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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Walker County, Georgia LaFayette, Georgia 30728

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walker County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2008, which collectively comprise Walker County, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Walker County, Georgia's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the component unit, the Walker County Health Department. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Walker County Health Department, is based on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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 that our audit and the report of the other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, and based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walker County, Georgia, as of September 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2009, on our consideration of Walker County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial

reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and important for assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information on pages 3 through 13 and 46 through 51 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We and the other auditors have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Walker County, Georgia's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and the Schedule of Projects constructed with Special Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds as required by Georgia code section OCGA 48-8-121 are also not a required part of the basic financial statements of Walker County, Georgia. The schedule of grant activities on page 66, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and the schedule of projects constructed with special purpose local option sales tax proceeds have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us and the other auditors in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Burk, Roughan, Nober Hogens, PLLC

Chattanooga, Tennessee March 31, 2009

The following discussion and analysis of Walker County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the County's financial statements which follow this analysis.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of Walker County exceeded its liabilities at September 30, 2008 by \$89,659,800 (Net Assets). Of this amount, \$80,107,911 represented the investment in capital assets net of the related debt. This resulted in unrestricted net assets of \$9,551,889 that may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The citizens of Walker County elected to extend the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for an additional 6 years. This is projected to bring in up to \$28,500,000 over this period.
- In the county's business-type activities, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$582,856. Revenues were insufficient to recoup costs largely due to high depreciation expense and accrued postclosure costs. An operating transfer from the general fund was made to cover a portion of the loss.
- The County's governmental activities reported combining ending net assets of \$87,736,979, an increase of \$3,116,179 over the prior year net assets. Of this amount, \$10,577,965 remains in the various funds as unrestricted.
- Debt decreased by \$4,705,220. This was primarily due to bond payments of \$4,130,777, and lease payments of \$672,586. The remaining SPLOST revenue bonds matured during fiscal year 2008.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the County as a whole and present a longer-term view of the County's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 16. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the County's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the County's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the County acts solely as trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside the government.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide statements report information about the County as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. One of the most important questions asked about the County's finances is, "Is the County as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, which are the government-wide statements, report information about the County as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using

the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the County's net assets and changes in them. One can think of the County's net assets - the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure the County's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Other nonfinancial factors will need to be considered, however, such as changes in the County's property tax base and the condition of the County's roads, to assess the overall health of the County.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, we divide the County into the following:

Governmental activities - Most of the County's basic services are reported here: Public safety (law enforcement and traffic control, fire and rescue services, and corrections and detention); health and welfare (health and social services); recreation and culture (including libraries); community development (planning, environmental management and cooperative extension); public works (roads); and general government administration (legislative, general and financial, elections and judicial). Property taxes, other local taxes and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Business-type activities - The County charges fees to customers to cover the cost of operations for its enterprise fund. The landfill is the only enterprise fund that the county maintains. The landfill maintains the County transfer station, the construction and demolition landfill, and the solid waste landfill, which was closed in 1998. Under federal guidelines, the County must maintain the solid waste landfill for 30 years after it is closed.

Component unit - The County includes the following separate entity in its report - Walker County Health Department. Although legally separate, this "component unit" is included because the County is financially accountable and provides operating and capital funding as well as oversight. The Health Department has a June 30 year end. Complete financial statements of the Health Department can be obtained from their office: 603 E. Villanow St., LaFayette, Georgia 30728.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Traditional users of government financial statements will find the fund financial statement presentation more familiar. The focus is now on the County's most significant funds. The fund financial statements provide more information about the County's most significant funds - not the County as a whole.

The County has three kinds of funds:

Governmental funds - Most of the County's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the County's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information is provided in an accompanying schedule of the governmental funds statement that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Proprietary funds - These funds are used to account for operations that are financed in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The proprietary fund measurement focus is upon determination of net income, financial position and cash flows. Cash and temporary investments related to these proprietary funds are all highly liquid cash equivalents. The County's proprietary fund type consists of the Walker County Landfill. The operation of this fund is generally intended to be self-supporting.

Fiduciary Funds - These funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. 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 statement - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information — In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's schedule of budgetary comparisons, progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees, and employer pension contributions.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the end of the current fiscal year, the county's assets exceeded liabilities by \$89,659,800. This excess is divided into two net asset categories. Investment in capital assets less any outstanding debt used to acquire these assets is one of the components of net assets. Walker County uses these assets to provide service to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The other component is unrestricted net assets. The amount in this category normally represents amounts that may be used to meet the ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. The balance at September 30, 2008, is \$9,551,889 which may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations.

Net Assets September 30 2008 and 2007

	Governmental Business -type Activities Activities			Primary Government			
	2008 2007	2008	2007	2008	2007		
Assets Current and other assets Capital assets	\$ 17,337,714 \$ 18,116,39 78,844,312 √ 79,527,56	\$ 31,562 \$ 3,283,713	301,740 3,583,064	\$ 17,369,276 82,128,025	\$ 18,418,130 83,110,630		
Total assets	\$ 96,182,026 \$ 97,643,95	\$ 3,315,275 / \$	3,884,804	\$ 99,497,301	\$ 101,528,760		
Liabilities Long-term liabilities Other liabilities Total liabilities	\$ 6,198,112 \(\sqrt{\$} 10,916,82 \\ 2,246,935 \qqrt{\$} 2,106,33 \\ \sqrt{\$} 8,445,047 \(\sqrt{\$} \sqrt{\$} 13,023,15 \\ \qqrt{\$}		1,378,963 164 1,379,127	\$ 7,590,566 2,246,935 \$ 9,837,501	\$ 12,295,786 2,106,497 \$ 14,402,283		
Net assets Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted Total net assets	\$ 77,159,014 \sqrt{\$ 75,986,800} 10,577,965 8,633,900 \$ 87,736,979 \$ 84,620,800	(1,026,076)	3,150,338 (644,661) 2,505,677	\$ 80,107,911 9,551,889 \$ 89,659,800	\$ 79,137,233 7,989,244 \$ 87,126,477		

Net assets of the County's governmental activities increased by \$3,116,179 while the net assets of the business type activities decreased by \$582,856. The County's sole business activity is the Walker County Landfill. The landfill operated at a loss due to closure and depreciation expenses.

Walker County's property tax revenue increased 11% over the prior year while local option sales tax revenue was down \$261,669. Approximately 32% of the County's total revenue from governmental activities came from sales tax and 26% from property tax. Charges for services amounted to about 18% of governmental revenue with grants and contributions contributing approximately 6%.

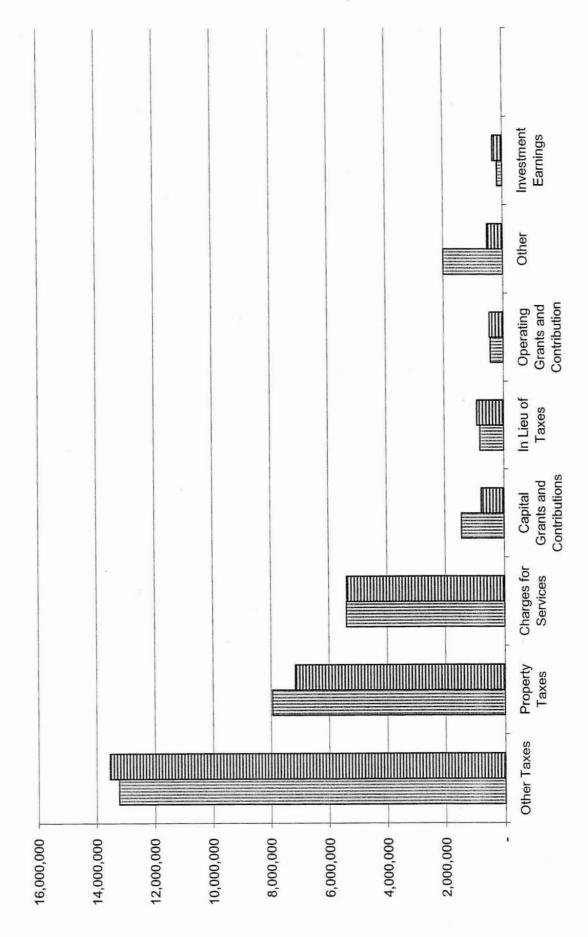
The County's largest expenses are Sheriff (24%), Public Works (22%), Public Safety (16%) and Judicial (10%) of total governmental expenses.

Changes in Net Assets Years ended September 30, 2008 and 2007

		Governmental Activities		type es	Total Primary Government		
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
Revenues:							
Program Revenues:	/					22	
Charges for Services	5,397,607	5,386,487	1,141,353	1,369,111	6,538,960	6,755,598	
Operating Grants & Contributions	442,864	472,058			442,864	472,058	
Capital Grants & Contributions	1,427,416	771,489			1,427,416	771,489	
General Revenues:						1231 27570 101000	
Property Taxes	7,942,326	7,144,412			7,942,326	7,144,412	
Other Taxes	12,604,768	13,119,524			12,604,768	13,119,524	
Other	3,012,101	2,253,809			3,012,101	2,253,809	
Total Revenues	30,827,082	29,147,779	1,141,353	1,369,111_	31,968,435	30,516,890	
Expenses:							
General government	3,730,307	3,315,085			3,730,307	3,315,085	
Judicial	2,811,854	2,923,042			2,811,854	2,923,042	
Sheriff	6,783,823	5,850,491			6,783,823	5,850,491	
Public Safety	4,561,704	4,347,428			4,561,704	4,347,428	
Public Works	6,306,433	5,870,192			6,306,433	5,870,192	
Health and Welfare	1,544,299	1,414,815			1,544,299	1,414,815	
Recreation and Culture	495,163	567,494			495,163	567,494	
Housing and Development	423,001	373,893			423,001	373,893	
Intergovernment Payments	753,444	642,877			753,444	642,877	
Interest on Long Term Debt	204,101	317,962			204,101	317,962	
Solid Waste			1,820,983	2,067,918	1,820,983	2,067,918	
			- /				
Total Expenses	27,614,129 🗸	25,623,279	1,820,983 /	2,067,918	29,435,112	27,691,197	
Increase (decrease) in net assets							
before transfers	3,212,953	3,524,500	(679,630)	(698,807)	2,533,323	2,825,693	
Transfers	(96,774) √	(674,123)	96,774	674,123			
Increase (decrease) in net assets	3,116,179 🗸	2,850,377	(582,856)	(24,684)	2,533,323	2,825,693	
Net assets - October 1	84,620,800	24,490,360	2,505,677	2,530,361	87,126,477	27,020,721	
Prior period adjustment		57,280,063			-	57,280,063	
Net assets - September 30	87,736,979 🗸	84,620,800	1,922,821 🗸	2,505,677	89,659,800	87,126,477	

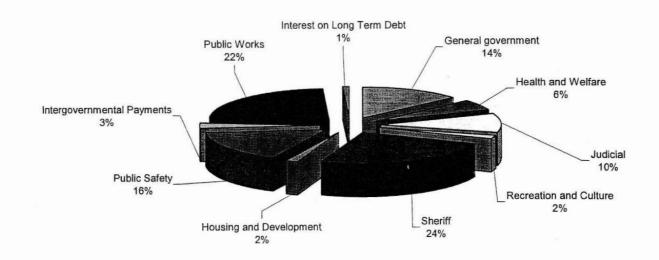
Total government wide revenue of \$31,968,435 was comprised of governmental activities (\$30,827,082) and business type activities (\$1,141,353). The following chart illustrates the distribution of the governmental revenue. The revenue of the business type activity was almost solely charges for services. The predominate source of revenue is the other tax category which is primarily Local Option Sales Tax, Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax and business taxes. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax revenue which totaled \$5,496,736 is specifically earmarked and cannot be used to finance the normal operations of the county. The current year column has the vertical stripes while the prior year is the horizontal striped column.

