

**Archuleta County, Colorado**

**Financial Statements**  
with Independent Auditor's Report

**December 31, 2023**



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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of County Commissioners  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
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### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Archuleta County, Colorado (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information listed in the table of contents accompanying the financial statements be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The supplementary information including the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the local highway finance report listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements

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**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 12, 2024 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Hick & Company, PC

Englewood, Colorado  
August 12, 2024



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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The following discussion and analysis of Archuleta County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Management encourages readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the County's financial statements.

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Archuleta County decreases the change in net position by \$2,895,763 resulting in a total net position of \$80,828,041 on December 31, 2023. Of this amount, \$24,570,855 may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The County's total net position decreased by \$5,875,652 or 6.78% during 2023. The governmental net position increased by \$5,096,315 or 8.46% and the business-type net position decreased by \$779,337 or 2.94%.
- The combined governmental fund balances on December 31, 2023, were \$25,451,090, a decrease over 2022 of \$1,395,758. The unassigned combined fund balance is \$7,360,162 and is available for spending.
- The unassigned fund balance within the General Fund is \$11,924,839.
- The County's total noncurrent liabilities increased by \$83,216 or 0.59%.

## **USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This discussion and analysis report is intended to serve as an introduction to Archuleta County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) the government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains required and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of Archuleta County's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of Archuleta County's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the categories reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Archuleta County is improving or deteriorating.

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

Government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of Archuleta County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*Governmental Activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*Business-type Activities*). The Governmental Activities of Archuleta County include general government, public

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safety, highway and streets, health and welfare, economic development, and recreation. The Business-type Activities of Archuleta County include Solid Waste and Airport.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Some funds are required to be established by State law or bond covenants. All the County's funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental funds** – Most of the County's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how spendable resources flow into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for future years. The funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view to cash, the governmental fund operations, and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent soon to finance the County's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliations.

**Proprietary funds** – When the County charges customers for the services it provides – whether to outside customers or to other units of the County – these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the County's enterprise funds (components of proprietary funds) are the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds. The County uses an internal service fund (the other component of proprietary funds) to account for its fleet of vehicles. Because these services predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the governmental-wide financial statements.

**Fiduciary funds** – Resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government are reported in fiduciary funds. 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 operations. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is similar to that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found within the basic financial statements, just before the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

### **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

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

### **Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents the combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major Governmental Funds and Internal Service Funds. Schedules that compare actual revenues and expenditures/expenses to budget amounts are also included. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found after the notes in the financial section.

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## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. For the County, the Total Primary Government change in Net Position decreased by \$5,875,652 on December 31, 2023.

The following table provides a summary comparison of the County's governmental and business-type net position on December 31, 2023.

	<u>Net Position</u>					
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total Primary Government</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current and other asset \$	39,001,755	\$ 39,786,732	\$ 3,241,862	\$ 3,888,282	\$ 42,243,617	\$ 43,675,014
Capital assets	43,456,155	42,985,563	24,616,187	24,333,135	68,072,342	67,318,698
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>82,457,910</b>	<b>82,772,295</b>	<b>27,858,049</b>	<b>28,221,417</b>	<b>110,315,959</b>	<b>110,993,712</b>
Current liabilities	555,662	2,375,097	134,692	543,054	690,354	2,918,151
Noncurrent liabilities	14,239,395	12,865,081	1,805,476	1,210,542	16,044,871	14,075,623
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>14,795,057</b>	<b>15,240,178</b>	<b>1,940,168</b>	<b>1,753,596</b>	<b>16,735,225</b>	<b>16,993,774</b>
Deferred inflow of resources	10,169,160	7,296,245	-	-	10,169,160	7,296,245
<b>Net position:</b>						
Net investment in capital assets	29,382,806	29,567,943	24,038,150	24,333,135	53,420,956	53,901,078
Restricted	2,836,230	2,649,519	-	-	2,836,230	2,649,519
Unrestricted	22,920,521	28,018,410	1,650,334	2,134,686	24,570,855	30,153,096
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 55,139,557</b>	<b>\$ 60,235,872</b>	<b>\$ 25,688,484</b>	<b>\$ 26,467,821</b>	<b>\$ 80,828,041</b>	<b>\$ 86,703,693</b>

The largest portion of Archuleta County's net position, about 66.09%, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment, etc.), less any related debt still outstanding (current and long-term), that was used to acquire those assets. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in 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.

About 3.51% of the County's net position is subject to restrictions on how it may be used. About 30.40% is unrestricted and may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. Note that "unrestricted" funds are not the same as "unassigned". Some of the "unrestricted" funding is assigned or committed to specific uses or includes internal reserves.

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## GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The Governmental Activities total revenues of \$35,693,527 was below expenditures of \$37,809,963 resulting in a decrease in net assets of (\$2,116,436) on December 31, 2023.

The following table summarizes the County's governmental and business-type net position on December 31, 2023.

	<u>Changes in Net Position</u>					
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total Primary Government</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Program Revenues:</b>						
Charges for services	\$ 6,126,498	\$ 6,488,132	\$ 1,115,977	\$ 1,290,460	\$ 7,242,475	\$ 7,778,592
Operating grants	7,641,392	14,150,763	-	-	7,641,392	14,150,763
Capital grants - contributions	-	-	476,941	79,459	476,941	79,459
<b>General revenues:</b>						
Property & specific ownership taxes	8,062,157	7,625,939	-	-	8,062,157	7,625,939
Sales and use taxes	8,892,578	9,005,916	27,551	30,740	8,920,129	9,036,656
Other taxes	1,989,417	3,040,034	-	-	1,989,417	3,040,034
Other general revenues	2,981,495	644,972	1,046,661	1,303,937	4,028,156	1,948,909
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>35,693,537</b>	<b>40,955,756</b>	<b>2,667,130</b>	<b>2,704,596</b>	<b>38,360,667</b>	<b>43,660,352</b>
<b>Program expenses:</b>						
General Government	18,368,076	9,055,991	-	-	18,368,076	9,055,991
Public Safety	7,973,737	7,388,061	-	-	7,973,737	7,388,061
Health and Welfare	3,037,543	9,433,751	-	-	3,037,543	9,433,751
Highways and Streets	6,724,931	5,882,435	-	-	6,724,931	5,882,435
Economic Development	603,103	528,790	-	-	603,103	528,790
Recreation and Culture	657,090	755,782	-	-	657,090	755,782
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	445,483	430,309	-	-	445,483	430,309
Airport	-	-	1,484,052	1,036,138	1,484,052	1,036,138
Solid Waste	-	-	1,962,415	1,756,527	1,962,415	1,756,527
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>37,809,963</b>	<b>33,475,119</b>	<b>3,446,467</b>	<b>2,792,665</b>	<b>41,256,430</b>	<b>36,267,784</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(2,116,426)</b>	<b>7,480,637</b>	<b>(779,337)</b>	<b>(88,069)</b>	<b>(2,895,763)</b>	<b>7,392,568</b>
<b>Net Position, Beginning of year Restatement of Beginning</b>	<b>57,255,983</b>	<b>52,755,235</b>	<b>26,467,821</b>	<b>26,555,890</b>	<b>83,723,804</b>	<b>79,311,125</b>
<b>Net Position, End of year</b>	<b>55,139,557</b>	<b>60,235,872</b>	<b>25,688,484</b>	<b>26,467,821</b>	<b>80,828,041</b>	<b>86,703,693</b>

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Expenditures exceeded Program Revenues for Governmental Activities by \$24.0 million in 2023. In 2022, expenditures exceeded Program Revenues by \$12.8 million.

Total revenues for governmental activities are made up of 38.57% of program revenues and 61.43% of general revenues. In 2022, program revenues were 50.38% of the total revenues and general revenues represented 49.62%.

Governmental Activities Program Revenues Decreased \$6,871,005 in 2023 compared to 2022. The overall decrease is due to a 75.6% decrease in Health and Welfare.

General revenues, primarily property taxes, sales taxes and interest revenue, were used to pay for \$24,042,073 of expenses that were not covered by program revenue.

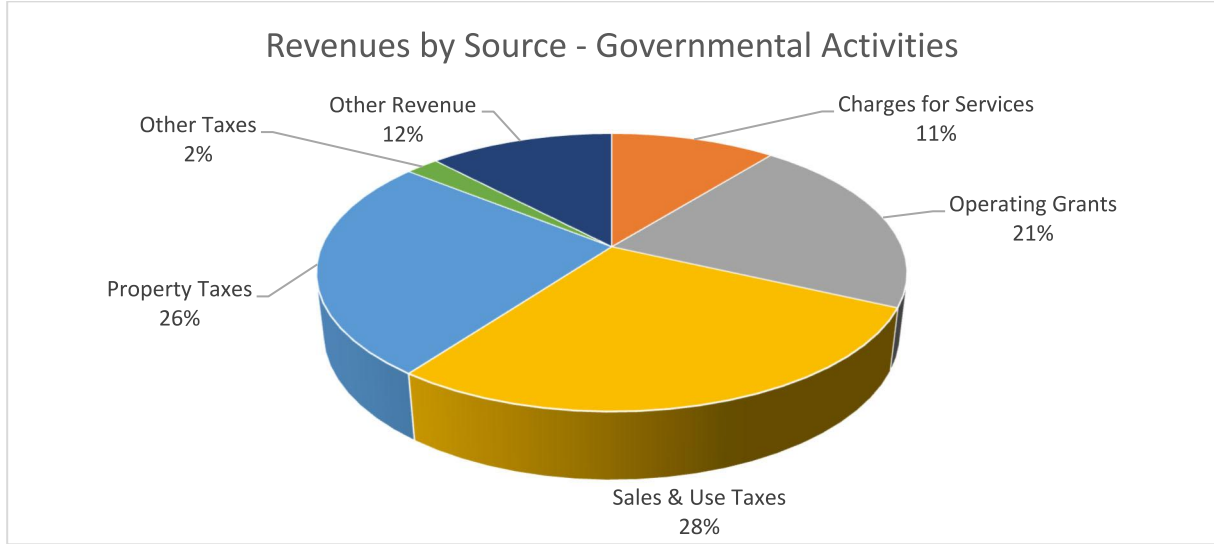
The following illustrates program revenues, expenses, and amounts covered by general revenues, by function:

<u>Net Program Cost to Taxpayers</u>			
<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u>
General Government	7,429,185	18,368,076	(10,938,891)
Public Safety	1,713,864	7,973,737	(6,259,873)
Health and Welfare	2,213,715	3,037,543	(823,828)
Highways and Streets	2,220,160	6,724,931	(4,504,771)
Economic Development	-	603,103	(603,103)
Recreation and Culture	190,966	657,090	(466,124)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	445,483	(445,483)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,767,890.00</b>	<b>37,809,963.00</b>	<b>(24,042,073.00)</b>

Governmental Activities Total Revenues decreased \$5,262,219 in 2023.

