,711,321</u>	<u>5,374,166</u>	<u>5,407,767</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government:			
Legislative and executive	5,317,062		
Judicial.	2,366,943		
Public safety	6,075,930		
Public works	35,963	5,463,478	
Health	128,680		
Human services.	685,511		5,480,721
Economic development and assistance			
Intergovernmental.	164,818		
Capital outlay.			
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	10,968		
Interest and fiscal charges.	1,815		
Total expenditures	<u>14,787,690</u>	<u>5,463,478</u>	<u>5,480,721</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures.	<u>1,923,631</u>	<u>(89,312)</u>	<u>(72,954)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Bond issuance			
Transfers in.			
Transfers (out).	(1,658,255)		
Total other financing sources (uses).	<u>(1,658,255)</u>		
Net change in fund balances	265,376	(89,312)	(72,954)
Fund balances at beginning of year (restated).	5,271,073	3,131,143	1,396,358
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 5,536,449</u>	<u>\$ 3,041,831</u>	<u>\$ 1,323,404</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

County Board of DD	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 3,821,211	\$ 680,067	\$ 7,130,033
	1,600,927	9,633,681
170,789	3,519,727	5,884,643
	186,034	188,724
	277,885	827,692
4,485,464	5,331,026	22,438,104
	350,625	350,625
	13,972	147,386
	715,309	721,309
21,301	36,812	86,879
	16,329	1,306,510
	231,000	236,146
<u>8,498,765</u>	<u>12,959,713</u>	<u>48,951,732</u>
	431,349	5,748,411
	813,677	3,180,620
	4,272,871	10,348,801
	262,293	5,761,734
	227,062	355,742
9,312,928	4,048,041	19,527,201
	675,874	675,874
7,416		172,234
	1,539,981	1,539,981
4,004	401,719	416,691
463	183,462	185,740
<u>9,324,811</u>	<u>12,856,329</u>	<u>47,913,029</u>
<u>(826,046)</u>	<u>103,384</u>	<u>1,038,703</u>
	11,295	11,295
	1,713,818	1,713,818
	(55,563)	(1,713,818)
	<u>1,669,550</u>	<u>11,295</u>
(826,046)	1,772,934	1,049,998
5,833,802	10,613,063	26,245,439
<u>\$ 5,007,756</u>	<u>\$ 12,385,997</u>	<u>\$ 27,295,437</u>

SANDUSKY COUNTY

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	1,049,998
 <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
 Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current period.		
Capital outlay	\$ 2,401,760	
Depreciation expense	(2,660,261)	
Total		(258,501)
 The effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net assets.		
Capital asset disposals	(1,744,667)	
Accumulated depreciation on disposals	1,286,866	
Total		(457,801)
 The issuance of bonds is an other financing source in the governmental funds, but it increases liabilities on the statement of net assets.		
		(11,295)
 Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Real estate and other taxes	123,705	
Sales taxes	998,533	
Special assessments	(59,386)	
Interest	(1,508)	
Charges for services	(14,132)	
Intergovernmental	(570,321)	
Total		476,891
 Increases in the value of investment in joint ventures that do not provide current financial resources are not reported in the funds.		
		66,547
 Repayments of bonds, notes and capital leases are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net assets.		
		416,691
 In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		
		1,650
 Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
		296,355
 The internal service fund used by management to charge the cost of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the government-wide statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.		
		7,865
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	1,588,400

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
Real estate and other taxes	\$ 2,567,370	\$ 2,599,150	\$ 2,602,167	\$ 3,017
Sales taxes	7,500,000	7,700,000	7,988,246	288,246
Charges for services	1,600,200	1,650,200	1,680,479	30,279
Licenses and permits	2,920	2,800	2,690	(110)
Fines and forfeitures	439,900	439,900	492,552	52,652
Intergovernmental	1,776,451	1,940,022	2,091,014	150,992
Investment income	250,000	150,000	140,071	(9,929)
Rental income		5,575	6,000	425
Refunds and reimbursements	1,380,000	1,323,156	1,310,801	(12,355)
Total revenues	<u>15,516,841</u>	<u>15,810,803</u>	<u>16,314,020</u>	<u>503,217</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Legislative and executive	5,145,927	5,142,959	4,998,641	144,318
Judicial	2,461,441	2,452,472	2,425,305	27,167
Public safety	6,272,305	6,376,346	6,150,824	225,522
Public works	37,076	37,076	35,963	1,113
Health	130,541	130,391	128,830	1,561
Human services	721,443	729,754	693,375	36,379
Intergovernmental	164,818	164,818	164,818	
Total expenditures	<u>14,933,551</u>	<u>15,033,816</u>	<u>14,597,756</u>	<u>436,060</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>583,290</u>	<u>776,987</u>	<u>1,716,264</u>	<u>939,277</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(2,066,400)	(2,910,400)	(2,698,255)	212,145
Advances in		21,000	21,000	
Advances out	(113,044)	(74,621)	(130,407)	(55,786)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(2,179,444)</u>	<u>(2,964,021)</u>	<u>(2,807,662)</u>	<u>156,359</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,596,154)	(2,187,034)	(1,091,398)	1,095,636
Fund balances at beginning of year (restated) . .	2,837,655	2,837,655	2,837,655	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated.	58,876	58,876	58,876	
Fund balance at end of year.	<u>\$ 1,300,377</u>	<u>\$ 709,497</u>	<u>\$ 1,805,133</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,636</u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 MOTOR VEHICLE AND GAS TAX
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 92,296	\$ 2,296
Fines and forfeitures	50,000	50,000	43,420	(6,580)
Intergovernmental	4,250,000	5,165,148	5,162,440	(2,708)
Investment income	10,000	31,547	34,046	2,499
Total revenues	4,400,000	5,336,695	5,332,202	(4,493)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public works	5,825,000	6,757,794	5,748,825	1,008,969
Total expenditures	5,825,000	6,757,794	5,748,825	1,008,969
Net change in fund balances	(1,425,000)	(1,421,099)	(416,623)	1,004,476
Fund balances at beginning of year	2,095,521	2,095,521	2,095,521	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	17,646	17,646	17,646	
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 688,167	\$ 692,068	\$ 1,696,544	\$ 1,004,476

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 HUMAN SERVICES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental.	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 5,597,652	\$ 5,445,503	\$ (152,149)
Contributions and donations.	2,000	4,500	601	(3,899)
Total revenues	<u>7,302,000</u>	<u>5,602,152</u>	<u>5,446,104</u>	<u>(156,048)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Human services.	7,199,892	6,669,187	6,003,999	665,188
Total expenditures	<u>7,199,892</u>	<u>6,669,187</u>	<u>6,003,999</u>	<u>665,188</u>
 Net change in fund balances	 102,108	 (1,067,035)	 (557,895)	 509,140
 Fund balances at beginning of year	 1,465,165	 1,465,165	 1,465,165	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	82,527	82,527	82,527	
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,649,800</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 480,657</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 989,797</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 509,140</u></u>

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SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
 COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenues:				
Real estate and other taxes	\$ 3,828,831	\$ 3,770,031	\$ 3,774,655	\$ 4,624
Charges for services.	150,000	150,000	170,789	20,789
Intergovernmental	3,319,553	4,277,959	4,589,863	311,904
Contributions and donations	15,000	20,933	21,301	368
Other	1,915			
Total revenues.	<u>7,315,299</u>	<u>8,218,923</u>	<u>8,556,608</u>	<u>337,685</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Human services	11,191,914	11,257,782	9,875,800	1,381,982
Total expenditures.	<u>11,191,914</u>	<u>11,257,782</u>	<u>9,875,800</u>	<u>1,381,982</u>
 Net change in fund balances	 (3,876,615)	 (3,038,859)	 (1,319,192)	 1,719,667
 Fund balances at beginning of year.	 5,352,672	 5,352,672	 5,352,672	
Prior year encumbrances appropriated. . .	585,273	585,273	585,273	
Fund balance at end of year.	<u>\$ 2,061,330</u>	<u>\$ 2,899,086</u>	<u>\$ 4,618,753</u>	<u>\$ 1,719,667</u>

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Business-Type Activities - Sanitary Sewer	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 855,234	\$ 220,164
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectables):		
Accounts	100,180	
Special assessments	10,152	
Due from other governments		3,961
Prepayments	1,253	
Total current assets.	966,819	224,125
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets:		
Land and construction in progress	1,003,911	
Depreciable capital assets, net	4,204,306	
Total capital assets, net.	5,208,217	
Total assets	6,175,036	224,125
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	24,485	
Accrued wages and benefits payable.	7,336	
Compensated absences payable	16,140	
Interfund loans payable.	12,000	
Due to other governments	45,734	
Current portion of OPWC loans	18,303	
Current portion of OWPC loans	107,329	
Total current liabilities	231,327	
Long-term liabilities:		
OPWC loans	171,635	
OWPC loans	1,241,122	
Total long-term liabilities	1,412,757	
Total liabilities	1,644,084	
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.	3,669,828	
Unrestricted.	861,124	224,125
Total net assets	\$ 4,530,952	\$ 224,125

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Business-Type Activities - Sanitary Sewer	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 1,319,587	\$ 7,865
Other	81,881	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total operating revenues.	<u>1,401,468</u>	<u>7,865</u>
 Operating expenses:		
Personal services	332,094	
Contract services	636,551	
Materials and supplies.	64,503	
Utilities	48,696	
Depreciation.	237,587	
Other	55,767	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total operating expenses.	<u>1,375,198</u>	<u> </u>
 Operating income	 <u>26,270</u>	 <u>7,865</u>
 Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest and fiscal charges	(39,174)	
Interest income	3,063	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(36,111)</u>	<u> </u>
 Change in net assets	 (9,841)	 7,865
 Net assets at beginning of year	 <u>4,540,793</u>	 <u>216,260</u>
 Net assets at end of year	 <u>\$ 4,530,952</u>	 <u>\$ 224,125</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SANDUSKY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Business-Type Activities - Sanitary Sewer	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from sales/charges for services	\$ 1,330,354	\$ 3,904
Cash received from other operating revenue.	79,100	
Cash payments for personal services	(337,236)	
Cash payments for contractual services	(637,169)	
Cash payments for materials and supplies	(53,551)	
Cash payments for utilities.	(52,713)	
Cash payments for other expenses.	(55,767)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	273,018	3,904
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition of capital assets	(154,768)	
Principal payments on loans	(122,334)	
Interest payments on loans.	(39,174)	
OWPC loan issuance	135,631	
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(180,645)	
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	3,063	
Net cash provided by investing activities	3,063	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents.	95,436	3,904
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year . . .	759,798	216,260
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 855,234	\$ 220,164
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 26,270	\$ 7,865
Adjustments:		
Depreciation.	237,587	
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in accounts receivable	6,295	
Decrease (increase) in intergovernmental receivable . .	2,575	(3,961)
(Increase) in prepayments	(150)	
Increase in accounts payable	1,891	
Increase in accrued wages and benefits.	2,846	
Increase in intergovernmental payable.	2,880	
(Decrease) in compensated absences payable.	(7,176)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 273,018	\$ 3,904

During 2011, the sanitary sewer fund purchased \$8,595 in capital assets on account.

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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>Investment Trust</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$ 7,232,873	\$ 5,528,441
Cash in segregated accounts.		1,030,765
Receivables:		
Real estate and other taxes		44,506,607
Accounts	233,589	24,318
Special assessments.		1,083,685
Due from other governments	305	2,344,828
Accrued interest	<u>1,555</u>	
Total assets.	<u>\$ 7,468,322</u>	<u>\$ 54,518,644</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable.	\$ 84,645	\$ 81,140
Due to other governments.	2,583	93,392
Undistributed monies		53,313,347
Deposits held and due to others.		<u>1,030,765</u>
Total liabilities.	<u>87,228</u>	<u>\$ 54,518,644</u>
Net assets:		
Net assets available for pool participants	<u>7,381,094</u>	
Total net assets	<u>\$ 7,381,094</u>	

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
 INVESTMENT TRUST FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Investment Trust
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations . . .	\$ 99,809
Share transactions:	
Purchase of units.	3,196,389
Redemptions of units.	(2,503,658)
Net increase in net assets and shares resulting from share transactions	692,731
Change in net assets	792,540
Net assets at beginning of year	6,588,554
Net assets at end of year.	\$ 7,381,094

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY

Sandusky County, Ohio (the "County"), was created in 1820. The County is governed by a board of three commissioners elected by the voters of the County. Other officials elected by the voters of the County, and who manage various segments of the County's operations are the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, two Common Pleas Court Judges and a Probate/Juvenile Court Judge.

Although the elected officials manage the internal operations of their respective departments, the County Commissioners authorize expenditures as well as serve as the budget and taxing authority, contracting body, and the chief administrators of public services for the entire County.

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the County. For Sandusky County, this includes the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD); the Children Services Board; and other departments and activities that are directly operated by the elected County officials.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The County also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental and business-type activities and its proprietary funds provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The County has the option to also apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989 to its business-type activities and enterprise fund, subject to this same limitation. The County has elected not to apply this FASB guidance.

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

A. Reporting Entity

The County's reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity", and as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units". The basic financial statements include all funds, agencies, boards, commissions, and component units for which the County and the County Commissioners are "accountable". Accountability was evaluated based on financial accountability, the nature and significance of the potential component unit's (PCU) relationship with the County and whether exclusion would cause the County's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Among the factors considered were separate legal standing; appointment of a voting majority of the PCU's board; fiscal dependency and whether a benefit or burden relationship exists; imposition of will; and the nature and significance of the PCU's relationship with the County.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the financial activities of the following PCU's have been reflected in the accompanying basic financial statements as follows:

POTENTIAL COMPONENT UNITS REPORTED AS AGENCY FUNDS

The County Treasurer, as the custodian of public funds, invests all public monies held on deposit in the County treasury. In the case of the separate agencies, boards and commissions listed below, the County serves as fiscal agent, but is not financially

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

accountable for their operations. Accordingly, the following entities are presented as agency funds within the financial statements:

Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission
Family and Children First Council
Sandusky County Soil and Water Conservation District
Sandusky County Park District
Sandusky County General Health District

The County is associated with certain organizations which are defined as joint ventures with equity interest, a shared risk pool, and an insurance purchasing pool and a related organization as follows:

JOINT VENTURES WITH EQUITY INTEREST

Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca County Solid Waste District

The Solid Waste District (the "District") is a joint venture of Sandusky, Ottawa and Seneca Counties and is established under the authority of Section 3734.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. The cost of operations and expenses is to be funded by fees collected by the District. In the event that fees are not sufficient for the purpose, the counties shall share all operating costs and expenses incurred in the same proportions as the populations of the respective counties bear to the total population of all the counties. Upon the withdrawal of a county from the District, the Board of Directors shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, credits and real and personal property of the District, either in money or in kind, on any equitable basis between the District and the withdrawing county. Should the District be dissolved, the Boards of County Commissioners shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of any outstanding indebtedness. The District is governed by the three commissioners of each county involved.

The counties share in the equity of the District is based on relative percentages of population within the three counties. Based upon this calculation, Sandusky County's equity interest in the District is \$1,705,786 at December 31, 2011. Financial information can be obtained from the Sandusky County Auditor, 100 North Park Avenue, Fremont, Ohio 43420-2472.

Sandusky County - Seneca County - City of Tiffin Port Authority

The Port Authority, a joint venture between Sandusky and Seneca Counties and the City of Tiffin, is established under the authority of Sections 4582.21 et. seq., of the Ohio Revised Code, with territorial limits co-terminus with the boundaries of the counties, with Tiffin being within the boundaries of Seneca County. The Port Authority is governed by a seven member Board of Directors, consisting of two members from each of the counties and the city, with the seventh member being rotated between the three entities every four years. The members are appointed by the County Commissioners in the counties, and by the Mayor of Tiffin in the city. Appointed members may hold no other public office or public employment except Notary Public, member of the State Militia, or member of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces. Initial funding for organizational expenses, including purchase of real or personal property by the Port Authority, were contributed by each subdivision with no obligation of future combinations or financial support. The contributions were equal and simultaneous. The Port Authority may be dissolved at any time upon the enactment of an ordinance by the city and resolutions by the counties. Any real or personal property will be returned to the subdivision from which it was received.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Upon dissolution of the Port Authority, any balance remaining in the Port Authority's funds or any real or personal property belonging to the Port Authority will be distributed equally to the city and the counties after paying all expenses and debts. Sandusky County's equity interest in the Port Authority is \$1,292,677 at December 31, 2011. Financial information can be obtained from the Sandusky County - Seneca County - City of Tiffin Port Authority, James Spance, Chairman, P.O. Box 767, Tiffin, Ohio 44883.

Mental Health and Recovery Services

The Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) is a joint venture between Seneca, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties. The headquarters for MHRS is in Seneca County. MHRS provides community services to mentally ill and emotionally disturbed persons. Statutorily created, the MHRS Board is made of 18 members; 10 of the members are appointed by the county commissioners of each respective county, 4 are appointed by the State Department of Mental Health, and 4 are appointed by the State of Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. Revenues to provide mental health services are generated through State and Federal grants. The MHRS Board adopts its own budget, hires and fires staff and does not rely on the County to finance deficits.

The counties share in the equity of the MHRS Board based on the percentages of population within the three counties. Sandusky County's equity interest in this joint venture at December 31, 2011 is \$1,657,265.

Financial information can be obtained from the Seneca County Auditor, RTA Building, Tiffin, Ohio 44883.

SHARED RISK POOL

County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA)

The County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc., is a jointly governed organization among sixty-one counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverages provided by CORSA. These coverages include comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and public officials' errors and omissions liability insurance. The County paid \$258,135 to CORSA during 2011.

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the Corporation are managed by an elected board of not more than nine trustees. Only county commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the Board. No county may have more than one representative on the Board at any time. Each member county's control over the budgeting and financing of CORSA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Trustees.

CORSA has issued certificates of participation in order to provide adequate cash reserves. The certificates are secured by the member counties' obligations to make coverage payments to CORSA. The participating counties have no responsibility for the payment of the certificates. The total amount of certificates issued by CORSA for the sixty-one participating counties is \$1,645,000.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in Columbus, Ohio.

INSURANCE PURCHASING POOL

County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan

The County is participating in a group rating plan for workers' compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC) was established through the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) as a group purchasing pool. A group executive committee is responsible for calculating annual rate contributions and rebates, approving the selection of a third party administrator, reviewing and approving proposed third party fees, fees for risk management services and general management fees, determining ongoing eligibility of each participant and performing any other acts and functions which may be delegated to it by the participating employers. The group executive committee consists of seven members. Two members are the president and treasurer of CCAOSC; the remaining five members are representatives of the participants. These five members are elected for the ensuing year by the participants at a meeting held in the month of December each year. No participant can have more than one member of the group executive committee in any year, and each elected member shall be a county commissioner.

RELATED ORGANIZATION

Sandusky County Airport Authority

The Sandusky County Airport Authority was created by resolution of the County Commissioners under the authority of Chapter 308 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Airport Authority is governed by a five member board of trustees appointed by the County Commissioners. The Board of Trustees has the authority to exercise all of the powers and privileges provided under the law. These powers include the ability to sue or be sued in its corporate name; the power to establish and collect rates, rentals, and other charges; the authority to acquire, construct, operate, manage, and maintain airport facilities; the authority to buy and sell real and personal property; and the authority to issue debt for acquiring or constructing any facility or permanent improvement. The Airport Authority serves as custodian of its own funds and maintains all records and accounts independent of the County.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the County as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements distinguish between those activities of the County that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the enterprise fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the County and for each function or program of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the County. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the County. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and current liabilities, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, which reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

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

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operation. The principal operating revenues of the County's proprietary funds are charges for sales and services. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include personnel and other expenses related to the operations of the enterprise activity. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Agency funds do not report a measurement focus as they do not report operations.

C. Fund Accounting

The County uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. The following are the County's major governmental funds.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

General fund - The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Motor vehicle and gas tax (MVGT) - This fund accounts for revenues derived from motor vehicle licenses, and gasoline taxes. Expenditures are restricted by State law to County road and bridge repair and maintenance programs.

Human services - This fund accounts for various federal and State grants, as well as transfers from the general fund used to provide public assistance to general relief recipients to pay their providers for medical assistance and for certain public services.

County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) - This fund accounts for the operation of a school and the costs of administering a workshop for the developmentally disabled. Revenue sources include a countywide property tax levy and federal and State grants.

Other governmental funds of the County are used to account for (a) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, (b) specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects and (c) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Proprietary funds are used to account for the County's ongoing activities which are similar to those found in the private sector. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service.

Enterprise funds - The enterprise funds are used to account for operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The intent of the County is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The County has presented the following major enterprise fund:

Sanitary sewer - This fund accounts for sanitary sewer services provided to individual and commercial users in the majority of the unincorporated areas of the County. The costs of providing these services are primarily financed through user charges. The sanitary sewer district has its own facilities and rate structure.

Internal service fund - Internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the County on a cost-reimbursement basis. The County's internal service fund accounts for a workers' compensation program for employees of the County.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

the County under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the County's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The County's fiduciary funds are agency funds and an investment trust fund which account for monies held for other governments and undistributed assets.

COMPONENT UNITS

Component units are either legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the County are not financially accountable, or legally separate organizations for which the nature and significance of its relationship with the County is such that exclusion would not cause the County's financial statement to be misleading or incomplete. There were no component units for the County in 2011.

D. Basis of Accounting

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

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include sales taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On a full accrual basis, revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the year in which the sales are made. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 6). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the County must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from all other nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year end: sales tax (See Note 7), interest, federal and State grants and subsidies, State-levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle license fees and gasoline taxes), fees and rentals.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Unearned Revenue and Deferred Revenue - Unearned revenue and deferred revenue arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2011, but which were levied to finance 2012 operations, and other revenues received in advance of the year for which they were intended to finance, have been recorded as unearned revenue. Special assessments not received within the available period, grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met, and delinquent property taxes due at December 31, 2011, are recorded as deferred revenue in the governmental funds.

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as deferred revenue.

Expense/Expenditures - On the full accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

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

E. Budgetary Data

All funds, other than agency funds, are required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriations resolution, both of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The County Auditor has waived the tax budget requirement. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the County Commissioners may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the County Commissioners' authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the County Commissioners. The legal level of control has been established by the County Commissioners at the fund, program, department and object level.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or the County Auditor identifies decreases in revenue. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts are on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the final amended certificate of estimated resources issued during 2011.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriations resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the County Commissioners during the year.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the County is pooled. Monies for all funds,

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the County's records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments" on the basic financial statements.

During 2011, investments were limited to the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio), federal agency securities and certificates of deposits. Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. Nonparticipating investment contracts such as certificates of deposit are reported at cost.

The County has invested funds in STAR Ohio during 2011. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's shares price which is the price the investment could be sold for on December 31, 2011.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during 2011 amounted to \$99,368 which includes \$74,534 assigned from other County funds.

The County has segregated bank accounts for monies held separately from the County's central bank account. These interest-bearing depository accounts are presented on the combined balance sheet as "cash in segregated accounts" since they are not required to be deposited into the County treasury.

Investments of the cash management pool and investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the County are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments, to the extent the investments were purchased from a specific fund rather than the pool.

An analysis of the County's investment account at year end is provided in Note 4.

G. External Investment Pool

By statute, the County serves as fiscal agent for various legally separate entities. The County pools the monies of these entities with the County's for investment purposes. The County cannot allocate its investments between the internal and external investment pools. The external investment pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The fair value of investments is determined annually. The pool does not issue shares. Each participant is allocated a pro rata share of each investment at fair value along with a pro rata share of interest that it earns. The fair value of investments for both the internal and external investment pools is disclosed in Note 4, "Deposits and Investments".

Condensed financial information for the investment pool is as follows:

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

**Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2011**

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<u>Assets:</u>	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,024,886
Accrued interest receivable	21,586
Total	\$ 39,046,472
 <u>Net assets held in trust for participants:</u>	
Internal portion	\$ 31,665,378
External portion	7,381,094
Total	\$ 39,046,472

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

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<u>Revenue:</u>	
Interest income	\$ 248,750
 <u>Expenses:</u>	
Operating expenses	
Net increase in assets resulting from operations	248,750
Distribution to pool participants	(230,822)
 <u>Capital transactions:</u>	
Proceeds of investments sold	(37,099,114)
Purchase of investments	39,024,886
Total increase in net assets	1,943,700
Net assets, beginning of year	37,102,772
Net assets, end of year	\$39,046,472

H. Inventories of Materials and Supplies

On the government-wide and fund financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

On the governmental fund financial statements, reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance in the governmental funds which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of net current assets.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

I. Capital Assets

Governmental capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The County's infrastructure consists of roads, bridges, culverts and sanitary sewers. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County's historical records of necessary improvements and replacements. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	15 - 30 years	15 - 30 years
Buildings and improvements	8 - 40 years	30 - 40 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 15 years	10 - 20 years
Vehicles	8 - 15 years	15 years
Infrastructure	20 - 50 years	50 years

Interest is capitalized on proprietary fund assets acquired with tax-exempt debt. The County's policy is to capitalize net interest on construction projects until substantial completion of the project. The amount of capitalized interest equals the difference between the interest cost associated with the tax-exempt borrowing used to finance the project from the date of borrowing until completion of the project and the interest earned from temporary investment of the debt proceeds over the same period.

Capitalized interest is amortized on the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. For 2011, the net interest expense incurred on proprietary fund construction projects was not material.

J. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences of the County consist of vacation leave and sick leave to the extent that payments to the employee for these absences are attributable to services already rendered and are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the County and the employee.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences", a liability for vacation leave is accrued if a) the employees' rights to payment are attributable to services already rendered; and b) it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or other means, such as cash payment at termination or retirement. A liability for sick leave is based on the sick leave accumulated at December 31, 2011, by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination (severance) payments, as well as those employees expected to become eligible in the future. Sick leave benefits are accrued using the vesting method. The County records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave after fifteen years of service with the County or over fifty years of age.

The total liability for vacation and sick leave payments has been calculated using pay rates in effect at December 31, 2011 and reduced to the maximum payment allowed by labor contract and/or statute, plus applicable additional salary related payments.

The entire compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the accounts "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported. For proprietary funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

K. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2011, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which services are consumed. At year-end, because payments are not available to finance future governmental fund expenditures the fund balance is classified as nonspendable by an amount equal to the carrying value of the asset.

L. Loans Receivable

Loans receivable represent the right to receive repayment for certain loans made by the County. These loans are based upon written agreements between the County and the various loan recipients. Reported loans receivable is offset by a restricted for loans fund balance in the governmental special revenue fund types.

M. Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported in the proprietary fund financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

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

N. Interfund Transactions

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

During the normal course of operations, the County has numerous transactions between funds. Transfers represent movement of resources from a fund receiving revenue to a fund through which those resources will be expended and are recorded as other financing sources (uses) in governmental funds and as transfers in proprietary funds. Interfund transactions that would be treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses if they involved organizations external to the County are treated similarly when involving other funds of the County.

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "interfund receivable/interfund payable" for the current portion of interfund loans. All other balances outstanding between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." These amounts are eliminated in the statement of net assets, except for any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities, which are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

O. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable.

Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Commissioners (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the County for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Board of Commissioners.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The County applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

P. Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital in proprietary fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of capital assets, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction.

Q. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activities of the proprietary funds. For the County, these revenues are charges for services for the sewer and workers compensation programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that are the primary activity of the fund.

R. Net Assets

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

S. Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

T. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the County administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. The County had no extraordinary or special items during 2011.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2011, the County has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", and GASB Statement No. 59, "Financial Instruments Omnibus".

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. GASB Statement No. 54 also clarifies the definitions of governmental fund types.

GASB Statement No. 59 updates and improves guidance for financial reporting and disclosure requirements of certain financial instruments and external investment pools. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 59 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the County.

B. Fund Reclassifications

Fund reclassifications are required in order to report funds in accordance with GASB Statement No 54. These fund reclassifications had the following effect on the County's governmental fund balances as previously reported:

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NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

	General	Motor Vehicle/ Gas Tax	Human Services	County Board of DD	Nonmajor Governmental	Total Governmental
Fund balance as previously reported	\$ 5,027,933	\$ 3,131,143	\$ 1,396,358	\$ 5,833,802	\$ 10,856,203	\$ 26,245,439
Fund reclassifications:						
Title administration	219,851				(219,851)	
Annexations	3,200				(3,200)	
Recorder equipment	20,089				(20,089)	
Total fund reclassifications	243,140				(243,140)	
Restated fund balance at January 1, 2011	\$ 5,271,073	\$ 3,131,143	\$ 1,396,358	\$ 5,833,802	\$ 10,613,063	\$ 26,245,439

The fund reclassifications did not have an effect on net assets as previously reported.

C. Budgetary Prior Period Adjustment

In prior years the general fund and major special revenue funds included certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate funds on a budgetary basis. The County has elected to report only the legally budgeted general fund and major special revenue funds in the budgetary statements; therefore, a restatement to the beginning budgetary balances is required. The restatement of the general fund and major special revenue funds' budgetary-basis fund balances at December 31, 2010 is as follows:

Budgetary Basis

	General Fund
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 3,585,527
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(747,872)
Restated balance at January 1, 2011	\$ 2,837,655

D. Deficit Fund Balances

Fund balances at December 31, 2011 included the following individual fund deficits:

<u>Nonmajor governmental funds:</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
VOCA grant	\$ 1,084
DRETAC - prosecuting attorney	860
HVEO grant	1,289
Civic justice corp grant	8,268
Re-entry task force grant	79,408
ODOT TRIPS ARRA facility	19,067
CPC IV-D	8,163
Issue 2 cash	25,831

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NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

The general fund is liable for any deficits in these funds and provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur. The deficit fund balances resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Monies held by the County are classified by State statute into two categories. Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demand upon the County treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the County treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Monies held by the County which are not considered active are classified as inactive. Inactive monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities provided a written investment policy has been filed with the Ohio Auditor of State:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or its political subdivisions, provided that such political subdivisions are located wholly or partly within the County.
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts, including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) or (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
8. Securities lending agreements in which the County lends securities and the eligible institution agrees to exchange either securities described in items (1) or (2) above or cash or both securities and cash, equal value for equal value;
9. High grade commercial paper for a period not to exceed 180 days and in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the County's total average portfolio; and,

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

10. Bankers acceptances for a period not to exceed 180 days and in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the County's total average portfolio.

Protection of the County's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the County Treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the County, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the County Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Cash on Hand

At year end, the County had \$1,150 in undeposited cash on hand which is included on the financial statements of the County as part of "equity in pooled cash and investments".

B. Cash in Segregated Accounts

At year end, \$1,453,036 was on deposit in segregated accounts used by various County departments, and included in the total amount of deposits reported below; however, this amount is not part of the internal cash pool reported on the financial statements as "equity in pooled cash and investments". The carrying value of these deposits was \$1,030,765 at December 31, 2011.

C. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2011, the carrying amount of all County deposits, including nonnegotiable certificates of deposit and cash in segregated accounts, was \$28,567,154. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2011, \$21,327,741 of the County's bank balance of \$23,318,501 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$1,990,760 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the County. The County has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the County to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

D. Investments

As of December 31, 2011, the County had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>				
		<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>7 to 12 months</u>	<u>13 to 18 months</u>	<u>19 to 24 months</u>	<u>Greater than 24 months</u>
FHLMC	\$ 2,000,840					\$ 2,000,840
FHLB	3,011,740					3,011,740
STAR Ohio	6,476,656	\$ 6,476,656				
Total	<u>\$ 11,489,236</u>	<u>\$ 6,476,656</u>				<u>\$ 5,012,580</u>

The weighted average maturity of investments is 1.66 years.

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the County's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The County's investments, except for STAR Ohio, were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAm money market rating.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the County's name. The County has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the County Treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The County places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the County at December 31, 2011:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>% to Total</u>
FHLMC	\$ 2,000,840	17.41
FHLB	3,011,740	26.21
STAR Ohio	<u>6,476,656</u>	<u>56.38</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,489,236</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

E. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Assets

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net assets as of December 31, 2011:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 28,567,154
Investments	11,489,236
Cash on hand	<u>1,150</u>
Total	<u>\$ 40,057,540</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net assets</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 25,410,227
Business-type activities	855,234
Investment trust	7,232,873
Agency funds	<u>6,559,206</u>
Total	<u>\$ 40,057,540</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

A. Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2011, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Transfer to nonmajor governmental funds from:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	\$ 1,658,255
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>55,563</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,713,818</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

All other transfers complied with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

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

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NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS - (Continued)

B. Interfund loans payable/receivable consisted of the following at December 31, 2011:

<u>Receivable fund</u>	<u>Payable funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 130,407
Nonmajor governmental funds	Enterprise funds	<u>12,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 142,407</u>

The interfund loan balances result from resources provided by the receivable fund to the payable fund to provide cash flow resources until anticipated revenues are received. Interfund loans payable/receivable between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. Interfund loans payable/receivable between governmental and enterprise funds are shown as an internal balance on the statement of net assets.

C. Due to/from other funds consisted of the following at December 31, 2011:

<u>Receivable fund</u>	<u>Payable funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 77,372</u>

The purpose of these interfund transactions was to cover deficit cash balances at December 31, 2011. This amount will be repaid in the next year. Amounts due between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the County. Taxes collected from real property taxes (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on the assessed value as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revaluated every six years. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Public utility tangible personal property is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2011 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2010, are levied after October 1, 2011, and are collected in 2012 with real property taxes. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, public utility taxes, delinquent tangible personal property taxes and other outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2011 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds,

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NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES – (Continued)

the current portion receivable has been offset by unearned revenue since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2011 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by deferred revenue since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on a modified accrual basis the revenue is deferred.

The full tax rate for all County operations, excluding 911 operations, for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$7.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The full tax rate for the County 911 operations, excluding the City of Bellevue and the Village of Green Springs, for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$0.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2011 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

<u>Real property</u>	
Residential/agricultural	\$ 928,432,140
Commercial/industrial/mineral	200,835,910
<u>Public utility</u>	
Real	616,700
Personal	<u>45,811,760</u>
Total assessed value	<u><u>\$ 1,175,696,510</u></u>

NOTE 7 - PERMISSIVE SALES AND USE TAX

In 1979, the County Commissioners, by resolution, imposed a 0.5 percent tax on all retail sales made in the County, except sales of motor vehicles. In 1989, the percentage increased to 1 percent. In 2005, an additional 0.25 percent tax was levied and earmarked solely for emergency medical services. In 2010, an additional 0.25 percent tax was levied for general operations. The tax included the storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property in the County, including motor vehicles not subject to the sales tax. Vendor collections of the tax are paid to the State Treasurer by the twenty-third day of the month following collection. The State Tax Commissioner certifies to the Office of Budget and Management the amount of the tax to be returned to the County. The Tax Commissioner's certification must be made within forty-five days after the end of each month. The Office of Budget and Management then has five days in which to draw the warrant payable to the County.

Proceeds of the tax are credited entirely to the General Fund and Emergency Medical Services fund, a nonmajor governmental fund. Amounts that are measurable and available at year end are accrued as revenue on the fund financial statements. Permissive sales and use tax revenue totaled \$10,632,214 in 2011.

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2011, consisted of taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services), interfund transactions related to charges for goods and services rendered, intergovernmental receivables arising from grants, entitlements and shared revenue, special assessments, accrued interest, and loans. All intergovernmental receivables have been classified as "due from other governments" on the financial statements. Receivables have been recorded as described in Note 2.D. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the

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NOTE 8 – RECEIVABLES – (Continued)

ability to foreclose for the nonpayment of taxes, the stable condition of State programs and the current year guarantee of federal funds.

A summary of the principal items of receivables reported on the statement of net assets follows:

Governmental activities:

Sales taxes	\$ 2,595,719
Real estate and other taxes	8,171,672
Accounts	642,788
Special assessments	233,445
Accrued interest	20,031
Due from other governments	4,110,710
Loans	139,741

Business-type activities:

Accounts	100,180
Special assessments	10,152

Receivables have been disaggregated on the financial statements. The only receivables not expected to be collected within the subsequent year are the special assessments and loans, which are collected over the life of the assessment or loan.

NOTE 9 - LOANS RECEIVABLE

The County, through the community development block grant program, makes low-interest or interest-free loans to small businesses in the County. The activity for these loans is accounted for in the revolving loan fund, a nonmajor governmental fund. The following is a summary of the changes in the loans receivable during 2011.

Loans receivable at 12/31/10	\$ 164,467
Principal payments received in 2011	<u>(24,726)</u>
Loans receivable at 12/31/11	<u>\$ 139,741</u>

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NOTE 10 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2011 was as follows:

<u>Governmental activities:</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2010</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2011</u>
<i>Capital asset not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 1,407,198			\$ 1,407,198
Construction in progress		\$ 117,966		117,966
Total capital assets not being depreciated:	<u>1,407,198</u>	<u>117,966</u>		<u>1,525,164</u>
 <i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	1,384,371			1,384,371
Buildings and improvements	24,831,246			24,831,246
Furniture and equipment	5,771,409	113,387	\$ (54,920)	5,829,876
Vehicles	6,499,041	778,294	(769,253)	6,508,082
Infrastructure	<u>39,512,126</u>	<u>1,392,113</u>	<u>(920,494)</u>	<u>39,983,745</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	<u>77,998,193</u>	<u>2,283,794</u>	<u>(1,744,667)</u>	<u>78,537,320</u>
 <i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(937,208)	(38,843)		(976,051)
Buildings and improvements	(11,062,992)	(591,008)		(11,654,000)
Furniture and equipment	(4,008,069)	(280,431)	39,043	(4,249,457)
Vehicles	(4,455,196)	(471,619)	628,047	(4,298,768)
Infrastructure	<u>(16,315,954)</u>	<u>(1,278,360)</u>	<u>619,776</u>	<u>(16,974,538)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(36,779,419)</u>	<u>(2,660,261)</u>	<u>1,286,866</u>	<u>(38,152,814)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	<u>41,218,774</u>	<u>(376,467)</u>	<u>(457,801)</u>	<u>40,384,506</u>
 Governmental activities capital assets, net	 <u>\$ 42,625,972</u>	 <u>\$ (258,501)</u>	 <u>\$ (457,801)</u>	 <u>\$ 41,909,670</u>

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NOTE 10 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)

<u>Business-type activities:</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2010</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2011</u>
<i>Capital asset not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 11,828			\$ 11,828
Construction in progress	856,452	\$ 135,631		992,083
Total capital assets not being depreciated:	<u>868,280</u>	<u>135,631</u>		<u>1,003,911</u>
 <i>Capital assets, being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	105,384			105,384
Buildings and improvements	667,123			667,123
Furniture and equipment	654,508			654,508
Vehicles	156,833	27,732		184,565
Infrastructure	8,798,846			8,798,846
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	<u>10,382,694</u>	<u>27,732</u>		<u>10,410,426</u>
 <i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	(63,356)	(4,470)		(67,826)
Buildings and improvements	(542,592)	(19,672)		(562,264)
Furniture and equipment	(490,117)	(29,983)		(520,100)
Vehicles	(128,762)	(7,485)		(136,247)
Infrastructure	(4,743,706)	(175,977)		(4,919,683)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,968,533)</u>	<u>(237,587)</u>		<u>(6,206,120)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	<u>4,414,161</u>	<u>(209,855)</u>		<u>4,204,306</u>
 Business-type activities capital assets, net	 <u>\$ 5,282,441</u>	 <u>\$ (74,224)</u>		 <u>\$ 5,208,217</u>

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

Governmental activities:

Legislative and executive	\$ 253,708
Judicial	66,079
Public safety	445,287
Public works	1,614,006
Health	53,098
Human services	<u>228,083</u>
Total depreciation expense - governmental	<u>\$2,660,261</u>

Business-type activities:

Sanitary sewer	<u>\$ 237,587</u>
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NOTE 11 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE

In prior years, the County entered into lease agreements for copier equipment, a lease agreement for printers and a lease agreement for an ambulance. These lease agreements meet the criteria of a capital lease as defined by FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases," which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers the benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. Capital lease payments have been reclassified and are reflected as debt service expenditures in the basic financial statements for the governmental funds. These expenditures are reported as function expenditures in the budgetary statements.

General capital assets consisting of equipment and vehicles have been capitalized in the statement of net assets in the amount of \$238,982. This amount represents the present value of the minimum lease payments at the time of the lease inception. A corresponding liability was recorded in the statement of net assets. Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2011 was \$130,945, leaving a current book value of \$108,037. During 2011, principal and interest payments totaled \$51,074 and \$8,806, respectively, paid by the general fund, EMS fund and the County Board of DD fund. As of December 31, 2011, the liability for capital lease obligation included in the long-term liabilities of governmental activities totaled \$136,256.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2011:

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2012	\$ 57,620
2013	48,779
2014	<u>43,054</u>
Total	149,453
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(13,197)</u>
Present value of net minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 136,256</u>

NOTE 12 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

County employees earn vacation leave at varying rates ranging from two to five weeks per year. Accumulated vacation cannot exceed three times the annual accumulation rate for an employee. All accumulated, unused vacation time is paid upon separation from the County. Sick leave is accumulated at the rate of three weeks per year. Upon retirement, employees hired before August 12, 1982, are entitled to 100 percent of their accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 260 days. Employees hired after August 12, 1982, with seven years of service are entitled to 25 percent of their accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 30 days.

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligation activity for the year ended December 31, 2011 was as follows:

<u>Governmental activities:</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u>			<u>Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>12/31/10</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>12/31/11</u>	<u>Due in</u>
						<u>One Year</u>
<u>General obligation bonds:</u>						
Various Purpose/Improvement and Refunding - 2002	2.25-5%	\$ 3,710,000	_____	\$ (325,000)	\$ 3,385,000	\$ 325,000
<u>Special assessment bonds:</u>						
Loy Ditch	3.50%	2,901		(2,901)		
Nighswander Ditch	3.00%	860		(860)		
Carroll Russell Ditch	3.50%	679		(679)		
Bierly Ditch	3.00%	234		(234)		
Williams Ditch	5.00%	3,267		(1,634)	1,633	1,633
Gries Ditch	4.30%	88,665		(29,554)	59,111	29,555
Havens Ditch	6.00%	4,047		(2,024)	2,023	2,023
Klopp Ditch	5.00%	8,194		(2,731)	5,463	2,731
E.C. Lindsey Ditch	5.00%		\$ 11,295		11,295	3,765
Total special assessment bonds		<u>108,847</u>	<u>11,295</u>	<u>(40,617)</u>	<u>79,525</u>	<u>39,707</u>
<u>Other long-term obligations:</u>						
Compensated absences payable		2,187,671	826,113	(1,116,567)	1,897,217	1,101,767
Capital lease obligations		<u>187,330</u>		<u>(51,074)</u>	<u>136,256</u>	<u>50,699</u>
Total other long-term obligations		<u>2,375,001</u>	<u>826,113</u>	<u>(1,167,641)</u>	<u>2,033,473</u>	<u>1,152,466</u>
Total governmental obligations		<u>\$ 6,193,848</u>	<u>\$ 837,408</u>	<u>\$ (1,533,258)</u>	<u>\$ 5,497,998</u>	<u>\$ 1,517,173</u>

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

<u>Business-type activities:</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u>			<u>Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>12/31/10</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>12/31/11</u>	<u>Due in</u>
						<u>One Year</u>
<u>Ohio Water Pollution Control loan:</u>						
State Route 6 Sanitary Sewer	0%	\$ 343,064	\$ 135,631	\$ (24,556)	\$ 454,139	\$ 24,555
Sandusky/Rice Joint Sewer Improvement	4.16%	688,369		(56,797)	631,572	59,184
Rice Township Sewer Improvement	4.16%	184,802		(15,248)	169,554	15,889
Rice Township/Shorewood Sewer Improvements	3.64%	28,841		(2,301)	26,540	2,385
Route 53 Area Sewers	3.64%	71,774		(5,128)	66,646	5,316
Total OWPC Loans		<u>1,316,850</u>	<u>135,631</u>	<u>(104,030)</u>	<u>1,348,451</u>	<u>107,329</u>
<u>Ohio Public Works Commission loans:</u>						
Sunny Acres Sewer Improvements	0%	24,923		(2,493)	22,430	2,492
Rice Township Sewer Improvements - Phase II	0%	70,461		(6,406)	64,055	6,406
Rice/Sandusky Sewer Improvements	0%	112,858		(9,405)	103,453	9,405
Total OPWC Loans		<u>208,242</u>		<u>(18,304)</u>	<u>189,938</u>	<u>18,303</u>
<u>Other long-term obligations:</u>						
Compensated absences payable		23,316	5,537	(12,713)	16,140	16,140
Total business-type obligations		<u>\$ 1,548,408</u>	<u>\$ 141,168</u>	<u>\$ (135,047)</u>	<u>\$ 1,554,529</u>	<u>\$ 141,772</u>

In 2002, the County issued \$6,410,000, Series 2002, in general obligation various purpose improvement and refunding bonds. \$3,910,000 of the proceeds of these bonds were used to advance refund Series 1994 County Service Building bonds and Series 1996 various purpose refunding bonds. These proceeds were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of the advance refunded debt. The refunded bonds are not included in the County's outstanding debt since the refunded debt is considered defeased (in-substance) and all future obligations have been satisfied through the advance refunding. The remaining \$2,500,000 of the proceeds were used to construct a new Juvenile Detention Center. Interest on the Series 2002 bonds is payable in June and December with the principal payment in December. The Series 2002 bonds mature on December 1, 2022.

Special assessment bonds will be paid from the proceeds of special assessments levied against the property owners who are primarily benefited from the project. In the event that property owners fail to make their payments, the County is responsible for providing the resources to meet annual principal and interest payments.

Capital lease obligations will be paid from the general fund, the county board of DD fund and the EMS fund, a nonmajor governmental fund. See Note 11 for detail.

The County entered into three debt financing arrangements through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to fund sewer improvements. The amounts due to the OPWC are payable solely from operating revenues. The loan agreements function similar to a line-of-credit agreement. At December 31, 2011, the County has outstanding borrowings of \$189,938. The

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NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

loan agreements require semi-annual payments based on the actual amount loaned. The OPWC loans are interest free. The loans are payable from the sanitary sewer fund.

The County entered into five debt financing arrangements through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (OWPCLF) to fund sewer improvements. The amounts due to the OWPCLF are payable solely from operating revenues. The loan agreements function similar to a line-of-credit agreement. At December 31, 2011, the County has outstanding borrowings of \$1,348,451. The State Route 6 Loan has not been fully disbursed as of December 31, 2011 and is not included in the amortization schedules shown below. The loan agreements require semi-annual payments based on the actual amount loaned. The loans are payable from the sanitary sewer fund.

The compensated absences liability will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid, which, for the County, is primarily the general fund, county board of DD fund, the motor vehicle and gas tax fund, the human services fund and the sanitary sewer fund.

The Ohio Revised Code provides that the net general obligation debt of the County, exclusive of certain exempt debt, issued without a vote of the electors shall never exceed one percent of the total assessed valuation of the County.

The Code further provides that the total voted and unvoted net debt of the County, less the same exempt debt, shall never exceed a sum equal to three percent of the first \$100,000,000 of the assessed valuation, plus one and one-half percent of such valuation in excess of \$100,000,000 and not in excess of \$300,000,000, plus two and one-half percent of such valuation in excess of \$300,000,000. The assessed valuation used in determining the County's legal debt margin has been modified by House Bill 530 which became effective March 30, 2006. In accordance with House Bill 530, the assessed valuation used in calculating the County's legal debt margin calculation excludes tangible personal property used in business, telephone or telegraph property, interexchange telecommunications company property, and personal property owned or leased by a railroad company and used in railroad operations. The statutory limitations on debt are measured by a direct ratio of net debt to tax valuation and expressed in terms of a percentage. Based on this calculation, the County's voted legal debt margin was \$24,994,563 at December 31, 2011 and the unvoted legal debt margin was \$8,859,115 at December 31, 2011.

The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service principal and interest requirements for governmental activities long-term obligations:

Year Ended	General Obligation Bonds			Special Assessment Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2012	\$ 325,000	\$ 156,453	\$ 481,453	\$ 39,707	\$ 3,583	\$ 43,290
2013	335,000	142,803	477,803	36,053	1,784	37,837
2014	340,000	128,398	468,398	3,765	188	3,953
2015	350,000	113,438	463,438			
2016	360,000	97,688	457,688			
2017 - 2021	1,485,000	236,770	1,721,770			
2022	<u>190,000</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>199,500</u>			
Total	<u>\$ 3,385,000</u>	<u>\$ 885,050</u>	<u>\$ 4,270,050</u>	<u>\$ 79,525</u>	<u>\$ 5,555</u>	<u>\$ 85,080</u>

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The following is a summary of the County's future annual debt service requirements for business-type activities obligations:

Year Ended	OPWC Loans			OWPCLF Loans		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2012	\$ 18,303		\$ 18,303	\$ 82,774	\$ 35,877	\$ 118,651
2013	18,302		18,302	86,212	32,438	118,650
2014	18,303		18,303	89,794	28,857	118,651
2015	18,302		18,302	93,524	25,126	118,650
2016	18,303		18,303	97,410	21,241	118,651
2017 - 2021	89,020		89,020	440,820	43,141	483,961
2022 - 2023	9,405		9,405	3,778	69	3,847
Total	<u>\$ 189,938</u>		<u>\$ 189,938</u>	<u>\$ 894,312</u>	<u>\$ 186,749</u>	<u>\$ 1,081,061</u>

NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General Insurance

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2011, the County contracted with County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) for liability, property and crime insurance. The CORSA program has a \$2,500 deductible. Coverages provided by CORSA are as follows:

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Liability (per occurrence)	\$ 1,000,000
Law Enforcement Liability (per occurrence)	1,000,000
Automobile Liability and Physical Damage Liability (per occurrence)	1,000,000
Medical payments	
Per Person	5,000
Per Occurrence	50,000
Uninsured Motorist (per person)	250,000
Errors and Omissions	1,000,000
Excess Liability	1,000,000
Property	101,644,155
Equipment Breakdown	100,000,000
Crime Insurance:	
Faithful Performance	1,000,000

With the exceptions of health insurance, life insurance, and workers' compensation, all insurance is held with CORSA (See Note 2). There has been no significant reduction in coverage from prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded limits of coverage in the past three years. The County pays all elected officials' bonds in accordance with statute.

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NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)

B. Health and Vision Insurance

The County provides comprehensive health and vision insurance coverage to its employees through a traditionally funded plan. The County purchases commercial health insurance coverage through SummaCare. The County pays 87 percent of the monthly premium while the employee pays 13 percent. The entire risk of loss transfers to the commercial insurance carrier. The County's monthly premium requirement is as follows:

	<u>Family Coverage</u>	<u>Single Coverage</u>
Medical Mutual of Ohio	\$ 977.87	\$ 399.55

C. Insurance Purchasing Pool

For 2011, the County participated in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (Plan), an insurance purchasing pool (See Note 2). The Plan is intended to achieve lower workers' compensation rates while establishing safer working conditions and environments for the participants. The workers compensation experience of the participating counties is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the Plan. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the Plan rather than its individual rate. In order to allocate the savings derived by formation of the Plan, and to maximize the number of participants in the Plan, the Plan's executive committee annually calculates the total savings which accrued to the Plan through its formation. This savings is then compared to the overall savings percentage of the Plan. The Plan's executive committee then collects rate contributions from or pays rate equalization rebates to the various participants. Participation in the Plan is limited to counties that can meet the Plan's selection criteria. The firm of CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the Plan. Each year, the County pays an enrollment fee to the Plan to cover the costs of administering the program.

The County may withdraw from the Plan if written notice is provided sixty days prior to the prescribed application deadline of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. However, the participant is not relieved of the obligation to pay any amounts owed to the Plan prior to withdrawal, and any participant leaving the Plan allows representatives of the Plan to access loss experience for three years following the last year of participation.

D. Natural Gas

The County participates in the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation National Gas Program (the Program), a natural gas cost savings pool. There are currently over 50 counties participating. The program allows additional counties and/or additional county facilities to join at any time. Approximate savings range from \$0.50-\$1.00 per metric cubic foot and this savings has been maintained since the inception of the program. The program is administered through Palmer Energy.

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NOTE 15 - PENSION PLANS

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The County participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to, but less than, the Traditional Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which may be obtained by writing to OPERS, Attention: Finance Director, 277 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215-4642, by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377, or by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2011, member and contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. While members in the State and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the Traditional Plan. The 2011 member contribution rates were 10 percent for members in State and local classifications. Public safety and law enforcement members contributed 11 percent and 11.6 percent, respectively. The County's contribution rate for 2011 was 14 percent, except for those plan members in law enforcement or public safety, for whom the County's contribution was 18.1 percent of covered payroll.

The County's contribution rate for pension benefits for members in the Traditional Plan for 2011 was 10 percent. The County's contribution rate for pension benefits for members in the Combined Plan for 2010 was 7.95 percent. For those plan members in law enforcement and public safety pension contributions were 14.1 percent. The County's required contributions for pension obligations to the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were \$774,275, \$684,073, and \$1,402,305, respectively; 69.56% has been contributed for 2011 and 100 percent has been contributed for 2010 and 2009. Contributions to the Member-Directed Plan for 2011 were \$7,321 made by the County and \$5,229 made by the plan members.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - Certified teachers, employed by the school for Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, participate in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement system administered by the State Teachers Retirement Board. STRS Ohio provides retirement and

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NOTE 15 - PENSION PLANS – (Continued)

disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan.

The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For 2011, plan members were required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salaries. The County was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The County's required contributions for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were \$40,183, \$44,056, and \$37,859, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for 2011, 2010 and 2009. There were no contributions made to DC and Combined Plans for 2011.

NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement

Plan Description - OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional

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NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued)

Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

To qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have ten years or more of qualifying Ohio service credit. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the healthcare plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report which may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, writing to OPERS, Attention: Finance Director, 277 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy - The post-employment healthcare plan was established under, and is administrated in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code Section 401(h). State statute requires that public employers fund post-employment healthcare through contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to the Traditional or Combined Plans is set aside for the funding of post-employment health care.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active employees. In 2011, local government employers contributed 14 percent of covered payroll (18.1 percent for public safety and law enforcement). Each year the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for the funding of the postemployment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to fund post-employment healthcare for members in the Traditional Plan for 2011 was 4 percent. The portion of employer contributions allocated to fund post-employment healthcare for members in the Combined Plan for 2011 was 6.05 percent.

The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided, by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment healthcare plan.

The County's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were \$303,773, \$376,600, and \$961,192, respectively; 69.56 percent has been contributed for 2011 and 100 percent has been contributed for 2010 and 2009.

The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 9, 2004, was effective January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates for state and local employers increased on January 1 of each year from 2006 to 2008. Rates for law and public safety employers increased over a six year period beginning on January 1, 2006, with a final rate increase on January 1, 2011. These rate increases allowed additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

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NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description - The County contributes to the cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan (the "Plan") administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All benefit recipients, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2011, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The County's contributions for health care for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were \$3,091, \$3,389, and \$2,912, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for 2011, 2010 and 2009.

NOTE 17 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund, motor vehicle and gas tax fund, human services fund and County Board of DD fund are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to assigned or committed fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis);
- (d) Advances-in and advances-out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis);
- (e) Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) rather than cost (budget basis); and,
- (f) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

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NOTE 17 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements (as reported in the fund financial statements) to the budgetary basis statements for all governmental funds for which a budgetary basis statement is presented:

Net Change in Fund Balance

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax</u>	<u>Human Services</u>	<u>County Board of DD</u>
Budget basis	\$ (1,091,398)	\$ (416,623)	\$ (557,895)	\$ (1,319,192)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(6,429)	41,964	(38,337)	(57,843)
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	17,112	(397,286)	127,330	300,683
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	1,158,907			
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(96,633)			
Adjustment for encumbrances	283,817	682,633	395,948	250,306
GAAP basis	<u>\$ 265,376</u>	<u>\$ (89,312)</u>	<u>\$ (72,954)</u>	<u>\$ (826,046)</u>

Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the accumulated sick leave fund, budget reserve fund, surplus fund, unclaimed monies fund, title administration fund, property tax foreclosure rotary fund, annexations fund, Sandusky County group medical benefit plan fund, detention center donations fund, family drug court donation fund, truancy supervision program donation fund, recorder equipment fund, sheriff donations fund and the sheriff K9 unit donations fund.

NOTE 18 - FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

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NOTE 18 - FUND BALANCE - (Continued)

Fund balance	General	Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax	Human Services	County Board of DD	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:						
Materials and supplies inventory	\$ 225,484	\$ 370,825	\$ 41,601	\$ 8,937	\$ 19,611	\$ 666,458
Prepays	98,790	1,154	66,726		6,656	173,326
Unclaimed monies	<u>301,157</u>					<u>301,157</u>
Total nonspendable	<u>625,431</u>	<u>371,979</u>	<u>108,327</u>	<u>8,937</u>	<u>26,267</u>	<u>1,140,941</u>
Restricted:						
Debt service					487,150	487,150
Public works projects		2,669,852			242,291	2,912,143
Public safety programs	21,242				2,754,347	2,775,589
Human services programs			1,215,077	4,998,819	2,229,899	8,443,795
Health programs					185,436	185,436
Legislative and executive operations					872,040	872,040
Judicial					1,313,205	1,313,205
Economic development and assistance					147,306	147,306
Loans					<u>139,741</u>	<u>139,741</u>
Total restricted	<u>21,242</u>	<u>2,669,852</u>	<u>1,215,077</u>	<u>4,998,819</u>	<u>8,371,415</u>	<u>17,276,405</u>
Committed:						
Capital projects					3,907,860	3,907,860
Legislative and executive operations	36,837					36,837
Judicial					224,425	224,425
Termination benefits	41,456					41,456
Medical benefits and insurance	<u>174,035</u>					<u>174,035</u>
Total committed	<u>252,328</u>				<u>4,132,285</u>	<u>4,384,613</u>
Assigned:						
Public safety programs	52,649					52,649
Human services programs	2,085					2,085
Health programs	150					150
Legislative and executive operations	128,013					128,013
Judicial	95,485					95,485
Subsequent year appropriations	<u>2,047,090</u>					<u>2,047,090</u>
Total assigned	<u>2,325,472</u>					<u>2,325,472</u>
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>2,311,976</u>				(143,970)	<u>2,168,006</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 5,536,449</u>	<u>\$ 3,041,831</u>	<u>\$ 1,323,404</u>	<u>\$ 5,007,756</u>	<u>\$ 12,385,997</u>	<u>\$ 27,295,437</u>

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NOTE 19 - OTHER COMMITMENTS

The County utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year end may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the County's commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 294,334
Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund	682,633
Human Services Fund	394,228
County Board of DD Fund	219,528
Other governmental	<u>1,098,367</u>
	<u>\$ 2,689,090</u>

NOTE 20 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A. Grants

The County has received federal and State grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designee. These audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the County Commissioners believe such disallowance, if any, will be immaterial.

B. Litigation

Several claims and lawsuits are pending against the County. In the opinion of the County Prosecutor, no liability is anticipated in excess of insurance coverage.

NOTE 21 - CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATIONS

From time to time, the County has issued industrial revenue bonds and health care facility bonds to provide financial assistance to private-sector entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest. The bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. Neither the County, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for the repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. As of December 31, 2011, there are four series of industrial revenue bonds outstanding, aggregate principal \$1,653,629; and three series of health care facility bonds outstanding, aggregate principal \$21,057,552.

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NOTE 22 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On July 25, 2012 the County issued \$3,475,000 sales tax supported refunding bonds, series 2012A, which were used to refund the previously issued various purpose/improvement bonds. \$565,000 in sales tax supported bonds, series 2012B to be used for the Juvenile Detention Center Improvement Project; and \$1,660,000 federally taxable sales tax supported bonds, series 2012C to be used for the airport facilities and equipment acquisition project.

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**FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE
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FEDERAL GRANTOR	Federal	Project	Disbursements
<i>Pass Through Grantor</i>	CFDA	Number	
Program Title	Number	Number	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	G-1213-11-0109	\$ 117,781
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	G-1011-11-5109	377,296
Total CFDA # 10.561			<u>495,077</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
National School Lunch Program			
NonCash Assistance (Food Distribution)	10.555	FY 2011	9,294
Cash Assistance	10.555	FY 2011	28,085
Total National School Lunch Program			<u>37,379</u>
School Breakfast Program	10.553	FY 2011	14,488
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>51,867</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>546,944</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Development</i>			
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program			
Small Cities Program	14.228	B-F-09-1CO-1	67,741
Small Cities Program-CHIP	14.228	B-F-10-1CO-1	72,350
Small Cities Program- Housing Program	14.228	B-C-09-1CO-1	79,930
CDBG Revolving Loan Program - Housing Program	14.228	n/a	500
CDBG Revolving Loan Program	14.228	n/a	4,270
Total CFDA #14.228			<u>224,791</u>
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	B-C-09-1C0-2	131,549
HOME Revolving Loan - Housing Program	14.239	n/a	95,966
Total CFDA #14.239			<u>227,515</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>452,306</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Attorney General</i>			
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2011VAGENE251T	3,450
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	2010VAGENE251T	25,807
Total CFDA # 16.575			<u>29,257</u>
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services</i>			
ARRA-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program/Grants to States and Territories	16.803	2009-RA-C01-2038	50,802
ARRA-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program/Grants to States and Territories	16.803	2009-RA-C01-2055	3,577
ARRA-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program/Grants to States and Territories	16.803	2009-RA-C01-2069	4,165
Total CFDA # 16.803			<u>58,544</u>
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>87,801</u>

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FEDERAL GRANTOR	Federal		Disbursements
<i>Pass Through Grantor</i>	CFDA	Project	
Program Title	Number	Number	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR			
<i>Passed Through Montgomery County WIA Area 7</i>			
WIA Cluster			
WIA-Adult Programs	17.258	FY 2010	19,338
WIA-Adult Programs - Administration	17.258	FY 2010	1,780
WIA-Adult Programs	17.258	FY 2011	151,974
WIA-Adult Programs - Administration	17.258	FY 2011	8,167
WIA-Adult Programs	17.258	FY 2012	21,308
WIA-Adult Programs - Administration	17.258	FY 2012	1,394
ARRA -WIA-Special Project	17.258	FY 2011	101,441
ARRA -WIA-Ohio Learning Account	17.258	FY 2010	3,240
Total CFDA #17.258			<u>308,642</u>
WIA-Youth Activities	17.259	FY 2010	5,601
WIA-Youth Activities - Administration	17.259	FY 2010	338
WIA-Youth Activities	17.259	FY 2011	146,009
WIA-Youth Activities - Administration	17.259	FY 2011	8,587
WIA-Youth Activities	17.259	FY 2012	32,665
WIA-Youth Activities - Administration	17.259	FY 2012	8,079
Total CFDA #17.259			<u>201,279</u>
WIA-Dislocated Workers	17.260	FY 2010	2,970
WIA-Rapid Response	17.260	FY 2011	93,340
WIA-On the Job Training Outreach	17.260	n/a	986
ARRA - WIA-On the Job Training	17.260	n/a	10,925
Total CFDA #17.260			<u>108,221</u>
WIA-Dislocated Formula	17.278	FY 2011	135,521
WIA-Dislocated Formula - Administration	17.278	FY 2011	9,125
WIA-Dislocated Formula	17.278	FY 2012	5,127
WIA-Dislocated Formula - Administration	17.278	FY 2012	7,418
WIA-Dislocated Formula - Rapid Response	17.278	FY 2011	78,859
Total CFDA #17.278			<u>236,050</u>
Total WIA Cluster			<u>854,192</u>
Employment Services Cluster			
Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program	17.801	n/a	22,071
Local Veterans' Employment Representative Program	17.804	n/a	37,168
Total Employment Services Cluster			<u>59,239</u>
Total U.S. Department of Labor			<u>913,431</u>

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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Project Number	Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	80637	377,967
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	90398	460,422
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	87270	19,342
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	88870	22,781
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	90189	18,148
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	88364	16,590
Total CFDA # 20.205			<u>915,250</u>
ARRA - Formual Grants for Other Than Nonurbanized Areas	20.509	RPTS-0072-004-094	149,634
Total CFDA # 20.509			<u>149,634</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	HVEO-2012-72-00-00-00307-00	3,578
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	HVEO-2011-72-00-00-00487-00	32,724
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	HVEO-2010-72-00-00-00277-00	1,309
Total CFDA # 20.600			<u>37,611</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>1,102,495</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	G-1213-11-0109	160,232
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	G-1011-11-5109	1,094,820
Total TANF			<u>1,255,052</u>
Child Care Cluster			
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	G-1011-11-5109	66,424
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596	G-1011-11-5109	58,019
Total Child Care Cluster			<u>124,443</u>
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	G-1213-11-0109	157,002
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	G-1011-11-5109	421,325
Total CFDA # 93.563			<u>578,327</u>
Foster Care Title IV-E Administration and Training	93.658	G-1011-11-5109	58,118
Foster Care Title IV-E Administration and Training	93.658	G-11213-11-0109	27,685
Foster Care Title IV-E -FCM	93.658	G-1213-11-0109	39,987
Foster Care Title IV-E -FCM	93.658	G-1011-11-5109	119,984
ARRA - Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	G-1011-11-5109	2,291
Total CFDA # 93.658			<u>248,065</u>
Adoption Assistance	93.659	G-1213-11-0109	104,498
Adoption Assistance	93.659	G-1011-11-5109	240,490
Total CFDA # 93.659			<u>344,988</u>
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	G-1011-11-5109	41,691
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1213-11-0109	2,345
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	G-1011-11-5109	2,121
Total CFDA # 93.674			<u>4,466</u>
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	G-1011-11-5109	1,076
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	93.590	G-1011-11-5109	2,000

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**FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE
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FEDERAL GRANTOR	Federal	Project	Disbursements
<i>Pass Through Grantor</i>	CFDA	Number	
Program Title	Number	Number	Number
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1213-11-0109	212,753
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	G-1011-11-5109	574,807
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</i>			
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	FY 2011	61,746
Total CFDA # 93.667			<u>849,306</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	G-1011-11-5109	2,936
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i>			
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	G-1213-11-0109	110,040
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	G-1011-11-5109	276,116
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</i>			
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	FY 2011	414,338
Total CFDA # 93.778			<u>800,494</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services</i>			
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	74-3007-TASC-O-11-9181	132,132
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	74-3007-TASC-T-12-9181	39,570
Total CFDA # 93.959			<u>171,702</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>4,424,546</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Emergency Management Agency</i>			
State and Local Homeland Security National Training Program	97.005	2010-IP-T0-0007	6,750
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	EMW-2011-EP-00003-S01	11,919
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	2010-EP-00-0003	29,200
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	2010-EP-00-0003	49,490
Total CFDA # 97.042			<u>90,609</u>
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	2009-SS-T9-0089	50,280
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	2008-GE-T8-0025	6,300
Total CFDA # 97.067			<u>56,580</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>153,939</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Special Education Cluster			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	IDEA-B FY2012	14,052
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	IDEA-B FY2011	13,027
Total CFDA # 84.027			<u>27,079</u>
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	ECSE FY 2012	2,842
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	ECSE FY 2011	4,753
Total CFDA # 84.173			<u>7,595</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>34,674</u>

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**FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE
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(Continued)**

FEDERAL GRANTOR	Federal	Project	Disbursements
<i>Pass Through Grantor</i>	CFDA	Number	
Program Title	Number	Number	
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Early Intervention Services Cluster:			
Special Education Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	07210021HG0312	70,154
ARRA - Special Education Grants for Infants and Families	84.393A	07210021HA0211	27,650
Total Early Intervention Services Cluster			<u>97,804</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>132,478</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES			<u><u>\$ 7,813,940</u></u>

Note: The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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**NOTES TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Federal Awards Expenditures Schedule (the Schedule) reports Sandusky County (the County's) Federal award programs' disbursements. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

NOTE B – CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER

The County commingles cash receipts from the U. S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on the Schedule, the County assumes it expends Federal monies first.

NOTE C – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM

The County reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the fair value. The County allocated donated food commodities to the respective program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.

NOTE D - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAMS

The County has a revolving loan fund (RLF) program to provide low-interest loans to businesses to create jobs for low to moderate income persons and also to lend money to eligible persons to rehabilitate homes. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants money for these loans to the County, passed through the Ohio Department of Development. The Schedule reports loans made and administrative costs as disbursements on the Schedule. Subsequent loans are subject to the same compliance requirements imposed by HUD as the initial loans.

These loans are collateralized by mortgages on the property.

Activity in the CDBG revolving loan fund during 2011 is as follows:

Beginning loans receivable as of January 1, 2011	\$175,344
Loan Principal repaid	24,726
Loan Uncollectible (written off)	<u>10,877</u>
Ending loans receivable balance as of December 31, 2011	<u>\$139,741</u>
Cash balance on hand in the revolving loan fund as of December 31, 2011	\$118,896
Administrative costs expended during 2011	\$ 4,270

The table above reports gross loans receivable. Of the loans receivable as of December 31, 2011, none are more than 60 days past due. In addition, during 2011 the County determined that the loan of \$10,877 was uncollectible and has written it off.

NOTE E – DOWN PAYMENT OR REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE (HOME) LOAN PROGRAM

The County has established a revolving loan program to provide zero interest, forgivable, deferred payment loans to low-moderate income households and to eligible persons. The County also uses this program funding for home repair grants and other uses including, demolition and homebuyer or foreclosure counseling. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted money for these programs to the County, passed through the Ohio Department of Development. The initial loan of this money would be recorded as a disbursement on the accompanying Schedule. Loans repaid, including interest are used to make additional loans. Such subsequent loans are subject to certain compliance requirements imposed by HUD, but are also included as disbursements on the Schedule.

These loans are collateralized by mortgages on the property. The County made new loans under this program in 2011 in the amount of \$95,728. The administrative expenditures under this program in 2011 were \$238 and the cash balance on hand in the revolving loan fund as of December 31, 2011 was \$21,156.

NOTE F – OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE (CDBG) LOAN PROGRAM

The County has established a revolving loan program to provide zero interest, forgivable, deferred payment loans to low-moderate income households and to eligible persons. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted money for these loans to the County, passed through the Ohio Department of Development. The initial loan of this money would be recorded as a disbursement on the accompanying Schedule. Loans repaid, including interest are used to make additional loans. Such subsequent loans are subject to certain compliance requirements imposed by HUD, and are also included as disbursements on the Schedule.

The County had no new loans under this program in 2011. The administrative expenditures under this program in 2011 were \$500 and the cash balance on hand in the revolving loan fund as of December 31, 2011 was \$12,715.

NOTE G - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the County to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The County has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

NOTE H - TRANSFERS BETWEEN FEDERAL PROGRAMS

During fiscal year 2011 the County made allowable transfers of \$278,146 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (93.558) program to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) (93.667) program. The Schedule shows the County spent approximately \$1,255,052 on the TANF program. The amount reported for the TANF program on the Schedule excludes the amount transferred to the SSBG program. The amount transferred to the SSBG program is included as SSBG expenditures when disbursed. The following table shows the gross amount drawn for the TANF program during fiscal year 2011 and the amount transferred to the Social Services Block Grant program.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$1,533,198
Transfer to Social Services Block Grant	<u>(278,146)</u>
Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	<u>\$1,255,052</u>

NOTE I – PRIOR YEAR MEDICAID OVERSTATEMENT

During fiscal year 2010, the County's Schedule overstated the expenditures of the Medicaid (CFDA #93.778) funding passed through the Ohio Department of Disabilities by \$1,583,888. This overstatement did not have an effect on the auditor's opinion on compliance as previously reported.



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

Sandusky County
100 North Park Avenue
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To the County Commissioners:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sandusky County, Ohio (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2012 wherein we noted the County adopted Government Accounting Standards Board Statement 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Therefore, we cannot assure that we have identified all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings we identified a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. 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 timely corrected. We consider finding 2011-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Required by Government Auditing Standards
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We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the County's management in a separate letter dated September 20, 2012.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, County Commissioners, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and others within the County. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

September 20, 2012



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Sandusky County
100 North Park Avenue
Fremont, Ohio 43420-2472

To the County Commissioners:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Sandusky County, Ohio (the County), with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2011. The summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the County's major federal programs. The County's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each major federal program. Our responsibility is to opine on the County's compliance based on our audit.

Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance occurred with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with these requirements and performing other procedures we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with these requirements.

In our opinion, Sandusky County complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The County's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of opining on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We did note a matter involving federal compliance not requiring inclusion in this report, that we reported to the County's management in a separate letter dated September 20, 2012.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, County Commissioners, others within the County, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

September 20, 2012

SANDUSKY COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505
DECEMBER 31, 2011

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Workforce Investment Act Cluster - CFDA #17.258, 17.259, 17.260, and 17.278, Highway Planning and Construction - CFDA #20.205, Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas - CFDA #20.509, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - CFDA #93.558, Adoption Assistance - CFDA #93.659, Medical Assistance Program - CFDA #93.778
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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

FINDING NUMBER 2011-001

Material Weakness

Capital Assets

The County does not maintain a detailed capital asset list along with the use of coordinating asset tags or other specific identifying means. Capital assets account for fifty percent of total assets on the accompanying financial statements. A capital asset ledger should be maintained and regularly updated. At minimum, the records should contain the following data: a) department name and location; b) date of purchase; c) description; d) model/serial vehicle identification number, if applicable; e) asset tag number; f) quantity; g) purchase cost; h) annual depreciation amount; i) accumulated depreciation amount; j) book value; k) fund ownership; l) useful life of assets; and m) disposition date.

The County does not have a written capital asset policy that addresses useful lives for each asset class, depreciation method, and what items will be considered improvements and included as the cost of the asset and what items will be considered maintenance and not included as part of the cost of the asset. These weaknesses do not allow an accurate accounting over capital assets to be in place and could result in the misappropriation of capital assets and could allow capital assets to be misstated on the financial statements.

To maintain an accurate accounting over the capital assets process, we recommend the County establish a written capital asset policy addressing the abovementioned areas and an updated listing of the capital assets is maintained.

Officials' Response:

We did not receive a response from Officials' to this finding.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

SANDUSKY COUNTY

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (b)
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2010-001	Material Weakness – Failure to track capital assets.	No	Partially Corrected; Repeated as Finding #2011-001 in this report.
2010-002	OMB Circular A133 §.200 and §.320 – failure to complete single audit within 9 months of fiscal year end.	Yes	

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SANDUSKY COUNTY FINANCIAL CONDITION

SANDUSKY COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
OCTOBER 04, 2012