REVENUE BY SOURCE - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES



Government-wide expenses totaled \$29,435,112 for fiscal year 2008, including governmental activity expense of \$27,614,129 and business type activity expense of \$1,820,983. The following chart provides a visual depiction of expenditures of the governmental activities by function.

EXPENSE BY FUNCTION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

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

As the County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$9,139,702. All but \$28,000 constitutes unreserved fund balance. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has already been committed. The reserved fund balance represents funds that are required to be expended on building maintenance.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of Walker County. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$7,463,000. The unreserved fund balance increased by \$94,360 during the current year. This increase included operating transfers of \$973,518 to supplement operations of other funds. Among the operating transfers were \$340,599 to E911, \$275,950 to fire & rescue, \$239,130 to county transportation system, \$96,774 to landfill and \$21,065 required by federal and/or state grants as the county's matching share.

The focus of the fund financial statements is on major funds which generally represent the government's most important funds. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in single columns. The major funds, other than the general fund, of Walker County and their fund balances at year-end are: Fire and Rescue, (\$74,014) and SPLOST 2003, \$1,557,525. The fund balance in Fire and Rescue decreased by \$32,658 and the fund balance in SPLOST 2003 decreased by \$1,900,661. The decrease in SPLOST 2003 was primarily the result of acquiring capital assets which in fund accounting are treated as expenditures and act to decrease fund balance.

Proprietary Funds - Walker County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements; therefore, the discussion of current year activity in the government-wide section is not duplicated here.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The county adopted a final budget after the end of the fiscal year. This amendment was primarily to account for the General Fund actual revenues exceeding budgeted revenues by \$2,098,572 and fund actual expenditures and other financing uses exceeding budgeted expenditures by \$2,068,589. The excess of revenues over budgeted revenues was primarily due to the following revenue categories where actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues: contributions by \$1,420,088, other taxes by \$779,473, charges for services by \$163,839 and fines and forfeitures by \$95,655.

The budget amendment as to expenditures was essentially to realign expenditures. This was to take into effect a portion of the Road Department expenditures for road projects, and charge against SPLOST revenue. This savings to general fund expenditures offset most of the excess expenditures generated by the various county departments in the general fund.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets - The County's investment in capital assets for its governmental funds as of September 30, 2008 totals \$78,844,312 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure. The County's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year decreased by \$982,605, net of accumulated depreciation. This was comprised of two significant items, the donation of \$1,301,500 of land right of ways and the current year depreciation expense of \$3,874,949.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- . Land right of ways in the Mountain Cove area consisting of 52 acres was donated to the County.
- . A former health department building was finished being restored to house a medical facility for treatment, primarily, of lower income citizens. This was funded through a Community Development Block Grant.
- . An historic school house and the accompanying land was contributed during the year by various citizens.
- . Work continued on a number of road paving projects funded in part by GA DOT and will continue into next fiscal year.

Capital Assets at Year-end September 30, 2008 and 2007

					Tot	al	
	Governme	ental	Business-	type	Primary Government		
	Activitie	es	Activitie	es			
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
Non-depreciable assets:							
Land	\$ 1,974,887 /	\$ 648,387			\$ 1,974,887	\$ 648,387	
Building	/	297,600				297,600	
Construction in progress	374,163 /	498,933			374,163	498,933	
Depreciable assets:							
Buildings and improvements	17,987,828	17,753,154	306,771	306,771	18,294,599	18,059,925	
Machinery and equipment	16,196,760	16,174,351	1,685,052	1,648,780	17,881,811	17,823,131	
Infrastructure	89,595,933	88,779,351			89,595,933	88,779,351	
C&D Landfill			4,832,721	4,806,437	4,832,721	4,806,437	
Total	126,129,571	124,151,776	6,824,544	6,761,988	132,954,114	130,913,764	
Less: accumulated depreciation	(47,285,259)	(44,624,210)	(3,540,831)	(3,178,924)	(50,826,089)	(47,803,134)	
Net capital assets	\$ 78,844,312	\$ 79,527,566	\$3,283,713	\$3,583,064	\$82,128,025	\$83,110,630	

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note D to the financial statements in this report.

Debt - At the end of the current fiscal year, the County had total debt outstanding of \$7,590,566. This consisted of notes payable, lease obligations, landfill closure and postclosure costs and compensated absences.

SPLOST bonds in the amount of \$4,115,000 matured and were paid from current year SPLOST receipts which are escrowed for this purpose.

Outstanding Debt at Year End September 30, 2008 and 2007

	Governmental Activities		Business -type Activities			Totals			
		2008	2007	 2008	2007		2008		2007
General Obligation Bonds		\$	\$4,130,777			\$		\$	4,130,777
Lease Obligations	:	2,661,212 🗸	3,235,889	334,816	432,725		2,996,028		3,668,614
Notes Payable		297,600 🗸	297,600	/			297,600		297,600
Compensated Absences		532,606 🗸	536,487	4,536	4,536		537,142		541,023
Landfill Closure Costs		2,706,694 🗸	2,716,070	1,053,102	941,702		3,759,796		3,657,772
Totals	\$	6,198,112 🗸 \$	10,916,823	\$ 1,392,454 / \$	1,378,963	\$	7,590,566	\$	12,295,786

Additional information on the County's debt can be found in Note H to the financial statements in this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND THE 2009 BUDGET

Local Option Sales Tax decreased 5.61% in fiscal year 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007. The property tax digest grew \$47,031,783 (4.48%) while the net millage rate decreased less than 0.1 mill.

Walker County adopted its fiscal year 2009 budget September 30, 2008. The General Fund budget reflected a small increase over fiscal year 2008 of \$34,827. Revenues are not expected to increase by very much in the next year.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to demonstrate the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Walker County Accounting Department, P.O. Box 445, LaFayette, Georgia 30728.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS September 30, 2008

	Pi	rimary Government		Component Unit
	Governmental	Business-Type		Health
	Activities	Activities	Total	Department
ASSETS	\$ 3,803,221	\$ 418	\$ 3,803,639	\$ 1,039,154
Cash and cash equivalents		3 410	188,235	Q 1,035,154
Restricted cash	188,235		1,337,715	
Investments	1,337,715		1,331,113	
Receivables:	6 560 600		6,560,623	
Taxes	6,560,623	21 144	428,038	900
Accounts	396,894	31,144		
Due from other governments	4,844,278		4,844,278	102,663
Prepaid expenses	206,748		206,748	715
Capital assets not being depreciated	2,349,050		2,349,050	
Capital assets, net of accumulated		/	50 550 655	
depreciation	76,495,262	3,283,713	79,778,975	
TOTAL ASSETS	96,182,026	3,315,275	99,497,301	1,143,432
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,370,187		1,370,187	19,804
Due to other governments	753,444		753,444	73,005
Due to heirs, litigants, and others	32,616		32,616	
Deferred revenue	25,487		25,487	
Accrued interest payable	65,201		65,201	
Long-term liabilities -				
Portion due or payable within one year:				
Capital leases	622,700 -	103,395 /	726,095	
Note payable	297,600 /		297,600	
Compensated absences	318,670 /	4,536 /	323,206	81,534
Landfill closure and postclosure	33011110			
care costs	112,779 /		112,779	
Portion due or payable after one year:				
Capital leases	2,038,512 /	231,421	2,269,933	
Compensated absences	213,936/	/	213,936	
Landfill closure and postclosure	,			
care costs	2,593,915	1,053,102	3,647,017	
care costs	270007020	2/000/102		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,445,047	1,392,454	9,837,501	174,343
NET ASSETS				
Invested in capital assets, net of related		/	00 105 011	
debt	77,159,014	2,948,897	80,107,911	
Unrestricted	10,577,965	(1,026,076)	9,551,889	969,089
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$87,736,979	\$ 1,922,821	\$89,659,800	\$ 969,089

Issets	Component			\$ (170,884)	294,640 27,569 2,735 2,735 324,944 154,060 815,029 \$ 969,089
Changes in Net Assets	Total	\$(2,761,975) (817,234) (6,618,727) (2,165,444) (5,492,557) (680,950) (428,809) (753,444) (20,346,242)	(679, 630) (679, 630) (21, 025, 872)		7,942,326 9,898,165 319,803 2,386,800 623,916 800,639 1,996,639 1,996,021 2,533,323 2,533,323 87,126,477 \$89,659,800
(Expense) Revenue and Changes	Business-type Activities		\$(<u>679,630</u>)		96,774 96,774 96,774 (582,856) 2,505,677 \$1,922,821
Net (Expe	Governmental Activities	\$(2,761,975) (817,234) (6,618,727) (2,165,444) (2,492,557) (680,950) 428,809) (423,001) (753,444) (20,346,242)	(20,346,242)		7,942,326 9,898,165 319,803 2,386,800 623,916 800,639 1,996,021 1,996,021 23,462,421 3,116,736,979 84,620,800
S	Capital Grants and Contributions	\$ 4,422 148,582 772,812 501,600 1,427,416	\$ <u>1,427,416</u>	S.	89
Program Revenues	Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 108,404 41,064 293,396	\$ 442,864	\$1,011,656	ral Revenues: xes: General property taxes General sales and use tax Selective sales and use taxes Business taxes Fenalties and interest on delinquent taxes In lieu of taxes yment from Walker County restricted investment earnings in (loss) on sale of capital assets scellaneous sfers I General Revenues and Transfers ge in net assets assets - beginning
	Charges for Services	\$ 968,332 1,886,216 160,674 2,247,678 68,353 66,354 66,354	1,141,353 1,141,353 \$\overline{6,538,960}\$	\$ 429,360	General Revenues: Taxes: General property taxes General sales and use tax Selective sales and use taxes Business taxes Penalties and interest on deli: In lieu of taxes Payment from Walker County Unrestricted investment earnings Gain (loss) on sale of capital a Miscellaneous Transfers Total General Revenues and Transfe Change in net assets Net assets - beginning
	Expenses	\$ 3,730,307 2,811,854 6,783,823 4,561,704 6,306,433 1,544,299 495,163 423,001 753,444 204,101	1,820,983 1,820,983 \$29,435,112	\$ 1,611,900	General Revenues: Taxes: General sales and selective sales and selective sales and business taxes Punalties and interpretation of taxes Payment from Walker Unrestricted investme Gain (loss) on sale Miscellaneous Transfers Total General Revenues Change in net assets Net assets - beginning
	FUNCTION/PROGRAMS	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT: Governmental activities: General government Judicial Sheriff Public safety Public works Health and welfare Culture and recreation Housing and development Intergovernmental payments Interest on long-term debt Total governmental activities	Business-type activities: Landfill Total business-type activities Total primary government	COMPONENT UNIT: Walker County Health Department	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS September 30, 2008

Total Governmental Funds	\$ 3,803,221 188,235 1,337,715	6,560,623 396,894 1,032,426 4,844,281	\$18,163,395	\$ 1,370,190 305,629 1,032,426 753,444 32,616 5,529,388	9,023,693	28,000	7,463,000 91,177 1,557,525	9,139,702	\$18,163,395
Other Governmental Funds	\$ 83,216	77,947 442,520 125,586	\$ 729,269	\$ 7,669	564,078	-	165,191	165,191	\$ 729,269
SPLOST 2003	\$ 500 500 1,337,715	282,453 904,902	\$2,526,070	215,101	968,545	I	1,557,525	1,557,525	\$2,526,070
Fire and Rescue	\$ 92,833	76,391	\$ 169,224	\$ 70,449 31,413 78,486 62,890	243,238	1	74,014)	(74,014)	\$ 169,224
General	\$ 3,626,672 187,735	6,560,623 242,556 307,453 3,813,793	\$14,738,832	\$ 1,292,072 274,216 207,916 32,616 5,441,012	7,247,832	28,000	7,463,000	7,491,000	\$14,738,832
	ASSETS Cash Restricted cash Investments	Receivables: Taxes Accounts Due from other funds Due from other governments	TOTAL ASSETS	LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Compensated absences Due to other funds Due to other governments Due to heirs, litigants, and others Deferred revenue	TOTAL LIABILITIES	Fund Balances: Reserved for: Building maintenance	Unreserved, reported in: General fund Special revenue funds Capital projects funds	TOTAL FUND BALANCES	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

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September 30, 2008

9,139,702

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Total fund balances - governmental fund types

Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not

reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

Construction in progress Infrastructure, net of \$32,465,916 accumulated depreciation

Buildings and improvements, net of \$4,272,699 accumulated depreciation Equipment, net of \$1,266,116 accumulated depreciation

Vehicles, net of \$6,575,319 accumulated depreciation

Trucks and construction equipment, net of \$2,705,209 accumulated depreciation

under the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the full accrual basis, these expenditures are Some of the County's expenditures are charged directly to the statement of revenues and expenditures reported as prepaid. County taxes and fire fees reported as revenue under the modified accrual basis, but not susceptible to accrual in the statement of net assets.