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The following illustrate revenues by sources:



The percentages of total County expenses in each function are as follows:

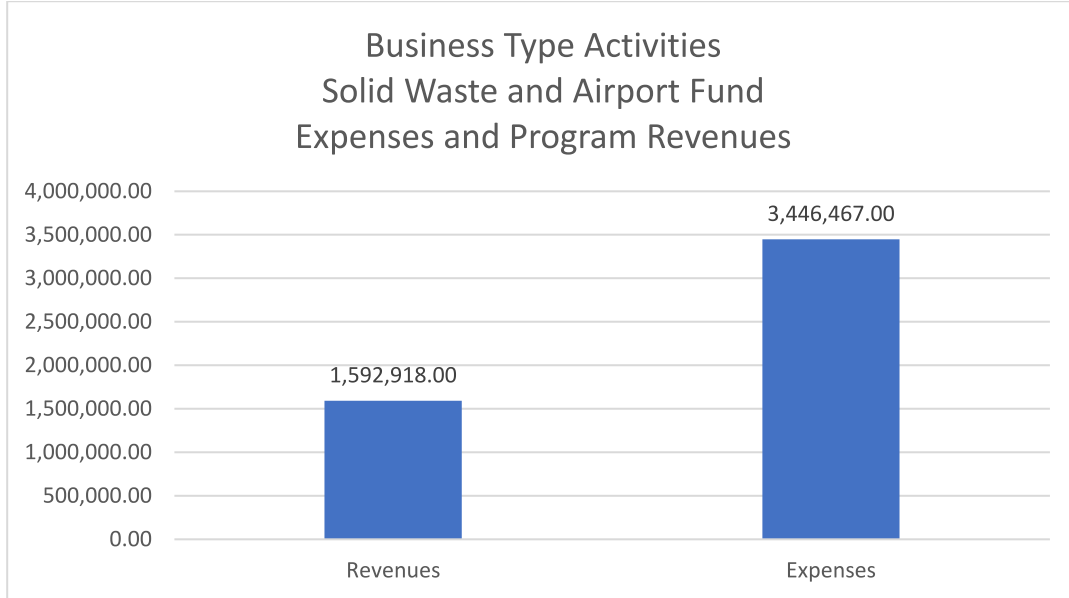
<b>Function</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
General Government	54.87%	30.22%
Public Safety	23.82%	24.65%
Health & Welfare	9.07%	31.48%
Highways & Streets	20.09%	19.63%
Economic Development	1.80%	1.76%
Recreation	1.96%	2.52%
Capital Outlay	0.00%	0.00%
Interest Expense	1.33%	1.44%

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**BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES**

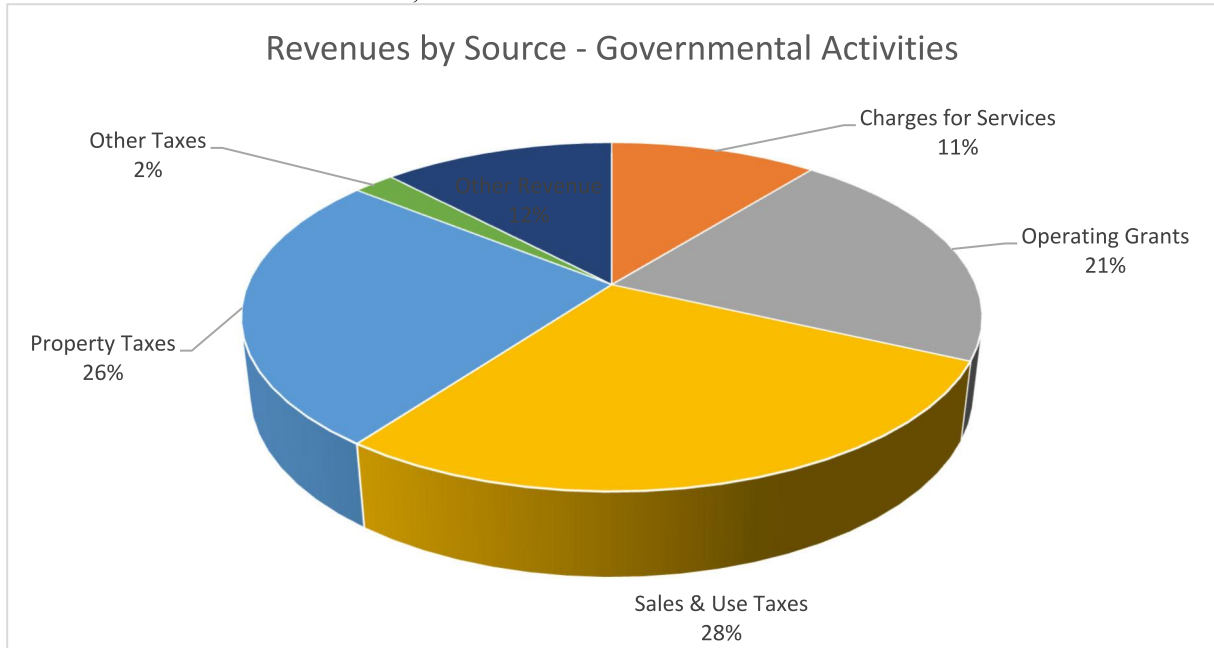
Net position in Business-type Activities decreased by 779,337 in 2023.

The following illustrates the Business-type Activities, showing program revenues and expenses:



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Charges for Services for business-type activities were 11% of operating revenues, 21% of Capital Grants and 12% of Other Revenue,



28% Sales and Use Taxes and Other revenues were 2% of operating revenues.

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## **THE COUNTY'S FUNDS**

At year-end, the County's Governmental Funds reported a combined fund balance of \$25,451,090, an decrease of \$4,375,647 from 2022. Fund balances in the Governmental Funds are as follows:

Fund	2023	2022	2021	2020
General Government Fund	19,024,251.00	18,603,085.00	14,469,929.00	12,521,233.00
Road & Bridge Fund	3,298,723.00	8,361,586.00	9,331,985.00	8,928,485.00
Dept. of Human Services Fund	442,084.00	395,622.00	346,940.00	1,816,261.00
Justice System Capital Fund *	1,015,350.00	1,026,815.00	923,216.00	1,092,551.00
Other Governmental-Type Funds	1,670,682.00	1,439,629.00	1,206,522.00	1,208,256.00
<b>Combined Governmental-Type Fund Balance</b>	<b>25,451,090.00</b>	<b>29,826,737.00</b>	<b>26,278,592.00</b>	<b>25,566,786.00</b>
Change from prior year	(4,375,647.00)	3,548,145.00	711,806.00	(5,622,005.00)

The Proprietary Funds ended 2023 with a total unrestricted net position of \$1,686,851 a decrease of \$519,817 from 2022. The total net position, including net invested in capital assets, was \$25,725,001, a decrease of \$814,802 from 2022.

Net position for each Proprietary Fund is as follows:

Fund Type	Net Position
Solid Waste Fund	\$3,396,572
Airport Fund	\$22,328,429
Fleet Fund (Internal Service)	\$3,157,740
Total Proprietary	\$28,882,741

## **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

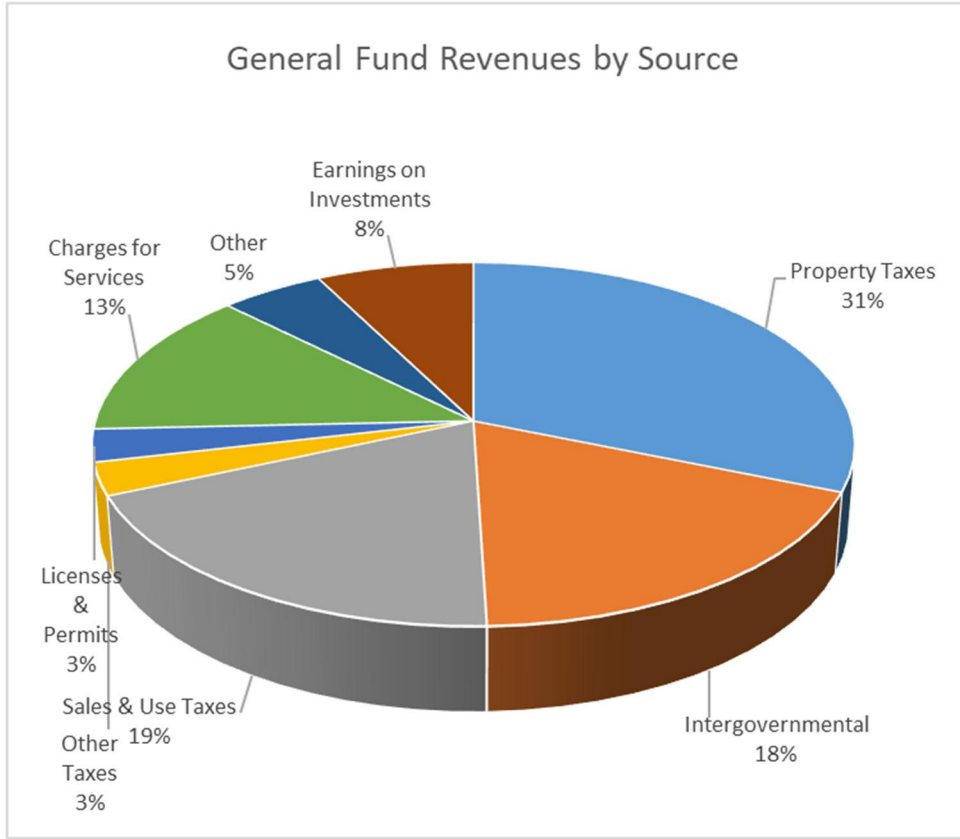
The General Fund accounts for all the general services provided by Archuleta County. At the end of 2023, the General Fund's fund balance totaled \$19,024,251. This is an increase of \$421,166 compared to 2022.

A comparison of unassigned fund balance to total fund expenditures is often a useful measure of the ability to continue financial operations. As of December 31, 2023, the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund represented 62.68% of the General Fund expenditures.

2023 General Fund revenues increased \$1,152,036 from 2022. The most significant decrease was in Intergovernmental, which was down \$558,409. There were increases in Other Revenue of \$212,234, Property and Specific Ownership Tax of \$460,814, and \$1,294,016 from Earnings on Investments.

The following illustrates revenues by sources in the General Fund:

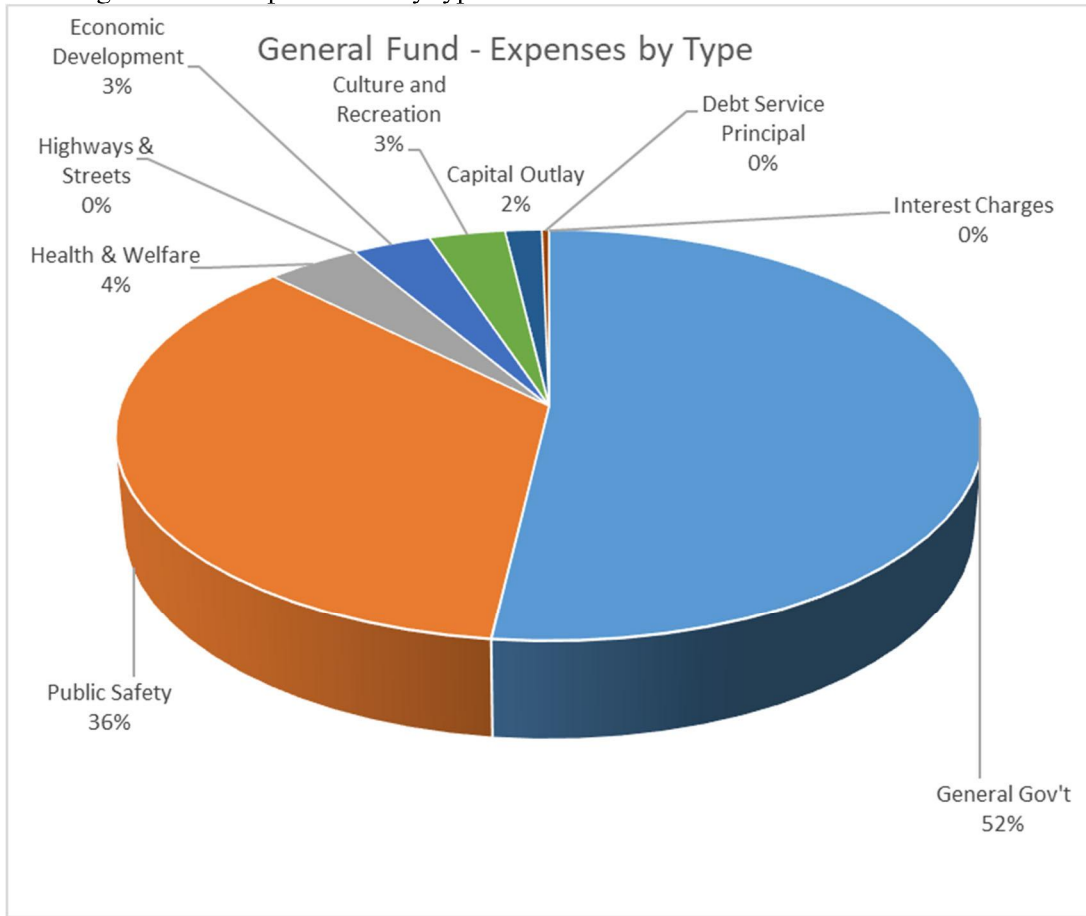
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General Fund expenditures include General Government (such as the Treasurer, Assessor and Clerk & Recorder functions, as well as administrative functions including finance, attorney, human resources, IT/GIS, etc.). Most Public Safety, and all Economic Development and Culture/Recreation expenditures also occur in the General Fund Total General Fund expenditures increased \$2,498,208, in 2023.

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The following illustrates expenditures by type for the General Fund:



During 2023, there were budget amendments for R&B and Public Health. Resolution enactment requires public hearings and the opportunity for public discussion. The County does allow small inter-departmental budget changes that modify line items within departments within the same fund.

Actual revenues collected in the General Fund were assumed \$908,966 less than budgetary estimates (excluding other financing sources) and expenditures were (\$5,163,734) less than the final budgetary estimates (excluding other financing uses).

The following illustrates the General Fund Budget:

<b>2023 General Fund Budget</b>			
	Adopted Budget	Amendments	Final Budget
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	16,599,328	-	16,599,328
<b>Sources</b>	22,036,666	495,422	22,532,088
<b>Uses</b>	25,145,290	469,929	25,615,219
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	13,490,704	25,493	13,516,197

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## CAPITAL ASSETS

In 2023, the County invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, infrastructure (roads), and vehicles and significant improvements at the landfill facility.

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, is summarized below:

	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Transfers	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2023
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
<i>Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:</i>					
Land	\$ 895,334	\$ 112,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,007,834
Construction in Progress	6,187,048	-	(6,134,092)	(10,859)	42,097
<b>Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated</b>	<b>7,082,382</b>	<b>112,500</b>	<b>(6,134,092)</b>	<b>(10,859)</b>	<b>1,049,931</b>
<i>Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:</i>					
Improvements Non-Building	98,986	-	183,997	(7,892)	275,091
Buildings and Improvements	20,602,304	1,105,868	5,950,095	(251,704)	27,406,563
Machinery and Equipment	6,587,790	1,534,663	-	(561,016)	7,561,437
Vehicles	3,862,212	450,526	-	(57,785)	4,254,953
Computer Equipment	1,656,803	39,307	-	(149,476)	1,546,634
Infrastructure	22,773,998	220,301	-	-	22,994,299
<b>Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated</b>	<b>\$ 55,582,093</b>	<b>\$ 3,350,665</b>	<b>\$ 6,134,092</b>	<b>\$ (1,027,873)</b>	<b>\$ 64,038,977</b>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</i>					
Improvements Non-Building	\$ (34,548)	\$ (26,301)	\$ -	\$ 1,929	\$ (58,920)
Buildings and Improvements	(1,854,684)	(690,737)	-	207,665	(2,337,756)
Machinery and Equipment	(5,352,342)	(529,651)	-	561,830	(5,320,163)
Vehicles	(2,980,784)	(520,922)	-	57,785	(3,443,921)
Computer Equipment	(1,601,747)	(16,117)	-	149,476	(1,468,388)
Infrastructure	(7,854,807)	(1,148,798)	-	-	(9,003,605)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>(19,678,912)</b>	<b>(2,932,526)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>978,685</b>	<b>(21,632,753)</b>
<b>Capital Assets, Being depreciated, net</b>	<b>35,903,181</b>	<b>418,139</b>	<b>6,134,092</b>	<b>(49,188)</b>	<b>42,406,224</b>
<b>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 42,985,563</b>	<b>\$ 530,639</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (60,047)</b>	<b>\$ 43,456,155</b>

Major capital expenditures during 2023 included:

Vehicles \$450,526  
Building and Improvements \$1,105,868  
Infrastructure \$220,301

The County remains committed to the upkeep and maintenance of the County's largest assets. More detailed information about the County's capital assets is presented in Notes 1 and 5 to the financial statements.

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**DEBT**

Note 6 of the financial statements provide a summary of the County's long-term debt. At the end of 2023, the County had total debt outstanding of \$15.5 million. The County's total debt increased \$746,816 from 2022.

Outstanding debt as of December 31, 2023 year end is shown in the table below:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leases	1,563,349	492,620	578,037	-	2,141,386	492,620
Certificates of Participation	12,510,000	12,925,000	-	-	12,510,000	12,925,000
Compensated Absences	721,708	487,837	107,332	56,425	829,040	544,262
Closure and Post Closure Costs	-	-	1,254,799	771,732	1,254,799	771,732
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,795,057</b>	<b>13,905,457</b>	<b>1,940,168</b>	<b>828,157</b>	<b>16,735,225</b>	<b>14,733,614</b>

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

Over the last decade, the County significantly constrained spending; first to survive steep declines in core funding such as property tax, and later to build critical reserves in working capital and later still to establish a strategic reserve. Despite the last recession and the very slow recovery since then, the County's austerity measures have paid off. Fund balances have steadily increased; a freeze on employee wage rates have given way to adjustments to bring all employees back in line with the marketplace and capital replacements have been significantly ramped up.

**CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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 show the County's accountability for the funds and assets it receives. If you have questions about this report, or should you need additional financial information, contact the County's Finance Department at Archuleta County, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or at [finance@archuletacounty.org](mailto:finance@archuletacounty.org).

## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2023**

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Totals
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets			
Cash and Investments	\$ 29,044,151	\$ 3,136,884	\$ 32,181,035
Taxes Receivable	7,821,601	-	7,821,601
Other Receivables	1,836,698	96,383	1,933,081
Prepaid Items	75,925	6,992	82,917
Due from Other Governments	75,826	-	75,826
Inventory	147,554	1,603	149,157
	39,001,755	3,241,862	42,243,617
Total Current Assets			
Noncurrent Assets			
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	1,049,931	3,574,228	4,624,159
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	42,406,224	21,041,959	63,448,183
Capital Assets, Net	43,456,155	24,616,187	68,072,342
	82,457,910	27,858,049	110,315,959
<b>Total Assets:</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	1,236,431	159,663	1,396,094
Internal Balances	(36,517)	36,517	-
Inmate Deposits	9,120	-	9,120
Accrued Interest Payable	63,291	10,208	73,499
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	407,579	23,009	430,588
Notes, COP and Leases, Due Within One Year	555,662	134,692	690,354
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Notes and Leases Due in More Than One Year	1,442,687	443,345	1,886,032
Certificates of Participation	12,075,000	-	12,075,000
Accrued Compensated Absence, Noncurrent	721,708	107,332	829,040
Closure and Post Closure Costs	-	1,254,799	1,254,799
	16,474,961	2,169,565	18,644,526
Total Liabilities			
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	10,843,392	-	10,843,392
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,382,806	24,038,150	53,420,956
Restricted For			
TABOR	882,530	-	882,530
Capital Projects	1,540,958	-	1,540,958
Forest Reserve Title III	2,663	-	2,663
Parks and Recreation	410,079	-	410,079
Unrestricted	22,920,521	1,650,334	24,570,855
	55,139,557	25,688,484	80,828,041
Total Net Position	\$ 55,139,557	\$ 25,688,484	\$ 80,828,041

See Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Archuleta County, Colorado

## Statement of Activities

### For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Totals
<b>Primary Government</b>							
<i>Governmental Activities</i>							
General Government	\$ 18,368,076	\$ 4,671,364	\$ 2,757,821	\$ -	\$ (10,938,891)	\$ -	\$ (10,938,891)
Public Safety	7,973,737	901,597	812,267	-	(6,259,873)	-	(6,259,873)
Health and Welfare	3,037,543	437,266	1,776,449	-	(823,828)	-	(823,828)
Highways and Streets	6,724,931	94,473	2,125,687	-	(4,504,771)	-	(4,504,771)
Economic Development	603,103	-	-	-	(603,103)	-	(603,103)
Recreation and Culture	657,090	21,798	169,168	-	(466,124)	-	(466,124)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	445,483	-	-	-	(445,483)	-	(445,483)
<b>Total Government Activities</b>	<b>37,809,963</b>	<b>6,126,498</b>	<b>7,641,392</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(24,042,073)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(24,042,073)</b>
<i>Business-Type Activities</i>							
Airport	1,484,052	56,095	-	476,941	-	(951,016)	(951,016)
Solid Waste	1,962,415	1,059,882	-	-	-	(902,533)	(902,533)
<b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>3,446,467</b>	<b>1,115,977</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>476,941</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,853,549)</b>	<b>(1,853,549)</b>
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 41,256,430</b>	<b>\$ 7,242,475</b>	<b>\$ 7,641,392</b>	<b>\$ 476,941</b>	<b>(24,042,073)</b>	<b>(1,853,549)</b>	<b>(25,895,622)</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>							
Property and Specific Ownership Taxes					8,062,157	-	8,062,157
Sales and Use Taxes					8,892,578	27,551	8,920,129
Other Taxes					682,062	-	682,062
Payment in Lieu of Taxes					1,307,355	-	1,307,355
Investment Income					1,826,638	-	1,826,638
Other					1,375,647	153,061	1,528,708
Net (Loss) Gain on Sale of Capital Assets					614,906	57,904	672,810
Transfers					(835,696)	835,696	-
<b>Total General Revenues</b>					<b>21,925,647</b>	<b>1,074,212</b>	<b>22,999,859</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>					<b>(2,116,426)</b>	<b>(779,337)</b>	<b>(2,895,763)</b>
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>							
<i>As originally stated</i>					60,235,872	26,467,821	86,703,693
<b>Restatement</b>					(2,979,889)	-	(2,979,889)
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>							
<i>As restated</i>					57,255,983	26,467,821	83,723,804
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>					<b>\$ 55,139,557</b>	<b>\$ 25,688,484</b>	<b>\$ 80,828,041</b>

See Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**December 31, 2023**

	General	Road and Bridge	Human Service	Justice System	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and Investments	\$ 21,992,856	\$ 2,616,115	\$ 429,639	\$ 1,012,259	\$ 1,967,920	\$ 28,018,789
Property Taxes Receivable	7,041,703	389,949	389,949	-	-	7,821,601
Other Receivables	867,553	897,988	37,104	-	962	1,803,607
Inventories	15,978	29,647	-	-	-	45,625
Prepaid Expenses	47,410	-	117	-	24,986	72,513
Due from Other Governments	42,800	-	33,026	-	-	75,826
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 30,008,300</b>	<b>\$ 3,933,699</b>	<b>\$ 889,835</b>	<b>\$ 1,012,259</b>	<b>\$ 1,993,868</b>	<b>\$ 37,837,961</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 639,135	\$ 194,893	\$ 19,315	\$ (3,091)	\$ 287,276	\$ 1,137,528
Accrued Salaries	272,300	50,134	38,487	-	35,910	396,831
Inmate Deposits	9,120	-	-	-	-	9,120
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>920,555</b>	<b>245,027</b>	<b>57,802</b>	<b>(3,091)</b>	<b>323,186</b>	<b>1,543,479</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>						
Property Taxes	10,063,494	389,949	389,949	-	-	10,843,392
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
Nonspendable						
Inventory and Prepaid Items	63,388	29,647	117	-	24,986	118,138
Restricted for:						
TABOR	626,070	210,004	12,832	-	33,624	882,530
Capital Projects	-	-	-	1,015,350	525,608	1,540,958
Title III	-	2,663	-	-	-	2,663
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	410,079	410,079
Committed to						
Fund Reserves Policy	6,409,954	-	-	-	-	6,409,954
Assigned to:						
Highways and Streets	-	8,113,715	-	-	-	8,113,715
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	612,891	612,891
Unrestricted, Unassigned	11,924,839	(5,057,306)	429,135	-	63,494	7,360,162
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>19,024,251</b>	<b>3,298,723</b>	<b>442,084</b>	<b>1,015,350</b>	<b>1,670,682</b>	<b>25,451,090</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 30,008,300</b>	<b>\$ 3,933,699</b>	<b>\$ 889,835</b>	<b>1,012,259</b>	<b>\$ 1,993,868</b>	<b>\$ 37,837,961</b>