5,503,901 7

78,844,312

13,715,129

\$ 1,974,887 374,163 57,130,017 1,343,616 3,311,839 994,661 206,748

Long-term liabilities applicable to the County's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is

not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities - both current and long-term - are reported in the statement of net assets.

Balances at September 30, 2008, are:

Accrued interest

Capital leases

Note payable

Landfill closure and postclosure care costs Compensated absences

Total long-term liabilities

TOTAL NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

2,706,694) 297,600) 2,661,212), 226,977) 65,201

5,957,684)

87,736,979

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Other Total Governmental Governmental Funds Funds	1,870,280 2,670,919 759,011 3,167,970 69,861 1,886,216 852 11,886,216 6,000 1,426,088 4258,607 2,734,347 30,690,445	19,919 215,685 10,052 207,670 251,669 106,981 819,446	892,230 1,169,180 1,000) (1,265,954)
SPLOST GOV	\$ \$ 5,496,736 1, 1, 132,109 5,628,845 2,		(1,609,420) (291,241) (291,241) (1,900,661) 3,458,186
Fire and Rescue	\$ 1,517,920 2,665 1,561,862	1,567,286 	275,950 (195) (275,755 (32,658) (41,356) \$ (74,014)
General	\$ 6,857,635 8,084,473 186,228 800,639 891,039 1,816,355 47,242 1,420,088 472,705 188,997	3,554,899 2,613,843 6,734,330 1,150,267 3,632,886 741,668 466,533 415,219 357,134 95,111	1,003,501 1,000 (973,518) 63,377 (909,141) 94,360 7,396,640 \$ 7,491,000
	REVENUES General property taxes Other taxes Other taxes Licenses and permits Intergovernmental Charges for services Fines and forfeitures Investment income Contributions and donations Rental income Miscellaneous TOTAL REVENUES	Current: General government Judicial Sheriff Public safety Public works Health and welfare Culture and recreation Housing and development Capital outlay Debt service: Principal retirement Interest Interest Interest TOTAL EXPENDITURES	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out Sale of capital assets TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Net changes in fund balance Fund balances - beginning of year Fund balances - end of year

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2008 \$ (1,844,804)

	30,	
	September	
	Ended	
	For the Year I	
	the	
1	For	

Net changes in fund balances - total government funds

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and Capital outlay for the period was \$3,846,415 This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded and the related depreciation expense was \$3,874,949 capital outlays in the current period. reported as depreciation expense.

The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) decreases net assets.

654,720)

28,534)

732,166

4,187)

Property taxes not reported as revenue under the modified accrual basis, but susceptible to accrual in the statement of net assets.

Fire fees reported as revenue under the modified accrual basis, but not susceptible to accrual in the statement of net assets.

costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provide current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items. the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however,

Bond principal payments Amortization of bond issuance costs Amortization of bond premiums Capital lease obligation payments Expenditures recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental funds, but recorded as prepaid expenses under the accrual basis.

accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the governmental funds, expenditures financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, which is presented on the are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified basis of accounting until due, rather than as it accrues. are available.

Compensated absences Accrued interest Landfill closure and postclosure care costs Change in net assets of governmental activities

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

4,115,000' (92,439), 15,777,

4,613,015

244,647 50,836 9,376 \$ 3,116,179

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND September 30, 2008

	Enterprise Fund
	Landfill
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Receivables, net of allowances	\$ 418 31,144
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	31,562
NONCURRENT ASSETS Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation: C and D landfill Buildings and improvements Equipment	2,464,688 223,688 595,337
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	3,283,713
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	3,283,713
TOTAL ASSETS	3,315,275
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES Compensated absences Capital lease payable - short-term	4,536 103,395
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	107,931
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES Capital lease payable - long-term Landfill closure and postclosure care costs - long-term	231,421 1,053,102
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	1,284,523
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,392,454
NET ASSETS Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted net assets (deficit)	2,948,897 (<u>1,026,076</u>)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,922,821

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Enterprise Fund
	Landfill
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for services Intergovernmental	\$ 910,628 230,725
TOTAL REVENUE	1,141,353
OPERATING EXPENSES Salaries Employee benefits Purchased services Landfill closure/postclosure care costs Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Depreciation Supplies	388,971 159,467 570,513 111,399 17,100 83,731 368,807 99,505
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,799,493
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(658,140)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) Interest expense on capital leases	(21,490)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	(21,490)
TRANSFERS IN	96,774
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(582,856)√
Total net assets - beginning	2,505,677
Total net assets - ending	\$ 1,922,821

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Enterprise Fund
	Landfill
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers Payments to employees	\$ 1,411,532 (771,012) (548,438)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	92,082
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Transfers from other funds	96,774
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	96,774
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Acquisition and construction of capital assets Principal paid on capital lease obligations Interest paid on capital lease obligations	(69,457) (97,909) (21,490)
NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(188,856)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	418
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 418
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net	\$(658,140)
cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation Provisions for losses on accounts receivable Landfill closure/postclosure care costs Changes in assets and liabilities:	368,807 13,557 111,399
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in accounts payable Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	256,623
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 92,082

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUNDS September 30, 2008

	Pension Trust Fund	Agency Funds
ASSETS Cash Investments, at fair value: Guaranteed fixed income account Mutual funds	\$ 3,193,238 2,857,848	\$ 4,221,675
TOTAL ASSETS	_6,051,086	4,221,675
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other governments Due to heirs, litigants, and others		30,847 740,159 3,450,669
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_6,051,086	4,221,675
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS (see schedule of funding progress)	\$ <u>6,051,086</u>	\$

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Pension Trust Fund
ADDITIONS Contributions: Employer	\$ <u>1,151,637</u>
Total contributions	1,151,637
Investment income: Interest	535,748
Net investment income	535,748
TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,687,385
DEDUCTIONS Benefits Insurance premiums	733,504 32,033
Total deductions	_ 765,537
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	921,848
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS Beginning of year	5,129,238
End of year	\$ 6,051,086

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A.1 Reporting Entity

Walker County, Georgia was established under the laws of the State of Georgia and operates under an elected Sole Commissioner form of government. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of Walker County (the primary government) and its component unit. The component unit discussed below is included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of its operational or financial relationship with the County. In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the component unit have been included in the financial reporting entity as a discretely presented component unit.

A.1.1 Discretely Presented Component Unit

The Walker County Health Department, an entity legally separate from the County, is governed by a seven-member board which includes the Commissioner of Walker County and several members appointed by the County Commissioner. For financial reporting purposes, the Health Department is reported as if it were part of the County's operations because its purpose is to provide health care services and health education to the citizens of the County. Complete financial statements of the Health Department can be obtained from their office: 603 E. Villanow St., LaFayette, Georgia 30728.

A.1.2 Related Organizations

The following related organizations are excluded from the financial reporting entity:

Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority. This is an entity legally separate from the County and is governed by a five-member board appointed by the County Commissioner. The Authority provides water and sewerage services to citizens in a portion of Walker County. The Authority is excluded because the County's accountability does not extend beyond making appointments. The Authority selects its own management staff, sets user charges, establishes budgets, issues debt, and controls all aspects of the daily operations.

Walker County Board of Education. The Board of Education has a separate board elected by the public and provides services to residents within the geographic boundary of the County. It is excluded because the County does not have the ability to exercise influence or control over the daily operations, approve budgets, or provide funding.

Walker County Department of Family and Childrens' Services. This organization has been appointed jointly by the area government's governing bodies. It is an independent unit that selects management staff, sets user charges, establishes budgets and controls all aspects of its daily activities.

A.2 Basis of Presentation

A.2.1 Government-wide Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the County) and its component unit. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the County. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the County and for each function of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property, sales or gas taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.). The County does not allocate indirect costs.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the County as an entity and the change in the County's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

A.2.2 Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the County are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund, including fiduciary funds, are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB No. 34 sets minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This fund is established to account for resources devoted to financing the general services that the County performs for its citizens. General tax revenues and other sources of revenue used to finance the fundamental operations of the County are included in this fund. The fund is charged with all costs of operating the government for which a separate fund has not been established.

Fire and Rescue Fund. This fund is used to account for fees collected by the Tax Commissioner on behalf of the County that are specifically restricted to providing fire and rescue services.

SPLOST 2003 Bond Construction Fund. This fund is used to account for the construction of numerous County projects. The advance bond issued from the 2003 special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) referendum, SPLOST revenues and State grant revenues are used to finance these projects.

The County reports the following major enterprise fund:

Landfill. This fund accounts for the operation, maintenance, and development of the County's transfer station and construction and demolition landfill.

The County reports the following fund types:

Pension Trust Fund. The Pension Trust Fund accounts for the activities of the Walker County defined benefit pension plan.

Agency Funds. The agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. These funds are used to account for assets that the County holds for others in an agency capacity.

A.2.3 Accounting Period

All funds of Walker County, Georgia, are on fiscal year basis with the year ending September 30, 2008, except for the Health Department component unit. The component unit operates on a fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

A.3 Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting determines when transactions and economic events are reflected in financial statements, and measurement focus identifies which transactions and events should be recorded.

Government-wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the County gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The County considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end.

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Proprietary 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 operations. The principal operating revenues of the proprietary fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of landfill operations and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

All governmental and business-type activities and enterprise funds of the County follow FASB Statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

A.4 Budgetary Data

The County Commissioner prepares a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year in September of the preceding fiscal year and makes it available for public inspection at the county courthouse. After a public hearing on the proposed budget is held, the proposed budget is adopted by resolution of the Commissioner. The budget amounts for the fiscal year may be amended by the County Commissioner to actual operating figures. Walker County prepares annual operating budgets for all governmental funds. At the fund level, actual expenditures cannot exceed budgeted appropriations; however, with proper approval by the Commissioner, budgetary transfers between departments can be made. The legal level of budgeting control is at the department level or elected office level. All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

The capital project funds have a project length budget, which was adopted when the fund was formed. The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) budget was prepared from the projected total SPLOST tax revenues and capital outlays.

A.5 Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not used by Walker County.

A.6 Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets

A.6.1 Cash and Investments

Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in certificates of deposits

with various maturities, transferred to interest-bearing savings accounts, invested in the Georgia Local Government Investment Pool, or invested in any corporation of the U.S. government. Deposits in excess of federally insured amounts are required to be collateralized by securities of the depository bank.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the County considers all highly liquid investments, including restricted cash, with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Investments in the Local Government Investment Pool are specifically invested in "Georgia Fund 1". Georgia Fund 1, created by OCGA 36-83-8, is a stable net asset value investment pool which follows Standard and Poor's criteria for AAAm rated money market funds. However, Georgia Fund 1 operates in a manner consistent with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is considered to be a 2a-7 like pool. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but is under the regulatory oversight of the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services. The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal (\$1.00 per share value). Net asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participant's shares sold and redeemed based on \$1.00 per share.

Investments of the County are reported at fair value. The fair values of investments in external investment pools are the same as the value of the pool shares.

The County has no custodial credit risk policy, however, the County is permitted under state law to invest in obligations of Georgia or any other state, obligations issued by the U. S. government, obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U. S. government, or by a government agency of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the U. S. government, prime bankers' acceptances, the local Government Investment Pool established by Code Section 36-83-8, repurchase agreements, and obligations of other political subdivisions of Georgia. It is the County's policy to follow State guidelines for investments.

The County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

A.6.2 Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. The amounts estimated to be uncollectible from property taxes receivable and accounts receivable for fire and rescue fees are \$393,400 and \$276,000, respectively. Estimated uncollectible accounts receivable in the landfill proprietary fund are \$5,500.

A.6.3 Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Assets. Amounts receivable from or payable to fiduciary funds are included in the Statement of Net Assets as receivable from

and payable to external parties, not as internal balances. Any residual balances outstanding between governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

A.6.4 Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid assets are not recorded in the governmental funds; all amounts are expended as paid.

A.6.5 Deferred Charges

Deferred charges in the government-wide financial statements consist of bond reissuance costs that are amortized over the life of the bond issue.

A.6.6 Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. An exception to the \$5,000 threshold is capital lease assets. The County capitalizes all capital lease assets. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, the County implemented GASB Statement No. 34 requirements for retroactive reporting of major general infrastructure assets. This category is the largest asset class of the County. Historically, the financial statements have not reflected this asset category or the depreciation expense for the systematic allocation of its consumption. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of proprietary fund capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. There was no interest expense capitalized for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

Property, plant and equipment of the primary government, as well as the component unit, is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Infrastructure	30 years
Buildings	50 years
Site Improvements	20 years
Furniture	20 years
Equipment	5 to 15 years
Vehicles	6 years

Amortization expense for capital lease assets has been included in depreciation expense.

A.6.7 Other Assets

Other assets held are recorded and accounted for at cost.

A.6.8 Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

All payables and accrued liabilities are reported on the government-wide financial statements. All payable and accrued liabilities from the enterprise funds are reported on the enterprise fund financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities are recognized as fund liabilities when incurred. However, compensated absences that are paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year.

A.6.9 Deferred Revenues

The government-wide financial statements use the accrual basis of accounting and all revenue is recognized when earned. Deferred revenues reported in governmental fund financial statements represent unearned revenues or revenues which are measurable but not available and, in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, are reported as deferred revenues.

A.6.10 Long-term Obligations

The County reports long-term debt of governmental activities at face value in the government-wide statement of net assets. Long-term debt is not reported for governmental activities in the fund financial statements. Long-term debt and other obligations financed by the proprietary fund are reported as liabilities in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

A.6.11 Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance 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 constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The County's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

A.6.12 Governmental Fund Balance Reserves

The County reserves those portions of governmental fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure.

A.7 Revenues and Expenditures and Expense

A.7.1 Property Tax Revenues

Property taxes are generally levied around July 31st for the following fiscal year based on the assessed value of property as listed on the previous January 1. The billings are considered past due 60 days after the respective tax billing date, at which time the applicable property is subject to lien, and penalties and interest are assessed. Assessed values are an approximation of market value. Revaluation of real property must be made when the average assessed value falls below 40% of the sales price on property sold within the previous year. The last valuation date was January 1, 2002 for residential property, and January 1, 2005 for other real property, and January 1, 1998 for commercial property. Valuations were reassessed for all city property, most major subdivisions, and a partial reassessment of rural land as of January 1, 2006. Property taxes are recognized as revenue when they are levied because they are considered to be both measurable Proper allowances are made for estimated uncollectible and and available. delinquent accounts.

The property tax calendar applicable to the current fiscal year is as follows:

Lien date Levy date Due date Delinquency date January 1, 2008 July 31, 2008 October 20, 2008 December 20, 2008

A.7.2 Interfund Transactions

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

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in enterprise funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

A.7.3 Payments Between the County and Component Units

Resource flows (except those that effect the statement of net assets/balance sheet only, such as loans and repayments) between a primary government and its discretely presented component units are reported as external transactions — that is, as revenues and expenses. Payments from the County consist of funds necessary to sustain the operations of the component unit.

A.8 Estimates

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

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Primary Government

The cash and investments of the County were fully collateralized at September 30, 2008. The following schedules classify the cash and investments into three categories to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the County at year end.

Deposit Categories of Custodial Credit Risk

- Insured or collateralized with securities held by the County or by its agent in the County's name.
- Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the County's name.
- 3. Uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by its trust department or agent, but not in the County's name.

Investment Categories of Custodial Credit Risk

- Insured or registered or securities held by the County or its agent in the County's name.
- 2. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterpart's trust department or agent in the County's name.
- 3. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterpart or by its trust department or agent but not in the County's name.

The following schedule of cash and investments of all of the County's funds (including fiduciary funds) as of September 30, 2008, are categorized by custodial credit risk:

		Category		Carrying	Bank		
Cash	1	2	3	Amount	Balance		
Deposits with financial institutions	\$8,921,965	\$	\$	\$ <u>8,213,549</u> √ \$	8 <u>8,921,965</u>		Weighted Average
Investment Type Primary Government	1	Category 2	3	Carrying Amount	Credit Rating	Maturities	Maturity (Years)
Georgia Fund 1	\$	\$ <u>1,337,715</u>	\$	\$ <u>1,337,715</u> ✓	AAAm	less than 6 months	.11
Fiduciary Fund Guaranteed fixed income account Open end mutual funds	\$ 	\$3,193,238 2,857,848	\$ 	\$3,193,238 2,857,848	N/A N/A	less than 6 months less than 6 months	
	\$	\$ <u>6,051,086</u>	\$	\$ <u>6,051,086</u>			

The deposits of the County are included in the following classifications at September 30, 2008.

Primary government:
 Cash and cash equivalents
 Restricted cash
Agency funds:
 Cash
Total deposits with financial institutions

\$ 3,803,639 \(\) 188,235 \(\)

Component Unit

Walker County Health Department. The Health Department's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be demand deposits. All deposits were entirely insured or collateralized as of June 30, 2008.

At June 30, 2008, cash consisted of the following:

Cash and cash equivalents

\$ 1,039,154

NOTE C - INTERFUND BALANCES AND ACTIVITY

Balances Due To/From Other Funds

Summary of balances due to/from other funds reported in the fund financial statements:

Due to:

General fund from Fire and Rescue fund
General fund from SPLOST 2003 fund
General fund from nonmajor governmental funds
SPLOST 2003 fund from nonmajor governmental funds
Nonmajor governmental funds from General fund
Nonmajor governmental funds from SPLOST 2003
Nonmajor governmental funds from Fire and Rescue fund

\$ 5,722 53,261 248,470 282,453 207,916 161,840 72,764

Total

\$ 1,032,426

Due from:

Other funds, Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

\$ 1,032,426

Total

\$ 1,032,426

Interfund balances in the general fund are created mainly from payment of invoices on behalf of other funds.

Interfund balances in the SPLOST 2003 fund are created by advances made for expenditures on a grant reimbursable project.

Interfund balances in the nonmajor governmental funds are created mainly by local matching requirements of grants and from payment of invoices on behalf of other funds.

Transfers To/From Other Funds

Transfers to/from other funds at September 30, 2008, consist of the following:

From the General fund to the Landfill fund for operating expenditures	\$ 96,774
From the General fund to the E911 fund for operating expenditures	/340,599 ✓
From the General fund to the Grant fund for County matching requirements	/ 21,065 √
From the General fund to the Transportation Fund for operating expenditures	/ 239,130 /
From the General fund to the Fire and Rescue Fund to fund prior year EMS	275,950
expenditures	275,950 ✓
From the Fire and Rescue fund to the Grant fund for County matching requirements	✓ 195 V
From the SPLOST 2003 fund to the CDBG fund for capital expenditures	/ < 161,840 / 129,401 /
From the SPLOST 2003 fund to the Grant fund for County matching requirements	129,401
From Food Pantry fund to the General Fund to close out fund	
	0 1 065 054
Total	\$ <u>1,265,954</u>

NOTE D - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, was as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Reclassifi- cations	Ending Balances
Capital assets not being					
depreciated:					
Land	\$ 648,387	\$1,326,500	\$	ş	\$ 1,974,887
Building	297,600			(297,600)	
Construction in progress	498,933			(124,770)	374,163
Total capital assets					
not being					/
depreciated	1,444,920	1,326,500		$(\underline{422,370})$	2,349,050 🗸
Capital assets being					
depreciated:					
Infrastructure	88,779,351	816,582			89,595,933
Buildings and					
improvements	17,753,154	407,050	568,346	395,970	17,987,828
Equipment	2,421,217	188,916	401		2,609,732
Vehicles	10,115,577	1,015,704	1,270,523	26,400	9,887,158
Trucks and construction					
equipment	3,637,557	91,663	29,350		3,699,870
Total capital assets					
being depreciated	122,706,856	2,519,915	1,868,620	422,370	123,780,521
Less accumulated					
depreciation for:					
Infrastructure	30,363,499	2,102,417			32,465,916
Buildings and					
improvements	3,987,713	319,087	34,101		4,272,699
Equipment	1,014,951	251,487	322		1,266,116
Vehicles	6,740,868	948,776	1,114,325		6,575,319
Trucks and					
construction			MANAGE CONSTRUCTION		
equipment	2,517,179	253,182	65,152		2,705,209
Total accumulated					COLUMN TO THE PARTY OF THE PART
depreciation	44,624,210	3,874,949	1,213,900		47,285,259
Total capital					
assets being					
depreciated,		70 000 000		400 000	70 105 000 1
net	78,082,646	(1,355,034)	654,720	422,370	76,495,262 V
Governmental activity	/			/ •	A 70 044 010
capital assets, net	\$ <u>79,527,566</u>	\$(28,534)/	\$ 654,720	7	\$ 78,844,312
		/			

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Reclassifi- cations	Ending Balances
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Landfill:	ć	¢	s	\$	\$
Capital assets not being depreciated	\$	\$	3	¥	4
Capital assets being depreciated and					
amortized:	4 006 427	26 201			4,832,721
C & D Landfill	4,806,437	26,284			306,771
Buildings and improvements	306,771				507,613
Machinery and equipment	472,518	35,095			1,118,842
Capital lease assets	1,118,842		6,900		40,477
Vehicles	47,377		6,900		1,028
Furniture and fixtures	1,028				1,508
Software	1,508				1,500
Computers, radios, and	7 505	0 070			15 504
electronics	7,506	8,078			15,584
Total capital assets being		60 457	c 000	1927207	6 024 544
depreciated and amortized	6,761,987	69,457	6,900		6,824,544
Less accumulated depreciation and					
amortization for:					0 260 022
C & D Landfill	2,162,897	205,136			2,368,033
Buildings and improvements	75,344	7,739			83,083
Machinery and equipment	110,639	10,097			120,736
Capital lease assets	491,308	130,909			622,217
Vehicles	330,833	13,100	6,900		337,033
Furniture and fixtures	196	53			249
Software	848	287			1,135
Computers, radios, and					
electronics	6,859	1,486			8,345
Total accumulated			-		
depreciation and					
amortization	3,178,924	368,807	6,900		3,540,831
Total capital assets being	2121212				
depreciated, net	3,583,063	(299, 350)			3,283,713
Business-type activities capital		,			(Annual Manager Control of the Contr
assets, net	\$3,583,063	\$ (299,350)	\$	\$	\$3,283,713 V
assect) net					
	Beginning	7.7			Inding
	Balances	Incre	<u>Dec</u>	reases Ba	lances
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Component Unit:					
Capital assets being depreciated					
Machinery and equipment	\$ 14,14	2 \$	\$	\$	14,142
Total capital assets being					0.7 2.12
depreciated	14,14	2			14,142
Less accumulated depreciation for:					20 222
Machinery and equipment	14,14	2			14,142
Total accumulated depreciation	14,14	2			14,142
Governmental activities capital assets,		/			/
net	\$	_V \$	\$	\$	
		_			
				2.2	
Depreciation expense was charged	to governm	ental func	ctions as ic	ollows:	
170 cm 10 gr			Ċ	65,249	
General government			Ÿ	65,907	
Judicial				257,752	
Sheriff				785,101	
Public safety					
Public works				442,826	
Health and welfare				205,912	
Culture and recreation				39,249	
Housing and development			10	12,953	
				/	
			\$3,	874,949	

NOTE E - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Two hundred twenty-eight (228) of the County's full time Plan Description. employees are covered by the Pension Plan for Employees of the Walker County Commissioner and Sheriff's Department. This self-administered plan is a single employer, noncontributory, defined benefit plan established January 1, 1973, restated effective January 1, 1984 and amended effective December 31, 2005. Authority to establish, amend or discontinue the plan is assigned to Walker The plan is included in this report because the County has oversight responsibility as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. plan does not issue separate financial statements but includes the financial statements and required supplementary information in the County's annual financial The plan provides retirement, disability and death benefits to all report. employees hired prior to December 31, 2005, and their beneficiaries, that have been employed full time for one year. Employees begin vesting after 3 years of service and are fully vested after 7 years. Members may retire at age 65 with 35 years of service, age 60 with 20 years of service, or age 55 with 25 years of service. Benefits are calculated at 1.10% of five years average earnings multiplied by credited service plus 0.65% of average compensation in excess of \$10,000 multiplied by credited service up to 35 years. The plan was amended effective December 31, 2005, and participation was frozen for individuals who were not active employees or participants on that date and who were hired or rehired after that date.