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Net Position  
 December 31, 2023

**Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:**

Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds	\$ 25,451,090
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds.	40,749,636
Long-term liabilities and related items are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds.	
Certificates of Participation	(12,510,000)
Lease Payable	(984,230)
Accrued Compensated Absences	(712,405)
Accrued Interest	(48,791)
Internal Service Funds	<u>3,194,257</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 55,139,557</u>

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	General	Road and Bridges	Human Service	Justice System	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
<b>Revenues</b>						
Property and Specific						
Ownership Taxes	\$ 7,312,954	\$ 343,777	\$ 405,426	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,062,157
Intergovernmental	4,291,560	2,125,687	1,731,381	-	800,119	8,948,747
Sales and Use Taxes	4,447,580	4,444,998	-	-	-	8,892,578
Other Taxes	682,062	-	-	-	-	682,062
Licenses and Permits	681,414	32,206	-	-	-	713,620
Charges for Services	3,082,835	-	-	-	312,940	3,395,775
Other	1,173,203	53,465	22,305	-	15,981	1,264,954
Investment Income	1,769,446	-	-	-	57,192	1,826,638
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>23,441,054</u>	<u>7,000,133</u>	<u>2,159,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,186,232</u>	<u>33,786,531</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Current						
General Government	9,244,055	-	-	-	-	9,244,055
Public Safety	6,354,288	-	-	2,756	1,008,840	7,365,884
Health and Welfare	712,990	-	2,062,650	-	240,498	3,016,138
Highways and Streets	-	5,531,133	-	-	-	5,531,133
Economic Development	603,103	-	-	-	-	603,103
Culture and Recreation	580,054	-	-	-	43,938	623,992
Capital Outlay	279,453	6,212,350	1,000,000	1,000	350,000	7,842,803
Debt Service						
Principal	54,675	313,632	15,770	415,000	-	799,077
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,014	5,881	34,230	392,709	-	433,834
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>17,829,632</u>	<u>12,062,996</u>	<u>3,112,650</u>	<u>811,465</u>	<u>1,643,276</u>	<u>35,460,019</u>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<u>5,611,422</u>	<u>(5,062,863)</u>	<u>(953,538)</u>	<u>(811,465)</u>	<u>(457,044)</u>	<u>(1,673,488)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>						
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	422,235	-	-	-	-	422,235
Proceeds from issuance of financing lease	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Transfers In	-	-	-	800,000	688,097	1,488,097
Transfers (Out)	(2,632,602)	-	-	-	-	(2,632,602)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>(2,210,367)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>	<u>688,097</u>	<u>277,730</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<u>3,401,055</u>	<u>(5,062,863)</u>	<u>46,462</u>	<u>(11,465)</u>	<u>231,053</u>	<u>(1,395,758)</u>
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b> <i>As originally stated</i>	18,603,085	8,361,586	395,622	1,026,815	1,439,629	29,826,737
<b>Restatement</b>	<u>(2,979,889)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,979,889)</u>
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b> <i>As restated</i>	<u>15,623,196</u>	<u>8,361,586</u>	<u>395,622</u>	<u>1,026,815</u>	<u>1,439,629</u>	<u>26,846,848</u>
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 19,024,251</u>	<u>\$ 3,298,723</u>	<u>\$ 442,084</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,350</u>	<u>\$ 1,670,682</u>	<u>\$ 25,451,090</u>

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
 Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
 Governmental Funds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

**Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are Different Because:**

Net Change in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds	\$ (1,395,758)
<p>Capital outlays to purchase or construct capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are capitalized in the statement of net position and are allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the statement of activities.</p>	
Capital Outlay	1,471,188
Depreciation Expense	(1,955,285)
Gain on Asset Disposal	46,753
<p>Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.</p>	
Debt Proceeds	(1,000,000)
Lease Principal Payments	923,390
Compensated Absences	(230,510)
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.</p>	
Accrued Interest	6,386
<p>The internal service fund is used by management to charge the cost of fleet management to individual funds. A portion of the net revenue or loss of these services is reported with governmental activities.</p>	
	<u>89,392</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (2,044,444)</u>

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**December 31, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities			Governmental Activities
	Solid Waste Fund	Airport Fund	Total Business- Type Activities	Internal Service Fund
<b>Assets</b>				
<i>Current Assets</i>				
Cash and Investments	\$ 3,009,721	\$ 127,163	\$ 3,136,884	\$ 1,025,362
Accounts Receivable	90,202	6,181	96,383	33,091
Supplies Inventory	-	1,603	1,603	101,929
Prepaid Expense	-	6,992	6,992	3,412
Total Current Assets	<u>3,099,923</u>	<u>141,939</u>	<u>3,241,862</u>	<u>1,163,794</u>
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>				
Capital Assets, <i>Not Being Depreciated</i>	309,165	3,265,063	3,574,228	-
Capital Assets, <i>Net of Accumulated Depreciation</i>	2,026,393	19,015,566	21,041,959	2,706,519
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>2,335,558</u>	<u>22,280,629</u>	<u>24,616,187</u>	<u>2,706,519</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,435,481</u>	<u>22,422,568</u>	<u>27,858,049</u>	<u>3,870,313</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<i>Current Liabilities</i>				
Accounts Payable	99,770	59,893	159,663	98,903
Accrued Salaries	17,281	5,728	23,009	10,748
Accrued Interest	10,208	-	10,208	14,500
Loans Payable, <i>Current Portion</i>	134,692	-	134,692	104,846
Total Current Liabilities	<u>261,951</u>	<u>65,621</u>	<u>327,572</u>	<u>228,997</u>
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>				
Compensated Absences Payable	78,814	28,518	107,332	9,303
Loans Payable	443,345	-	443,345	474,273
Landfill Closure and Post Closure Costs	1,254,799	-	1,254,799	-
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>1,776,958</u>	<u>28,518</u>	<u>1,805,476</u>	<u>483,576</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,038,909</u>	<u>94,139</u>	<u>2,133,048</u>	<u>712,573</u>
<b>Net Position</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,757,521	22,280,629	24,038,150	2,127,400
Unrestricted	<u>1,639,051</u>	<u>47,800</u>	<u>1,686,851</u>	<u>1,030,340</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 3,396,572</u>	<u>\$ 22,328,429</u>	25,725,001	<u>\$ 3,157,740</u>
Net position of internal service fund attributed to business-type activities			<u>(36,517)</u>	
			<u>\$ 25,688,484</u>	

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
December 31, 2023

	Business-Type Activities			Governmental Activities
	Solid Waste Fund	Airport Fund	Total Business- Type Activities	Internal Service Fund
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 476,941	\$ 476,941	\$ -
Charges for Services	1,059,882	56,095	1,115,977	2,052,568
Other	30,740	122,321	153,061	110,693
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	1,090,622	655,357	1,745,979	2,163,261
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Salaries and Benefits	598,863	187,398	786,261	350,252
Materials and Supplies	-	-	-	1,238,085
Purchased Services	1,028,783	313,164	1,341,947	-
Depreciation	321,385	988,852	1,310,237	958,741
Total Operating Expenses	1,949,031	1,489,414	3,438,445	2,547,078
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	(858,409)	(834,057)	(1,692,466)	(383,817)
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>				
Interest Expense	(43,487)	-	(43,487)	(18,035)
Sales Taxes	-	27,551	27,551	-
Gain on Sale of Asset	57,904	-	57,904	145,918
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	14,417	27,551	41,968	127,883
<b>Net Income Before Capital Contributions and Transfers</b>	(843,992)	(806,506)	(1,650,498)	(255,934)
Transfers In	1,000,000	130,000	1,130,000	308,809
Transfers (Out)	(294,304)	-	(294,304)	-
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(138,296)	(676,506)	(814,802)	52,875
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>	3,534,868	23,004,935	26,539,803	3,104,865
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	\$ 3,396,572	\$ 22,328,429	25,725,001	\$ 3,157,740
			(36,517)	
			\$ 25,688,484	

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities			Governmental Activities
	Solid Waste Fund	Airport Fund	Total Business- Type Activities	Internal Service Fund
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>				
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 1,096,148	\$ 128,927	\$ 1,225,075	\$ 2,163,261
Cash Received from Interfund Service Provided	-	529,128	529,128	(22,339)
Cash Paid to Employees	(553,198)	(177,618)	(730,816)	(346,358)
Cash Paid to Suppliers	(883,940)	(635,991)	(1,519,931)	(1,239,454)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(340,990)	(155,554)	(496,544)	555,110
<b>Cash Flows from Nonoperating Capital Financing Activities</b>				
Payments (To)/From Other Funds	1,000,000	130,000	1,130,000	308,809
Proceeds from Sales Taxes	-	27,551	27,551	-
Net Cash Provided by Nonoperating Capital Financing Activities	1,000,000	157,551	1,157,551	308,809
<b>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>				
Construction and Acquisition of Capital Assets	(718,463)	(295,250)	(1,013,713)	(1,153,867)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	185,000	-	185,000	145,918
Debt Principal Payments	(422,939)	-	(422,939)	(133,691)
Debt Interest Payments	(43,487)	-	(43,487)	(18,035)
Net Cash (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(999,889)	(295,250)	(1,295,139)	(1,159,675)
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	(340,879)	(293,253)	(634,132)	(295,756)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	3,350,600	420,416	3,771,016	1,321,118
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	\$ 3,009,721	\$ 127,163	\$ 3,136,884	\$ 1,025,362
<b>Reconciliation of Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>				
Net Operating Income	\$ (858,409)	\$ (834,057)	\$ (1,692,466)	\$ (383,817)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities				
Depreciation	321,385	988,852	1,310,237	958,741
Changes in Assets and Liabilities				
Accounts Receivable	5,526	2,698	8,224	(22,339)
Prepaid Expenses	1,193	2,871	4,064	(1,282)
Accounts Payable	43,496	(325,698)	(282,202)	(14,587)
Accrued Salaries	3,753	784	4,537	533
Accrued Interest	10,208	-	10,208	14,500
Compensated Absences Payable	41,912	8,996	50,908	3,361
Accrued Closure and Post Closure Liability	89,946	-	89,946	-
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ (340,990)	\$ (155,554)	\$ (496,544)	\$ 555,110

See Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Treasurer's Custodial Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>209,754</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>209,754</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Funds Held for Others	\$ <u>209,754</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u><u>209,754</u></u>

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Treasurer's Custodial Fund</u>
<b>Additions</b>	
Tax collections for other governments	\$ <u>19,898,337</u>
Total Additions	19,898,337
<b>Deductions</b>	
Payments of tax to other governments	(19,654,554)
Treasurer fees	<u>(243,783)</u>
Total Deductions	(19,898,337)
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>

# Archuleta County, Colorado

## Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

### **Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the Archuleta County, Colorado (the County) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the County's accounting policies are described below.

#### **Reporting Entity**

The County is a political subdivision organized under the statutes of the State of Colorado. The County is governed by a three-member Board of County Commissioners (the Board). Each commissioner is elected at-large by the voters of the County to represent one of the three separate districts and must reside in the district for which he or she is elected. There are also six other elected officials - assessor, clerk and recorder, coroner, sheriff, surveyor, and treasurer. The treasurer is also the County Public Trustee.