Funding Policy and Pension Cost. Contribution requirements are actuarially determined and may be amended by the County. Plan members are not allowed to contribute to the plan. The funding policy for the plan is to make annual contributions at least equal to the minimum contribution required for public retirement systems under Section 47-20-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. This minimum contribution is equal to the normal cost for the year plus annual payments to amortize increases (decreases) in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over various prescribed periods. The normal cost for the County's Plan for 2007 has increased as a percentage of covered payroll from 11.53% in 2006 to 11.91% in 2007. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is amortized over 30 years from 1/1/92. These amortization periods, if applicable, are closed for this plan year.

The contributions to the plan during the year ended December 31, 2007 were \$1,195,458 and were made in accordance with contribution requirements determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2008, (the most recent actuarial valuation date). The County's covered payroll for the plan year ended January 1, 2008, was \$7,266,593, and the total payroll was \$11,921,764.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. The plan's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions from the County are recognized when due and the County has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Investment income is recognized as earned by the plan. The net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments held by the plan is recorded as an increase (decrease) to investment income based on the valuation of investments as of the date of the balance sheet. All funds are invested in accordance with state statute and are valued at fair value. There are no investments in, loans to, or leases with parties related to the pension plan.

Funded Status. The County's annual pension cost, percentage of annual pension cost contributed and net pension obligation for the most recent three years is as follows:

Three-Year Trend Information

Year Ending	Employer Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Annual Contribution	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net (EOY) Pension Obligation
December 31, 2005	\$884,590	\$ 884,590	100.0%	
December 31, 2006	918,196	921,222	100.0%	
December 31, 2007	978,839	1,195,458	122.0%	

Schedule of Funding Progress

Unfunded

Actuarial Accrued Liability Frozen Entry Age Cost Method (b)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Actuarial Accrued Liability as % of Covered Payroll (b-a/c)
CC 520 556	\$528,911	91 98	\$7,426,230	7.1%
	Accrued Liability Frozen Entry Age Cost Method	Accrued Liability Unfunded Frozen Actuarial Entry Age Accrued Cost Method Liability (b) (b-a)	Accrued Liability Unfunded Frozen Actuarial Entry Age Accrued Funded Cost Method Liability Ratio (b) (b-a) (a/b)	Accrued Liability Unfunded Frozen Actuarial Entry Age Accrued Funded Covered Cost Method Liability Ratio Payroll (b) (b-a) (a/b) (c)

Significant Actuarial Assumptions. The significant actuarial assumptions used to compute the actuarial accrued liability and the annual recommended contribution to the plans meet the Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 4, Measuring Pension Obligations, establishing generally accepted actuarial principles and practices.

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the current valuation are:

Rate of return on investment	7.08
Projected salary and inflation increases	4.0%
Actuarial methods:	
Actuarial cost method	Frozen entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar
Asset valuation method	Market value
Valuation cost method	Frozen entry age with normal cost expressed
	as a percentage of covered payroll.

The projected salary and inflation increases assumption changed from 5.0% to 4.0%. All other actuarial assumptions are the same as those used in the preceding year.

Plan Membership Data. As of January 1, 2008, the current plan membership includes the following categories of participants.

Plan Participants:	
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	10
Terminated employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them Active participants	28 228
Total	266

Investments

The investments in the pension plan are held by the Lincoln Financial Group and invested in compliance with the pension document.

Summary of Investments as of January 1, 2008

	Fair Value	% of Total
Lincoln Financial Group: Guaranteed fixed income account Balanced account Equity Growth account Government/Corporate bond fund	\$ 3,193,238 1,422,126 795,072 640,650	52.77% 23.50 13.14 10.59
Total	\$ 6,051,086	100.00%

NOTE F - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

Effective January 1, 2007, the County established the Walker County Commissioner Employees 401(a) plan. The County will begin funding the plan in May 2009. This plan covers employees who are not covered under the defined benefit pension plan and has attained age 18 and completed one year of service. Walker County will contribute a percentage of gross wages based on the following contribution schedule:

Age	Percent of Contribution
Up to 30	3
30-40	4
40-50	5
50-60	6
60 and up	7

Plan participants vest 50% after five years of service and 100% after ten years of service. Forfeited funds are distributed equitably to all remaining participants in the plan.

The Walker County Deferred Compensation Plan is two defined contribution plans under Code Section 457(b) established by the County to provide benefits at retirement to all employees. Membership in the plans is voluntary. Employees can contribute up to the maximum allowed by law. Walker County makes no contributions to the plans. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the County Commissioner.

Plan 1 is administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions. Participants and contributions for the 2008 plan year are:

Number of participants Participant contributions 16 \$17,105

Plan 2 is administered by Lincoln Financial Group. Participants and contributions for the 2008 plan year are:

Number of participants Participant contributions 17 \$58,246

NOTE G - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The County sponsors a post employment benefit plan to eligible employees of the County. These employees must have attained age 60 with at least twenty years of service, and have retired from the County with no other medical insurance. The retired employee will be allowed to continue the medical insurance coverage they were receiving as of the date of retirement, with the County continuing to pay the employer portion of the cost until the employee attains age 65. The employee must contribute the amount that would be withheld from payroll if still employed. At September 30, 2008, the County had not adopted a resolution for the plan's provisions. The plan is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The benefit expenditure at September 30, 2008, was \$21,859, net of any participant contributions. Five participants were eligible to receive benefits at September 30, 2008.

NOTE H - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of the County's long-term debt transactions for the year ended September 30, 2008.

Balance October 1, 2007	Additions	Reductions	Balance September 30, 2008	Amounts Due Within One Year	Accrued Interest
		The second reserve	. 1 /	4 600 800	
			\$ 12,661,2121	\$ 622,700	\$ 64,019
4,130,777		4,130,777			
297,600					1,182
536,487	43,265	47,146	532,606/	318,670	
		0 276	2 706 604 /	112 770	
$\frac{2,716,070}{10,916,823}$	\$ 43,265	\$ 4,761,976	\$ 6,198,112	\$ 1,351,749	\$ 65,201
400 705		07 000	1221 016/	103 305	\$
		97,909	V 334,616		Ş
4,536			4,536	4,536	
\$\frac{941,702}{1,378,963}	\$\frac{111,400}{111,400}	\$ <u>97,909</u>	1,053,102 \$ 1,392,454	\$ 107,931	\$
	October 1, 2007 \$ 3,235,889 4,130,777 297,600 536,487 2,716,070 10,916,823 432,725 4,536 941,702	October 1,	October 1,	October 1, 2007 Additions Reductions 2008 \$ 3,235,889 \$ \$ 574,677 \$ \frac{1}{2},661,212 \\ 4,130,777 4,130,777 297,600 \\ 536,487 43,265 47,146 532,606 \\ 2,716,070 9,376 2,706,694 \\ 10,916,823 \ \$ \frac{43,265}{43,265} \$ \frac{4,761,976}{4,761,976} \$ \frac{6,198,112}{6,198,112} \\ 432,725 97,909 \ 4,536 \\ 941,702 \ 111,400 1,053,102 \\ 941,702 \ 111,400 1,053,102 \\ \$ September 30, 2008 \$ \frac{1}{2},661,212 \\ \$ \frac{2}{4,130,777} 297,600 \\ \$ \frac{2,766,694}{5,198,112} \\ \$ \frac{4,761,976}{4,536} \$ \frac{2,706,694}{5,198,112} \\ \$ \frac{432,725}{4,536} \frac{97,909}{4,536} \\ \$ \frac{1}{2},053,102 \\ \$ \frac{1}{2},05	October 1, 2007 Additions Reductions 2008 One Year \$ 3,235,889 \$ \$ 574,677 \$ \$ \frac{1}{2},661,212 \frac{1}{2} \$ 622,700 \\ 4,130,777

Compensated absences typically have been liquidated in the general and other governmental funds. The capital lease debt is paid by the fund leasing the corresponding assets. The note payable will be paid by the General Fund. The bonds payable will be paid by the 2003 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The MSW landfill closure/postclosure costs will be liquidated in the general fund, and the C&D landfill closure/postclosure costs will be liquidated in the landfill proprietary fund.

Debt Service Requirements

The County issued \$17,355,000 in general obligation sales tax bonds, series 2003, on September 30, 2003, for capital outlay projects outlined in the special purpose local option sales tax referendum. The interest rate on the bonds range from 2.0% to 4.0% with principal payments due in amounts ranging from \$1,690,000 to \$4,115,000. Principal payments began July 2004 and mature in July 2008. The bonds are payable from proceeds of the 2003 special purpose local option sales tax referendum. The bonds matured during fiscal year 2008.

The County purchased an office building at the corner of Duke and Wither Street, LaFayette, Georgia, with the note payable for \$297,600. The interest rate on the note payable is 5.0%. The note requires three monthly payments of \$25,682 beginning September 1, 2008 and one additional payment of \$224,901 due December 1, 2008. The September 1, 2008 payment was not made until October 3, 2008.

Capital Leases

The County leases buildings and equipment with a historical cost and accumulated amortization under capital lease arrangements as follows:

		Business-type Activities	
	Governmental Activities	Landfill	Total
Buildings Vehicles and equipment Total capital lease assets Accumulated amortization Capital lease assets, net	\$ 3,562,705 6,960,983 10,523,688 6,000,624 \$ 4,523,064	\$ 534,900 534,900 229,712 \$ 305,188	\$ 3,562,705 7,495,883 11,058,588 6,230,336 \$ 4,828,252

Future minimum lease payments at September 30, 2008, are as follows:

		Business-type Activities
Year Ending September 30,	Governmental Activities	Landfill
2009	\$ 719,355	\$ 119,563
2010	732,056	119,563
2011	707,552	127,040
2012	302,990	
2013	552,988	
Total minimum lease payments	3,014,941	366,166
Less: Deferred interest	(353,729) /	(31,350)/
Present value minimum lease payments	\$ 2,661,212	\$ 334,816

The interest rates on the capitalized leases range from 4.75% to 5.80% and are imputed based on the County's incremental borrowing rate at the inception of the lease. All capital leases have a bargain purchase option for a nominal amount.

NOTE I - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

I.1 Compliance with Finance Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

The County incurred no material violations of finance related legal and contractual provisions.

I.2 Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Individual Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2008, the County had no material excess of expenditures over appropriations in individual funds.

I.3 Deficit Fund Balances

The fire and rescue fund had a deficit fund balance of \$74,014 at September 30, 2008. This deficit will be eliminated through future charges for services.

The E911 fund had a deficit fund balance of \$1,556 at September 30, 2008. This deficit will be eliminated through future operating transfers from the general fund.

The transportation fund had a deficit fund balance of \$788 at September 30, 2008. This deficit will be eliminated through future operating transfers from the general fund.

NOTE J - RISK MANAGEMENT

Walker County, Georgia, is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Being unable to obtain general liability and workers' compensation insurance at a cost it considered to be economically justifiable, the County joined together with other counties in the State in participation in the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia - Inter Local Risk Management Agency and the Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Fund. These are public entity risk pools currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for many of the counties in the State. The County pays an annual premium to the funds for general liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage. The agreement between the members of the public entity risk pools provides that members may be required to pay additional assessments as shall be established by the Board of the pool. However, no additional assessments have been required of the members since formation of the pools.

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

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

The County continues to carry commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The County maintains a medical benefit plan to self-insure claims up to \$55,000 per year for each individual covered; claims above \$55,000 are covered by a stoploss insurance policy. The County also had an aggregate stop-loss insurance policy which covers claims above \$198,763 monthly and \$2,385,000 annually. The County and its covered employees contribute to the fund to pay the claims and stop-loss

insurance premiums. At September 30, 2008, management believes that the County has made provisions sufficient to cover estimated claims, including claims incurred but not yet reported.

NOTE K - CLAIMS AND JUDGMENTS

The County participates in a number of federal, state, and county programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the County may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of September 30, 2008, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited, but the County believes that disallowed expenditures discovered in subsequent audits, if any, will not have a material effect on any of the individual funds or the overall financial position of the County.

Litigation. The County is subject to claims and suits arising principally in the normal course of operations. In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution of such pending legal proceedings has been adequately provided for in the basic financial statements.

NOTE L - LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

Walker County currently owns a solid waste landfill and a construction and demolition disposal area. State and federal laws and regulations require the County to close the landfills once capacity is reached and to monitor and maintain the site for thirty subsequent years. Although certain closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfills stop accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date.

At September 30, 2008, the County had incurred a liability of approximately $\$1,053,102\sqrt{}$ for the construction and demolition disposal area which represents the amount of costs reported to date based on approximately 49 percent of landfill capacity used to date. The remaining estimated liability for these costs is \$1,098,171 which will be recognized as the remaining capacity is used (estimated to be approximately 13 years).

The estimated costs of closure and postclosure care, as determined by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, are subject to changes including the effects of inflation, revision of laws, changes in technology, actual sequence of landfill development and closure, and other variables.

The County also owns a solid waste landfill which discontinued operations in June 1998. The solid waste is accepted at a transfer station and transported to a location out of the County by an outside contractor. The landfill will continue to incur costs associated with the closing of the landfill in order to comply with EPA requirements. In addition, the County will be required to monitor various wells for a period of time. At September 30, 2008, a liability for postclosure care costs is recorded in the amount of \$2,706,694 which is based on engineering reports, for maintaining the landfill site in future years. However, management's estimate of postclosure costs is contingent upon its ability to satisfy EPA requirements, and costs could be significantly higher if full compliance is not achieved. These costs will be met with future County revenues.

NOTE M - JOINT VENTURE

Walker County is a member of the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center (RDC). The RDC was created under the laws of the State of Georgia. Cities and Counties in the area served by the RDC are required to be members. The membership of the RDC includes 10 counties and 35 municipalities. The County has no equity interest in the RDC nor does the County materially contribute to the continued existence of the RDC. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 50-8-39.1 states that in the event the RDC ceases operation, the membership can be assessed for any debt or obligation of the RDC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from Coosa Valley Regional Development Center, P. O. Box 1793, Rome, Georgia 30162.

NOTE N - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On December 11, 2008, the County issued \$8,630,000 in series 2008 general obligation sales tax bonds and \$15,355,000 in series 2009 general obligation sales tax bonds for capital outlay projects outlined in the special purpose local option sales tax referendum. The interest rate on the bonds range from 2.2% to 5.0% with principal payments due in amounts ranging from \$200,000 to \$3,785,000. Principal payments will begin January 2009 and mature in January 2015. Interest and principal are due semi-annually. The bonds are payable from proceeds of the 2008 special purpose local option sales tax referendum.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Original _Budget_	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES	\$ 7,371,500	\$ 6,857,635	\$ 6,857,635	\$
General property taxes	6,980,000	8,084,473	8,084,473	
Other taxes	290,000	186,228	186,228	
Licenses and permits	949,700	800,639	800,639	
Intergovernmental Charges for services	727,200	891,039	891,039	
Fines and forfeitures	1,720,700	1,816,355	1,816,355	
Investment income	50,000	47,242	47,242	
Contributions and donations		1,420,088	1,420,088	
Rental income	439,419	472,705	472,705	
Miscellaneous	138,300	188,987	188,987	
Total revenues	18,666,819	20,765,391	20,765,391	* *
Total Tevenage				
EXPENDITURES	1.80			
Current:				
General government	647,100	798,808	798,808	
Governing body	288,409	300,844	300,844	
Elections	200,700	229,364	229,364	
Accounting Licensing	8,100	8,100	8,100	
Data processing	85,300	110,538	110,538	
Tax commissioner	812,625	830,149	830,149	
Tax assessor	628,600	712,589	712,589	
Board of equalization	8,000	5,754	5,754	
General government buildings			171	
and plant	365,100	321,944	321,944	
Marsh Warthen house	5,400	15,049	15,049	
Records management	82,955	83,113	83,113	
General administration fees	77,423	64,404	64,404	
Judicial	600 515	706 267	726,367	
Clerk of courts	688,515	726,367 159,256	159,256	
Superior court	204,416 311,270	174,961	174,961	
District attorney	250,700	243,626	243,626	
State court	180,600	185,818	185,818	
State court solicitor	317,200	336,888	336,888	
Magistrate court Probate court	261,500	277,842	277,842	
Juvenile court	265,234	274,839	274,839	
Grand jury	600	698	698	
Public defender	207,277	171,339	171,339	
Court reporter	55,550	62,209	62,209	
Sheriff			011 606	
Law enforcement administration	412,801	911,606	911,606	
Criminal investigation	741,400	779,578	779,578	
Vice control	63,100	66,594	66,594 2,023,113	
Patrol	1,857,900	2,023,113	1,715,128	
Custody of prisoners	1,980,138	1,715,128	181,893	
Champs program	199,350	181,893 108,777	108,777	
Training	75,700 18,600	6,959	6,959	
Special detail services	130,500	88,130	88,130	
Sheriff's office and building	921,645	846,667	846,667	
Court services	16,200	5,885	5,885	
Bailiff Public safety	10,200	5,000		
County police	389,160	373,710	373,710	
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	758,215	464,190	464,190	
Coroner/medical examiner	57,775	80,630	80,630	
Animal control	238,100	231,737	231,737	

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008 (Continued)

				Variance with Final Budget
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Positive (Negative)
Public works	\$ 500,000	\$1,310,346	\$1,310,346	\$
Highways and streets administration	500,000	951,675	951,675	
Paved street Other maintenance	400,000	633,292	633,292	
Bridges, viaducts, and				
grade separations	20,000	115	115	
Traffic engineering	100,000	124,221	124,221	
Closure and postclosure costs	91,200	140,693	140,693	
Maintenance and shop	600,000	472,544	472,544	1.00
Health and welfare	201 205	283,859	283,859	
Public health administration	281,295 5,550	17,180	17,180	
Mosquito control	157,500	208,125	208,125	
Ambulance services	1,000			
Indigent medical care Health department building and	27000			
plant	9,400	34,572	34,572	
Welfare administration		300	300	
Children's Crisis Center	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Intergovernmental welfare payments	50,000	46,531	46,531	
Food pantry	900	306	306	
Other welfare payments	1,000	55,484	55,484 17,947	
DEFACS building and plant	12,100	17,947 62,166	62,166	
Meals on wheels	66,900	5,198	5,198	
Senior center	7,500 69,850	74,243	74,243	
Special projects	69,630	14/210		
Culture and recreation	181,400	188,642	188,642	
Civic center Agricultural center	32,400	21,110	21,110	
Historical preservation	6,350	71,717	71,717	
Library administration	143,750	184,763	184,763	
Conservation administration	28,851	301	301	
Housing and development			F7 0F3	
County agent	79,250	57,853	57,853 11,032	
Forest resources		11,032 213,090	213,090	
Planning and zoning	267,432	119,588	119,588	
Economic development administration	100,416	13,656	13,656	
Economic development		10,000		
Debt Service:	328,195	357,134	357,134	
Principal retirement Interest	74,822	95,111	95,111	
Intelest				,
Total expenditures	17,940,219	19,761,890	19,761,890	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	726,600	1,003,501	1,003,501	✓ —
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in		1,000	1,000	
Transfers out	(726,600)	(973,518)	(973,518)	
Sale of capital assets		63,377	63,377	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(726,600)	(909,141)	(909,141)	✓
Net changes in fund balance	\$	\$ 94,360	94,360	/ \$
			7,396,640	
Fund balances - beginning of year			\$ 7,491,000	/
Fund balance - end of year				

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FIRE & RESCUE FUND For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES Charges for services Investment income Miscellaneous	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,517,920 2,665 41,277	\$ 1,517,920 2,665 41,277	\$
Total revenues	1,600,000	1,561,862	1,561,862 ✓	
EXPENDITURES Current:	1,298,000	1,567,286	1,567,286	
Public safety Debt Service: Principal retirement Interest	217,000 85,000	217,542 85,447	217,542 85,447	
Total expenditures	1,600,000	1,870,275	1,870,275 ✓	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(308,413)	(308,413)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out		275,950 (275,950 (195)	=
Total other financing (uses)		275,755	275,755	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures and other uses	\$	\$ (32,658)	(32,658)√	\$
Fund balance - beginning of year			(41,356)	ı
Fund balance - end of year			\$ <u>(74,014</u>) V	

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS - RETIREMENT PLAN September 30, 2008

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (a) + (b)	Unfunded* AAL (UAAL) (b)	Funded Ratio a/(a+b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
01/01/99	\$2,309,409	\$2,902,921	\$593,512	79.6%	\$5,042,778	11.8%
01/01/00	2,867,526	3,553,479	685,953	80.7%	5,028,457	13.6%
01/01/01	3,325,964	3,975,028	649,064	83.7%	4,794,350	13.5%
01/01/02	3,486,682	4,059,602	572,920	85.9%	5,691,074	10.1%
01/01/03	3,952,757	4,232,747	279,990	93.4%	6,198,617	4.5%
01/01/04	4,663,473	5,258,586	595,113	88.7%	7,045,250	8.4%
01/01/05	5,472,256	6,041,225	568,969	90.6%	7,394,886	7.7%
01/01/06	5,999,645	6,528,556	528,911	91.9%	7,426,230	7.1%
01/01/07	5,129,238	5,612,261	483,023	91.4%	7,312,827	6.6%
01/01/08	6,051,086	6,274,654	223,568	96.4%	7,266,593	3.1%

All annual contributions presented in these required supplementary schedules were determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated.

^{*}Unfunded frozen actuarial liability was reestablished as of January 1, 1992.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS - RETIREMENT PLAN September 30, 2008

Plan Year Ended	Annual Required Contribution	Actual Contribution	Percentage Contributed
12/31/98	\$440,693	\$ 532,518	120.8%
12/31/99	448,758	469,203	104.6%
12/31/00	522,290	560,921	107.4%
12/31/01	475,741	551,981	116.3%
12/31/02	548,884	549,758	100.0%
12/31/03	650,888	650,888	100.0%
12/31/04	771,765	771,765	100.0%
12/31/05	884,590	884,590	100.0%
12/31/06	918,196	921,222	100.0%
12/31/07	978,839	1,195,458	122.0%

The information presented in the required supplementary schedule was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the date indicated.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation date	1/1/2008
Actuarial cost method	Frozen entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar
Asset valuation method	Market value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	7.0%
Projected salary increases	4.0%

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION September 30, 2008

NOTE A - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The County adopted a budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is the same basis of accounting as that used to reflect actual revenues and expenditures in the fund financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS September 30, 2008

	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds		
ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable Due from other funds Due from other governments	\$ 78,819 77,947 280,680 125,586	\$ 4,397 161,840 \$ 166,237	\$ 83,216 77,947 442,520 125,586 \$_729,269		
TOTAL ASSETS LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ <u>563,032</u>	\$ 166,237	7		
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other funds Deferred revenue	\$ 7,669 364,686 25,486	\$ 166,237 	\$ 7,669 530,923 25,486		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	397,841	166,237	564,078		
FUND BALANCES Unreserved, reported in: Special revenue funds	165,191		165,191		
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	165,191		165,191		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 563,032	\$ <u>166,237</u>	\$ 729,269		

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES: Intergovernmental Charges for services Fines and forfeitures Investment income Contributions and donations Miscellaneous	\$ 1,212,674 759,011 69,861 852 6,000 28,343	\$ 657,606 	\$ 1,870,280 759,011 69,861 852 6,000 28,343
Total	2,076,741	657,606	2,734,347
EXPENDITURES			
CURRENT General government Judicial Sheriff Public safety Public works Health and welfare Capital outlay	19,919 215,685 10,052 1,207,670 251,669 1,106,981	 819,446	19,919 215,685 10,052 1,207,670 251,669 1,106,981 819,446
Total	2,811,976	819,446	3,631,422 ✓
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(735,235)	(161,840)	(<u>897,075</u>)√
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out	730,390 (1,000)	161,840	892,230 (1,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	729,390	161,840	891,230 ✓
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	(5,845)		(5,845)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR	171,036		171,036
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	\$ 165,191	\$	\$ <u>165,191</u>

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS September 30, 2008

Total	\$ 78,819	77,947	280,680	125,586	\$563,032		\$ 7,669	364,686	25,486	397,841		165, 191	165,191	\$563,032
Transpor- tation	\ \scr	2,439	1	1	\$ 2,439		\$	3,227	1	3,227		(882)	(88)	\$ 2,439
Food	\$ 200	!	1	!	\$ 200		\$ 200	1	1	200		1	1	\$ 200
Multiple	\$	1	204,180	114,400	\$318,580		\$ 7,469	282,453	25,486	315,408		3,172	3,172	\$318,580
Forfeiture	·	1	72,407	1	\$ 72,407		·	}	!	!		72,407	72,407	\$ 72,407
Connection	\$ 1,000	1	3,507	11,186	\$ 15,693		\ \$	I	1	!		15,693	15,693	\$ 15,693
HEAT	! «S	1	586	-	\$ 586		· ·	1	1	!		586	586	\$
Court	\$ 39,541	1	1	1	\$ 39,541		1	1,942		1,942		37,599	37,599	\$ 39,541
Library	\$ 38,078	I	!	1	\$ 38,078		· ·		1	1		38,078	38,078	\$ 38,078
E911		75.508		1	\$ 75,508			77.064		77,064		(1,556)	(1,556)	\$ 75,508
	ASSETS	Accounts	Due from other	Due from other	TOTAL ASSETS	LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	LIABILITIES Accounts	payable Due to other	Deferred revenue	TOTAL LIABILITIES	FUND BALANCES Unreserved, reported in:	revenue	TOTAL FUND BALANCES	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Total	\$1,212,674	759,011	69,861 852	6,000 28,343 2,076,741	19,919 215,685 10,052 1,207,670 251,669	1,106,981 2,811,976	(735,235),	730,390	5,845)	171,036	\$ 165,191
Trans- portation	\$ 744,527	68,353	11	812,880	inn	1,052,798 1,052,798	(_239,918)	239,130	(882)	1	\$ (
Food	\ \$\sigma\$	1	1 1		11111	3,682	(3,682)	(1,000)	(4,682)	4,682	\$
Multiple Grant	\$ 417,678	1	11	6,000	19,919 125,944 10,052 174,857 251,669	582,441	(158,763)	150, 661	150,661	11,274	\$ 3,172
Forfeiture	\ s	1	27,507	28,343	58,053	58,053	(2,203)		(2,203)	74,610	\$72,407
Connection	\$50,469	}	11	50,469	11111	50,501	(32)		(32)	15,725	\$15,693
HEAT	· ·	I	1 1		11111		1			586	\$ 286
Court	{ ss-	1	11,500	12,127	7,735	7,735	4,392		4,392	33,207	\$37,599
Library	\ \sigma	ł	30,854	31,079	23, 953	23,953	7,126		7,126	30,952	\$38,078
E911	, l	690,658	1.1	690, 658	1,032,813	1,032,813	(342,155)	340,599	340,599		\$ (
	REVENUES Intergovernmental	Charges for services	Fines and forfeitures Investment income	Contributions and donations Miscellaneous TOTAL EXPENDITURES	CURRENT General government Judicial Sheriff Public safety Public works	Health and Welfare Total	of revenues over expenditures	sources (uses) Transfers in Transfers out	sources (uses) Net changes in fund balances	Fund balances - beginning of year	Fund balances - end of year

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND September 30, 2008

	Capital Projects Fund			
ASSETS Cash Due from other funds	\$ 4,397 161,840			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 166,237			
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES Due to other funds	\$166,237			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	166,237			
FUND BALANCES Unreserved, reported in: Capital projects funds				
TOTAL FUND BALANCES				
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 166,237			

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Capital Projects Fund
REVENUES Intergovernmental	\$ <u>657,606</u>
Total	657,606
EXPENDITURES Capital outlay	819,446
Total	819,446
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(161,840)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES Transfers in	161,840
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	161,840
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	e
Fund balance - beginning of year	
Fund balance - end of year	\$

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	7	201	L 0 01	. 2	\
Total	\$ 4,221,675	4,221,675	30,847 740,159 3,450,669	4,221,675	S.
SPLOST 2	\$ 80,429	80,429	80,429	80,429	S.
Magistrate Judge	\$ 25,494	25,494	21,157	25,494	\$
Probate	\$ 16,322	16,322	830 15,492	16,322	w
Clerk of	\$ 3,517,291	3,517,291	82,114 3,435,177	3,517,291	SO-
Tax Commissioner	\$ 582,139	582,139	9,690	582,139	i l
	ASSETS Cash	TOTAL ASSETS	LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other governments Due to heirs, litigants, and others	TOTAL LIABILITIES	NET ASSETS

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

SERSE	Beginning	Additions	Deductions	Ending
	\$ 1,159,706	\$41,211,079	\$38,149,110	4,221,013
Total Assets	\$ 1,159,706	\$41,211,079	\$38,149,110	\$ 4,221,675
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other governments Due to heirs, litigants, and others	\$ 35,670 499,156 624,880	\$ 475,427 27,201,733 3,083,581	\$ 480,250 26,960,730 257,792	\$ 30,847 740,159 3,450,669
Total liabilities	1,159,706	30,760,741	27,698,772	4,221,675
Net Assets	\$	\$10,450,338	\$10,450,338	w-

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TAX COMMISSIONER For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Ending	\$ 582,139	\$ 582,139	\$ 9,690	582,139	(A)
Deductions	\$36,519,503	\$36,519,503	\$ 239,785 25,727,028	25,966,813	\$10,552,690
Additions	\$36,792,344	\$36,792,344	\$ 249,475 25,990,179	26,239,654	\$10,552,690
Beginning	\$ 309,298	\$ 309,298	\$ 309,298	309,298	\$
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	ASSETS Cash	Total Assets	LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other governments	Total Liabilities	NET ASSETS

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CLERK OF COURTS For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Ending	\$ 3,517,291	\$ 3,517,291	82,114 3,435,177	3,517,291	\$
Deductions	\$ 1,145,124	\$ 1,145,124	45,060 1,131,810 242,110	1,418,980	\$ (273,856)
Additions	\$ 3,974,974	\$ 3,974,974	25,137 1,150,056 3,073,637	4,248,830	\$(_273,856)
Beginning	\$ 687,441	\$ 687,441	19,923 63,868 603,650	687,441	S
	ASSETS Cash	Total assets	LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other governments Due to heirs, litigants, and others	Total liabilities	NET ASSETS

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES PROBATE JUDGE For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

ASSETS	Beginning S 21 830	Additions	Deductions	Ending c 16 322
Total assets	\$ 21,830	\$ 86,518	\$ 92,026	\$ 16,322
LIABILITIES Due to other governments Due to heirs, litigants, and others	\$ 600	\$ 9,085	\$ 8,855	W.
Total liabilities	21,830	19,029	24,537	
NET ASSETS	w.	\$ 67,489	\$ 67,489	S

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MAGISTRATE JUDGE For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Ending	\$ 25,494	\$ 25,494	\$ 21,157	25,494	\$
Deductions	\$ 349,949	\$ 349,949	\$ 195,405	245,934	\$ 104,015
Additions	\$ 356,032	\$ 356,032	\$ 200,815	252,017	\$ 104,015
Beginning	\$ 19,411	\$ 19,411	\$ 15,747	19,411	φ-
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	ASSETS Cash	Total assets	LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to other governments	Total liabilities	NET ASSETS

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES SPLOST 2 For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Ending	\$ 80,429	\$ 80,429
Deductions	\$ 42,508	\$ 42,508
Additions	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,211
Beginning	\$ 121,726 \$ 121,726	\$ 121,726
	ASSETS Cash Total assets	LIABILITIES Due to other governments Total liabilities NET ASSETS

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES TO BUDGET FAMILY CONNECTION PROGRAM CONTRACT 427-93-08080310-99

CONTRACT PERIOD: JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

Expenditure Type	Con	amily nection udget		ontract enditures)/Under dget
Personal services Regular operating Travel - staff Equipment Per diem, fees, and contracts Telecommunications Other support to customers	\$	3,802 44,848 1,350	\$	3,657 45,036 1,249	\$ 145 188) 101
Total	\$	50,000	\$_	49,942	\$ 58

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE E911

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES Charges for services	\$ 890,278	\$ 690,658	\$ 690,658	\$
Total Revenues	890,278	690,658	690,658	
EXPENDITURES Current Public safety	890,278	1,032,813	1,032,813	=
Total Expenditures	890,278	1,032,813	1,032,813	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(_342,155)	(_342,155)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in		340,599	340,599	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		340,599	340,599	
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$ <u></u>	\$(1,556)	(1,556)	\$
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR				
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$ <u>(1,556</u>)	

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE LAW LIBRARY

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
REVENUES Fines and forfeitures Investment income	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,854 225	\$ 30,854 225	\$ <u></u>	
Total Revenues	40,000	31,079	31,079		
EXPENDITURES Current Judicial Total Expenditures	40,000	23,953	23,953		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		7,126	7,126		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$	\$ 7,126	7,126	\$	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR			30,952		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$ 38,078		

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE COURT SUPERVISION

	Original Budget	Final Budget Actual		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
REVENUES Fines and forfeitures Investment income	\$ 10,000 	\$ 11,500 627	\$ 11,500 627	\$ 	
Total Revenues	10,000	12,127	12,127		
EXPENDITURES Current Judicial	10,000	7,735 7,735	7,735		
Total Expenditures	10,000				
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		4,392	4,392		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$	\$ 4,392	4,392	\$	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR			33,207		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$ 37,599		

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

HEAT Program

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES Contributions and donations	\$ 15,000	\$	\$	\$
Total Revenues	15,000			
EXPENDITURES Current Public safety	15,000			
Total Expenditures	15,000	-		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES				
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$	\$		\$
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR			586	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$ 586	

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE CONNECTION

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES Intergovernmental	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,469	\$50,469	\$
Total Revenues	50,000	50,469	50,469	
EXPENDITURES Current Health and welfare	50,000	50,501	50,501	
Total Expenditures	50,000	50,501	50,501	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(32)	(32)	
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$	\$ (32)	(32)	\$
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR			15,725	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$ 15,693	

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FORFEITURE

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
REVENUES Fines and forfeitures Miscellaneous	\$ 3,882	\$ 27,507 	\$ 27,507 28,343	\$ 	
Total Revenues	3,882	55,850	55,850		
EXPENDITURES Current Judicial	59,400	58,053	58,053		
Total Expenditures	59,400	58,053	58,053		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(55,518)	(2,203)	(2,203)		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$(55,518)	\$(<u>2,203</u>)	(2,203)	\$	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR			74,610		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$ 72,407		

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE MULTIPLE GRANT

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES Intergovernmental Contributions and donations	\$1,152,064	\$ 417,678 6,000	\$ 417,678 6,000	\$ <u></u>
Total Revenues	1,152,064	423,678	423,678	
EXPENDITURES Current General government Judicial Sheriff Public safety Public works Culture and recreation Intergovernmental payment	40,000 129,343 306,550 683,000 45,000	19,919 125,944 10,052 174,857 251,669	19,919 125,944 10,052 174,857 251,669	
Total Expenditures	1,203,893	582,441	582,441	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(51,829)	(_158,763)	(158,763)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfer in	51,829	150,661	150,661	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	51,829	150,661	150,661	
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$	\$(8,102)	(8,102)	\$
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR			11,274	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$ 3,172	

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOOD PANTRY

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
REVENUES Intergovernmental Contributions and donations	\$	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	
Total Revenues					
EXPENDITURES Current Health and welfare		3,682	3,682		
Total Expenditures		3,682	3,682		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(3,682)	(3,682)		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES Transfers out		(1,000)	(1,000)		
Total Other Financing Sources		(1,000)	(1,000)		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$	\$(4,682)	(4,682)	\$	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR			4,682		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$		

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE TRANSPORTATION

	Original Final Budget Budget Actual		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
REVENUES Intergovernmental Charges for services	\$ 222,333 49,408	\$ 744,527 68,353	\$ 744,527 68,353	\$ <u></u>	
Total Revenues	271,741	812,880	812,880		
EXPENDITURES Current Health and welfare	494,074	1,052,798	1,052,798		
Total Expenditures	494,074	1,052,798	1,052,798		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(_222,333)	(239,918)	(_239,918)		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfer in	222,333	239,130	239,130		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	_222,333	239,130	239,130		
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$	\$((788)	\$	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR					
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$(788)		

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Original _Budget_	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES Intergovernmental	\$1,400,080	\$1,400,080	\$ 657,606	\$ (742,474)
Total Revenues	1,400,080	1,400,080	657,606	(742,474)
EXPENDITURES Capital outlay	1,400,080	1,400,080	819,446	(583,634)
Total Expenditures	1,400,080	1,400,080	819,446	(583,634)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES			(161,840)	(161,840)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfer in			161,840	161,840
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			161,840	161,840
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$	\$		\$
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR				
FUND BALANCES - ENDING OF YEAR			\$	

COMPLIANCE



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

Commissioner Walker County, Georgia LaFayette, Georgia 30728

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Walker County, Georgia, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2008, which except for the component unit audited by other auditors, collectively comprise the Walker County, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

We did not audit the financial statements of the component unit, the Walker County Health Department. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion on the basic financial statements, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Walker County Health Department in the component unit column is based on the report of other auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Walker County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Walker County, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Walker County, Georgia'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 would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Walker County, Georgia's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of Walker County, Georgia's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Walker County, Georgia's internal control. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting as items 04-4 through 07-1.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Walker County, Georgia's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider items 06-2 and 07-1 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Walker County, Georgia's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 04-6.

Walker County, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit Walker County, Georgia's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the commissioner, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Commissioner Walker County, Georgia LaFayette, Georgia 30728

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Walker County, Georgia, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2008. Walker County, Georgia's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Walker County, Georgia's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Walker County, Georgia's compliance based on our audit.

Walker County, Georgia's, basic financial statements include the operations of the Walker County Health Department component unit which received \$199,873 in federal awards which is not included in the schedule during the year ended June 30, 2008. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of the Walker County Health Department component unit because the component unit engaged other auditors to perform an audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Walker County, Georgia's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Walker County, Georgia's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Walker County, Georgia, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Walker County, Georgia, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Walker County, Georgia's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Walker County, Georgia's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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 that might be 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.

Walker County, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit Walker County, Georgia's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the commissioner, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Chattanooga, Tennessee March 31, 2009

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Basis of Presentation

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Walker County, Georgia and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

Subrecipient

The County did not provide Federal assistance to any subrecipient.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Finding Control Number and Status

- 04-4 The County has failed to implement the corrective action plan. A policy is being developed to keep adequate records of cash to secure balances.
- 04-5 Previously reported corrective action plan implemented. The finding is closed.
- 04-6 The County has failed to implement the corrective action plan. The County is in the process of establishing procedures for a grant coordinator.
- 04-7 Previously reported corrective action plan implemented. The finding is closed.
- 06-1 Previously reported corrective action plan implemented. The finding is closed.
- 06-2 The County has failed to implement the corrective action plan. The employee personnel files do not contain all necessary documentation.
- 07-1 The County has failed to implement the corrective action plan. Journal entries were made during the audit to adjust balance sheet accounts due to there again being a delay in receipt of the necessary information by the accounting department.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

SECTION I - SU	MMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
FINANCIAL STAT	TEMENTS		
Type of audito	or's report issued: Unqualified		
Internal contr	col over financial reporting:		
Material wea	akness(es) identified? deficiency(ies) identified that are not	X Yes	No
Significant	deficiency(les) identified that are not identified to be material weaknesses?	X Yes	None reported
Noncompliance	material to financial statements noted?	_X_Yes	No
FEDERAL AWARD	S		
Internal cont:	rol over major programs:		
Material we	akness(es) identified? deficiency(ies) identified that are not	Yes	X No
considere	d to be material weaknesses?	Yes	X None reported
Type of audit for major p	or's report issued on compliance rograms: Unqualified		
Any audit fin be reported of Circular	dings disclosed that are required to in accordance with Section 510(a) A-133?	Yes	_X_ No
Identificatio	on of major program:		
CFDA Number	Name of Federal Programs or Cluster		
20.509	U.S. Department of Transportation Transit Operating Assistance		
97.044	U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant		
Dollar thresh Type A and	nold used to distinguish between Type B programs:	\$300,000	
Auditee quali	ified as low-risk auditee?	Yes	X No

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended September 30, 2008 (Continued)

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Finding 04-4:

Condition: The Clerk of Court's office does not have adequate procedures to maintain reconciliations between individual cash to secure balances and the cash to secure account.

Criteria: Procedures should be in place to facilitate the department in keeping a running record of individual cash to secure balances and those balances should be reconciled to the cash to secure account on a monthly basis.

Effect: Due to the lack of proper procedures, the department has no method to reconcile individual accounts to the cash account. This could result in lost or missing funds going undetected.

Recommendation: Procedures should be implemented to facilitate the department in maintaining records of individual balances. We recommend maintaining current balances and reconciling the accounts to the bank balance on a monthly basis.

Views of Responsible Officials: The officials concur with the finding.

Planned corrective action: Management's response is located on pages 90-91.

Finding 04-6:

Condition: A central office to account for and maintain records for all grant and award programs needs to be established.

Criteria: Internal control procedures should be implemented to assure that the compliance requirements on all grants are adhered to and properly monitored. Additionally, procedures should be in place to ensure that all required documentation is centrally located.

Effect: Due to inadequate supervision and monitoring of decentralized program operations, the accounting records were not appropriately maintained. Resulting noncompliance with grant requirements may result in future grant losses.

Recommendation: We recommend that one individual be in charge of and maintain the accounting records on all grant and award programs. This grant coordinator should be responsible for obtaining and verifying all compliance issues in each grant and, if necessary, advise the departments when they are not in compliance with grant regulations. The accounting system should provide for accumulating and recording expenditures by grant and cost category as shown in the approved budget. Also, grant and award programs should be posted properly and reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis. When grant or award money is received, a copy of such receipt and documentation should be sent to the appropriate department and grant coordinator.

Views of Responsible Officials: The officials concur with the finding.

Planned corrective action: Management's response is located on pages 90-91.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended September 30, 2008 (Continued)

Finding 06-2:

Condition: Insufficient documentation pertaining to employee personnel files was noted. Records of additions to or deductions from wages, and signed authorization forms approving employee pay raises, were missing from employee personnel files. Additionally, applications and written authority from supervisors are not always required to add individuals to the payroll. The condition was a prior year finding.

Criteria: Internal control procedures should be in place to provide reasonable assurance that payroll is computed using rates and other factors in accordance with contracts, relevant laws and regulations, and to insure that payroll disbursements are made only for the work authorized and performed.

Effect: Due to the lack of adequate payroll documentation and inadequate internal control procedures, there is a possibility of employee salaries and wages being computed incorrectly, allocated to programs in amounts not supportable, or out of compliance with relevant regulations.

Recommendation: Internal control procedures must be implemented to provide reasonable assurance that employee personnel files are maintained on all County employees. Employee files should include the correct supporting documentation in accordance with Regulations 29 CFR Part 516 and the recordkeeping requirements should be in accordance with the Fair Standards Labor Act. Before the disbursement of an employee's payroll check, all required forms and supporting documentations should be obtained for this employee.

Views of Responsible Officials: The officials concur with the finding.

Planned corrective action: Management's response is located on pages 90-91.

Finding 07-1:

Condition: Some material balance sheet accounts were not reconciled to supporting documentation at year end. In these instances, the ending balances were identified and supporting worksheets were prepared, however, circumstances prevented the accounting department from having all pertinent information necessary to determine the correct balance in a timely manner.

Criteria: Accounting tasks such as monthly and annual reconciliations play a key role in providing the accuracy of accounting data and information included in the financial statements.

Effect: Failure to appropriately monitor balance sheet reconciliations could result in undetected material misstatements in the financial statements. The failure to ensure appropriate account reconciliations could allow errors to go undetected in the financial statements that management uses as part of its decision making process. Conversely, appropriate account reconciliations should provide management with more confidence in the financial statements.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended September 30, 2008 (Continued)

Recommendations: A reconciliation of all balance sheet accounts should be prepared to determine that all transactions have been recorded and to discover any potential errors. These reconciliations will ensure meaningful and accurate financial statements.

Views of Responsible Officials: The officials concur with the finding.

Planned corrective action: Management's response is located on pages 90-91.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported.

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS ADOPTED APRIL 24, 2003 . For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Estimated	Percentage of Completion	588 91 933 933	100	Ţ	100	100	14	
	Total	\$ 2,878,757 456,862 4,186,549 642,786	578, 780 319, 332	320,301	8,039,040	527,613	556,907	\$18,506,927
Expenditures	Current	\$ 454,564 7,049 256,308	1 1	37,676	1,808,314	2,244	1	\$ 2,566,155
	Prior	\$ 2,424,193 449,813 3,930,241 642,786	578,780	282,625	6,230,726	525,369	556,907	\$15,940,772
	Original Estimated Cost	\$ 5,000,000 500,000 4,500,000	300,000	500,000	4,875,000	250,000	4,000,000	\$20,625,000
	Project	Water and sewer projects Fire hydrants Emergency services	Technology Animal shelter	Historical projects Recreation	road department equipment	Building construction and improvements	Industrial park improvements	Total for all projects