The County provides a wide range of services to its residents including general administration, public safety, highways and streets, health and human services, public improvements, planning, zoning, airport, predatory animal and weed control.

#### **Component Units**

The County's combined financial statements include the accounts of all County operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the County's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, include whether:

- The organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- The County holds the corporate powers of the organization
- The County appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- The County is able to impose its will on the organization
- The organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the County
- There is fiscal dependency by the organization on the County
- The organization is financially accountable to the County
- The organization receives or holds funds that are for the benefit of the County; and the County has access to the majority of the funds held; and the funds that are accessible are also significant to the County.

Based on the application of these criteria, there are no component units included in the County's reporting entity.

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all activities of the County and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges for interfund services that are reasonably equivalent to the services provided. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collected within the current year or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current year. For this purpose, the County considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current year.

Taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and interest associated with the current year are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current year. All other revenues are considered measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

# Archuleta County, Colorado

## Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation** (Continued)

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, are recorded only when payment is due.

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 fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

In the fund financial statements, the County reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* - Is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the County, except those accounted for in another fund.

The *Road and Bridge Fund* - Is used to account for the maintenance and improvements of streets and highways. The sources of funds include highway user fees and other revenue sources.

The *Human Service Fund* - Is used to account for the operations of social programs; i.e., Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), Old Age Pension, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Needy and Disabled, among others. Financing is provided by grants, allotments, and property tax revenues.

The *Justice System Capital Fund* - Is used to account for the acquisition, construction, capital improvement or capital maintenance of capital assets that support the County's "justice systems", such as Courthouse, Detention Center, Sheriff's Offices, and capital equipment supporting those and similar justice related functions.

Proprietary fund financial statements are used to account for activities which are similar to those found in the private sector. The measurement focus is based upon determination of net income, financial position, and cash flows.

Proprietary funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting as follows:

- Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when the liabilities are incurred.
- Current-year contributions, administrative expenses, and premium payments, which are not received or paid until the subsequent years, are considered to be incurred.

# Archuleta County, Colorado

## Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation** (Continued)

The County reports the following major proprietary funds:

- The *Solid Waste Fund* - Is used to account for the operation, maintenance, and the development of the County landfill.
- The *Airport Fund* - Is used to account for the operations of the County Airport.

The County reports the following internal service fund type:

- The *Internal Service Fund* - Accounts for the fleet services provided to the other departments or agencies of the County on a cost reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary fund financial statements consist of the Custodial Fund established to record transactions relating to assets held by the County as a custodian for individuals, governmental entities, and non-profit organizations. The funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

#### **Assets, Liabilities and Net Position/Fund Balances**

*Cash Equivalents* - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents are defined as investments with original maturities of three months or less. The County considers all pooled cash and investments to be cash equivalents.

*Receivables* - Receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

*Inventory* - Inventory is valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market. Inventory in the Road and Bridge Fund consists of expendable supplies held for use. Reported inventories are equally offset by a fund balance reserve, which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources", even though they are a component of net current assets. Inventory policy on government-wide statements is consistent with fund statements.

*Interfund Receivables and Payables* - During the course of operations, certain transactions occur between individual funds. The resulting receivables and payables are classified on the balance sheet as *interfund receivables* and *interfund payables*. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as *internal balances*.

*Prepaid Expenses* - Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are reported as prepaid expenses using the consumption method.

# Archuleta County, Colorado

## Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Assets, Liabilities and Net Position/Fund Balances (Continued)

*Capital Assets* - Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, and all infrastructure owned by the County, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds in the fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at the acquisition value on the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets of the County are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

Buildings and Improvements	7 - 40 years
Infrastructure	25 - 50 years
Vehicles and Equipment	5 - 15 years

*Compensated Absences* - Employees of the County are allowed to accumulate unused vacation and sick time depending on the length of employment. Upon termination of employment from the County, an employee will be compensated for all accrued vacation time at their current rate of pay.

After five years of continuous service, upon termination, an employee will be paid for accumulated sick leave of 50% of all unused sick leave up to the maximum accumulative number of hours, which is 480 hours.

Accumulated, unpaid vacation time is accrued when earned in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds in the fund financial statements. A liability is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements only when payment is due.

*Long-Term Debt* - In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Debt premiums, discounts and accounting losses resulting from debt refunding's are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt using the straight-line method. In the governmental fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses.

Debt issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the debt proceeds, are reported as current expenses or expenditures.

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Assets, Liabilities and Net Position/Fund Balances** (Continued)

*Deferred Inflows of Resources* - In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and the governmental fund balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position and/or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has two types of items which arise both under the full accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the items, property taxes and unavailable grant revenue, are reported in both the governmental activities statement of net position and in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources from property taxes and unavailable grant revenue. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. Since property tax revenues are collected in arrears during the succeeding year, a receivable and corresponding deferred inflow of resources is recorded at December 31. As the tax is collected in the succeeding year, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue and the receivable is reduced.

*Fund Equity* - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report non-spendable amounts that are (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash such as inventories, prepaid items, long-term notes receivable and fund advances. Restrictions of fund balance represents amounts that are restricted for specific fund purposes stipulated by external resource providers constitutionally or through enabling legislation. Committed fund balances include amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes determined by the passage of a resolution by the Board of County Commissioners. Commitments may be modified or changed only by the Board of County Commissioners approving a new resolution. Assigned fund balance includes amounts intended to be used by the County for specific purposes that are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the County Administrator. Unassigned fund balance includes amounts that do not meet any of the above criteria. The County may report positive unassigned fund balances only in the general fund and negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

*Net Position* - The County’s net position is classified in the following components:

- *Net Investment in Capital Assets* - This component consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds.

# Archuleta County, Colorado

## Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Assets, Liabilities and Net Position/Fund Balances** (Continued)

- *Restricted* - This component consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Restricted assets are assets which have restrictions placed on the use of the assets through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported.
- *Unrestricted* - This component consists of the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

#### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1, are levied the following December, and collected in the subsequent year. Taxes are payable in full on April 30 or in two installments on February 28 and June 15. The County Treasurer's Office collects property taxes and remits to the County on a daily basis. Since property tax revenues are collected in arrears during the succeeding fiscal year, receivables and corresponding deferred inflows of resources are reported at year end.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Subsequent Events**

The County has evaluated subsequent events for recognition or disclosure through August 12, 2024 which is the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023

**Note 2: Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The County follows the procedures set forth in the Colorado Local Government Budget Law when preparing the annual budget for each fund. Budget procedures include:

1. In accordance with State statutes, prior to October 15, the County Budget Officer submits to the Board of County Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the calendar year commencing the following January 1st. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year, along with estimates for the current year and actual data for the two preceding years. State statutes require more detailed line-item budgets be submitted in summary form. In addition, more detailed line-item budgets are included for administrative control. The level of control for the detailed budgets is at the department head/function level;
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments;
3. Prior to December 31, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution. The associated appropriations resolution is adopted at the fund level;
4. The County's policy states that no authorization is given to spend, contract, or incur a liability that was not appropriated in the current year's budget without written approval of the Finance Director. The Finance Director will approve only those expenditures for which a qualifying budget supplement has been properly prepared and submitted;
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year;
6. Budgets for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Capital Projects Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. For the Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Fund, proceeds from long-term debt are budgeted as revenue, note and lease principal payments are budgeted as expenses, and purchases of capital assets are budgeted as capital outlay expenses;
7. Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The Board of County Commissioners may authorize supplemental appropriations during the year. The Board of County Commissioners adopted supplemental appropriations during 2023.

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023

**Note 3: Cash and Investments**

A summary of cash and investments at December 31, 2023, follows:

Deposits	\$ 1,010,922
Investments	31,376,370
Petty Cash	3,497
Total	\$ 32,390,789

As of December 31, 2023, cash and investments were classified in the financial statements follows:

**Cash Deposits**

Governmental Activities	29,044,151
Business-Type Activities	3,136,884
Fiduciary Funds	209,754
Total	\$ 32,390,789

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires all local government entities to deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by State regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. The PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits. At December 31, 2023, the County had bank deposits of \$1,491,855 collateralized with securities held by the financial institutions' agents but not in the County's name.

**Investments**

The County is required to comply with State statutes which specify investments meeting defined rating, maturity, and concentration risk criteria in which the County may invest, which include the following. Custodial risk is not addressed by State statutes.

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. Agency securities
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Local government investment pools
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts (GICs)

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023

**Note 3: Cash and Investments (Continued)**

**Investments** (Continued)

At December 31, 2023, the County had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Moody Rating</u>	<u>S&amp;P Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
COLOTRUST	N/A	AAAm	\$ 30,850,762	98.32%
CSAFE	N/A	AAAm	525,608	1.68%
Total			<u>\$ 31,376,370</u>	

*Fair Value Measurements* - The County reports its investments using the fair value measurements established by generally accepted accounting principles. As such, a fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs used to measure the fair value of the investments into three levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments; Level 2 inputs include quoted prices in active markets for similar investments, or other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. At December 31, 2023, the County's investments in U.S. Treasury and Agency securities were measured utilizing quoted prices in active markets for similar investments (Level 2 inputs).

*Interest Rate Risk* - State statutes generally limit the maturity of investment securities to five years from the date of purchase unless the governing board authorizes the investment for a period in excess of five years.

*Credit Risk* - State statutes limit certain investments to those with specified ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, depending on the type of investment.

*Local Government Investment Pools* - At December 31, 2023, the County had \$30,850,762 and \$525,608 invested in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (Colostrust) and the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE), respectively. The pools are investment vehicles established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The Colorado Division of Securities administers and enforces the requirements of creating and operating the pools. The pools operate in conformity with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 2a-7. The pools are measured at the net asset value per share, with each share valued at \$1. The pools are rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's. Investments of the pools are limited to those allowed by State statutes. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by the participating governments.

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**Note 4: Interfund Balances and Transactions**

At December 31, 2023, the General Fund subsidized the operating expenditures of other funds as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,632,602	\$ -
Public Health	-	259,114
Justice System Fund	-	800,000
Combined Dispatch	-	428,983
Fleet	-	308,809
Solid Waste	294,304	1,000,000
Airport	-	130,000
Total	<u>\$ 2,926,906</u>	<u>\$ 2,926,906</u>

**Note 5: Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, is summarized below:

	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
<i>Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:</i>					
Land	\$ 895,334	\$ 112,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,007,834
Construction in Progress	6,187,048	-	(6,134,092)	(10,859)	42,097
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>7,082,382</u>	<u>112,500</u>	<u>(6,134,092)</u>	<u>(10,859)</u>	<u>1,049,931</u>
<i>Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:</i>					
Improvements Non-Building	98,986	-	183,997	(7,892)	275,091
Buildings and Improvements	20,602,304	1,105,868	5,950,095	(251,704)	27,406,563
Machinery and Equipment	6,587,790	1,534,663	-	(561,016)	7,561,437
Vehicles	3,862,212	450,526	-	(57,785)	4,254,953
Computer Equipment	1,656,803	39,307	-	(149,476)	1,546,634
Infrastructure	22,773,998	220,301	-	-	22,994,299
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>\$ 55,582,093</u>	<u>\$ 3,350,665</u>	<u>\$ 6,134,092</u>	<u>\$ (1,027,873)</u>	<u>\$ 64,038,977</u>
<i>Capital Assets, Being Depreciated: (Continued)</i>					
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Improvements Non-Building	\$ (34,548)	\$ (26,301)	\$ -	\$ 1,929	\$ (58,920)
Buildings and Improvements	(1,854,683)	(690,737)	-	207,665	(2,337,755)
Machinery and Equipment	(5,352,343)	(529,651)	-	561,830	(5,320,164)
Vehicles	(2,980,784)	(520,922)	-	57,785	(3,443,921)
Computer Equipment	(1,601,747)	(16,117)	-	149,476	(1,468,388)
Infrastructure	(7,854,807)	(1,148,798)	-	-	(9,003,605)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(19,678,912)</u>	<u>(2,932,526)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>978,685</u>	<u>(21,632,753)</u>
Capital Assets, Being depreciated, net	<u>35,903,181</u>	<u>418,139</u>	<u>6,134,092</u>	<u>(49,188)</u>	<u>42,406,224</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 42,985,563</u>	<u>\$ 530,639</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (60,047)</u>	<u>\$ 43,456,155</u>

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**Note 5: Capital Assets**

<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/22</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/23</b>
<i>Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:</i>					
Land	\$ 3,574,228	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,574,228
Construction in Progress	<u>332,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(332,853)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated</b>	<u>3,907,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(332,853)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,574,228</u>
<i>Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:</i>					
Infrastructure	451,399	139,620	-	-	591,019
Runway	30,620,019	-	-	-	30,620,019
Improvements Non-building	1,355,731	15,549	332,853	-	1,704,133
Buildings and Improvements	2,520,541	-	-	-	2,520,541
Machinery and Equipment	2,050,413	1,482,516	-	(861,030)	2,671,899
Vehicles	<u>232,922</u>	<u>82,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>315,622</u>
<b>Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated</b>	<u>37,231,025</u>	<u>1,720,385</u>	<u>332,853</u>	<u>(861,030)</u>	<u>38,423,233</u>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation</i>					
Infrastructure	(647,844)	(95,944)	-	-	(743,788)
Runway	(12,905,630)	(855,620)	-	-	(13,761,250)
Improvements Non-building	(208,359)	(29,294)	-	-	(237,653)
Buildings and Improvements	(1,100,248)	(63,015)	-	-	(1,163,263)
Machinery and Equipment	(1,709,968)	(266,364)	-	733,934	(1,242,398)
Vehicles	<u>(232,922)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(232,922)</u>
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<u>(16,804,971)</u>	<u>(1,310,237)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>733,934</u>	<u>(17,381,274)</u>
<b>Capital Assets, Being Depreciated net</b>	<u>20,426,054</u>	<u>410,148</u>	<u>332,853</u>	<u>(127,096)</u>	<u>21,041,959</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, net</b>	<u>\$ 24,333,135</u>	<u>\$ 410,148</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (127,096)</u>	<u>\$ 24,616,187</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the County as follows:

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
General Government	\$ 99,131
Public Safety	607,853
Health and Welfare	21,405
Highways and Streets	1,193,798
Recreation	<u>51,598</u>
<b>Total Depreciation Governmental Activities</b>	<u>1,973,785</u>
Fleet Fund	<u>958,741</u>
<b>Total Combined Depreciation Governmental Activities</b>	<u>\$ 2,932,526</u>

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**Note 6: Long-Term Debt**

**Governmental Activities**

Following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2023:

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/22</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/23</b>	<b>Due Within One Year</b>
Leases	\$ 492,620	\$ 1,712,810	\$ (642,081)	\$ 1,563,349	\$ 120,662
Certificates of Participation	12,925,000	-	(415,000)	12,510,000	435,000
Compensated Absences	487,837	233,871	-	721,708	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 13,905,457</u>	<u>\$ 1,946,681</u>	<u>\$ (1,057,081)</u>	<u>\$ 14,795,057</u>	<u>\$ 555,662</u>

<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/22</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/23</b>	<b>Due Within One Year</b>
Leases	\$ -	\$ 706,672	\$ (128,635)	\$ 578,037	\$ 134,692
Compensated Absences	56,424	50,908	-	107,332	-
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 56,424</u>	<u>\$ 757,580</u>	<u>\$ (128,635)</u>	<u>\$ 685,369</u>	<u>\$ 134,692</u>

**Leases**

In 2012, the County entered into a \$5,206,717 lease payable to defease its 2010 capital lease by placing the proceeds of the new capital lease totaling \$5,132,543 (after payment of \$74,464 in debt issuance costs), in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt payments of the defeased debt. Accordingly, the trust assets and liabilities for the defeased debt are not included in the County's financial statements.

The County refunded the 2010 capital lease to reduce its total debt service payments. The capital lease payable to Colorado Business Bank is payable in quarterly installments of \$125,093 at 2.5% interest. Collateral includes the county courthouse, road and bridge equipment, and vacant land. These assets are recorded in the capital assets of the government-wide financial statements at \$1,071,814, less accumulated depreciation of \$990,836 at December 31, 2023. The lease payments were made from the Road and Bridge and General Funds. Final payment was made in 2023.

In 2023, the county entered into multiple lease agreements that qualify as long-term leases for accounting purposes and therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of inception.

Rose Building - The County has a long-term lease to own a building. The lease is payable in monthly payments of \$4,167 for an annual amount of \$50,000 including interest of 3.45%, through maturity in 2057. The building, which serves as collateral with a cost of \$1,000,000 and accumulated depreciation of \$18,750 at December 31, 2023 is included in capital assets of the government-wide activities. At December 31, 2023 there was a remaining balance outstanding of \$984,230.

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**Note 6: Long-Term Debt** (Continued)

**Leases** (Continued)

Heavy Equipment - The County has two long-term leases for heavy equipment. The leases are payable in annual installments of \$69,219 and \$68,007 which includes interest of 5.95% and both mature in 2028.

The annual debt service for the capital leases is as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 120,662	\$ 66,564	\$ 187,226
2025	124,586	62,640	187,226
2026	131,760	55,466	187,226
2027	139,986	47,240	187,226
2028	146,791	40,435	187,226
2029-2033	100,058	149,942	250,000
2034-2038	118,173	131,827	250,000
2039-2043	139,723	110,277	250,000
2044-2048	165,111	84,889	250,000
2049-2053	195,113	54,887	250,000
2054-2057	181,386	18,614	200,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,563,349</u>	<u>\$ 822,781</u>	<u>\$ 2,386,130</u>

**Certificates of Participation**

On June 12, 2019, the County issued Certificates of Participation (COP) for \$14,055,000 at a premium of \$188,399. The COP include variable payment and interest rates from 5% to 3% and mature in 2044 as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 435,000	\$ 379,950	\$ 814,950
2025	450,000	366,900	816,900
2026	465,000	353,400	818,400
2027	475,000	339,450	814,450
2028	490,000	325,200	815,200
2029-2033	2,685,000	1,396,350	4,081,350
2034-2038	3,110,000	968,700	4,078,700
2039-2043	3,610,000	4,677,474	8,287,474
2044	790,000	12,344	802,344
Total	<u>\$ 12,510,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,819,768</u>	<u>\$ 21,329,768</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### Note 6: Long-Term Debt (Continued)

#### Business Type Activities:

##### Lease Payable

During 2023, the County entered into a \$891,672 lease agreement to finance a portion of the purchase of equipment for the Solid Waste Fund. After a trade in valued at \$185,000, the lease is payable in annual payments of \$161,914, including interest of 4.71%, through maturity in 2027. The equipment, which serves as collateral with a cost of \$861,472 and accumulated depreciation of \$100,953 at December 31, 2023, is include in capital assets of business-type activities and the Solid Waste Fund. At December 31, 2023, there was a remaining balance outstanding of \$443,345.

The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 134,692	\$ 27,222	\$ 161,914
2025	141,036	20,878	161,914
2026	147,677	14,237	161,914
2027	154,632	7,282	161,914
Total	<u>\$ 578,037</u>	<u>\$ 69,619</u>	<u>\$ 647,656</u>

### Note 7: Retirement Plans

##### Defined Contribution Plan

The County provides pension benefits for all full-time employees through an agent multi-employer public retirement system, the Colorado County Officials and Employees Retirement Association (CCOERA), a defined contribution plan.

In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Full-time employees are eligible to participate immediately upon hire. The County has established that employees contribute 4% and the County contributes a matching 4% of the employee's wages each bi-weekly pay period. The County's contributions for each employee (and interest allocated to the employee's account) are fully vested after five years of continuous plan participation. The participants in this plan are offered various investment options through the plan and are allowed to invest all monies in their account, at their own discretion, among the options.

County contributions for, and interest forfeited by, employees who leave employment before five years of participation are used to reduce the County's current contribution requirements.

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### **Note 7: Retirement Plans** (Continued)

#### **Defined Contribution Plan** (Continued)

The County's total payroll in 2023 was approximately \$10,572,234. Both the County and the covered employees made the required contributions, amounting to approximately \$655,968 from the County and \$655,968 from employees. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Board of County Commissioners. That report may be obtained by writing to Colorado Retirement Association, formerly CCOERA, 751 South Park Drive, Littleton, CO 80120 or by calling 1-800-352-0313.

#### **Deferred Compensation Plan**

The County also offers its employees an additional voluntary deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 457(f).

The plan permits the employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergencies. The County has no other liability other than to make the required bi-weekly contribution on behalf of the employees. The County made no contributions to the deferred compensation plan in 2023 and employees contributed \$82,721.

### **Note 8: Colorado Contraband Forfeiture Act**

The County has reviewed financial activities in the Sheriff's Department for compliance with the above referenced act. There were no sales of contraband during the year ended December 31, 2023.

### **Note 9: TABOR Amendment Reserve**

In November 1992, Colorado voters amended Article X of the Colorado Constitution by adding section 20; commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). TABOR contains revenue, spending, tax, and debt limitations that apply to the State of Colorado and local governments. TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, advance voter approval for any new tax, tax rate policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

The initial base for local government spending and revenue limits is 1992 fiscal year spending. Future spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's fiscal spending adjusted for inflation in the prior calendar year plus annual local growth. Fiscal year spending is generally defined as expenditures and reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenue, if any, in excess of fiscal year spending limits must be refunded in the next fiscal year unless voters approve retention of such revenue.

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**Note 9: TABOR Amendment Reserve** (Continued)

Except for refinancing bonded debt at a lower interest rate or adding new employees to existing pension plans, TABOR requires advance voter approval for the creation of any multiple-fiscal year debt or other obligation unless adequate present cash reserves are pledged irrevocably and held for payments in all future fiscal years.

TABOR also required local governments to establish emergency reserves to be used for declared emergencies only. Emergencies, as defined by TABOR, exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or fringe benefit increases. These reserves are required to be 3% or more of fiscal year spending for fiscal years ending after December 31, 1995. Fiscal year spending excludes enterprise spending. The County has reserved a portion of the December 31, 2023 year-end balances in the General Fund for this purpose in the aggregate amount of \$626,070 which is the approximate required emergency reserve.

**Note 10: Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Care Costs**

State and Federal law require the County to place a final cover on its landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. The County uses the "Local Government Finance Test" as its financial mechanism to assure full payment of all closure, post closure, and if applicable, corrective action estimated costs. The estimated liability for landfill closure and post closure care costs represents the County's total current estimate of such future costs and is based on the estimated amount to be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor, and maintain the landfill were acquired as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the County estimated that existing landfill capacity was approximately 78% utilized (filled), and that the existing landfill was expected to be filled to capacity in fiscal year 2026. The \$1,254,799 reported as landfill closure and post-closure care liability at December 31, 2023 represents the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 78% of the estimated capacity of the landfill. The aggregate estimated liability of \$1,603,934 comprised of \$755,914 of estimated closure costs and \$848,020 of estimated post closure costs. The County will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and post-closure care of \$349,136 as the remaining estimated capacity is filled. However, the actual costs of closure and post closure may be higher, due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in the landfill laws and regulations.

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**Note 11: Risk Management**

**Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool (CAPP)**

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to property and casualty losses. The County joined together with other counties in the State of Colorado to form the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool (CAPP), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member counties. The County pays an annual contribution to CAPP for its property and casualty insurance coverage. The inter-governmental agreement of formation of CAPP provides that the pool will be financially self-sustaining through member contributions and additional assessments, if necessary, and the pool will purchase excess insurance through commercial companies for members' claims in excess of a specified self-insured retention that is determined each policy year. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**Colorado Workers' Compensation Pool (CWCP)**

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to injuries of employees while on the job. The County has joined together with other counties in the State of Colorado to form the Colorado Workers' Compensation Pool (CWCP), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member counties. The County pays an annual contribution to CWCP for its workers' compensation insurance coverage. The intergovernmental agreement of formation of CWCP provides that the pool will be financially self-sustaining through member contributions and additional assessments, if necessary, and the pool will purchase excess insurance through commercial companies for members' claims in excess of a specified self-insured retention that is determined each policy year. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**Note 12: Commitments and Contingencies**

**Grant Programs**

The County participates in a number of federal and state grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The number of expenditures, if any, which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although, the County expects any such amounts to be immaterial.

**Litigation**

The County is a party to various legal actions normally associated with governmental activities, the aggregate effect of which, in management's and legal counsel's opinion, would not be material to its financial statements.

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**Note 12: Commitments and Contingencies** (Continued)

**Insurance Pools**

The County is a member of the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool (CAPP) and the Colorado Workers' Compensation Pool (CWCP). CAPP and CWCP have a legal obligation for claims against its members to the extent that funds are available in their annually established loss funds and amounts are available from insurance providers under excess specific and aggregate insurance contracts. Losses incurred in excess of loss of funds are direct liabilities of the participating members. CAPP and CWCP have indicated that the amount of any excess losses would be billed to members in proportion to their contributions in the year such excess occurs. The ultimate liability to the County resulting from claims not covered by CAPP and CWCP is not presently determinable.

**Note 13: Restatement of Prior Year Balances**

The County recorded revenue for receipt of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as well as Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) in error in the amount of \$2,979,889. This should have been recorded as unavailable revenue. The liabilities, fund balance and net position as of December 31, 2022, were restated as follows:

	<b>2022 Balances as Reported</b>	<b>Unavailable Revenue</b>	<b>2022 Balances as Restated</b>
<b>Genera Fund</b>			
Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund			
Liabilities	\$ <u>7,327,745</u>	\$ <u>2,979,889</u>	\$ <u>10,307,634</u>
Fund Balance	\$ <u>18,603,085</u>	\$ <u>(2,979,889)</u>	\$ <u>15,623,196</u>
	<b>2022 Balances as Reported</b>	<b>Unavailable Revenue</b>	<b>2022 Balances as Restated</b>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
Statement of Net Position			
Liabilities	\$ <u>22,536,423</u>	\$ <u>2,979,889</u>	\$ <u>25,516,312</u>
Net Position	\$ <u>60,235,872</u>	\$ <u>(2,979,889)</u>	\$ <u>57,255,983</u>

## **Required Supplementary Information**

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 General Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property and Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 7,256,608	\$ 7,256,608	\$ 7,312,954	\$ 56,346
Intergovernmental	6,083,010	6,578,432	4,291,560	(2,286,872)
Sales and use	4,539,537	4,539,537	4,447,580	(91,957)
Other Taxes	450,000	450,000	682,062	232,062
Licenses and Permits	665,500	665,500	681,414	15,914
Charges For Services	2,605,501	2,605,501	3,082,835	477,334
Other	416,500	416,500	1,173,203	756,703
Earnings on Investments	20,010	20,010	1,769,446	1,749,436
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>22,036,666</u>	<u>22,532,088</u>	<u>23,441,054</u>	<u>908,966</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Government	10,196,933	9,930,342	9,244,055	686,287
Public Safety	6,237,207	6,254,685	6,354,288	(99,603)
Health and Welfare	458,913	804,585	712,990	91,595
Economic Development	450,000	545,500	603,103	(57,603)
Culture and Recreation	383,065	398,065	580,054	(181,989)
Debt Service	72,727	72,727	55,689	17,038
Capital Outlay	4,987,462	4,987,462	279,453	4,708,009
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>22,786,307</u>	<u>22,993,366</u>	<u>17,829,632</u>	<u>5,163,734</u>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	(749,641)	(461,278)	5,611,422	6,072,700
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	422,235	422,235
Transfers (Out)	(2,358,983)	(2,621,853)	(2,632,602)	(10,749)
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	(3,108,624)	(3,083,131)	3,401,055	6,484,186
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>16,599,328</u>	<u>16,599,328</u>	<u>15,623,196</u>	<u>(976,132)</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 13,490,704</u>	<u>\$ 13,516,197</u>	<u>\$ 19,024,251</u>	<u>\$ 5,508,054</u>

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 Road and Bridge Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property and Specific Ownership Tax	\$ 388,600	\$ 343,777	\$ (44,823)
Sales and Use Taxes	4,539,537	4,444,998	(94,539)
Intergovernmental	2,287,037	2,125,687	(161,350)
Licenses and Permits	35,027	32,206	(2,821)
Miscellaneous	66,500	53,465	(13,035)
Total Revenues	7,316,701	7,000,133	(316,568)
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Highways and Streets	4,891,698	5,531,133	(639,435)
Capital Outlay	5,200,000	6,212,350	(1,012,350)
Debt Service:			
Principal	421,019	313,632	107,387
Interest	6,625	5,881	744
Total Expenditures	10,519,342	12,062,996	(1,543,654)
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	(3,202,641)	(5,062,863)	(1,860,222)
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	7,223,821	8,361,586	1,137,765
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	\$ 4,021,180	\$ 3,298,723	\$ (722,457)

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 Human Service Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property and Specific Ownership Taxes	\$ 402,012	\$ 405,426	\$ 3,414
Intergovernmental Revenue	9,082,903	1,731,381	(7,351,522)
Other	69,136	22,305	(46,831)
Total Revenues	9,554,051	2,159,112	(7,394,939)
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Health and Welfare	9,908,797	2,062,650	7,846,147
Capital Outlay	-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Debt Service			
Principal	-	15,770	(15,770)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	34,230	(34,230)
Total Expenditures	9,908,797	3,112,650	6,796,147
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	(354,746)	(953,538)	(598,792)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of financing leases	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	(354,746)	46,462	401,208
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	(301,178)	395,622	696,800
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	\$ (655,924)	\$ 442,084	\$ 1,098,008

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Notes to Required Supplementary Information  
December 31, 2023

**Note 1: Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

**Budgets**

Formal budgetary integration in all funds is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgets are adopted for all governmental fund types on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Prior to October 15, the County Budget Officer submits to the Board of County Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The budget is prepared by fund and department, and includes actual data from the prior year, current year and budget year estimated revenues and expenditures.
- Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- Prior to December 16, the budget is legally enacted, and the required mill levy is adopted through the passage of a resolution. This resolution authorizes an appropriation at each fund level and lapses at year end. The fund then becomes the level of control upon which expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations.
- All appropriations lapse at the end of the year.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County's Road and Bridge Fund expenditures exceeded expenditure appropriations. This may be a violation of State statutes.

Budgeted amounts in this report are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of County Commissioners during the year through supplemental appropriation.

## **Supplementary Information**

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Listing of Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2023

**Special Revenue Funds**

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted or assigned to expend for particular purposes.

*Conservation Trust Fund* - This fund is used to account for the County's share of the state lottery program. The monies may be expended only for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks, and other public recreational facilities.

*Combined Dispatch Fund* - This fund was formerly the Emergency 911 fund and has been changed to include the combined dispatch of the County, Town of Pagosa Springs, Upper San Juan Health Service District, and the Pagosa Fire Protection District to account for the activity of providing emergency telephone services to the County's residents.

*Public Health Fund* - This fund was formed from the dissolution of the San Juan Basin Public Health District which provided Health services for La Plata County and Archuleta County. Public Health will be active on January 1, 2024.

**Capital Project Funds**

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

*Fairfield Settlement Fund* - This fund is used to partially compensate property owners in the eligible subdivision when they complete the extension of electrical power to their lot.

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**December 31, 2023**

	Special Revenue			Capital Projects	Totals
	Public Health	Combined Dispatch Fund	Conservation Trust Fund	Fair Field Settlement Fund	
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and Investments	\$ 109,461	\$ 916,782	\$ 416,069	\$ 525,608	\$ 1,967,920
Other Receivables	-	962	-	-	962
Prepaid Expenses	-	24,986	-	-	24,986
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 109,461</u>	<u>\$ 942,730</u>	<u>\$ 416,069</u>	<u>\$ 525,608</u>	<u>\$ 1,993,868</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accrued Salaries	\$ 12,968	\$ 22,942	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,910
Accounts Payable	32,809	254,467	-	-	287,276
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>45,777</u>	<u>277,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,186</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable					
Prepaid Expenses	-	24,986	-	-	24,986
Restricted for:					
TABOR	190	27,444	5,990	-	33,624
Capital Project	-	-	-	525,608	525,608
Parks and Recreation	-	-	410,079	-	410,079
Assigned To:					
Public Safety	-	612,891	-	-	612,891
Health and Welfare	63,494	-	-	-	63,494
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>63,684</u>	<u>665,321</u>	<u>416,069</u>	<u>525,608</u>	<u>1,670,682</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 109,461</u>	<u>\$ 942,730</u>	<u>\$ 416,069</u>	<u>\$ 525,608</u>	<u>\$ 1,993,868</u>

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Public Health	Combined Dispatch Fund	Conservation Trust	Fair Field Settlement	Totals
<b>Revenues</b>					
Intergovernmental	\$ 45,068	\$ 585,883	\$ 169,168	\$ -	\$ 800,119
Charges for Services	-	312,940	-	-	312,940
Other	-	15,981	-	-	15,981
Earnings on Investments	-	-	30,492	26,700	57,192
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>45,068</u>	<u>914,804</u>	<u>199,660</u>	<u>26,700</u>	<u>1,186,232</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current					
Public Safety	-	1,008,840	-	-	1,008,840
Culture and Recreation	-	-	43,938	-	43,938
Health and Safety	240,498	-	-	-	240,498
Capital Outlay	-	350,000	-	-	350,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>240,498</u>	<u>1,358,840</u>	<u>43,938</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,643,276</u>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	(195,430)	(444,036)	155,722	26,700	(457,044)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Transfers In	<u>259,114</u>	<u>428,983</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>688,097</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	63,684	(15,053)	155,722	26,700	231,053
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>680,374</u>	<u>260,347</u>	<u>498,908</u>	<u>1,439,629</u>
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 63,684</u>	<u>\$ 665,321</u>	<u>\$ 416,069</u>	<u>\$ 525,608</u>	<u>\$ 1,670,682</u>

## **Compliance Section**



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

Board of County Commissioners  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
Pagosa Springs, Colorado

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Archuleta County, Colorado (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2024.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

Hick & Company, PC

Englewood, Colorado  
August 12, 2024





## **Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program, Internal Control over Compliance and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the *Uniform Guidance***

Board of County Commissioners  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
Pagosa Springs, Colorado

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Archuleta County, Colorado's (the County's) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.



### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Hick & Company, PC*

Englewood, Colorado  
August 12, 2024



**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>				
COLORADO DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>SNAP Cluster</i>				
<b>State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b>	10.561	203CO401S2514 203CO401S8036 203CO401S8026 203CO321Q3903 203CO401S2514 203CO401S8026 203CO421S2519 203CO421S2520	\$ 95,055	\$ -
<b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			<u>95,055</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>				
PASSED THROUGH COLORADO DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES				
Guardianship Assistance	93.090	1801COGARD 1901COGARD 2001COGARD 2101COGARD	1,408	-
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	1804COCSSES 1901COCSSES 2001COCSSES 2101COCSSES	123,295	-
<b>TANF CLUSTER</b>				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	1801COTANF 1901COTANF 2001COTANF 2101COTANF	280,926	-
<b>TOTAL FOR TANF CLUSTER</b>			<u>280,926</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CCDF CLUSTER</b>				
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	2001COCCC3 2001COCCDF 2101COCCC3 2101COCCC5 2101COCDC6 2101COCS6	46,052	-
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596	2001COCCDF 2101COCCDF	41,247	-
<b>TOTAL FOR CCDF CLUSTER</b>			<u>87,299</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023  
(Continued)

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
Foster Care-Title IV-E	93.658	1801COFOST 1901COFOST 2001COFOST 2101COFOST	7,437	-
Adoption Assistance	93.659	1801COADPT 1901COADPT 2001COADPT 2101COADPT	123,019	-
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	1801COSOSR 1901COSOSR 2001COSOSR 2101COSOSR	40,256	-
<b>Medicaid Cluster</b> <i>Colorado Department of Human Services</i> Medical Assistance Program	93.778	2005CO5MAP 2005CPOADM 2105CO5MAP 2105CO5ADM	123,704	-
<b>TOTAL FOR MEDICAID CLUSTER</b>			<u>123,704</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>			<u>787,344</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b> State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	16.606		745	-
Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership	16.607	2020BVP	4,000	-
<b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b>			<u>4,745</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>  Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-08-0066-024-2019 (Contract # DOT-FA19NM-1016)	38,881	-
Formula Grants for Rural Areas	20.509	21-HTR-ZL-00296 22-HTR-ZL-00238	133,438	-
<b>TOTAL FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>			<u>172,319</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY</b> Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032		362,759	-
Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	21.027		668,563	-
<b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY</b>			<u>1,031,322</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS</b>			<u>\$ 2,090,785</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
December 31, 2023

**Note 1: Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures (the Schedule) for the County under programs for the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the County.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

**Note 3: Indirect Cost Rate**

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

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
 December 31, 2023

**Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP):

- Unmodified     Qualified     Adverse     Disclaimed

The independent auditor's report on internal control over financial reporting described:

- Material weaknesses identified?  Yes  No
- Significant deficiencies?  Yes  None reported
- Noncompliance considered material to the financial statements noted?  Yes  No

**Federal Awards**

The independent auditor's report on internal control over compliance for major federal awards programs disclosed:

- Material weaknesses?  Yes  No
- Significant deficiencies?  Yes  None reported

Type of Auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:

- Unmodified     Qualified     Adverse     Disclaimed

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?  Yes  No

Identification of major federal program:

Cluster/Program	Assistance Listing Number
Coronavirus State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)	21.027
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032

Dollar threshold used to distinguish Between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000.

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?  Yes  No

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**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
December 31, 2023  
(Continued)

**Section II: Financial Statement Findings**

**Findings Required to be Reported by the Uniform Guidance**

None

**Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

**Findings Required to be Reported by the Uniform Guidance**

None

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings  
December 31, 2023

**Finding 2022-001:**

Timely Submission of Reporting Package and Data Collection Form

**Criteria:** Federal regulations 2 CFR 200.512 states that the audit must be completed, and the data collection form and reporting package be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's reports, or nine months after the end of the audit period.

**Condition:** The 2022 the reporting package was not submitted within the nine months after December 31, 2022 required by Federal regulations 2 CFR 200.512.

**Cause:** The County did not have sufficient financial reporting policies and procedures in place to prepare financial statements in a timely manner.

**Effect:** Failure to submit the reporting package and data collection form results in noncompliance with state and federal regulations and deadlines.

**Questioned Costs:** None reported.

**Context:** We noted that the reporting package and data collection form were not submitted timely for the 2021 audit.

**Repeat Finding:** Yes

**Recommendation:** We recommend the County take appropriate measures to ensure timely submission of the reporting package and data collection form within the required deadlines.

**Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:** The County knew that delaying the audit would result in the late release of the 2022 audit and non-compliance with federal regulations. However, the County has hired personnel and implemented policies and procedures to meet the audit submission deadlines. The County does not anticipate these circumstances to continue in the future.

**Archuleta County, Colorado**  
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings  
December 31, 2023

**Finding 2022-002:**

Inaccurate reporting of federal expenditures listed in SEFA.

**Criteria:** According to 2 CFR 200.303 requires non-Federal entities receiving Federal awards to establish and maintain internal controls designed to reasonably ensure compliance with Federal laws, regulations, and program compliance requirements. Effective internal controls should include procedures to ensure federal expenditures are accurately reported on the SEFA.

**Condition:** The County was not able to generate the complete SEFA report information necessary to produce accurate SEFA reporting on a timely basis.

**Context:** According to 2 CFR 200.510(b), a recipient of federal awards is required to prepare a schedule of expenditures of Federal awards (SEFA) for the period covered by the entity's financial statements and to provide total Federal awards expended for each individual Federal program and the Assistance Listings Number or other identifying number when the Assistance Listings information is not available. For a cluster of programs also provide the total for the cluster.

**Repeat Finding:** No

**Questioned Costs:** None.

**Effect or Potential Effect:** Failure to accurately report federal expenditures prohibits the accurate and timely completion of an audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance which may result in the suspension or delay of federal funding.

**Cause:** The unreported expenditures for the SEFA were due to new and limited personnel and unfamiliarity with current procedures.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the County establish SEFA reconciliation policies and procedures and take appropriate measures to ensure timely and accurate SEFA reports.

**Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:** The County agrees and is making the necessary changes to their SEFA reconciliation process necessary to be able to produce timely and accurate SEFA reporting.

## **State Compliance**

<b>LOCAL HIGHWAY FINANCE REPORT</b>	STATE: <b>COLORADO</b> YEAR ENDING (mm/yy): <b>12/23</b>
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This Information From The Records Of: <b>Archuleta County</b>	Prepared By: <b>Chad Eaton</b>
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**I. DISPOSITION OF HIGHWAY-USER REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE**

ITEM	A. Local Motor-Fuel Taxes	B. Local Motor-Vehicle Taxes	C. Receipts from State Highway-User Taxes	D. Receipts from Federal Highway Administration
1. Total receipts available				
2. Minus amount used for collection expenses				
3. Minus amount used for nonhighway purposes				
4. Minus amount used for mass transit				
5. Remainder used for highway purposes				

**II. RECEIPTS FOR ROAD AND STREET PURPOSES**

**III. EXPENDITURES FOR ROAD AND STREET PURPOSES**

ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT
<b>A. Receipts from local sources:</b>		<b>A. Local highway expenditures:</b>	
1. Local highway-user taxes		1. Capital outlay (from page 2)	\$ 6,214,058.01
a. Motor Fuel (from Item I.A.5.)		2. Maintenance:	\$ 3,104,803.33
b. Motor Vehicle (from Item I.B.5.)		3. Road and street services:	
c. Total (a.+b.)		a. Traffic control operations	\$ -
2. General fund appropriations		b. Snow and ice removal	\$ 119,325.06
3. Other local imposts (from page 2)	\$ 4,780,921.25	c. Other	\$ 1,210,915.19
4. Miscellaneous local receipts (from page 2)	\$ 93,523.58	d. Total (a. through c.)	\$ 1,330,240.25
5. Transfers from toll facilities		4. General administration & miscellaneous	\$ 1,097,936.59
6. Proceeds of sale of bonds and notes:		5. Highway law enforcement and safety	
a. Bonds - Original Issues		6. Total (1 through 5)	\$ 11,747,038.18
b. Bonds - Refunding Issues		<b>B. Debt service on local obligations:</b>	
c. Notes		1. Bonds:	
d. Total (a. + b. + c.)	\$ -	a. Interest	
7. Total (1 through 6)	\$ 4,874,444.83	b. Redemption	
<b>B. Private Contributions</b>		c. Total (a. + b.)	\$ -
<b>C. Receipts from State government</b> (from page 2)	\$ 2,125,687.53	2. Notes:	
<b>D. Receipts from Federal Government</b> (from page 2)	\$ -	a. Interest	\$ 5,880.90
<b>E. Total receipts (A.7 + B + C + D)</b>	\$ 7,000,132.36	b. Redemption	\$ 313,632.11
		c. Total (a. + b.)	\$ 319,513.01
		3. Total (1.c + 2.c)	\$ 319,513.01
		<b>C. Payments to State for highways</b>	
		<b>D. Payments to toll facilities</b>	
		<b>E. Total expenditures (A.6 + B.3 + C + D)</b>	\$ 12,066,551.19

**IV. LOCAL HIGHWAY DEBT STATUS**

*(Show all entries at par)*

	Opening Debt	Amount Issued	Redemptions	Closing Debt
<b>A. Bonds (Total)</b>				\$ -
1. Bonds (Refunding Portion)				\$ -
<b>B. Notes (Total)</b>				\$ -

**V. LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND BALANCE (RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ONLY)**

	A. Beginning Balance	B. Total Receipts	C. Total Disbursements	D. Ending Balance	E. Reconciliation
		\$ 7,000,132.36	\$ 12,066,551.19	\$ (5,066,418.83)	\$ -

**Notes and Comments:**

LOCAL HIGHWAY FINANCE REPORT

STATE:  
**COLORADO**  
 YEAR ENDING (mm/yy):  
 12/23

II. RECEIPTS FOR ROAD AND STREET PURPOSES - DETAIL

ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT
<b>A.3. Other local imposts:</b>		<b>A.4. Miscellaneous local receipts:</b>	
a. Property Taxes and Assessments	\$ 296,257.51	a. Interest on investments	\$ 910.93
b. Other local imposts:		b. Traffic Fines & Penalties	\$ 1,204.52
1. Sales Taxes	\$ 4,444,997.87	c. Parking Garage Fees	
2. Infrastructure & Impact Fees	\$ (280.72)	d. Parking Meter Fees	
3. Liens		e. Sale of Surplus Property	
4. Licenses		f. Charges for Services	\$ 32,206.08
5. Specific Ownership &/or Other	\$ 39,946.59	g. Other Misc. Receipts	\$ 58,330.78
6. Total (1. through 5.)	\$ 4,484,663.74	h. Other	\$ 871.27
c. Total (a. + b.)	\$ 4,780,921.25	i. Total (a. through h.)	\$ 93,523.58
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ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT
<b>C. Receipts from State Government</b>		<b>D. Receipts from Federal Government</b>	
1. Highway-user taxes (from Item I.C.5.)	\$ 2,057,971.21	1. FHWA (from Item I.D.5.)	
2. State general funds		2. Other Federal agencies:	
3. Other State funds:		a. Forest Service	
a. State bond proceeds		b. FEMA	
b. Project Match		c. HUD	
c. Motor Vehicle Registrations		d. Federal Transit Administration	
d. DOLA Grant		e. U.S. Corps of Engineers	
e. Other	\$ 67,716.32	f. Other Federal ARPA	
f. Total (a. through e.)	\$ 67,716.32	g. Total (a. through f.)	\$ -
4. Total (1. + 2. + 3.f)	\$ 2,125,687.53	3. Total (1. + 2.g)	\$ -
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III. EXPENDITURES FOR ROAD AND STREET PURPOSES - DETAIL

	ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM (a)	OFF NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM (b)	TOTAL (c)
<b>A.1. Capital outlay:</b>			
a. Right-Of-Way Costs			\$ -
b. Engineering Costs			\$ -
c. Construction:			
(1). New Facilities			\$ -
(2). Capacity Improvements			\$ -
(3). System Preservation		\$ 342,943.26	\$ 342,943.26
(4). System Enhancement And Operation		\$ 5,871,114.75	\$ 5,871,114.75
(5). Total Construction (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)	\$ -	\$ 6,214,058.01	\$ 6,214,058.01
d. Total Capital Outlay (Lines 1.a. + 1.b. + 1.c.4)	\$ -	\$ 6,214,058.01	\$ 6,214,058.01
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Notes and Comments: