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Introductory Section (Unaudited)



September 12, 2024,

To the Citizens of La Plata County and the Board of County Commissioners:

The Department of Finance prepared the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The ACFR represents the culmination of all budgeting and accounting activities engaged in by management during the year, covering all funds and financial transactions of the County. The County assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in the report. State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish within nine months of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements that conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and are audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed, certified public accountants.

This report results from the cooperative effort between RubinBrown Certified Public Accounts & Business Consultants LLP, our independent auditors, the finance department of La Plata County, and other county departments as appropriate. This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of La Plata County. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, the management of La Plata County has established a comprehensive internal control framework designed to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of La Plata County's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, La Plata County's internal control system is designed to provide reasonable rather than an absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. Nevertheless, as management, we assert that this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects to the best of our knowledge and belief.

The certified public accounting firm of RubinBrown, Certified Public Accountants & Business Consultants LLP, has audited La Plata County's financial statements. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the county's financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based on the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified opinion that the County's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of the ACFR.

The independent audit of the County's financial statements is part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report the fair presentation of the financial statements and the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, primarily related to the administration of federal awards. Single Audit schedules and the auditors' reports are available under separate cover.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. In addition, the County's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditors' report.

La Plata County Profile

La Plata County was incorporated in 1874 and is located in southwestern Colorado. The County has a land area of 1,692 square miles and a 2023 population of 56,407. The County has three municipalities: The City of Durango, the Town of Bayfield, and Ignacio. In addition, the Southern Ute Indian Reservation is located within La Plata County and its neighboring counties. Approximately 40.78% of La Plata County's land base is public land managed by federal, state, and local agencies.

La Plata County operates as a statutory County with three-member County Commissioners (BOCC). Board members are elected by the district but represent the entire County and serve up to two four-year terms staggered. In addition, there are six other elected officials: Sheriff, Clerk & Recorder, Assessor, Treasurer/Public Trustee, Coroner, and Surveyor, who derive their responsibilities and authorities from state statutes. There are no term limits on these elected positions.

The Board is charged with governing the County by complying with the Colorado General Statutes, adopting local ordinances, adopting an annual budget, and establishing local annual property tax rates. The Board also appoints the County Manager, County Attorney, and members of various boards and commissions and is responsible for selecting the external auditor. Additionally, the Board has the authority to call bond referendums, enter into contracts, and establish new programs.

The County Manager is the chief administrative officer of the County. The primary responsibilities of the County Manager include supervising and coordinating the activities of County departments, attending Board meetings, making recommendations on appropriate matters of business, and assisting with the preparation and submission of the annual budget. The County Manager also ascertains that all orders and policies of the Board are implemented and represents the County in business with other agencies.

La Plata County management establishes and maintains an internal control structure. Internal controls are defined as the organization and methods used to 1) safeguard assets from loss by fraud or unintentional errors; 2) assure the reliability of the accounting data that management may use

in making decisions; and 3) promote operational efficiency and encourage adherence to adopted policies.

The annual budget is the foundation for La Plata County's financial planning and control. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of La Plata County, the management of the County, and the Board's decisions about which services to provide and how to pay for them. Thus, the budget is an integral part of a unit's accounting system and daily operations in government. In addition, as amended by the governing body, an annual budget ordinance creates a legal limit on spending authorizations.

In defining La Plata County for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all aspects of financial responsibility. The financial reporting entity consists of La Plata County as the primary government, Durango Hills Local Improvement District, the Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3 as blended component units. Additionally, the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District and the La Plata County Public Health Department are presented as discretely component units in the County's financial statements. These component units are included by applying the criteria set forth by GASB in its Statement 61, "*The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus and amendment of GASB Statements 14 and 34*". The component units discussed are included in the County's reporting entity because of significant operational or financial relationships.

The County provides the full range of services required by state statutes as well as many ancillary services, including but not limited to recording of vital documents and automobile registration, public safety, Sheriff, jail administration, Coroner, emergency management, court facilities; building inspection; road and bridge operations; welfare and public health services.

Budgetary Controls

Colorado state law requires the adoption of budgets for all local governments. Accordingly, La Plata County begins the annual budget preparation process each summer. First, every elected official and department head submits a requested budget to the County Manager, who serves as the County's budget officer. Next, the Finance Department prepares an estimate of the subsequent year's projected revenues, and the requests for expenditures are balanced against the projected revenues. Finally, the annual budget is adopted in December of the prior year, and the property tax mill levy is set. Once the budget is adopted, La Plata County maintains budgetary controls to ensure compliance with the annual budget.

The level of budgetary control (the level at which expenditures and transfers cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount) is at the fund level. However, the County further monitors expenditures at the spending authority level, elected officials or department heads, within individual funds. The Finance Department monitors revenues and expenditures and informs department heads, the County Manager, and the BOCC of budgetary concerns. The statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report demonstrate that the County remains successful in meeting its responsibility for sound financial management.

Factors Affecting Financial Condition

From an economic position, the regional economy in 2023 is showing some softening, and La Plata County had very small population decrease in 2023. Retail trade shows some softening in 2023, with sales tax revenue up 2.16% over 2022, including out-of-state filers. Tourism significantly contributes to the County's economy; the County's Lodgers Tax rebounded 4.8% over 2022. The County benefits greatly from the tourist industry and is the gateway to many year-round outdoor activities. You can find everything from skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing in the winter. The county's summer recreational activities include camping, mountain climbing, mountain biking, backpacking, rafting, and quality water fishing, to name a few. In the agricultural sector, hay production, beef cattle ranching, and organic farming are the primary pursuits within the county.

The construction and housing market was robust throughout the year. The median price of single-family homes in La Plata County increased 2.4% from the second quarter of 2022 to the same time period in 2023. Construction permits decreased by 1.4% over the prior year in La Plata County, but the value of those permits decreased by 19.0%. Quality of life and an educated workforce continue to attract new businesses. In addition, many existing industries, such as education, healthcare, and government, contribute long-term stability to the economic base.

Long-Term Financial Planning:

The County's challenges include sustainability, economic diversity, and quality of life enhancements in limited revenues and increasing service costs. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated team at La Plata County, the organization remains in good financial condition. We have appropriately positioned ourselves for the future by being proactive and visionary. Also, we have continued to focus on fiscal opportunities by seeking program and operational efficiencies. We have maintained a practical level of service for our customers throughout the process, laying the foundation for the County's sustained success. La Plata County's workforce increased from 430.00 full-time equivalents (FTEs) budgeted for 2022 to 446.00 FTEs budgeted for 2023. The 16 FTE increase came from a variety of areas, Public safety increased 4, general government 6, and the beginning stages of standing up a public health department in La Plata County. It is essential to acknowledge the superb efforts of our employees, who provide the exemplary professional service our customers expect and deserve.

Looking forward, La Plata County needs constant re-evaluation of its projects and programs. These are revisited, re-evaluated, and prioritized during the annual strategic planning process to prepare the budget. The County emphasizes continual improvement of work processes and prudent stewardship of public resources to ensure the county provides the best services at the best value.

Major Initiatives

In 2023, La Plata County continued to focus on the strategic priorities the Board of County Commissioners identified. Highlights included:

- Ensure public health, safety, and welfare.
- Build citizen awareness, trust, and support through sustained community engagement and increased transparency.
- Encourage and Diversify Economic Development.
- Improve long-term sustainability for county services, infrastructure, and assets.

Financial Policies

The County's Fund Balance Reserve policy requires the General Fund to maintain the following:

- Committed fund balance for emergencies and disasters at 12% of general fund operating expenditures to ensure that the County can provide services to the public during unforeseen disasters.
- Committed fund balance for an economic downturn at 15% of general fund operating expenditures to ensure that the County can provide services to the public during a downturn.
- Assigned for future financial resource use of the tentative plans for capital outlays, including acquiring or constructing capital facilities and other capital assets.
- Unassigned fund balance comprises funds that are not otherwise restricted, committed, or assigned as required by GASB Statement #54 and represent balances available for appropriation at the Board's discretion. The Fund Balance Reserve policy requires, at the beginning of each budget year, the General Fund to maintain a minimum reserve balance of at least 5% of budgeted general fund operating expenditures to provide fiscal cash liquidity.

On December 31, 2023, the General Fund's unassigned fund balance was \$7,121,160.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to La Plata County for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious international award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparing state and local government financial reports.

To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and well-organized annual comprehensive financial report whose contents conform to program standards. In addition, such ACFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. La Plata County has received a Certificate of Achievement for the last 33 consecutive fiscal years

(1989-2022) ending December 31. We believe the 2023 report conforms to the Certificate of Achievement requirements and are submitting it to the GFOA for review.

The preparation of this financial report was made possible by the dedicated service of the entire Finance Department staff. Each department member sincerely appreciates their individual and team efforts in preparing this report. Also, we would like to extend our gratitude to the partners and staff of RubinBrown, Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants LLP, for their assistance. In addition, our elected officials, department heads, and staff promote an organizational culture of fiscal responsibility. Finally, the leadership, support, and commitment of the County's management in the financial planning and execution of the County's operations are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam Rogers', is positioned above the printed name.

Adam Rogers
Director of Finance



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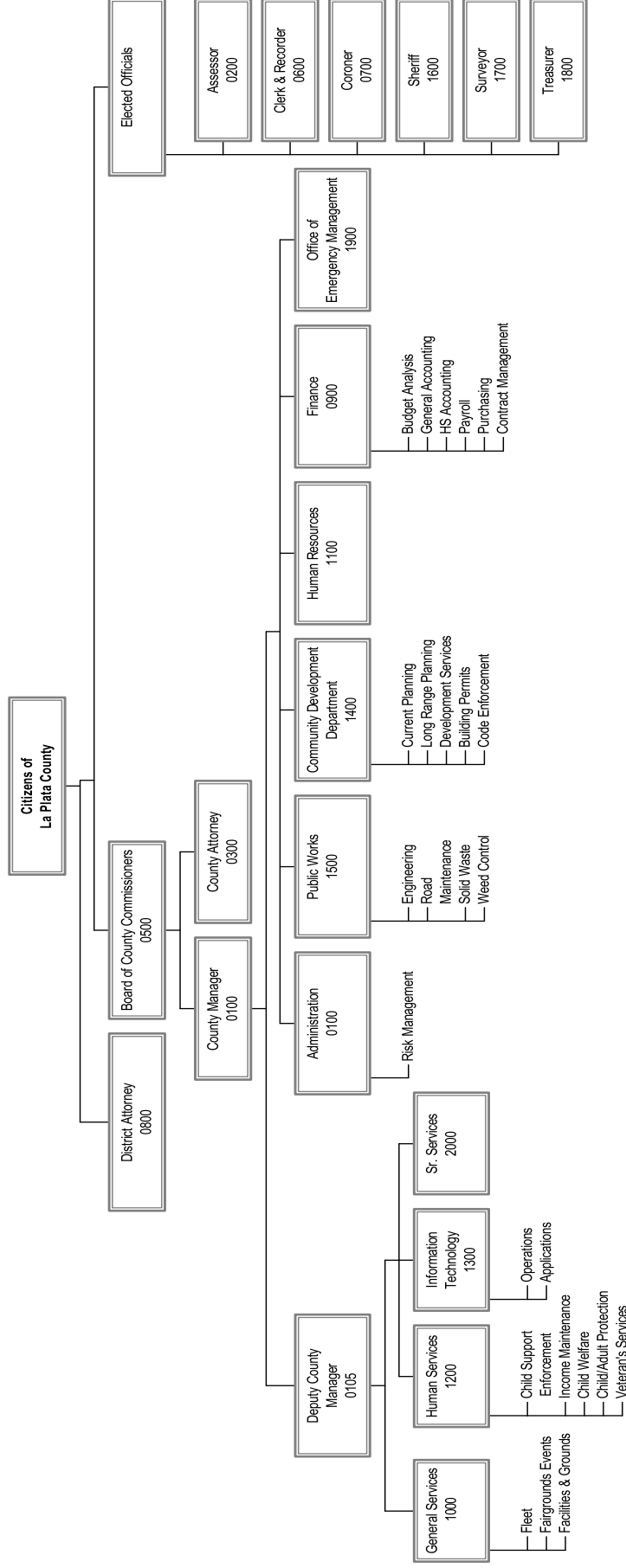
LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS as of DECEMBER 2023

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
Commissioner	Matt Salka
Commissioner	Clyde Church
Commissioner	Marsha Porter-Norton
Assessor	Carrie Woodson
Clerk & Recorder	Tiffany Lee
Coroner	Jann Smith
Sheriff	Sean M. Smith
Surveyor	Steven McCormack
Treasurer & Public Trustee	Ann Monica Grushkin

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
County Attorney	Sheryl Rogers
County Manager	Chuck Stevens
Deputy County Manager	Kevin Hall
Director Emergency Services	Shawna Legarza
Director of Finance	Adam Rogers
Director of General Services	Lee Gurule
Director of Human Resources	Monica Shadid
Director of Human Services	Martha Johnson
Director of Information Services	Allie Digby
Director of Community Development	Lynn Hyde
Director of Public Works	Jim Davis



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Financial Section

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of County Commissioners
La Plata County
Durango, Colorado

Report On The Audit Of The Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the La Plata 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 referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General, Road and Bridge, and Social Services funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Durango-La Plata County Airport which represent 100 percent of the investment in joint venture of the governmental activities. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Durango-La Plata County Airport is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Emphasis Of Matter

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the County adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Basis For Opinions

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

Responsibilities Of Management For The Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 14 through 25, the schedule of the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of the County's pension contributions and related ratios on pages 86 and 87, respectively, 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 which 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 combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules; the schedule of EBT authorizations, warrant expenditures and total expenditures; the Local Highway Finance Report; 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*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules; the schedule of EBT authorizations, warrant expenditures and total expenditures; the Local Highway Finance Report and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required By Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 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 County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RubinBrown LLP

September 12, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Within this section of La Plata County's (the County) annual comprehensive financial report, the County's management is pleased to provide a narrative discussion and analysis of the County's financial activities for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023. The County's financial performance is discussed and analyzed in detail within the accompanying financial statements and disclosures that follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The County's government-wide revenue totaled \$80,840,312 compared to \$83,594,294 in 2022, a decrease of \$2,753,982. The County's assets exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows by \$268,919,846 (net position) for the calendar year reported. Increase in total net position in 2023 is \$4,490,691.
- Total net position is comprised of the following:
 - 1) Investment in capital assets of \$136,233,741 includes property and equipment, net accumulated depreciation.
 - 2) The net position of \$21,991,886 is restricted by constraints imposed outside the County, such as grantors, laws, or regulations.
 - 3) Net position of \$38,122,761 are unrestricted but are invested in a joint venture.
 - 4) The balance of unrestricted net position of \$72,571,458 represents the portion available to maintain the County's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The County had \$76,349,621 in expenses related to governmental activities; program-specific charges for services, grants, or contributions offset \$26,300,537 of these expenses. General revenues (primarily taxes) provided the remaining funding for these programs.
- The County's governmental funds reported a total ending fund balance of \$89,566,782 this year. This compares to the prior year ending fund balance of \$92,761,577, showing a decrease of \$3,194,795 or 3.4% during the current year.
- Approximately 75% or \$66,728,173 of the total fund balance amount is assigned, committed, and unassigned and is available for spending at the government's discretion.
- During the 2023 fiscal year, the County's governmental fund type revenues were \$77,490,223 compared to \$74,921,573 in the prior year.

- At the end of the current calendar year, the unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$7,121,160 or 13% of the 2024 budgeted General Fund operating expenditures.

Overall, the County continues to maintain a solid financial position.

The above financial highlights are explained in more detail in the "financial analysis" section of this document.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Management Discussion and Analysis document is intended to introduce the County's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include:

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

The County also includes additional information to supplement the basic financial statements. Comparative data is presented when available.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The County's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the County's overall financial status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of activities between funds.

The first of these government-wide statements is the *Statement of Net Position*. This is the government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the County's assets and liabilities plus deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources, with the difference reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a valuable indicator of whether the County's financial position as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the County would extend to other nonfinancial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of County infrastructure, in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the *Statement of Activities*, which reports how the County's net position changed during the current calendar year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An essential purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the County's specific activities or functions on revenues provided by the County's taxpayers.

Both government-wide financial statements distinguish the County's governmental activities that are principally supported by taxes and other governmental revenues and from business-type activities that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees. Governmental activities include general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, recreation, and culture and community programs.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 26 and 27 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County uses funds to ensure compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the County's most significant funds rather than the County as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for non-major funds are provided to integrate statements in a later section of this report. Budgetary comparisons demonstrate compliance with the County's adopted original and final budgets.

Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different, with fund statements providing a unique view of the County's governmental funds. These statements report short-term calendar accountability focusing on spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They help evaluate annual financing requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund operating statement provide a reconciliation to understand the differences between these two perspectives.

La Plata County maintains nine individual governmental funds. The General, Road & Bridge, Human Services, and the Capital Improvement Plan fund are considered major funds. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. The other five funds are considered non-major funds and are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for these non-major governmental funds is provided in combining statements elsewhere in this report. The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 28 through 34 of this report.

Proprietary funds are reported in the fund financial statements and generally report services for which fees are charged. *Internal service funds* are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. The County uses internal service funds to account for its Capital Equipment Replacement Fund and Employee Medical Self-Insurance Fund. Because these services predominantly benefit governmental rather than external activities, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The basic proprietary fund financial statements are presented on pages 35 through 37 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the County's programs or activities. The basic fiduciary fund financial statement can be found on page 38 and 39 of this report.

Budgetary Comparisons – The County adopted the 2023 budget, and appropriations were made for all of its funds on December 6, 2022. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for all major funds on pages 32 through 34 and page 89 through 94 of this report.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide additional information essential to a complete understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 40 of this report.

Supplemental Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information. Combined and individual statements and budgetary comparison schedules for the general fund and non-major funds are shown in the supplementary section of this report beginning on page 88.

Financial Analysis of the County as a Whole

Changes in net position may be observed and used to discuss the changing financial position of the County as a whole. Overall, the County's financial position continues to remain strong and has improved over the prior year. This improvement can be demonstrated in several different areas, as detailed below.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

An analysis of net position may serve as a valuable indicator of a government's financial health. The County's net position at calendar year-end is \$268,919,846. The following table provides a summary of the County's net position:

	Governmental Activities 2023	Percentage of Total 2023	Governmental Activities 2022	Percentage Inc/(Dec) over 2022
Assets:				
Current assets	\$ 127,489,838	42.2%	\$ 124,977,102	2.0%
Investment in joint venture	38,122,761	12.6%	35,144,116	8.5%
Note Receivable	-	0.0%	1,700,000	100.0%
Capital assets	136,722,723	45.2%	132,885,394	2.9%
Total assets	302,335,322	100.0%	294,706,612	2.6%
Liabilities:				
Current liabilities	8,436,915	61.9%	8,701,073	-3.0%
Long-term liabilities	5,203,245	38.1%	4,930,225	5.5%
Total liabilities	13,640,160	100.0%	13,631,298	0.1%
Deferred Inflows	19,775,316	145.0%	16,646,159	18.8%
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	136,233,741	50.7%	132,885,394	2.5%
Restricted	21,991,886	8.2%	19,747,430	11.4%
Unrestricted	110,694,219	41.2%	111,796,331	-1.0%
Total net position	\$ 268,919,846	100.0%	\$ 264,429,155	1.7%

The largest portion of the County's net position (50.8%) reflects its net investment in capital assets, including infrastructure, less any related debt used to acquire those still outstanding 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 funds needed to pay the annual debt service must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to pay the debt.

The County continues to maintain a high current ratio. The current ratio compares current assets to current liabilities and is an indication of the ability to pay current obligations. The current ratio for governmental activities is 4.52 to 1. This ratio is a bit misleading since the accounting rules require that the County recognizes as a current asset the amount of property taxes for the budget year 2023 with an offsetting amount reported in deferred inflows. If you remove those amounts from the current ratio calculation, the adjusted ratio is 12.77 to 1, demonstrating the County's real liquid position.

The County reported positive balances in Governmental activities net position. Net position increased by \$4,490,691 or 1.7%. The increase in net position is primarily due to the 2022 investment in joint venture exceeding the 2021 value. The investment in joint venture is related to the County's 50% ownership of the Durango – La Plata County Airport. See Note 6 for more information.

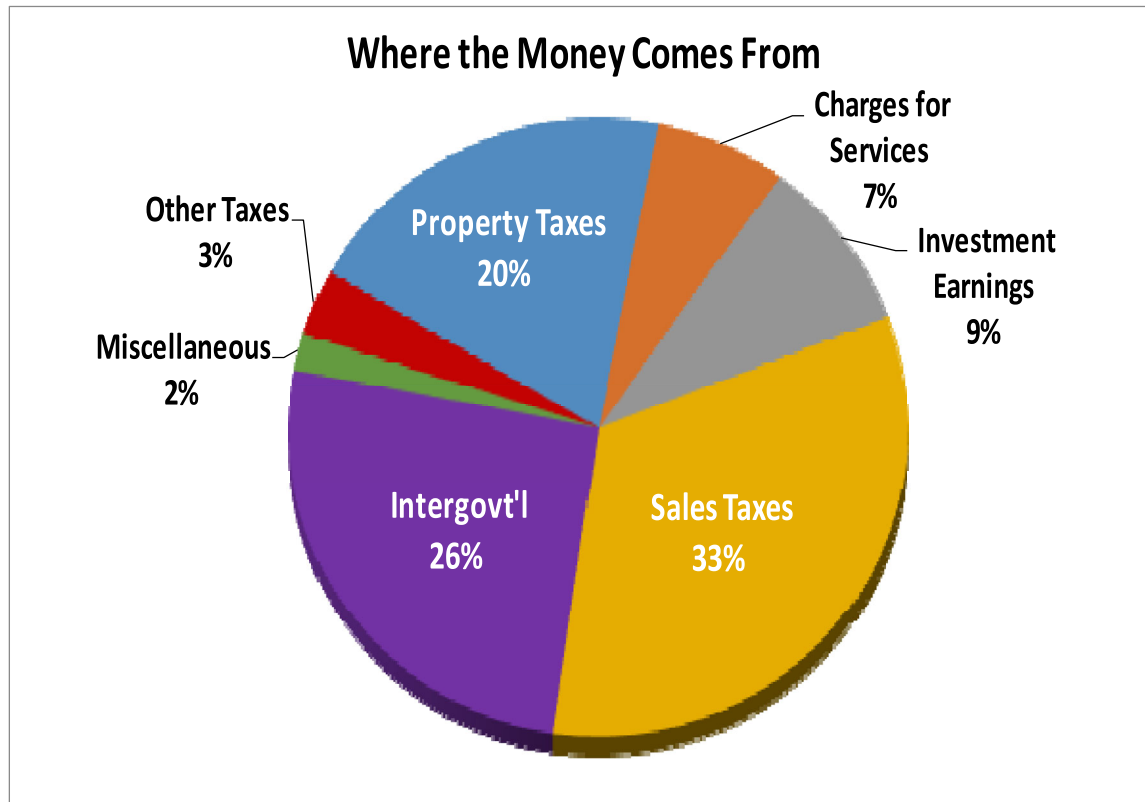
The Sixth Judicial District Attorney and the La Plata County Public Health Department, are discretely presented component units. The combined net position these two component units was \$64,758 at the fiscal year-end 2023. The net position for the District Attorney component unit is primarily attributable to the implementation of GASB Statements No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, which requires government employers to recognize the long-term obligation for state pension benefits.

The following table provides a summary of the County's changes in net position for governmental activities in 2023 and 2022:

	Governmental Activities 2023	Percentage of Total 2023	Governmental Activities 2022	(Decrease) Increase
Revenues:				
<i>Program:</i>				
Charges for services	\$ 5,547,238	6.9%	\$ 6,569,549	\$ (1,022,311)
Operating grants	19,590,103	24.2%	25,232,047	(5,641,944)
Capital grants	1,163,196	1.4%	73,829	1,089,367
Total Program Revenues	<u>26,300,537</u>	<u>32.5%</u>	<u>31,875,425</u>	<u>(5,574,888)</u>
<i>General:</i>				
Taxes	45,546,095	56.3%	43,603,762	1,942,333
Other	8,993,680	11.1%	8,115,107	878,573
Total General Revenues	<u>54,539,775</u>	<u>67.5%</u>	<u>51,718,869</u>	<u>2,820,906</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>80,840,312</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>83,594,294</u>	<u>(2,753,982)</u>
Program Expenses:				
General government	20,075,456	26.3%	20,881,277	(805,821)
Public safety	25,708,468	33.7%	23,152,549	2,555,919
Recreation and culture	4,153,106	5.4%	4,339,780	(186,674)
Public works	13,439,685	17.6%	12,243,481	1,196,204
Health and welfare	8,497,866	11.1%	8,768,032	(270,166)
Community programs	4,475,040	5.9%	2,197,981	2,277,059
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>76,349,621</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>71,586,795</u>	<u>4,762,826</u>
Change in net position	4,490,691		12,007,499	7,775,554
Beginning net position	264,429,155		252,421,656	
Ending net position	<u>\$268,919,846</u>		<u>\$ 264,429,155</u>	

Government-wide Revenues

Governmental revenues for 2023 were \$80,840,312 compared to \$83,594,294 in 2022, an increase of \$2,753,982. The following chart presents the various sources of revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.



Program revenues provided 34.4% to support governmental operations. This means that the County's taxpayers and other general governmental revenues funded 65.6% of the governmental activities. Property and sales tax provide general support for the County's operations, with property tax providing 19.8% and sales tax 33.1%.

Government-wide Expenses by Function

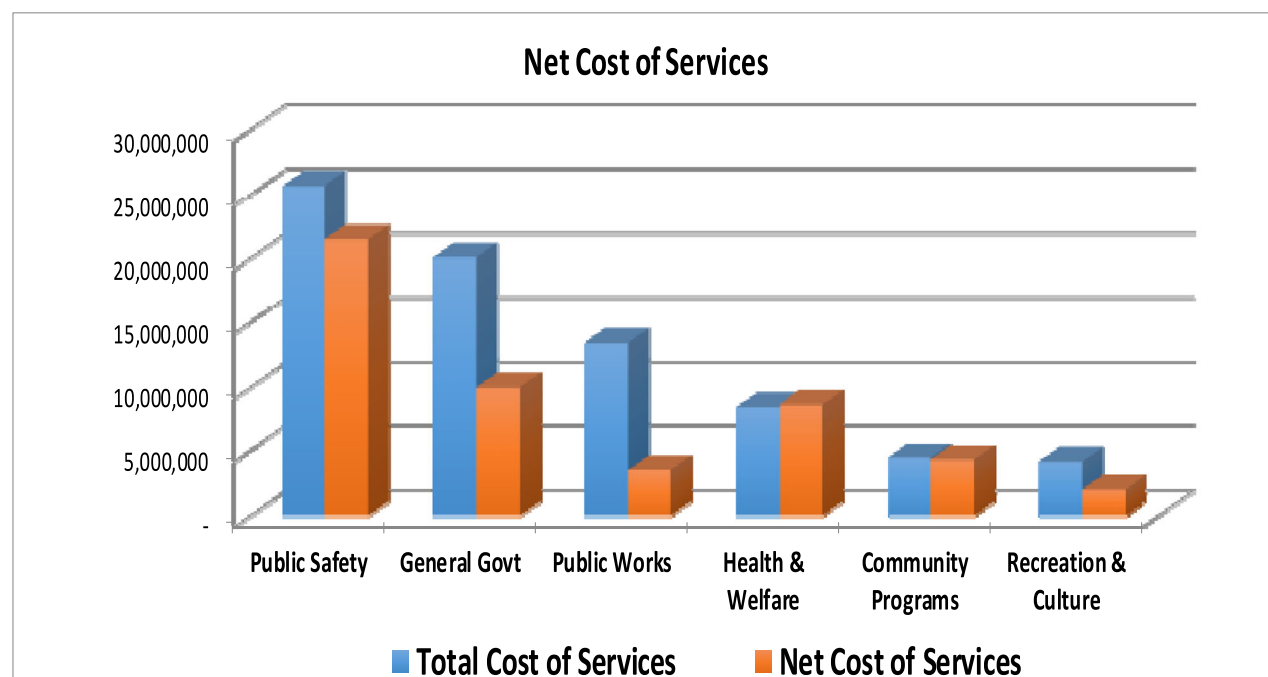
The public safety, general government, and public works functions make up approximately 77.6% of the total government activities expenses. Public safety totals 33.7% of total governmental expenses, of which 27.0% was spent on the County Sheriff's Office services. The general government functions including Administration, Attorney, Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Commissioners, Elections, Facilities & Grounds, Finance, GIS, Human Resources, IT, Planning, Procurement, Risk Management, Surveyor, and Treasurer totaled 26.3% of the total governmental expenses. Public works accounted for 17.6% of the total costs.

The following schedule presents a summary of the government-wide expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, and the changes from the prior year.

Overall expenses for 2023 increased \$4,762,826 or 6.7% from 2022. The public safety function is the County's largest cost at \$25.71 million or 33.7% of the total expenses. General government function costs were \$20.08 million or 26.3% of the total expenses. Public works function cost was approximately \$13.44 million or 17.6% of total expenses.

Function	Governmental Activities 2023	% of Total 2023	Governmental Activities 2022	(Decrease) Increase
General government	20,075,456	26.3%	20,881,277	(805,821)
Public safety	25,708,468	33.7%	23,152,549	2,555,919
Recreation & culture	4,153,106	5.4%	4,339,780	(186,674)
Public works	13,439,685	17.6%	12,243,481	1,196,204
Health and welfare	8,497,866	11.1%	8,768,032	(270,166)
Community programs	4,475,040	5.9%	2,197,981	2,277,059
Interest and fiscal charges	-	0.0%	3,695	(3,695)
Total Expenses	\$ 76,349,621	100.0%	\$ 71,586,795	\$ 4,762,826

This chart displays the net cost of the County's function (i.e., total costs fewer revenues generated by the function). The net cost of services illustrates the financial burden placed on the County's taxpayers by each of these functions.



Public safety function requires the largest taxpayer support at 83.5%. The public safety function includes law enforcement, jail, investigations, coroner, building inspection, and emergency management services. General Government function requires the second largest taxpayer support at 49.9%. The general government functions include Administration, Attorney, Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Commissioners, Elections, Facilities & Grounds, Finance, GIS, Human Resources, IT, Planning, Procurement, Risk Management, Surveyor, and the Treasurer. Public works are the third largest function that requires taxpayer support at 26.1%. The function includes roads and bridges, weed control, and post-closure costs of the landfills

Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

Governmental Funds

As discussed, governmental funds are reported in the fund statements with a short-term inflow and outflow of spendable resources focus. This information helps assess resources available at the end of the year compared to upcoming financing requirements. Governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$89,566,782. Of this year-end total, \$649,213 represents inventories held for future consumption, \$197,510 are prepaid, and \$1,700,000 in a current receivable; none of these categories represents available, spendable resources. A total of \$21,991,886 is legally restricted for specific purposes, including economic stabilization, law enforcement, capital improvements impact fees, and Tribal mitigation impact. The committed fund balance totals \$33,212,839 and is reserved by the Board of County Commissioners to use in case of an emergency or a disaster, an economic downturn, and for capital improvements. A total of \$26,394,174 is assigned and includes \$25,201,270 for 2024 budget deficit expenditures in the general fund. Finally, \$7,121,160 is unassigned, representing availability for continuing County service requirements.

The total ending fund balances of governmental funds show a decrease of \$3,194,795 or 3.4% more than the prior year.

Major Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund and the largest source of day-to-day service delivery. The General Fund's fund balance decrease by almost \$12.7 million. The decrease is primarily related to the transfer to the Capital Improvements fund.

General Fund revenues decreased \$1,201,399 or 2% compared to 2022. The decrease is primarily due to a reduction in intergovernmental revenues, which fell by \$7,705,298. However, this was partially offset by an increase in tax revenues of \$1,821,462 and investment earnings of \$4,650,226. The decline in intergovernmental revenue is directly related to the County receiving less federal grant funding in 2023.

Expenditures in the General Fund increased by \$4.8 million, or 10%, compared to 2022. The Public Safety Function experienced the most significant rise, with an increase of nearly \$2.9 million, or 13%, over 2022. This increase is directly related to various expenditures associated with the Sheriff Operations and Detentions. As a result, the General Fund's unassigned ending fund balance decreased by \$15,007,192, leaving a balance of \$7,121,160 in 2023, which remains available for future use.

The Road and Bridge Fund is responsible for the construction, maintenance, and snow removal on roads and bridges throughout the County. In 2023, the fund spent \$10.4 million maintaining the County's 653 miles of roads. Intergovernmental Revenues increased by \$1.7 million, or 34%, compared to 2022. As a result, the Road and Bridge Fund balance increased by \$1,868,164 to \$10,063,142, which is available for future road and bridge expenditures.

The Social Services Fund accounts for a variety of State-mandated social services. In 2023, the Social Services fund spent \$7.0 million in providing services to clients. Fund balance increased \$40,564 to \$2,824,868 in 2023.

The Capital Improvement Plan fund balance increased by \$7.3 million, bringing the total to nearly \$18.1 million in 2023. The increase is largely due to a transfer from the General Fund in 2023.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The budget for the General Fund is prepared in compliance with all applicable Colorado State Statutes. On December 6, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners adopted and appropriated \$72,621,907 for the General Fund expenditures for the 2023 year. During the year, budget amendments were necessary due to unanticipated revenues, mostly from unexpected grant revenue or increased grant funding. These amendments resulted in an increase of \$3,207,739 to both revenues and expenditures.

	Adopted Budget	Amendments	Final Budget
Sources	\$ 49,391,550	\$ 3,207,739	\$ 52,599,289
Uses	72,621,907	3,207,739	75,829,646
Change in Fund Balance	(23,230,357)	-	(23,230,357)

Actual revenues collected were less than budgetary estimates by \$3,233,426 or 6.1%. The General Fund expenditures were \$13.80 million or 18.2% less than budgetary estimates. Personnel expenditures were underspent by \$2,002,817 or 6.6%. This is mainly due to vacancies not being filled or the delay of filling vacancies. Operating expenditures related to certain programs/projects were underspent in 2023. These included programs/projects such as the Community Resiliency Project, Affordable Housing, and Broadband.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The County's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation for governmental activities as of December 31, 2023, was \$136,722,723. Net capital assets increased by approximately 2.9% in 2023. See Note 3 Capital Assets for additional information about changes in capital assets during the year and outstanding at the end of the year.

The following table provides a summary of capital asset activity:

Governmental Activities	2023	2022
Non-depreciable assets:		
Land	\$ 13,596,514	\$ 11,952,423
Construction in Progress	4,096,857	2,346,899
Works of Art	90,000	90,000
Total non-depreciable	17,783,371	14,389,322
Depreciable Assets		
Buildings	97,937,868	97,471,210
Improvements	10,006,073	9,961,033
Machinery and equipment	26,180,528	24,229,265
Intangibles	714,603	314,603
Infrastructure	106,419,102	103,689,942
RTU Lease - Machinery and Equipment	241,711	65,855
SBITAs	331,632	
Total depreciable assets	241,831,517	235,731,908
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	122,892,165	117,235,836
Book value-depreciable assets	118,939,352	118,496,072
Percentage depreciated	50.80%	49.70%
Book value - all assets	\$ 136,722,723	\$ 132,885,394

2.9% increase in 2023

Long-term obligations

The County has long-term obligations, including compensated absences, pollution remediation costs, and landfill post-closure costs. See Note 3. Long-Term Debt for additional information about the County's long-term debt. We discuss the pollution remediation costs in Note 3 and the landfill closure and post-closure care liability in Note 3.

A summary of outstanding debt at year-end is as follows:

	12/31/2023	12/31/2022	\$ Change	% Change
Colorado Water debt	\$ 166,004	\$ 179,370	\$ (13,366)	-7.5%
Compensated Absences	2,945,029	2,696,719	248,310	9.2%
Pollution remediation costs	2,415,549	2,446,687	(31,138)	-1.3%
Landfill postclosure costs	182,066	305,944	(123,878)	-40.5%
Leases	190,187	46,923	143,264	305.3%
Subscriptions	208,004	-	208,004	N/A
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 6,106,839	\$ 5,675,643	\$ 431,196	7.6%

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

La Plata County's unemployment rate was 3.0% during 2023. The total labor force for La Plata County in December 2023 was 30,889¹ of which 29,976¹ were employed and 913¹ were unemployed.

Revenue trends in 2023 show that La Plata County is in a good position heading into 2024. Sales tax collections have been ahead of projections in 2023, with sales tax revenue up 2.16% over 2022, including out-of-state filers. Sales tax revenue retained by the County was approximately \$26.7 million. Property tax revenues have followed the same trend as sales tax, this revenue source slightly increased in 2023 and it is anticipated that there will be a further increase in 2024. In 2023, La Plata County's total property tax revenue was \$16.0 million, up \$1,350,895 compared to 2022.

For 2024, La Plata County is in a good position to make strategic investments, which include our workforce that provides services to our residents. In 2023, La Plata County will begin the implementation of the new Public Health Department; which will be active on January 1, 2024.

For 2024, countywide revenues are initially projected to be almost \$121 million – a 19.2% increase from the 2023 budget. In total, the 2024 budget projects just over 109 million in personnel and operating expenditures and just over 72 million in proposed one-time expenses that include capital and contingencies.

Contacting the County's Financial Management Team

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the County's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the County's commitment to public accountability. If you have questions about this report or request additional information, contact the County's Finance Director at 1101 E. 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO 81301, or via email at adam.rogers@co.laplata.co.us.

¹ BLS Data Viewer at <https://www.bls.gov/lau/#cntyaa>

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Basic Financial Statements

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2023

	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Component Units</u>
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 6,833	\$ 107,433
Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	94,863,919	412,794
Receivables:		
Accounts	663,321	15,022
Taxes	19,126,679	—
Intergovernmental	9,466,668	179,648
Leases	649,821	—
Notes	1,700,000	—
Prepaid expenses	197,510	22,529
Inventory	815,087	—
Total Current Assets	127,489,838	737,426
Noncurrent assets:		
Investment in joint venture	38,122,761	—
Capital assets:		
Nondepreciable capital assets	17,783,371	—
Depreciable capital assets, net	118,939,352	12,192
Total Noncurrent Assets	174,845,484	12,192
Total Assets	302,335,322	749,618
Deferred Outflows Of Resources		
Pension	—	67,006
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	4,147,855	39,341
Accrued expenses	1,606,849	135,959
Due to other governments	124,877	—
Accrued interest payable	496	—
Deposits payable	471,854	—
Unearned revenue	641,917	8,333
Claims payable	539,473	—
Current portion of long-term debt	13,635	—
Compensated absences payable (current)	667,655	—
Pollution remediation obligations (current)	40,000	—
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs (current)	65,476	—
Leases (current)	48,605	—
Subscriptions (current)	68,223	—
Total Current Liabilities	8,436,915	183,633
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Long term debt	152,369	—
Compensated absences payable (net of current portion)	2,277,374	195,985
Pollution remediation obligations (net of current portion)	2,375,549	—
Landfill closure and post-closure costs (net of current portion)	116,590	—
Leases (net of current portion)	141,582	—
Subscriptions (net of current portion)	139,781	—
Pension liability	—	316,915
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	5,203,245	512,900
Total Liabilities	13,640,160	696,533
Deferred Inflows Of Resources		
Property taxes	19,126,679	—
Pension	—	55,333
Leases	648,637	—
Total Deferred Inflows Of Resources	19,775,316	55,333
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	136,233,741	12,192
Restricted for:		
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	1,941,527	434,886
Road construction and maintenance	8,390,189	114,248
Capital improvement impact fees	1,016,011	—
Public assistance and welfare	2,414,890	—
Child welfare	409,978	—
Recreation and parks	6,233,508	—
Joint county/city projects	1,358,005	—
Tribal mitigation impact	227,778	—
Law enforcement	—	195,092
Public health	—	239,794
Unrestricted	110,694,219	(931,454)
Total Net Position	\$ 268,919,846	\$ 64,758

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

Function/Program	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue And Changes In Net Position	Component Units
		Charges For Services	Operating Grants And Contributions	Capital Grants And Contributions		
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 20,075,456	\$ 3,042,310	\$ 7,007,074	\$ —	\$ (10,026,072)	\$ —
Public safety	25,708,468	2,074,455	2,014,386	163,196	(21,456,431)	—
Recreation and culture	4,153,106	198,599	441,418	—	(3,513,089)	—
Public works	13,439,685	214,248	3,531,353	1,000,000	(8,694,084)	—
Health and welfare	8,497,866	16,606	6,424,817	—	(2,056,443)	—
Community programs	4,475,040	1,020	171,055	—	(4,302,965)	—
Total Primary Government	76,349,621	5,547,238	19,590,103	1,163,196	(50,049,084)	—
Component Units						
Office of the District Attorney	\$ 2,932,111	\$ —	\$ 800,066	\$ —	(2,132,045)	(2,132,045)
La Plata County Public Health	677,910	—	3,646	—	(674,264)	(674,264)
Total Component Units	3,610,021	—	803,712	—	(2,806,309)	(2,806,309)
General Revenues						
Property taxes levied for general government purposes					16,034,360	—
Sales taxes					26,725,296	—
Specific ownership taxes					1,651,285	—
Lodging tax					935,725	—
Other taxes					79,298	—
Cable franchise fees					120,131	—
Operational funding from primary government - unrestricted					—	3,061,585
Investment earnings					7,446,108	—
Miscellaneous					1,547,572	6,605
Total General Revenues					54,539,775	3,068,190
Change In Net Position					4,490,691	261,881
Net Position - Beginning Of Year					264,429,155	(197,123)
Net Position - End Of Year					\$ 268,919,846	\$ 64,758

See the notes to basic financial statements.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2023

Assets							
	General	Road And Bridge	Social Services	Capital Improvements	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
Assets							
Cash	\$ 6,433	\$ —	\$ 400	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,833	
Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	47,542,001	8,676,883	2,682,840	17,731,007	7,278,402	83,911,133	
Receivables:							
Accounts	469,263	13,771	84,490	—	825	568,349	
Taxes	15,926,926	1,589,335	1,510,987	—	99,431	19,126,679	
Intergovernmental	5,723,790	1,991,013	403,924	600,648	747,293	9,466,668	
Leases	160,885	—	—	488,936	—	649,821	
Notes	1,700,000	—	—	—	—	1,700,000	
Prepays	189,781	7,729	—	—	—	197,510	
Inventory	—	649,213	—	—	—	649,213	
Total Assets	71,719,079	12,927,944	4,682,641	18,820,591	8,125,951	116,276,206	
Liabilities And Fund Balances							
Liabilities							
Accounts payable	2,924,575	1,098,341	43,499	42,433	14,325	4,123,173	
Accrued salaries and wages	1,176,462	166,510	229,315	—	—	1,572,287	
Intergovernmental payable	50,905	—	73,972	—	—	124,877	
Deposits payable	461,238	10,616	—	—	—	471,854	
Unearned revenues	491,917	—	—	150,000	—	641,917	
Total Liabilities	5,105,097	1,275,467	346,786	192,433	14,325	6,934,108	
Deferred Inflows Of Resources							
Property taxes	15,926,926	1,589,335	1,510,987	—	99,431	19,126,679	
Leases	160,537	—	—	488,100	—	648,637	
Total Deferred Inflows Of Resources	16,087,463	1,589,335	1,510,987	488,100	99,431	19,775,316	
Fund Balances							
Nonspendable:							
Inventory	—	649,213	—	—	—	649,213	
Prepays	189,781	7,729	—	—	—	197,510	
Restricted:							
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	1,941,527	—	—	—	—	1,941,527	
Road construction and maintenance	—	8,390,189	—	—	—	8,390,189	
Capital improvement impact fees	—	1,016,011	—	—	—	1,016,011	
Public assistance and welfare	—	—	2,414,890	—	—	2,414,890	
Child welfare	—	—	409,978	—	—	409,978	
Recreation and parks	—	—	—	—	6,233,508	6,233,508	
Joint county/city projects	—	—	—	—	1,358,005	1,358,005	
Tribal mitigation impact	—	—	—	—	227,778	227,778	
Committed:							
Emergency and disasters	6,699,014	—	—	—	—	6,699,014	
Economic downturn	8,373,767	—	—	—	—	8,373,767	
General capital improvements	—	—	—	18,140,058	—	18,140,058	
Assigned:							
Construction/maintenance of roads	—	—	—	—	151,857	151,857	
Debt service	—	—	—	—	41,047	41,047	
Next year's budget deficit	25,201,270	—	—	—	—	25,201,270	
Partially self funded insurance claims	1,000,000	—	—	—	—	1,000,000	
Unassigned	7,121,160	—	—	—	—	7,121,160	
Total Fund Balances	\$ 50,526,519	\$ 10,063,142	\$ 2,824,868	\$ 18,140,058	\$ 8,012,195	\$ 89,566,782	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2023

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$	89,566,782
Amounts Reported For Governmental Activities In The Statement Of Net Position Are Different Because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds. However, in the government-wide statement of net position, the cost of these assets are capitalized and expensed over their estimated lives through annual depreciation expense.			
Cost of capital assets	\$	240,139,725	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>(113,359,440)</u>	126,780,285
The investment in the joint venture is not included at the fund level, but is reported on the government-wide statement of net position.			38,122,761
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of employee medical self-insurance and fleet management costs to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.			20,557,353
Accrued interest on long term debt is not accrued at the fund level but is reported on the government-wide statement of net position.			(496)
Liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds but are reported on the government-wide statement of net position.			
Long-term debt		(166,004)	
Compensated absences		(2,945,029)	
Pollution remediation obligations		(2,415,549)	
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs		(182,066)	
Lease liabilities		(190,187)	
Subscription liabilities		(208,004)	<u>(6,106,839)</u>
Net Position Of Governmental Activities		\$	<u>268,919,846</u>

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General	Road And Bridge	Social Services	Capital Improvements	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Taxes	\$ 31,041,286	\$ 9,235,019	\$ 1,215,694	\$ —	\$ 4,054,096	\$ 45,546,095
Intergovernmental	6,410,608	6,658,908	5,834,403	734,010	441,774	20,079,703
Licenses and permits	1,095,257	214,248	—	—	—	1,309,505
Charges for services	4,010,665	—	—	—	—	4,010,665
Investment earnings	4,073,968	46,372	—	—	347,123	4,467,463
Miscellaneous	1,190,318	827,385	—	56,614	2,475	2,076,792
Total Revenues	47,822,102	16,981,932	7,050,097	790,624	4,845,468	77,490,223
Expenditures						
General government	17,533,633	—	—	57,080	479,494	18,070,207
Public safety	24,971,952	—	—	—	—	24,971,952
Recreation and culture	920,321	—	—	—	2,931,237	3,851,558
Health and welfare	1,451,137	—	7,002,363	—	—	8,453,500
Public works	347,263	10,402,594	—	—	107,022	10,856,879
Community programs	4,475,040	—	—	—	—	4,475,040
Capital outlay	1,809,437	4,726,715	—	2,262,393	—	8,798,545
Debt service:						
Principal	131,539	1,657	6,918	—	13,366	153,480
Interest and fiscal charges	2,961	238	252	—	3,521	6,972
Total Expenditures	51,643,283	15,131,204	7,009,533	2,319,473	3,534,640	79,638,133
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,821,181)	1,850,728	40,564	(1,528,849)	1,310,828	(2,147,910)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	1,069,814	—	—	8,845,678	—	9,915,492
Transfers out	(10,383,946)	—	—	—	(1,069,814)	(11,453,760)
Issuance of debt	473,947	17,436	—	—	—	491,383
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(8,840,185)	17,436	—	8,845,678	(1,069,814)	(1,046,885)
Net Change In Fund Balances	(12,661,366)	1,868,164	40,564	7,316,829	241,014	(3,194,795)
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year	63,187,885	8,194,978	2,784,304	10,823,229	7,771,181	92,761,577
Fund Balances - End Of Year	\$ 50,526,519	\$ 10,063,142	\$ 2,824,868	\$ 18,140,058	\$ 8,012,195	\$ 89,566,782

See the notes to basic financial statements.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

Net Changes In Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$	(3,194,795)
Amounts Reported For Governmental Activities In The Statement Of Activities Are Different Because:			
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of fleet management and self insurance to individual funds. The change in net position of those activities of internal service funds is reported with governmental activities.			2,063,915
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense in current period:			
Depreciation and amortization expense (excluding internal service funds)	(5,232,362)		
Capital outlay	<u>8,798,545</u>		3,566,183
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) which decreases net position.			(492,106)
Governmental funds do not report the investment in the joint venture, however, the change is reported on the government-wide statement of activities.			2,978,645
Interest expense accrued in the statement of activities does not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:			
Liability - 12/31/2023	(496)		
Liability - 12/31/2022	<u>542</u>		46
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while repayment of the principal of the long-term debt consumes current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.			
Long-term debt repayment of principal	13,366		
Pollution remediation expenditures	31,138		
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs	123,878		
Lease liabilities repayment of principal	34,486		
Subscription liabilities repayment of principal	105,628		
RTU assets and SBITA financing	<u>(491,383)</u>		(182,887)
Compensated absences 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:			
Liability - 12/31/2023	(2,945,029)		
Liability - 12/31/2022	<u>2,696,719</u>		(248,310)
Change In Net Position Of Governmental Activities		\$	<u>4,490,691</u>

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 30,922,999	\$ 31,441,176	\$ 31,041,286	\$ (399,890)
Intergovernmental	10,980,118	11,832,209	6,410,608	(5,421,601)
Licenses and permits	1,018,100	1,018,100	1,095,257	77,157
Charges for services	3,851,883	3,851,883	4,010,665	158,782
Investment earnings	900,000	2,707,589	4,073,968	1,366,379
Miscellaneous	693,214	857,172	1,190,318	333,146
Total Revenues	48,366,314	51,708,129	47,822,102	(3,886,027)
Expenditures				
General government	29,078,967	29,653,686	17,533,633	12,120,053
Public safety	26,098,765	26,797,760	24,971,952	1,825,808
Recreation and culture	1,028,481	1,031,015	920,321	110,694
Health and welfare	1,670,703	1,679,825	1,451,137	228,688
Public works	400,572	400,572	347,263	53,309
Community programs and pass through grants	4,662,487	4,912,512	4,475,040	437,472
Debt service:				
Principal	—	—	131,539	(131,539)
Interest and fiscal charges	—	—	2,961	(2,961)
Total Current Expenditures	62,939,975	64,475,370	49,833,846	14,641,524
Capital Outlay	836,254	836,254	1,809,437	(973,183)
Total Expenditures	63,776,229	65,311,624	51,643,283	13,668,341
Deficiency of Revenues Under Expenditures	(15,409,915)	(13,603,495)	(3,821,181)	9,782,314
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	1,025,236	1,025,236	1,069,814	44,578
Transfers out	(8,845,678)	(10,383,946)	(10,383,946)	—
Issuance of debt	—	—	473,947	473,947
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(7,820,442)	(9,358,710)	(8,840,185)	518,525
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (23,230,357)	\$ (22,962,205)	(12,661,366)	\$ 10,300,839
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			63,187,885	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			\$ 50,526,519	

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ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues						
Taxes	\$	9,248,546	\$	9,248,546	\$ 9,235,019	\$ (13,527)
Intergovernmental		5,017,473		5,017,473	6,658,908	1,641,435
Licenses and permits		250,000		250,000	214,248	(35,752)
Investment earnings		10,000		10,000	46,372	36,372
Miscellaneous		687,000		711,000	827,385	116,385
Total Revenues		15,213,019		15,237,019	16,981,932	1,744,913
Expenditures						
Public works		10,651,098		11,275,098	10,402,594	872,504
Capital outlay		9,230,000		8,630,000	4,726,715	3,903,285
Debt service:						
Principal		—		—	1,657	(1,657)
Interest and fiscal charges		—		—	238	(238)
Total Expenditures		19,881,098		19,905,098	15,131,204	4,773,894
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Issuance of debt		—		—	17,436	17,436
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$	(4,668,079)	\$	(4,668,079)	1,868,164	\$ 6,536,243
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year					8,194,978	
Fund Balances - End Of Year					<u>\$ 10,063,142</u>	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SOCIAL SERVICES FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 1,356,456	\$ 1,356,456	\$ 1,215,694	\$ (140,762)
Intergovernmental	6,107,216	6,231,447	5,834,403	(397,044)
Total Revenues	7,463,672	7,587,903	7,050,097	(537,806)
Expenditures				
Health and welfare	7,567,717	7,691,948	7,002,363	689,585
Debt service:				
Principal	—	—	6,918	(6,918)
Interest and fiscal charges	—	—	252	(252)
Total Expenditures	7,567,717	7,691,948	7,009,533	682,415
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (104,045)	\$ (104,045)	40,564	\$ 144,609
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			2,784,304	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			\$ 2,824,868	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities Internal Services Funds
Assets	
Current assets:	
Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	\$ 10,952,786
Accounts receivable	94,972
Inventory	165,874
Total Current Assets	<u>11,213,632</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>9,942,438</u>
Total Assets	<u>21,156,070</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accrued payroll	34,562
Accounts payable	24,682
Accrued claims payable	539,473
Total Current Liabilities	<u>598,717</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	9,942,438
Unrestricted	<u>10,614,915</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 20,557,353</u>

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities Internal Services Funds
Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 4,284,506
Insurance deposits	5,063,418
Miscellaneous revenue	5,239
Total Operating Revenues	<u>9,353,163</u>
Operating Expenses	
Equipment maintenance	1,611,218
Depreciation	1,219,429
Medical claims	6,875,452
Total Operating Expenses	<u>9,706,099</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(352,936)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues	
Gain on disposal of capital assets	172,510
Investment earnings	272,306
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>444,816</u>
Change In Net Position Before Capital Contributions And Transfers	91,880
Capital contributions	433,767
Transfers in	<u>1,538,268</u>
Change In Net Position	2,063,915
Net Position - Beginning Of Year	<u>18,493,438</u>
Net Position - End Of Year	<u>\$ 20,557,353</u>

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities Internal Services Funds
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Cash received from customers	\$ 9,306,297
Cash payments for goods and services	(1,619,278)
Cash payments for claims	(6,832,524)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>854,495</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities	
Transfers in	<u>1,538,268</u>
Cash Flows From Capital And Related Financing Activities	
Proceeds from disposals of capital assets	305,592
Payments for capital acquisitions	(1,644,358)
Net Cash Used In Capital And Related Financing Activities	<u>(1,338,766)</u>
Cash Flows Provided By Investing Activities	
Investment earnings	<u>272,306</u>
Net Decrease In Cash And Cash Equivalents	1,326,303
Cash And Cash Equivalents - Beginning Of Year	<u>9,626,483</u>
Cash And Cash Equivalents - End Of Year	<u>\$ 10,952,786</u>
Reconciliation Of Operating Income To Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$ (352,936)
Adjustments	
Depreciation	1,219,429
Change In Assets	
Accounts receivable	(77,344)
Inventory	30,478
Change In Liabilities	
Accounts payable	(19,330)
Accrued incurred/unreported claims	42,928
Accrued wages	<u>11,270</u>
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>\$ 854,495</u>
Noncash Capital And Related Financing Activities	
Capital contributions	\$ 433,767

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION -
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
December 31, 2023

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 106,043
Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	1,550,875
Accounts receivable:	
Taxes for other governments	<u>85,505,238</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>87,162,156</u></u>
Liabilities	
Deposits held for other governments	782,701
Property tax paid in advance	632,986
Deposits held for foreclosures	<u>133,041</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>1,548,728</u></u>
Deferred Inflows Of Resources	
Deferred revenue - property tax	<u>85,505,238</u>
Net Position	
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	<u><u>\$ 108,190</u></u>

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUNDS For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
Additions	
Tax collections for other governments	\$ 83,058,198
Held for others	3,332,623
Sheriff's Office collections	79
Collections from inmates	528,048
Collections for trust accounts	37,259
Total Additions	<u>86,956,207</u>
Deductions	
Payments to other governments	83,236,320
Payments to individuals	3,152,354
Return of evidence collections	41,248
Disbursements on behalf of inmates	526,672
Disbursements from trust accounts	36,608
Total Deductions	<u>86,993,202</u>
Net Decrease In Fiduciary Net Position	(36,995)
Net Position - Beginning Of Year	<u>145,185</u>
Net Position - End Of Year	<u>\$ 108,190</u>

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. Organization And Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

La Plata County, Colorado (the County) was formed in 1874 and operates under Colorado State Statutes as a statutory county. The County has a governing board of three elected Commissioners. The offices of Assessor, Clerk, Coroner, Sheriff, Surveyor and Treasurer also are elected positions. The County provides the following services as authorized by State Statutes: public safety (police and jail), transportation, health and social services, planning and protective inspections, property tax assessment, property tax collection and distribution, recording and election services, and other general and administrative services.

The financial statements of the County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities. The County's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. A summary of significant policies is as follows:

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the County consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the County.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the County is financially accountable or which are closely related to or financially integrated with the County. The County is financially accountable for an organization if the County appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the County is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organizations; or (2) the County is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the County is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the County is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units also may include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the County in that the County approves the budget, levies their taxes or issues their debt.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

Notes To Basic Financial Statements (*Continued*)

The County's component units are presented either as "blended" or "discretely presented." If blended, it is reported as if it were a fund of the County throughout the year. It is included at both the government-wide and fund financial reporting levels. Discretely presented component units are reported only at the government-wide financial reporting level.

The component units column included on the government-wide financial statements identifies the financial data of the County's discretely presented component units. They are reported separately to emphasize the legal separation from the County.

Blended Component Units

The County is fiscally accountable and exercises operational responsibility for:

The *Durango Hills Local Improvement District*, a legally separate entity from the County, is governed by a three-member board composed of the sitting County Commissioners. For financial statement reporting purposes, the Durango Hills Local Improvement District is blended because of substantively the same governing body and operational responsibility. The La Plata County Board of Commissioners is the governing body for District. The activities of the Durango Hills Local Improvement District are reported in the County's financial report as the special revenue fund, "Durango Hills Road Improvement District."

The *Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3*, a legally separate entity from the County, is governed by a three-member board composed of the sitting County Commissioners. For financial statement reporting purposes, the Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3 is blended because of the substantively the same governing body and operational responsibility. The La Plata County Board of Commissioners is the governing body. The activities of the Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3 are reported in the County's financial report as the special revenue fund, "Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3."

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Notes To Basic Financial Statements (*Continued*)

Discretely Presented Component Units

The County reports two discretely presented component units:

The *Office of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District* (the DA), is governed by a separately elected District Attorney; with the Boards of County Commissioners of La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan Counties providing the majority of the Office's funding. The County provides over two-thirds of the operational funding for the DA's activities and provides administrative services (human resources, finance/budgeting, grant administration, cash receipting/cash management and facilities) to the DA. The employees of the DA's office are included in the County's benefit programs and the DA's office is covered through the County's risk management arrangements. The Board of County Commissioners approves the DA's budget and any debt issuances. Accordingly, the DA is considered to be closely related to or financially integrated with the County and is therefore reported as a discretely presented component unit of the County. The DA does not issue separate financial statements, so the fund level statements for the DA are presented in the County's report.

The La Plata County Public Health Department is a quasi-municipal organization organized by the authority of State Statutes and Resolution of the County Commissioners. According to State Statutes, the Commissioners appoint the governing board. Additionally, the County appropriates significant funds to the agency's operations. The La Plata County Public Health Department administers public health services for La Plata County residents. Accordingly, La Plata County Public Health is considered to be closely related to or financially integrated with the County and is therefore reported as a discretely presented component unit of the County. The La Plata County Public Health Department does not issue separate financial statements, so the fund level statements for the agency are presented in the County's report.

Basis Of Presentation

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements: The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the County as a whole.

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Notes To Basic Financial Statements (*Continued*)

The primary government and the component units are presented separately within these financial statements with the focus on the primary government. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by taxes and grants and County's general revenues, from business-type activities, generally financed in whole or in part with fees charged to external customers. The County currently has no business-type activities. Activities reported in fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

The statement of net position presents the financial position of the governmental activities of the County and its' discretely presented component units at year end.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a function and therefore clearly identifiable to that particular function. The County does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees and other charges to users of the County's services; (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets. Grants and contribution revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions as to the program uses. For identifying to which function program revenue pertains, the determining factor for *charges for services* is which function *generates* the revenue. For *grants and contributions*, the determining factor is to which function the revenues are *restricted*.

Other revenue sources not included with program revenues are reported as general revenues of the County. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Discretely Presented Component Units: The discretely presented component units maintain general funds that account for their financial resources.

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Notes To Basic Financial Statements (*Continued*)

Fund Financial Statements: The County uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts comprised of assets, liabilities, deferred inflows, deferred outflows, fund balance, revenue, expenditures and other financing sources and uses. During the year, the County segregates transactions related to certain County functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the County at this more detailed level. Fund financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary and custodial fiduciary funds.

The following are the County's four major governmental funds:

The General Fund: The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Primary sources of revenue for this fund are property taxes, sales taxes, intergovernmental assistance and charges for services.

Road And Bridge Fund: State law requires Colorado counties to maintain this individual fund. This fund records costs related to County road and bridge construction and maintenance. Primary sources of revenue for this fund are property taxes, shared intergovernmental revenues such as highway use taxes, and capital grants. By state law, a portion of the road and bridge property tax is allocated to cities and towns for use in their road and street activities.

Social Services Fund: State law requires Colorado counties to maintain this individual fund. This fund accounts for numerous state and federal public welfare programs that the County administers. Primary sources of revenue for this fund are property taxes and revenues from the state and federal government for public welfare and childcare and protection programs. The County has elected to show this as a major fund for comparability.

Capital Improvement Fund: Pursuant to a 1984 ballot measure that dedicates a portion of sales tax to capital improvement projects, the County established this fund in 1985. The expenditures are limited to continuing capital and major capital improvements determined by the Board of County Commissioners. The County has elected to show this as a major fund for comparability.

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In addition, the County reports the following fund types:

Nonmajor Governmental Funds: In addition to the major funds listed above, the County also has five nonmajor special revenue funds, the *Joint Sales Tax Fund*, *Durango Hills Road Improvement District*, *Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3*, *Tribal Impact Mitigation Fund*, and the *Conservation Trust Fund*.

Internal Service Funds: The County's internal service funds are proprietary funds used to accumulate and account for the County's self-insurance program and vehicle/equipment maintenance and replacement. The two internal service funds are the *Employee Medical Self-Insurance Fund* and the *Capital Equipment Replacement Fund*.

Fiduciary Funds: The County's Custodial funds are fiduciary in nature and present changes in fiduciary net position. Custodial funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of individuals, private organizations, or other local governments.

Measurement Focus And Basis Of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported in the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, with an economic resources measurement focus concentrating on an entity or fund's net position. All transactions and events that affect the total economic resources (net position) during the period are reported. Under the full accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time an obligation (liability) is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants are recognized as revenue when all of the eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor have been met.

At the fund reporting level, the governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting with a current financial resources measurement focus. The measurement focus concentrates on the availability of funds for spending in the near future. Only transactions and events affecting current financial resources during the period are reported. Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. The County considers property tax revenues to be measurable and available if collected within 60 days after year end and all other revenues excluding grants are considered to be measurable and available if collected within 90 days after year end. Grants are considered measurable and available if they are collected within 6 months after year end and all eligibility requirements have been met.

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Expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred, with the exception of principal and interest on long-term debt and compensated absences, which are recognized when matured.

Revenues susceptible to accrual under the modified accrual basis include property and sales taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues and grants. All other revenues are considered measurable and available only when cash is received. For governmental funds, property tax is reported as both receivable and deferred inflow of resource in the year it is levied, since an enforceable legal lien on the property exists at this time.

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary and fiduciary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting on both financial reporting levels. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statements of net position. The statements of changes in fund net position present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the County finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures. Reconciliation between modified accrual basis and full accrual basis is provided in the governmental fund financial statements.

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows Of Resources And Fund Balance

Cash, Cash Equivalents And Investments

The County maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on statements of net position or balance sheets as "Equity in treasurer's cash and investments."

Equity In Treasurer's Cash And Investments: The County maintains centralized bank accounts to maximize investment yields. With the exception of certain restricted funds, the County pools all cash and short-term investments on an entity-wide basis for management and investment purposes. Investment earnings are attributed, with few exceptions, to the general fund regardless of the source of the funds. Exceptions are determined by law, intergovernmental agreements, official board action or management recommendation.

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For the purposes of cash flow statements, cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the County. Equity in the pool has been treated the same as any other demand deposit or investment with a maturity of three months or less.

Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices. Securities traded on a national exchange are valued at the last quoted sales price. Investments in governmental external investment pools are governed by Part 7 of Article 75 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) and are exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The pools operate like a mutual fund with each share valued at \$1. The State Securities Commission administers and enforces all State statutes governing the investment pools.

The County categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments within the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP. The hierarchy is based on valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset into three levels:

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that a government can access.

Level 2 inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs are valued using matrix pricing.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable for an asset or liability. The County measures the Level 3 inputs using other valuation techniques that attempts to maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and maximizes the use of unobservable inputs.

Receivables

All trade and property tax receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts, where applicable.

Interfund Balances

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund receivables/interfund payables.” These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns of the statement of net position, except for any net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are reclassified and presented as internal balances.

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Consumable Inventories

On the government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented on an average cost basis and are expensed when used (i.e., the consumption method). On the fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at an average cost basis. The cost of inventory items is recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when consumed.

Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to business-type activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in governmental and internal service funds. The County reports these assets in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but does not report these assets in the government fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. The County maintains a capitalization threshold of ten thousand dollars. Improvements to capital assets are capitalized, while the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are expensed.

In 2007, the County hired an independent third party to complete a valuation of the County's infrastructure assets. They have provided the County with the estimated historical cost and accumulated depreciation of infrastructure assets, including such items as bridges, cattle guards, culverts, drainage and irrigation ditches, guardrails, retaining walls, roads and road signs, using County supplied inventories and by back trending from current replacement cost. All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land, works of art and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the County's historical records of necessary improvements and replacements. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Estimated Lives By Asset Class</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Discretely Presented Component Units</u>
Buildings	60 Years	—
Improvements	30 Years	—
Machinery and equipment	5 - 30 Years	5 - 15 Years
Infrastructure	20 - 60 Years	—
Intangibles	3 - 10 Years	—

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Leases

For arrangements where the County is a lessee, a lease liability and a right-to-use (RTU) intangible asset are recognized at the commencement of the lease term. RTU assets represent the County's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the County's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. RTU assets and lease liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the estimated present value of the lease payments over the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The RTU asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs, and is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life. RTU assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

For arrangements in which the County is the lessor, a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources is recognized at the commencement of the lease term, on both the fund which is expected to receive the lease payments, and on the government-wide statement. The deferred inflows of resources are measured at the value of the lease receivable plus any payments received at or before the commencement of the lease term that relates to future periods and are also recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses an estimated incremental borrowing rate, that represents the rate at which it could borrow funds for a term equivalent to the lease agreements, as the discount rate for leases. The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are comprised of fixed payments and purchase option price that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Subscriptions

As of January 1, 2023, the beginning of the period of adoption, the County has implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs). The County has contracts providing the right-to-use a vendor's software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets, for a specified period of time. For short-term SBITAs with a maximum SBITA term of 12 months or less at commencement, the County recognized expenditures based on the provisions of the SBITA agreement. For long-term SBITAs with a term exceeding 12 months at commencement, the County recognizes a SBITA liability and an intangible right-to-use SBITA asset. SBITA assets are reported with capital assets, and SBITA liabilities are reported with long-term debt in the government-wide statement of net position. SBITA assets are amortized over the term of the agreement, and SBITA liabilities are reduced by the principal portion of the SBITA payments made.

The County uses an estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for the SBITA liability unless the rate is explicitly stated in the contract. The SBITA term includes the noncancellable period of the SBITA plus periods covered by options that are determined to be reasonably certain to be exercised. SBITA payments included in the measurement of the SBITA liability are comprised of fixed and fixed in-substance payments, payments reasonably certain of being required, and price of options reasonably certain to be exercised. The SBITA asset is measured as the initial amount of the SBITA liability, adjusted for SBITA payments made at or before the commencement of the SBITA term, including incentives received, plus applicable capitalizable implementation costs. If amendments or other certain circumstances occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of a SBITA, the present value is remeasured and corresponding adjustments are made.

Compensated Absences

The County accrues a liability for compensated absences when the County's obligation relating to employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences is attributable to employees' services already rendered, when the obligation relates to rights that vest or accumulate, when payment of the compensation is probable and when the amount can be reasonably estimated. In accordance with these criteria, the County has accrued a liability for annual leave that has been earned but not taken by County employees, as well as for 25% of sick leave that has been earned but not taken by County employees who either have 20 years of service with the County or are age 62 or older.

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All compensated absence liabilities include salary-related payments, where applicable. The total compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. Governmental funds report the compensated absence liability at the fund reporting level only if they have matured.

Proprietary Funds - Accumulated vested sick pay and vacation pay at December 31, 2023, for employees of the proprietary funds have not been accrued since they would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Other Accrued Liabilities And Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of these funds. Landfill closure and post-closure care costs and pollution remediation costs are recognized as a liability in the governmental fund financial statements when due.

Deferred Outflow Of Resources Or Deferred Inflow Of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources or expense/expenditure until then. The deferred outflows related to PERA pension are reported in the government wide statement of net position for the component units. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources, such as revenue, until that time. Property taxes are reported as receivable and are deferred inflows of resources at December 31 and recognized as revenue in the subsequent year. In addition, deferred inflows of resources also include future lease payments not yet recognized as revenue for the arrangements in which the County is a lessor. These lease receivables are not available as current financial resources and therefore are also reported as deferred inflows in the governmental fund financial statements.

Fund Balances

The fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent:

- *Nonspendable Fund Balance:* The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as inventory and long-term receivables) or is legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted Fund Balance:* The portion of fund balance constrained to being used for a specific purpose by external parties (such as grantors or bondholders), constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Committed Fund Balance:* The portion of fund balance constrained through a resolution or policy adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, the highest level of decision-making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes those constraints by taking the same type of action.
- *Assigned Fund Balance* - The portion of fund balance that reflects a government's intended use of resources. Assignments are set aside by the Board of County Commissioners through the adoption and subsequent amendment of the annual budget. Assigned fund balances in special revenues funds will also include any remaining fund balance that is not restricted or committed. This classification is necessary to indicate that those funds are intended to be used for the purpose of that particular fund.
- *Unassigned Fund Balance* - The portion of fund balance that is not classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned. The County will only report a positive unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use when an expense is incurred, it is County policy to use restricted amounts first. Unrestricted fund balance will be used in the following order: committed, assigned and unassigned.

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Net Position - Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. All other net position is reported as unrestricted. It should be noted that while the "Investment in Joint Venture" is a component of unrestricted net position, it does not represent available, spendable resources, since the dissolution of the airport joint venture is highly unlikely.

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

Operating Revenues And Expenses

Operating revenues of proprietary funds are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the County, these revenues are internal charges for self-insurance activities and fleet maintenance and repair. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of each fund. Nonoperating revenues and expenses are those items which are not related to the primary activity of each fund, such as investment income, grants and gains or losses on sales of capital assets.

Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses section in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements (i.e., they are netted). Transfers between funds reported in the governmental activities column are eliminated.

Estimates

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

2. Stewardship, Compliance And Accountability

Budgetary Information

The governmental fund budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. All budgets are presented on a GAAP basis unless otherwise noted. Adopted budgets for internal service funds are presented on a non-GAAP basis. The nature and amount of the adjustments necessary to convert the actual GAAP data to the budgetary basis is included.

Colorado State Statutes require the adoption of annual budgets for all funds, including proprietary funds. The annual budget adoption and appropriation resolutions provide that expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated by fund are considered to be a violation of State law, and thus the highest level of budgetary control (the level at which the Board of County Commissioners must approve any over expenditures of appropriations or transfers between funds) is considered to be at the fund level. In further accordance with the annual budget adoption and appropriation resolutions, line-item budgets are grouped into departments and departments are assigned to a spending authority, which is typically an elected official or department head. More than one department may be assigned to a spending authority. Management is able to amend the budget by transferring monies within the individual line items within a spending authority without seeking approval of the Board of County Commissioners. Thus, there is a secondary legal level of control at the spending authority. The annual budget and appropriation resolutions also limit amounts reserved for personnel, operating and capital expenditures to those categories of expenditures unless otherwise approved by the Director of Finance and County Manager in accordance with County policy. All unexpended annual appropriations lapse at year end.

In accordance with state statute, the Board of County Commissioners may, by resolution, authorize budget amendments during the year, but not in excess of the amount that actual revenues exceed budgeted revenues and unappropriated surplus for that fund. They may also transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof from one fund to another. Most funds budget a contingency that may be appropriated to other line items in the same fund, with Board approval, for unanticipated expenditures.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Employee Medical Self-Insurance Fund expenditures were in excess of appropriations by \$66,878.

3. Detailed Notes On All Funds

Deposits And Investments

Deposits: The County's investment policy is to purchase securities and hold them to maturity. In making investment decisions, the County Treasurer considers the legality, security and yield of the investment. Investment income includes appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of all investments. Changes in the fair value during the current year, however, do not necessarily represent trends that will continue; nor is it always possible to realize such amounts, especially in the case of temporary changes in the fair value of investments that the County intends to hold to maturity.

As part of the Dodd-Frank Act, Congress permanently increased FDIC insurance from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor. Additionally, the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (the PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Colorado statutes require that any public depository which accepts and holds public funds maintain, as security for public deposits accepted and held by it that are not insured by federal depository insurance, eligible collateral having a market value, at all times, equal to at least 102% of the amount of public deposits. Banking institutions are monitored by the Colorado Division of Banking and must report monthly on all public deposits held. Pledged collateral must be held in joint custody of the bank and the Colorado Division of Banking in accordance with the PDPA in a safekeeping account held by a third party, usually the Federal Reserve Bank.

The pledged collateral cannot be released unless approval is obtained by the Colorado Division of Banking. Eligible public depository banks are examined by the Division of Banking and audited annually by an independent auditor. The Colorado State Auditor has determined that there is no custodial credit risk for public deposits collateralized under the PDPA. The County's formal investment policy provides that all banks and savings banks eligible to provide depository and other banking services must be a member of the FDIC and shall qualify as a depository of public funds as defined by Colorado State Statute.

At year end, the carrying amount of the County's deposits was \$6,578,137 and the bank balance was \$7,729,185. Of the bank balance, \$426,417 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$8,245,419 was uninsured but collateralized with securities held by a third party as required by the PDPA. The bank balance and carrying amount of deposits for the discretely presented component units was \$107,433 which was fully covered by federal depository insurance.

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Credit Risk: The County's investment policy is to apply the "prudent investor rule" where investments are made as a prudent person would be expected to act. The County's investment policy limits investments in fixed income securities to U.S. Treasury obligations; federal instrumentality securities, limited to the following: Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), Federal Farm Credit Banks (FFCB), Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB), and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC); Corporate bonds (rated at least AA- or equivalent by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations), Prime Commercial Paper (rated at least A-1); eligible bankers acceptances; general obligations and revenue obligations; Local government investment pools, money market mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940; and nonnegotiable certificates of deposit.

As of December 31, 2023, the County's investments in local government investment pools (COLOTRUST) were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. COLOTRUST meet the definition of an external investment pool with funds held at net asset value per share using the fair value method. The investments do not have any unfunded commitments, redemption restrictions or redemption notice periods. To obtain financial statements for COLOTRUST, you may visit their website at www.colotrust.com.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that fair value losses will arise resulting from increasing interest rates. The County's formal investment policy provides that investments shall be limited to maturities not exceeding five years from the date of trade settlement unless otherwise approved in writing by the Board of County Commissioners. Further, it provides that the County shall maintain at least 25% of its total investment portfolio in instruments maturing in 120 days or less.

Concentration Of Credit Risk: The County's formal investment policy provides that the combined exposure to corporate bonds, commercial paper and eligible bankers acceptances shall not exceed 50% of the portfolio, with no more than 5% held in any one issuer. Exposure to general obligations and revenue obligations shall not exceed 30% of the portfolio with no more than 5% held in any one issuer.

Foreign Currency Risk: The County does not invest in any foreign investments.

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As of December 31, 2023, the County's investments were as follows:

	Weighted Avg Mkt Dur (Yrs)	S&P/ Moody Rating	% Of Portfolio	Fair Value/ Carrying Amount
Local government investment pool	—	AAAm	46.08%	\$ 41,448,693
United States Treasury Note/Bond	1.91		21.37%	19,220,618
FHLMC	1.05		4.84%	4,351,641
FFCB Funding Corp	2.25		8.55%	7,694,459
FHLB	1.85		7.33%	6,588,842
FNMA	1.27		5.44%	4,892,780
Corporate - Apple Inc	2.03	AA+/Aaa	1.13%	1,019,140
Corporate - Walmart Inc	1.59	AA/Aa2	1.49%	1,336,852
Corporate - Colgate-Palmolive Co	1.54	AA-/Aa3	1.31%	1,173,926
State of Maryland	0.58	AAA/Aaa	1.19%	1,069,339
Westpac Banking Corp	0.16	AA-/Aa3	1.14%	1,021,911
Cash and cash equivalents	—		0.14%	123,163
Total			100.00%	\$ 89,941,364

At December 31, 2023, investments were measured at fair value using:

	December 31, 2023	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments By Fair Value Level				
Corporate bonds	\$ 19,220,618	\$ —	\$ 19,220,618	\$ —
US Treasury Note/Bond	6,588,842	—	6,588,842	—
FHLB	4,892,780	—	4,892,780	—
FNMA	7,694,459	—	7,694,459	—
FHLMC	4,351,641	—	4,351,641	—
FFCB	5,744,332	—	5,744,332	—
Total Investments By Fair Value Level	48,492,672	\$ —	\$ 48,492,672	\$ —
Investments Held At Net Asset Value				
Local government investment pool	41,448,693			
Total Investments	\$ 89,941,365			

Cash And Investment Reconciliation

	Carrying Amounts		Cash And Cash Equivalents
Cash on hand	\$ 8,167	From statement of net position:	
Deposits	6,578,137	Cash and cash deposits	\$ 6,833
Investments	89,941,366	Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	94,863,919
		Statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities	1,656,918
Total	\$ 96,527,670	Total	\$ 96,527,670

Receivables

Accounts receivable relate to amounts collected in 2024 which the County earned or were entitled to during the 2023 fiscal year. The County believes all amounts recorded are fully collectible.

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Receivables and payables are recorded in the County's financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined to be material and substantiated not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and in the case of receivables, collectability.

In 2022, the County issued two noninterest-bearing promissory notes to nonprofit corporations totaling \$1,700,000 for the purpose of preserving the existing supply of affordable housing within the county. The promissory notes are considered current receivables with payments due at maturity in 2024.

Lease Receivable

As of December 31, 2023, the County has two active leases for which it is the lessor. The leases call for monthly payments that range from \$26,563 to \$160,428 and interest rates that range from 0.74% to 1.76%. As of December 31, 2023, the total combined value of the lease receivable is \$649,821, the total combined value of the short-term lease receivable is \$218,773, and the combined value of the deferred inflow of resources is \$648,637. The leases have no variable payments.

Lease principal and interest received during the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$177,751 and \$5,238, respectively. Principal and interest expected to maturity of this lease receivable is as follows:

Year	Principal		Interest		Total Payments
2024	\$	218,773	\$	5,404	\$ 224,177
2025		221,024		3,153	224,177
2026		196,663		953	197,616
2027		13,361		8	13,369
Total	\$	649,821	\$	9,518	\$ 659,339

Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of December 31 and are levied on January 1 of the following year. Taxes are payable either in two installments due on the last day of February and June 15, or in full on April 30. The County, through the La Plata County Treasurer, bills and collects its own property taxes as well as property taxes of all other taxing authorities within the County. Collections for other districts are accounted for in the Property Tax Passthrough custodial fund. Property taxes are reported as receivable and are deferred inflows of resources at December 31.

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Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for governmental activities (including \$9,942,438 of net capital assets related to the internal service funds) for the year ended December 31, 2023, is as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2022	Transfers	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2023
Governmental Activities					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 11,952,423	\$ 1,490,654	\$ 153,437	\$ —	\$ 13,596,514
Construction in progress	2,346,899	(1,910,534)	3,660,492	—	4,096,857
Works of art	90,000	—	—	—	90,000
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	14,389,322	(419,880)	3,813,929	—	17,783,371
Depreciable capital assets:					
Buildings	97,471,210	—	466,658	—	97,937,868
Improvements	9,961,033	—	45,040	—	10,006,073
Machinery and equipment	24,229,265	—	2,904,639	(953,376)	26,180,528
Intangibles	314,603	400,000	—	—	714,603
Infrastructure	103,689,942	19,880	2,709,280	—	106,419,102
RTU lease machinery and equipment	65,855	—	177,750	(1,894)	241,711
SBITAs	—	—	331,632	—	331,632
Depreciable Capital Assets	235,731,908	419,880	6,634,999	(955,270)	241,831,517
Accumulated depreciation and amortization:					
Buildings	24,022,285	—	1,804,541	—	25,826,826
Improvements	5,913,293	—	386,087	—	6,299,380
Machinery and equipment	13,663,020	—	1,630,171	(786,295)	14,506,896
Intangibles	282,918	—	25,168	—	308,086
Infrastructure	73,335,376	—	2,492,047	—	75,827,423
RTU lease machinery and equipment	18,944	—	35,706	(9,167)	45,483
SBITAs	—	—	78,071	—	78,071
Total Accumulated Depreciation And Amortization	117,235,836	—	6,451,791	(795,462)	122,892,165
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated And Amortized, Net	118,496,072	419,880	183,208	(159,808)	118,939,352
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 132,885,394	\$ —	\$ 3,997,137	\$ (159,808)	\$ 136,722,723

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

	Total
General government	\$ 1,436,185
Public safety	1,214,499
Recreation and culture	312,535
Public works	3,436,001
Health and welfare	52,571
Total Governmental Activities Depreciation And Amortization Expense	\$ 6,451,791

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The following are the changes in capital asset activity in discretely presented component units for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance December 31, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2023
Depreciable capital assets:				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 146,574	\$ 5,520	\$ (37,363)	\$ 114,731
Less: Accumulated depreciation	122,220	9,678	(29,359)	102,539
Component Units Capital Assets, Net	\$ 24,354	\$ (4,158)	\$ (8,004)	\$ 12,192

Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers are used to report revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and to move unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, and to provide additional resources for current operations or debt service.

Interfund transfers during the year ended December 31, 2023, were as follows:

	Transfers From		Total
	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Fund	
Transfers To:			
General fund	\$ —	\$ 1,069,814	\$ 1,069,814
Capital Improvements fund	8,845,678	—	8,845,678
Internal service fund	1,538,268	—	1,538,268
Total	\$ 10,383,946	\$ 1,069,814	\$ 11,453,760

During 2023, the Joint Sales Tax fund transferred \$1,059,814 to the General Fund for Durango County Senior Services operations and \$10,000 to the General Fund for the Durango Landfill post closure costs. The General Fund transferred \$8,845,678 to the Capital Improvements fund for budgeted capital projects and \$1,538,268 to the County's Employee Medical Self Insurance fund.

Lease Liabilities

As of December 31, 2023, the County had 22 active leases. The lease agreements call for monthly payments that range from \$277 to \$4,716 and interest rates that range from 0.26% to 3.45%. As of December 31, 2023, the total combined value of the lease liability is \$197,496. The combined value of the right to use asset, as of December 31, 2023 of \$241,711 with accumulated amortization of \$45,480.

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Lease principal and interest paid during the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$34,487 and \$3,451, respectively. Principal and interest expected to maturity of this lease receivable is as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2024	\$ 48,605	\$ 5,587	\$ 54,192
2025	47,186	4,203	51,389
2026	42,739	2,796	45,535
2027	41,255	1,373	42,628
2028	17,711	173	17,884
Total	\$ 197,496	\$ 14,132	\$ 211,628

Subscription Liabilities

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the County adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* effective January 1, 2023. The primary objective of this statement is to enhance the relevance and consistency of information about governments' subscription activities. This statement establishes a single model for subscription accounting based on the principle that subscriptions are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, an organization is required to recognize a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use subscription asset.

As of December 31, 2023, the County had four active subscriptions. The subscriptions call for payments that range from \$12,578 to \$52,558 and interest rates that range from 2.50% to 3.04%. As of December 31, 2023, the total combined value of the subscription liability is \$208,005. The combined value of the RTU asset, as of December 31, 2023 of \$331,632 with accumulated amortization of \$78,071.

Subscription principal and interest paid during the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$105,627 and \$4,388, respectively. Principal and interest expected to maturity is as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2024	\$ 68,223	\$ 4,388	\$ 72,611
2025	88,640	4,024	92,664
2026	51,142	1,496	52,638
Total	\$ 208,005	\$ 9,908	\$ 217,913

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Long-Term Debt

Changes In Long-Term Debt: Changes in the County's long-term obligations consisted of the following for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Outstanding December 31, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Outstanding December 31, 2023	Amounts Due In One Year
Governmental Activities					
Colorado water debt	\$ 179,370	\$ —	\$ 13,366	\$ 166,004	\$ 13,635
Compensated absences	2,696,719	3,284,050	3,035,740	2,945,029	667,655
Pollution remediation obligation	2,446,687	—	31,138	2,415,549	40,000
Landfill closure and postclosure care costs	305,944	—	123,878	182,066	65,476
Leases	46,923	177,750	34,486	190,187	48,605
Subscriptions	—	313,632	105,628	208,004	68,223
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 5,675,643	\$ 3,775,432	\$ 3,344,236	\$ 6,106,839	\$ 903,594
Component Units					
Compensated absences	\$ 158,955	\$ 165,935	\$ 128,905	\$ 195,985	\$ 43,388

The compensated absences liability will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid, typically the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund and the Social Services Fund. Lease liabilities are paid by the fund using the RTU asset. The County has received a federal court order which will assist in recovering some of the costs associated with the pollution remediation from a third party; any costs not paid for by a third party will be paid for by general revenues. The landfill closure and post-closure care liability will be paid for by general revenues.

Colorado Water Resources And Power Development Authority

The La Plata County Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3 (the District) entered into a loan agreement with the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to finance the water line extension project and service connections to the City of Durango's (the City) water. The loan was in the amount of \$272,500 with a 2% interest and a term of 20 years. The principal and interest shall be payable out direct annual taxes on all taxable property in the District. A schedule of future debt services requirements is as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2024	\$ 13,635	\$ 3,252	\$ 16,887
2025	13,909	2,978	16,887
2026	14,189	2,699	16,888
2027	14,474	2,413	16,887
2028	14,765	2,123	16,888
2029 - 2033	78,396	6,040	84,436
2034	16,636	250	16,886
Total	\$ 166,004	\$ 19,755	\$ 185,759

Compensated Absences

County employees accumulate four hours of sick leave per pay period and eight to eleven hours of annual leave per pay period, depending on length of service. In the event of retirement or termination, an employee is paid 100% of accumulated annual leave. Upon retirement or termination, an employee is paid 25% of accumulated sick leave if they have 20+ years of service with the County or are age 62 or older. Annual leave may be carried over from 1 year to the next, although it may not exceed the annual leave cap amount, which varies from 200 hours to 320 hours, depending upon the number of years of service. Sick leave also carries over from 1 year to the next, although it may not exceed 720 hours for all employees.

Pollution Investigation And Remediation

The County owns property (the County jail site) that has been environmentally contaminated with chlorinated solvents by prior owners who are responsible, pursuant to a federal court order, for 75% of the costs for remediating environmental issues subject to that order, in accordance with state and federal laws. A consultant hired by the County has conducted a remedial investigation/feasibility study at the site and has identified several alternate remedial/corrective action plans to address environmental contamination of the jail site, ranging from in-situ chemical oxidation of soils exceeding acceptable levels to complete removal of all contaminated soils. The consultant estimates that the cost for implementation of remedial/corrective actions is likely to have a present value of \$3,240,000, but could be as low as \$2,014,000 or as high as \$6,180,000, depending upon the option selected and the long-term monitoring costs associated with the selected option. In 2014, the County's consultant completed an in-situ chemical oxidation pilot study (the Study) at the site in support of the remedy selected in the final Record of Decision. The objectives of the Study were to estimate the expected radius of influence of oxidant injection and to conduct an initial assessment of the effectiveness of the selected remedy. Based on the results, of the Study, the County and Brown Group have agreed upon a phased-approach to the selected remedy that could potentially result in cost savings. The phased-approach is currently underway.

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In 2008, the County filed a lawsuit (US District Court, District of Colorado, civil action #08-cv-00855- LTB-KMT) against Brown Retail Group, Inc. et al. (which subsequently reorganized as BG Retail, LLC), the former owner of the property, seeking reimbursement of the cost of pre-cleanup investigation, past and future cleanup at the jail site, long-term environmental monitoring, and associated legal fees. The County's lawsuit was tried in October of 2010 and the court issued a decision in March of 2011. The court ordered that BG Retail is responsible for 75% of certain investigative and clean-up/remediation costs incurred to date and expected to be incurred by the County in the future. The County will be responsible for the remaining costs. The judge's ruling requires BG Retail to reimburse the County for 75% of past recoverable response costs totaling \$694,787, approximately \$521,090, which BG Retail had paid as of January 2013.

The Court's March 2011 order further established a "starting point" for remediation, which is estimated by the County's consultant to have a net present value of \$830,000. A plan for remediation that meets the Court's starting point has been developed and approved by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (the CDPHE). Because the County, the County's consultant and the CDPHE do not believe the Court's ordered initial plan will successfully remediate the contamination to meet applicable environmental standards, the County has recorded a liability for pollution remediation obligation in the government wide statements for legal services in the amount of \$15,000, and remedial/corrective actions in the amount of \$2,987,195, for a total of \$3,002,195. Based upon the judge's determination that Brown Retail Group is required to reimburse a minimum of \$445,275 in future response costs, the County has recorded a corresponding reduction of \$445,275 in the total liability, reducing the net future liability for pollution cleanup to \$2,556,920. By Court order, Brown Group advanced the County \$445,275 in future cleanup costs in April 2012, and this deposit is being held to cover future recovery costs.

The County's remediation costs which BG Retail's \$445,275 deposit is intended to offset, total, to date, \$394,495 in cleanup activities, and \$42,400 in legal fees and costs. BG Retail has disputed that certain of those expenses fall outside the scope of remediation expenses allowed by the court's order. Following negotiations with BG Retail, the County agreed to withdraw \$40,687 of those expenses from its demand for reimbursement, and BG Retail disputes at least another \$19,751.

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During the year ended December 31, 2023, remediation activity totaled \$31,138. The estimated total current cost of cleanup/remediation activities of \$2,415,549 is based on the amount that would be paid if all of the equipment, facilities, and services required to complete the known pollution investigation and remedial/corrective actions were acquired as of December 31, 2023. However, the actual cost may be higher or lower due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in laws and regulations, and if further studies establish that the scope of the required cleanup is greater than is known at this time. Any future inflation costs and additional costs of investigation and remediation, if any, that might arise from changes in pollution investigation, compliance, and remediation requirements (due to changes in technology or more rigorous regulations, or the need for active remediation for example) may need to be covered by charges to future taxpayers. The Court's order provides that the County may return to the Court for additional recovery of future costs from Brown Group if the initial "starting point" plan does not bring the site into compliance with environmental standards.

The information and estimates in this note do not apply to the County's ongoing liability related to closed landfills. The following note includes information related to the County's responsibility for landfill closure and post-closure care costs.

Landfill Closure And Post-Closure Care Costs

State and federal laws and regulations require that the County place a final cover on its landfills when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill sites for 30 years after closure. In addition to operating expenditures related to current activities of the landfills, an expense provision and related liability (reported at the government-wide financial reporting level) are being recognized based on the estimated future closure and post-closure care costs that will be incurred after the date the landfills no longer accept waste.

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The estimated liability for landfill closure and post-closure care costs has a balance of \$182,066 as of December 31, 2023, which is based on the following assumptions:

Landfill Sites	Estimated Closure And Post-Closure Care Costs	Percent Filled	Calculated Liability
Tiffany	\$ 1,722	100%	\$ 1,722
Marvel	1,722	100%	1,722
Durango	29,000	100%	29,000
Bayfield	149,622	100%	149,622
Totals	\$ 182,066		\$ 182,066

The estimated total current cost of the landfill closure and post-closure care of \$182,066 is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor, and maintain the landfill were acquired as of December 31, 2023. However, the actual cost of closure and post closure care may be higher or lower due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations. Any future inflation costs and additional costs that might arise from changes in post-closure requirements (due to changes in technology or more rigorous environmental regulations, for example) may need to be covered by charges to future taxpayers.

The Tiffany, Marvel and Durango landfills were all closed prior to January 11, 1992, and the Bayfield landfill was closed in April 1994. The County is not currently operating, nor does it intend to operate in the future, any landfills.

Pensions

Defined Contribution Plan

The County provides pension benefits for its regular full-time, three-quarter-time and part-time employees through an agent multi-employer public retirement system, the Colorado County Officials and Employee Retirement Association (CCOERA) a defined contribution plan. The Retirement Plan was adopted according to Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is also referred to as a Defined Contribution Money Purchase Pension Plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. The County's contributions to the plan are defined by an agreement between CCOERA and the County. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, employees are required to participate from date of hire and the employee and employer contribution percentages are equal and vary based upon length of service from 5% to 8%. 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. Contributions for, and interest forfeited by, employees who leave employment before five years of service are used to reduce current contribution requirements. Ten-year historical trend information about the plan is available in a separately issued financial report available through CCOERA at www.ccoera.org.

The total covered payroll for the County and the District Attorney's employees that are enrolled in CCOERA in calendar year 2023 was \$32,059,576. Contributions to CCOERA were calculated using the CCOERA eligible payroll amount of \$30,110,950. Both the employer and the covered employees made the required contributions, amounting to \$1,806,970 each from the employer and from employees, or \$3,613,940 total.

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sixth Judicial District Attorney participates in the State Division Trust Fund (the SDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension benefit, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of the SDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

General Information About The Pension Plan

Plan Description: The Sixth Judicial District Attorney is provided with pensions through the SDTF, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of C.R.S., administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report that can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Benefits Provided As Of December 31, 2022: PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51- 602, 604, 1713 and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

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In all cases, the service retirement benefit is limited to 100% of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50% or 100% on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether five years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Upon meeting certain criteria, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit generally receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Subject to the automatic adjustment provision (the AAP) recipients under C.R.S. § 24-51-413, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, will receive the maximum annual increase cap of 1.00% unless adjusted by the AAP. Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lesser of an annual increase of the 1.00% annual increase cap or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed a determined increase that would exhaust 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (the AIR) for the SDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned annual increase by up to 0.25% based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach 5 years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. State Troopers whose disability is caused by an on-the-job injury are immediately eligible to apply for disability benefits and do not have to meet the five years of service credit requirement. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

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Contributions Provisions As Of December 31, 2022: Eligible employees and the Sixth Judicial District Attorney are required to contribute to the SDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the SDTF are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, et seq. and § 24-51-413. The employer contribution requirements for the year ended December 31, 2022 are summarized below:

	January 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2022	July 1, 2022 Through December 31, 2022
Employer contribution rate ¹	10.90%	11.40%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51- 208(1)(f) ¹	-1.02%	-1.02%
Amount apportioned to the Trust Fund ¹	9.88%	10.38%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411 ¹	5.00%	5.00%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411 ¹	5.00%	5.00%
Defined Contribution Supplement as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-415	0.10%	0.10%
Total Employer Contribution Rate To The Trust Fund¹	19.98%	20.48%

¹ Rates are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413, the State is required to contribute \$225 million each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SDTF to the total annual payroll of the SDTF, School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), Judicial Division Trust Fund and Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division Trust Fund. In addition to the \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution due July 1, 2022, House Bill 22-1029, instructs the State treasurer to issue a warrant to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars), upon enactment, with reductions to future direct distributions scheduled to occur July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

Employer contributions are recognized by the SDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Sixth Judicial District Attorney's is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SDTF from Sixth Judicial District Attorney were \$26,715 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Benefit, And Deferred Outflows Of Resources And Deferred Inflows Of Resources Related To Pensions

The net pension liability for the SDTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2022. The Sixth Judicial District Attorney proportion of the net pension liability was based on Sixth Judicial District Attorney contributions to the SDTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity for participating employers of the SDTF that are outside of the State's financial reporting entity.

At December 31, 2023, the Sixth Judicial District Attorney reported a liability of \$316,915 for its proportionate share of the net pension. At December 31, 2022, the Sixth Judicial District Attorney proportion was 0.0029148075%, which was a decrease of 0.0007319125% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Sixth Judicial District Attorney recognized pension benefit of \$45,384. At December 31, 2023, the Sixth Judicial District Attorney reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows Of Resources	Deferred Inflows Of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ —	\$ 4,249
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	40,291	—
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	—	51,084
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	26,715	—
Total	\$ 67,006	\$ 55,333

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The amount of \$26,715 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ (42,068)
2025	(11,649)
2026	14,861
2027	23,814
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ (15,042)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions: The total pension liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30 %
Real wage growth	0.70 %
Wage inflation	3.00 %
Salary increases, including wage inflation	
Members other than State Troopers	3.30 - 10.90 %
State Troopers	3.20 - 12.40 %
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25 %
Discount rate	7.25 %
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07 and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06	Financed by the AIR

¹ Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets

The total pension liability as of December 31, 2022, includes the anticipated adjustments to contribution rates and the annual increase cap, resulting from the 2020 AAP assessment, statutorily recognized July 1, 2021, and effective July 1, 2022.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuations were based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019. Revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 20, 2020.

The mortality tables described below are generational mortality tables developed on a benefit-weighted basis.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubG-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the PubS-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement nondisabled mortality assumption for Members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubG-2010 Health Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- *Males:* 94% of the rates prior to age 80 and 90% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- *Females:* 87% of the rates prior to age 80 and 107% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement nondisabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement nondisabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- *Males:* 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- *Females:* 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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Disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four to five years for PERA. Recently, this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors were considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board (the Board) first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019 meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30-Year Expected Geometric Real Rate Of Return
Global equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed income	23.00%	1.30%
Private equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00%	4.70%
Total	100.00%	

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

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Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The basis for the projection of liabilities and the plan fiduciary net position used to determine the discount rate was an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2020, and the financial state of the Trust Fund as of the prior measurement date (December 31, 2020). In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200, required adjustments resulting from the 2018 AAP assessment, and the additional 0.50%, resulting from the 2020 AAP assessment, statutorily recognized July 1, 2021, and effective July 1, 2022. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200, required adjustments resulting from the 2018 AAP assessment, and the additional 0.50%, resulting from the 2020 AAP assessment, statutorily recognized July 1, 2021, and effective July 1, 2022. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value-funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point, the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions included reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, provides an annual direct distribution of \$225 million (actual dollars), commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between State, School, Judicial and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.

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- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process used by the plan to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial plan fiduciary net position, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- The projected benefit payments reflect the lowered annual increase cap, from 1.25% to 1.00% resulting from the 2020 AAP assessment, statutorily recognized July 1, 2021, and effective July 1, 2022.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the SDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

Sensitivity Of The Sixth Judicial District Attorney Proportionate Share Of The Net Pension Liability To Changes In The Discount Rate: The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25%) or one percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 405,139	\$ 316,915	\$ 242,702

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position: Detailed information about the SDTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's annual financial report which can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

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Payables To The Pension Plan: The Sixth Judicial District Attorney did not report payables to the SDTF as of December 31, 2023.

Fund Balances

The specific purposes for each fund balance classification on the governmental funds balance sheet are:

Nonspendable Fund Balance

Inventory - represents the amount of supplies and materials inventories held for future use.

Prepays: represents the amount of prepaid expenditures.

Restricted Fund Balance

Emergency Reserve (TABOR): as noted in Note 7, below, the County is required by State law to maintain a reserve level equal to approximately 3% of nonfederal revenues. The reserves are available only for named emergency situations and per the requirement of the constitutional provision, must be immediately replenished.

Road Construction And Maintenance: Colorado counties are required by State law, C.R.S. 43-2-202(1) to maintain a Road and Bridge Fund. All funds held in the Road and Bridge Fund are restricted to fund construction and maintenance of roads and streets within the County boundaries.

Capital Improvements Impact Fees: Developer contributions received for improvements to county roads are restricted to uses outlined in Colorado statutes and the specific language of the agreements.

Public Assistance And Welfare: Colorado counties are required by State law, C.R.S. 26-1-123, to maintain a Social Services fund. All funds held in the Social Services Fund, not otherwise restricted, are determined to be assigned for only public assistance and welfare and related programs.

Recreation And Parks: Funds received from the Colorado lottery program are reported in the Conservation Trust Fund and are restricted for outdoor recreation construction and expenditures.

Joint County/City Projects: Pursuant to the terms of the voter approval for the County's sales tax, 11% of gross sales tax collections must be accounted for separately and are restricted to fund projects of mutual benefit and agreement of the County and the City.

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Tribal Mitigation Impact: Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-61-202, the County shall establish a fund to be known as the tribal property impact mitigation fund to which all moneys contributed, transferred, appropriated, or otherwise made available for mitigating the impacts of acquisitions of property by the Southern Ute Indian tribe on local governments shall be deposited. Moneys will be distributed to taxing authorities within the County upon affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the three-member board.

Committed Fund Balance

Emergency Reserve And Economic Downturn Reserve: Funds set aside by formal action of the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners to be used to ensure the maintenance of services to the public during nonroutine and unforeseen disaster situations such as fires, other weather-related events, environmental or other natural disasters, and periods of significant revenue declines to prevent disruptions in public services.

General Capital Improvements: Pursuant to the terms of the voter approval for the County's sales tax and subsequent Resolution 1984-142, the fund was established for the deposit of all or any part of the revenue from the County sales taxes and to be used solely to provide capital improvements for the County. Expenditures are limited to continuing capital improvements as determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

Assigned Fund Balance

Construction/Maintenance Of Roads: The Durango Hills local improvement district funds are assigned for the construction and maintenance of public streets within the boundaries of the district.

Debt Service: Funds to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest.

Next Year's Budget Deficit: As part of the 2024 budget adoption process, the 2024 general fund revenues and transfers in were estimated at \$63,217,550 and expenditures and transfers out were estimated at \$88,418,821 demonstrating a projected deficit of \$21,209,109. Therefore, it is necessary to set aside this amount to cover the subsequent year budget deficit.

Partially Self-Funded Insurance Claims: Funds set aside by the County's Board of County Commissioners for self-insurance claims.

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Notes To Basic Financial Statements (*Continued*)

Fund Balance Reserve Policy

The Board of County Commissioners adopted a Fund Balance Reserve Policy effective January 1, 2022. The purpose of the policy is to establish and maintain adequate fund balance reserves, define appropriate uses for the different categories of fund balances, set target levels, establish guidelines for drawing down on the funds, and establish guidelines for replenishing fund balance reserves.

The General Fund shall maintain the following fund balance components:

Committed Fund Balance For Emergencies And Disasters (Emergency Reserve): The reserve is intended to ensure the maintenance of services to the public during nonroutine and unforeseen disaster situations. The Emergency Reserve has a target fund balance of 12% of annual General Fund operating expenditures. The County considers the constitutionally required 3% TABOR restricted reserve to be separate from this committed emergency reserve.

Committed Fund Balance For Revenue Declines Due To Economic Downturns (Economic Downturn Reserve): The reserve is intended to provide liquidity and the ability to continue the provision of services and County operations during periods of significant revenue declines. The Economic Downturns Reserve target is 15% of budgeted General Fund annual operating expenditures.

The calculated amount of the General Fund balance components at December 31, 2023:

General Fund - Fund Balance

Nonspendable:	
Prepays	\$ 189,781
Restricted:	
Emergency reserves (TABOR)	1,941,527
Committed:	
Emergency and disasters	6,699,014
Economic downturn	8,373,767
Assigned:	
Next year's budget deficit	25,201,270
Partially self funded insurance claims	1,000,000
Unassigned	<u>7,121,160</u>
Total General Fund Balance	<u>\$ 50,526,519</u>

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Notes To Basic Financial Statements (*Continued*)

Assigned Fund Balance For Capital (Capital Fund Reserve): The reserve is intended for future financing for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. These reserves may also be used for financing, debt issuance costs, grant matching for capital outlays, or transfer to the Capital Improvement Plan Fund for capital purposes. There is no specific established target amount for the Capital Fund. The Capital Fund reserve will be set annually by the Board as part of the budget process.

The County is in compliance with its fund balance policies at December 31, 2023.

4. Risk Management

Medical Claims: In 1984, the County began a self-insurance program for medical claims. The purpose of the program is to pay medical claims of County employees and their covered dependents and minimize annual medical insurance costs to the County. The claims are funded through payroll withholdings from employees and County matching funds. The County contracts with Elevance (formerly known as Anthem BlueCross BlueShield) and Delta Dental for third-party administration services for medical and dental plans, respectively. Medical claims exceeding \$125,000 per covered individual or 120% of the annual contributions for the group are covered by stop loss coverage provided through Elevance. The County does not report excess insurance risks as liabilities unless it is probable that those risks will not be covered by the excess insurance. There were no material changes in insurance coverage, and there were no settlements in excess of insurance coverage for the last four fiscal years.

The claims liability of \$496,545 reported in the employee medical self-insurance fund represents the amount due to the County's third-party administrators at December 31, 2023 for claims incurred but not paid and an estimate for claims incurred but not reported.

Changes in the funds claims liability amount in calendar 2023 and 2022 were:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Liability at January 1,	\$ 496,545	\$ 642,573
Add: Current-year claims and changes in estimates	7,235,919	4,922,422
Less: Claim payments	(7,192,991)	(5,068,450)
Balance At December 31,	\$ 539,473	\$ 496,545

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County Workers' Compensation Pool: The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to injuries of employees while on the job. In 1985, the County joined together with other Counties in the State of Colorado to form the County 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, which is determined each policy year.

Colorado Counties Casualty And Property Pool: The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to liability, property and casualty losses. In 1986, 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 liability, property and casualty insurance coverage.

The intergovernmental 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, which is determined each policy year.

For both the CWCP and CAPP pools, losses incurred in excess of loss funds and amounts recoverable from excess insurance are direct liabilities of the participating members. Both pools have indicated the amount of any excess losses would be billed to members in proportion to their contributions in the year such excess occurs. There also exists the potential for return of contributions should the results of pool operations result in surpluses in excess of those required by State law and the bylaws of the pools. Any refunds of excess contributions are used to reduce the current-year contribution. As such, the contributions to both pools have been reported as expenditures or expenses. Separately issued financial reports for both pools are available by contacting the administrative agent, County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) at their headquarters in Denver, Colorado or at www.ctsi.org. The County's discretely presented and blended component units are included within the County's coverage through CWCP and CAPP. There were no settlements on behalf of the County in excess of insurance coverage for the last three fiscal years.

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In 2016, the County entered into an agreement with CTSI to increase the deductible for the CAPP insurance coverage to \$100,000 per claim. The County has always participated in the pool's standard insurance program that provides a \$500 deductible for most property and liability insurance claims. After consultation with CTSI and analysis by the County, the County determined it would be beneficial for the County to participate in CAPP's partially self-funded option program. Under this program, the County will self-fund a portion of its anticipated property and casualty claims while having CAPP continue to provide claims adjudication and management services and loss control and prevention programs for the County.

5. Contingent Liabilities

Grant Programs: The County has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designee. The primary programs include Community Development Block Grants, Colorado Department of Human Services programs, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, and COVID-19 grants. These audits could result in a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for costs disallowed under terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the County believes such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

An audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance was conducted for the calendar year 2023, but state agencies may still examine individual state programs. Pending the resolution of the findings and questioned costs of such audits, the amount, if any, of disallowed expenditures cannot be determined.

Contractual Commitments: The County has entered into certain long-term contracts with various parties in order to provide services to residents of the County. A summary of those significant contracts follows:

Humane Society Operations: In 1993, the County and the La Plata County Humane Society entered into an agreement in which the Humane Society provides animal control in the County and the County contributes toward the costs of services provided. The agreement provides for ongoing renewals and requires a year advance notice to cancel. For 2023, the amount of funding provided pursuant to the agreement was \$371,285.

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Notes To Basic Financial Statements (*Continued*)

Insurance Pools: As indicated above, the County is a member of the Colorado Counties Workers' Compensation Pool and Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool for purposes of insurance coverage. These pools have a legal obligation for claims against their members to the extent that funds are available in its annually established loss fund and amounts are available from insurance providers under excess specific and aggregate insurance contracts. Losses incurred in excess of loss funds and amounts recoverable from excess insurance contracts are direct liabilities of their participating members. Ultimate liability to the County resulting from claims not covered by these insurance pools is not presently determinable.

6. Joint Venture

The County is a participant with the City in a joint venture to operate the Durango-La Plata County Airport. Pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement, the Airport Commission was created. The commission consists of six members, three of which are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Airport Manager is employed by the concurrent action of the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners. The County and the City each have a 50% interest in all airport property. Per a 2002 agreement, fiscal administration of the airport was delegated to the City.

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Notes To Basic Financial Statements (*Continued*)

Key financial data for the year ended December 31, 2023 from the audited financial statements of the Airport are as follows:

Current assets	\$ 20,537,890
Noncurrent assets	60,412,168
Total Assets	<u>80,950,058</u>
Current liabilities	1,368,767
Noncurrent liabilities	81,124
Total Liabilities	<u>1,449,891</u>
Deferred inflow of resources - lease related	3,254,645
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>3,254,645</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 76,245,522</u>
Operating revenue	\$ 5,768,913
Operating expense	(8,598,159)
Loss From Operations	<u>(2,829,246)</u>
Nonoperating revenue	8,786,536
Total Nonoperating Activities	<u>8,786,536</u>
Change In Net Position	5,957,290
Net Position - Beginning Of Year	<u>70,288,232</u>
Net Position - End Of Year	<u>\$ 76,245,522</u>

The County's equity interest in the Durango-La Plata County Airport was \$38,122,761 at December 31, 2023. Complete financial statements for the airport operations can be found in the joint ventures separately issued financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, and may be obtained by contacting the management of the Durango-La Plata County Airport at 1000 Airport Road, Durango, Colorado, 81303 or via telephone at 970-247-8143.

7. Tax, Spending And Debt Limitations

In 1992, Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations, including revenue increases, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. TABOR is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The County believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment. However, the County has made certain interpretations of the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance. C.R.S. 29-1-301 also includes an annual property tax growth limitation of 5.5%.

At the November 5, 2002 general election, the voters authorized the County to collect and retain all revenues received during the period beginning January 1, 2003 and extending forward through perpetuity which exceed both the TABOR amendment and C.R.S. 29-1-301.

8. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date financial statements are available for issue, which is the date of the Independent Auditors' Report.

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Required Supplementary Information

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SCHEDULE OF SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY PERA SCHDTF PENSION PLAN

For The Year Ended December 31, (Measurement Date)
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Sixth Judicial District Attorney's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0029148075%	0.0036467200%	0.0039649732%	0.0036474305%	0.0037744239%	0.0046181100%	0.0045629900%	0.0044966100%	0.0048281650%
Net pension liability	\$ 316,915	\$ 268,947	\$ 376,070	\$ 353,940	\$ 429,479	\$ 924,451	\$ 838,136	\$ 473,540	\$ 454,162
Sixth Judicial District Attorney's covered payroll	135,000	135,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	135,500	130,000	130,000	130,000
Sixth Judicial District Attorney's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	234.75%	199.22%	289.28%	272.26%	330.37%	682.25%	644.72%	364.26%	349.36%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability covered payroll	60.6%	73.1%	65.3%	62.2%	55.1%	43.2%	42.6%	56.1%	59.8%

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

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year.

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SCHEDULE OF SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS CONTRIBUTIONS PERA SCHDTF PENSION PLAN For The Year Ended December 31, (Fiscal Year End Date) Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 26,715	\$ 26,322	\$ 26,845	\$ 26,845	\$ 26,358	\$ 26,195	\$ 26,195	\$ 25,025	\$ 23,855	\$ 22,685
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(26,715)	(26,903)	(27,233)	(26,845)	(26,358)	(26,195)	(27,258)	(25,025)	(23,855)	(22,685)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ —	\$ (581)	\$ (388)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1,063)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Sixth Judicial District Attorney's covered payroll	\$ 130,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 135,500	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	20.55%	19.50%	19.89%	20.65%	20.28%	20.15%	19.33%	19.25%	18.35%	17.45%

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Supplementary Information

GENERAL FUND - ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY DETAIL

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County which accounts for all financial transactions that are not properly accounted for in other funds. Ordinary operations of the County such as public safety, county administration and other activities supported by taxes and general revenues are reflected in this fund. The following schedule is used to present the budget to actual for the fund in greater detail than the one provided in the main financial statements.

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GENERAL FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes				
General property and delinquent taxes	\$ 13,446,472	\$ 13,446,472	\$ 13,480,512	\$ 34,040
Specific ownership	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,418,991	(131,009)
Sales tax (net)	15,186,527	15,186,527	15,006,629	(179,898)
Cable franchise fees	120,000	120,000	120,131	131
Lodger's tax	550,000	800,025	935,725	135,700
Retail marijuana tax	70,000	338,152	79,298	(258,854)
Total Taxes	30,922,999	31,441,176	31,041,286	(399,890)
Intergovernmental Revenue				
Federal grant / share revenue	7,668,966	8,490,533	3,716,434	(4,774,099)
State grant / share revenue	3,247,995	3,278,519	2,636,851	(641,668)
Other entities	63,157	63,157	57,323	(5,834)
Total Intergovernmental Revenue	10,980,118	11,832,209	6,410,608	(5,421,601)
Licenses And Permits				
Ambulance licenses	100	100	700	600
Building permits	950,000	950,000	1,045,655	95,655
Liquor licenses	8,000	8,000	14,402	6,402
Medical marijuana licenses	15,000	15,000	3,000	(12,000)
Recreational marijuana licenses	45,000	45,000	31,500	(13,500)
Total Licenses And Permits	1,018,100	1,018,100	1,095,257	77,157
Charges For Services				
Assessor's fees	80,433	80,433	70,649	(9,784)
Booking fees	32,000	32,000	43,067	11,067
Charges for services to DHS	206,000	206,000	151,215	(54,785)
Clerk and recorder's fees	1,616,000	1,616,000	1,566,328	(49,672)
Drug offender's fees	7,500	7,500	1,113	(6,387)
Election reimbursements	100,000	100,000	120,862	20,862
Inmate medical/phone reimbursements	52,000	52,001	69,671	17,670
Jail bond fees	3,500	3,500	5,586	2,086
Jail room and board	484,000	484,000	686,703	202,703
Law enforcement assistance fund	6,000	6,000	5,877	(123)
Miscellaneous charges	44,250	44,249	49,945	5,696
Oil and gas fees	20,000	20,000	13,400	(6,600)
Other security services	12,000	12,000	4,100	(7,900)
Parking/Traffic fines	16,000	16,000	3,488	(12,512)
Planning fees	52,000	52,000	47,053	(4,947)
Prisoner transportation	51,000	51,000	56,220	5,220
Public trustee's fees	60,000	60,000	28,364	(31,636)
Senior center activities	16,500	16,500	11,038	(5,462)
Sheriff's fees	73,000	73,000	99,303	26,303
Surveyor's fees	17,500	17,500	5,475	(12,025)
Treasurer's fees	880,200	880,200	950,297	70,097
Utility allocation	17,000	17,000	18,005	1,005
Victim impact panel fees	5,000	5,000	2,906	(2,094)
Total Charges For Services	3,851,883	3,851,883	4,010,665	158,782

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GENERAL FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Investment earnings (loss)	\$ 900,000	\$ 2,707,589	\$ 4,073,968	\$ 1,366,379
Miscellaneous Revenue				
Building rentals	414,230	414,230	452,981	38,751
Fairgrounds rentals	163,384	163,384	198,599	35,215
Insurance refunds	—	111,878	189,540	77,662
Other miscellaneous revenues	6,000	58,080	170,825	112,745
Prisoner commissary collections	41,000	41,000	83,692	42,692
Senior meal donations - Bayfield	9,000	9,000	15,889	6,889
Senior meal donations - Durango	54,500	54,500	73,067	18,567
Senior services - other	5,000	5,000	5,725	725
Vending machine commissions	100	100	—	(100)
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	693,214	857,172	1,190,318	333,146
Total Revenue	48,366,314	51,708,129	47,822,102	(3,886,027)
Expenditures				
General government				
Board of County Commissioners				
Personnel expenditures	387,310	387,310	387,142	168
Operating expenditures	128,455	128,455	118,770	9,685
	515,765	515,765	505,912	9,853
County Clerk and Recorder				
Personnel expenditures	1,343,360	1,343,360	1,269,196	74,164
Operating expenditures	137,419	140,938	162,758	(21,820)
	1,480,779	1,484,298	1,431,954	52,344
County Clerk and Recorder - Elections				
Personnel expenditures	108,985	108,985	77,693	31,292
Operating expenditures	348,500	348,500	294,603	53,897
	457,485	457,485	372,296	85,189
County Treasurer				
Personnel expenditures	397,572	397,572	353,515	44,057
Operating expenditures	252,670	252,670	202,154	50,516
	650,242	650,242	555,669	94,573
Public Trustee's Office				
Personnel expenditures	78,810	78,810	55,585	23,225
Operating expenditures	8,850	12,629	3,876	8,753
	87,660	91,439	59,461	31,978
County Assessor				
Personnel expenditures	1,384,089	1,384,089	1,128,527	255,562
Operating expenditures	271,770	271,770	271,873	(103)
	1,655,859	1,655,859	1,400,400	255,459

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GENERAL FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
County Surveyor				
Personnel expenditures	\$ 22,868	\$ 22,868	\$ 22,004	\$ 864
Operating expenditures	1,350	1,350	1,210	140
	24,218	24,218	23,214	1,004
Administrative Offices				
Personnel expenditures	1,010,908	1,010,908	962,281	48,627
Operating expenditures	10,380,206	11,198,309	2,072,347	9,125,962
	11,391,114	12,209,217	3,034,628	9,174,589
County Attorney's Office				
Personnel expenditures	1,321,843	1,321,843	1,193,695	128,148
Operating expenditures	281,368	281,368	239,656	41,712
	1,603,211	1,603,211	1,433,351	169,860
Finance				
Personnel expenditures	779,991	779,991	784,367	(4,376)
Operating expenditures	241,250	510,571	183,778	326,793
	1,021,241	1,290,562	968,145	322,417
Information Services				
Personnel expenditures	1,543,929	1,543,929	1,464,390	79,539
Operating expenditures	449,766	449,766	390,784	58,982
	1,993,695	1,993,695	1,855,174	138,521
Procurement/Warehouse				
Personnel expenditures	198,776	198,776	154,447	44,329
Operating expenditures	6,855	6,855	9,595	(2,740)
	205,631	205,631	164,042	41,589
Building Maintenance				
Personnel expenditures	1,607,976	1,607,976	1,462,037	145,939
Operating expenditures	1,075,544	1,145,544	934,154	211,390
	2,683,520	2,753,520	2,396,191	357,329
Building Maintenance - OMPO				
Operating expenditures	40,017	40,017	33,282	6,735
Human Resources				
Personnel expenditures	567,037	567,037	533,786	33,251
Operating expenditures	334,895	334,895	313,771	21,124
	901,932	901,932	847,557	54,375
Planning Department				
Personnel expenditures	1,333,044	1,333,044	979,812	353,232
Operating expenditures	157,341	157,341	170,908	(13,567)
	1,490,385	1,490,385	1,150,720	339,665
Risk Management				
Personnel expenditures	202,051	202,051	189,875	12,176
Operating expenditures	674,163	1,105,652	1,111,762	(6,110)
	876,214	1,307,703	1,301,637	6,066
Budget Contingency/Reserves	2,000,000	978,508	—	978,508
Total General Government	29,078,968	29,653,687	17,533,633	12,120,054

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GENERAL FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Public Safety				
Sheriff-Patrol				
Personnel expenditures	\$ 4,627,974	\$ 4,627,974	\$ 4,288,070	\$ 339,904
Operating expenditures	1,882,575	2,456,032	2,362,485	93,547
	6,510,549	7,084,006	6,650,555	433,451
Sheriff-Detentions				
Personnel expenditures	6,902,553	6,902,553	6,951,508	(48,955)
Operating expenditures	3,019,001	3,057,201	3,257,712	(200,511)
	9,921,554	9,959,754	10,209,220	(249,466)
Sheriff-Admin				
Personnel expenditures	1,472,631	1,472,631	1,398,779	73,852
Operating expenditures	631,801	688,227	569,276	118,951
	2,104,432	2,160,858	1,968,055	192,803
Sheriff-Special Investigations				
Personnel expenditures	578,942	609,854	613,994	(4,140)
Operating expenditures	432,172	432,172	374,635	57,537
	1,011,114	1,042,026	988,629	53,397
Sheriff-Criminal Investigations				
Personnel expenditures	786,139	786,139	728,056	58,083
Operating expenditures	80,245	80,245	98,887	(18,642)
	866,384	866,384	826,943	39,441
County Coroner				
Personnel expenditures	327,941	327,941	294,867	33,074
Operating expenditures	309,440	309,440	220,053	89,387
	637,381	637,381	514,920	122,461
Building Inspection Department				
Personnel expenditures	1,025,134	1,025,134	972,244	52,890
Operating expenditures	145,391	145,391	118,288	27,103
	1,170,525	1,170,525	1,090,532	79,993
Emergency Management Office				
Personnel expenditures	320,177	320,177	318,527	1,650
Operating expenditures	1,393,550	1,393,550	282,986	1,110,564
	1,713,727	1,713,727	601,513	1,112,214
Pmt to Component Unit - District Attorney	2,163,100	2,163,100	2,121,585	41,515
Total Public Safety	26,098,766	26,797,761	24,971,952	1,825,809

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GENERAL FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Recreation And Culture				
Fairgrounds				
Personnel expenditures	\$ 520,033	\$ 520,033	\$ 470,101	\$ 49,932
Operating expenditures	416,074	416,074	357,352	58,722
	936,107	936,107	827,453	108,654
Extension Office				
Operating expenditures	92,374	94,908	92,868	2,040
Total Recreation And Culture	1,028,481	1,031,015	920,321	110,694
Health And Welfare				
Senior Services				
Personnel expenditures	1,094,269	1,094,269	899,645	194,624
Operating expenditures	388,494	388,494	378,187	10,307
	1,482,763	1,482,763	1,277,832	204,931
Senior Services - non Joint Sales Tax				
Personnel expenditures	35,211	35,211	54,460	(19,249)
Operating expenditures	79,714	79,714	50,894	28,820
	114,925	114,925	105,354	9,571
Veterans Services				
Personnel expenditures	61,564	61,564	61,321	243
Operating expenditures	11,450	20,572	6,630	13,942
	73,014	82,136	67,951	14,185
Total Health And Welfare	1,670,702	1,679,824	1,451,137	228,687
Public Works				
Landfill Closure and Waste Management				
Operating expenditures	248,215	248,215	202,436	45,779
Weed Control				
Personnel expenditures	76,154	76,154	75,438	716
Operating expenditures	76,203	76,203	69,389	6,814
	152,357	152,357	144,827	7,530
Total Public Works	400,572	400,572	347,263	53,309
Community Programs				
Public Service Agencies	3,682,487	3,682,487	3,369,315	313,172
Lodger's tax to DATO	550,000	800,025	935,725	(135,700)
Pass through of grants received	430,000	430,000	170,000	260,000
Total Community Programs	4,662,487	4,912,512	4,475,040	437,472

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GENERAL FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Capital Outlay	\$ 836,254	\$ 836,254	\$ 1,809,437	\$ (973,183)
Debt Service				
Principal	—	—	131,539	(131,539)
Interest	—	—	2,961	(2,961)
Total Debt Service	—	—	134,500	(134,500)
Total Expenditures	63,776,230	65,311,625	51,643,283	13,668,342
Revenues Under Expenditures	(15,409,916)	(13,603,496)	(3,821,181)	9,782,315
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in - Joint Sales Tax fund	1,025,236	1,025,236	1,069,814	44,578
Transfers Out	(8,845,678)	(10,383,946)	(10,383,946)	—
Issuance of debt	—	—	473,947	473,947
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(7,820,442)	(9,358,710)	(8,840,185)	518,525
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (23,230,358)	\$ (22,962,206)	(12,661,366)	\$ 10,300,840
Fund Balance, Beginning Of Year			63,187,885	
Fund Balances, End Of Year			\$ 50,526,519	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds account for taxes or other earmarked revenue of the County which finance specified activities as required by law or administrative action.

The County has two major and five nonmajor Special Revenue Funds.

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds:

Joint Sales Tax Fund: Per the terms of an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Durango and the County, the Joint Sales Tax Fund receives 11% of the total taxes collected pursuant to the County's 2% Sales Tax. Resources of this fund are used to provide funding for projects considered to be of mutual benefit to both entities.

Durango Hills Road Improvement Districts Fund: Taxpayers living in certain subdivisions within the County have elected to assess themselves an extra property tax to fund certain maintenance/improvements. This fund accounts for the revenues and expenditures associated with the activities in that local taxing district.

Palo Verde Public Improvement District Fund: Taxpayers living in certain subdivisions within the County have elected to assess themselves an extra property tax to fund certain maintenance/improvements. This fund accounts for the revenues and expenditures associated with the activities in that local taxing district.

Tribal Impact Mitigation Fund: Established per C.R.S. 24-61-201 as a taxation compact between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the County and the State of Colorado, as set forth in House Bill 96-1367. The impact fund shall be under the control of a three-member board comprised of the chairman of the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners, the chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, and the governor, or their respective designees. Moneys may be distributed from the impact fund upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board.

Conservation Trust Fund: Accounts for revenue received from the State of Colorado to be used for the acquisition, development and maintenance of new and existing parks and recreation sites within the County. The funds are derived primarily from the Colorado State Lottery.

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

December 31, 2023

	Joint Sales Tax	Durango Hills Road Improvement District	Verde Public Improvement District	Palo Public District	Conservation Trust Fund	Tribal Impact Mitigation	Special Revenue	Total Nonmajor Revenue Funds
Assets								
Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	\$ 610,712	\$ 165,357	\$ 41,047		\$ 6,233,508	\$ 227,778	\$	7,278,402
Receivables:								
Accounts receivable	—	825	—	—	—	—		825
Property taxes receivable	—	82,448	16,983	—	—	—		99,431
Intergovernmental receivable	747,293	—	—	—	—	—		747,293
Total Assets	1,358,005	248,630	58,030		6,233,508	227,778		8,125,951
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	—	14,325	—	—	—	—		14,325
Deferred Inflows Of Resources								
Property taxes	—	82,448	16,983		—	—		99,431
Fund Balances								
Restricted:								
Recreation and parks	—	—	—	—	6,233,508	—		6,233,508
Joint County/City projects	1,358,005	—	—	—	—	—		1,358,005
Tribal mitigation impact	—	—	—	—	—	227,778		227,778
Assigned:								
Construction/maintenance of roads	—	151,857	—	—	—	—		151,857
Debt service	—	—	41,047	—	—	—		41,047
Total Fund Balances	\$ 1,358,005	\$ 151,857	\$ 41,047	\$ 41,047	\$ 6,233,508	\$ 227,778	\$	8,012,195

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Joint Sales Tax	Durango Hills Road Improvement District	Verde Public Improvement District	Palo Public District	Conservation Trust Fund	Tribal Impact Mitigation	Special Revenue	Total Nonmajor Revenue Funds
Revenues								
Property taxes	\$ —	\$ 78,617	\$ —	16,981	\$ —	—	\$ —	95,598
Sales taxes	3,948,667	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,948,667
Other taxes	—	8,081	—	1,750	—	—	—	9,831
Intergovernmental	—	—	—	—	441,418	356	—	441,774
Investment earnings	48,068	—	—	—	299,055	—	—	347,123
Miscellaneous	—	2,475	—	—	—	—	—	2,475
Total Revenues	3,996,735	89,173	18,731	18,731	740,473	356		4,845,468
Expenditures								
General government	479,494	—	—	—	—	—	—	479,494
Public works	—	105,820	—	1,202	—	—	—	107,022
Recreation and culture	2,931,237	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,931,237
Debt Service								
Principal	—	—	—	13,366	—	—	—	13,366
Interest and fiscal charges	—	—	—	3,521	—	—	—	3,521
Total Expenditures	3,410,731	105,820	18,089	18,089	—	—		3,534,640
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	586,004	(16,647)	642	642	740,473	356		1,310,828
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers out	(1,069,814)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,069,814)
Net Change In Fund Balances	(483,810)	(16,647)	642	642	740,473	356		241,014
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year	1,841,815	168,504	40,405	40,405	5,493,035	227,422		7,771,181
Fund Balances - End Of Year	\$ 1,358,005	\$ 151,857	\$ 41,047	\$ 41,047	\$ 6,233,508	\$ 227,778	\$ —	8,012,195

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

JOINT SALES TAX FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Sales taxes	\$ 3,979,855	\$ 3,979,855	\$ 3,948,667	\$ (31,188)
Investment income	3,000	3,000	48,068	45,068
Total Revenues	3,982,855	3,982,855	3,996,735	13,880
Expenditures				
Durango Public Library	3,279,619	3,279,619	2,931,237	348,382
Homeless community support	530,000	530,000	479,494	50,506
Total Expenditures	3,809,619	3,809,619	3,410,731	398,888
Revenues Over Expenditures	173,236	173,236	586,004	(412,768)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers out	(1,446,686)	(1,446,686)	(1,069,814)	(376,872)
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (1,273,450)	\$ (1,273,450)	(483,810)	\$ (789,640)
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			<u>1,841,815</u>	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			<u>\$ 1,358,005</u>	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

DURANGO HILLS ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 80,611	\$ 80,611	\$ 78,617	\$ (1,994)
Other taxes	7,500	7,500	8,081	581
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000	2,475	(525)
Total Revenues	91,111	91,111	89,173	(1,938)
Expenditures				
Public works	131,700	131,700	105,820	25,880
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (40,589)	\$ (40,589)	(16,647)	\$ 23,942
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			<u>168,504</u>	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			<u>\$ 151,857</u>	

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PALO VERDE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 16,981	\$ 16,981	\$ 16,981	\$ —
Other taxes	1,130	1,130	1,750	620
Total Revenues	18,111	18,111	18,731	620
Expenditures				
Public works	18,111	18,111	1,202	16,909
Debt Service				
Principal	13,366	13,366	13,366	—
Interest and fiscal charges	3,521	3,521	3,521	—
Total Expenditures	34,998	34,998	18,089	16,909
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (16,887)	\$ (16,887)	642	\$ (16,289)
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			40,405	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			\$ 41,047	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Lottery funds	\$ 338,000	\$ 338,000	\$ 441,418	\$ 103,418
Investment earnings	20,000	20,000	299,055	279,055
Total Revenues	358,000	358,000	740,473	382,473
Expenditures				
Parks and recreational sites	5,000,000	5,000,000	—	5,000,000
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (4,642,000)	\$ (4,642,000)	740,473	\$ 5,382,473
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			5,493,035	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			\$ 6,233,508	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

**TRIBAL IMPACT FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Intergovernmental:				
Southern Ute Indian tribe payment	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 356	\$ 356
Total Revenues	—	—	356	356
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ —	\$ —	356	\$ 356
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			<u>227,422</u>	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			<u><u>\$ 227,778</u></u>	

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital equipment and facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds.

Capital Improvement Fund: The Capital Improvement Fund was established in 1985 to provide for continuing capital improvements required by the County. The fund was established for the deposit of all or any part of the revenue from the County sales taxes and to be used solely to provide capital improvements for the County. Expenditures are limited to continuing capital improvements as determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues						
Intergovernmental	\$	3,685,428	\$	3,685,428	\$ 734,010	\$ (2,951,418)
Miscellaneous		52,394		52,394	56,614	4,220
Total Revenues		3,737,822		3,737,822	790,624	(2,947,198)
Expenditures						
General government		2,480,000		2,310,563	57,080	2,253,483
Capital outlay:						
General government		15,401,000		15,554,437	1,412,625	14,141,812
Health and welfare		150,000		240,000	185,684	54,316
Public safety		3,176,710		3,102,710	664,084	2,438,626
Total Expenditures		21,207,710		21,207,710	2,319,473	18,888,237
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in		8,845,678		8,845,678	8,845,678	—
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$	(8,624,210)	\$	(8,624,210)	7,316,829	\$ 15,941,039
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year					10,823,229	
Fund Balances - End Of Year					<u>\$ 18,140,058</u>	

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Internal service funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the government and to other government units, on a cost reimbursement basis.

Capital Equipment Replacement Fund: This fund consolidates the purchase, maintenance, repair and disposal of the County's vehicles and heavy equipment into one location. Vehicles and equipment are rented to the using County departments.

Employee Health Insurance Fund: This fund is used to accumulate funds to pay medical and dental claims for employees and covered dependents through insurance premiums billed to other county departments and from contributions from the employees themselves.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS - COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2023

	Capital Equipment Replacement Fund	Employee Medical Self Insurance Fund	Total
Assets			
Current assets:			
Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	\$ 5,237,340	\$ 5,715,446	\$ 10,952,786
Accounts receivable	87,464	7,508	94,972
Inventory	165,874	—	165,874
Total Current Assets	5,490,678	5,722,954	11,213,632
Noncurrent assets:			
Depreciable capital assets, net	9,942,438	—	9,942,438
Total Assets	15,433,116	5,722,954	21,156,070
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accrued payroll	34,562	—	34,562
Accounts payable	24,682	—	24,682
Accrued claims payable	—	539,473	539,473
Total Current Liabilities	59,244	539,473	598,717
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	9,942,438	—	9,942,438
Unrestricted	5,431,434	5,183,481	10,614,915
Total Net Position	\$ 15,373,872	\$ 5,183,481	\$ 20,557,353

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS - COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Capital Equipment Replacement Fund	Employee Medical Self Insurance Fund	Total
Operating Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 4,284,506	\$ —	\$ 4,284,506
Insurance deposits	—	5,063,418	5,063,418
Miscellaneous revenue	5,239	—	5,239
Total Operating Revenues	4,289,745	5,063,418	9,353,163
Operating Expenses			
Equipment maintenance	1,611,218	—	1,611,218
Depreciation	1,219,429	—	1,219,429
Medical claims	—	6,875,452	6,875,452
Total Operating Expenses	2,830,647	6,875,452	9,706,099
Operating Income (Loss)	1,459,098	(1,812,034)	(352,936)
Nonoperating Revenues			
Gain on disposals of capital assets	172,510	—	172,510
Investment earnings	—	272,306	272,306
Total Nonoperating Revenues	172,510	272,306	444,816
Change In Net Position Before Capital Contributions And Transfers	1,631,608	(1,539,728)	91,880
Capital contributions	433,767	—	433,767
Transfers in	—	1,538,268	1,538,268
Change In Net Position	2,065,375	(1,460)	2,063,915
Net Position - Beginning Of Year	13,308,497	5,184,941	18,493,438
Net Position - End Of Year	\$ 15,373,872	\$ 5,183,481	\$ 20,557,353

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS - COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Capital Equipment Replacement Fund	Employee Medical Self Insurance Fund	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Cash received from customers	\$ 4,248,014	\$ 5,058,283	\$ 9,306,297
Cash payments for goods and services	(1,619,278)	—	(1,619,278)
Cash payments for claims	—	(6,832,524)	(6,832,524)
Net Cash From Operating Activities	2,628,736	(1,774,241)	854,495
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities			
Transfers in	—	1,538,268	1,538,268
Cash Flows From Capital And Related Financing Activities			
Proceeds from disposals of capital assets	305,592	—	305,592
Payments for capital acquisitions	(1,644,358)	—	(1,644,358)
Net Cash From Capital And Related Financing Activities	(1,338,766)	—	(1,338,766)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Investment earnings	—	272,306	272,306
Net Decrease In Cash And Cash Equivalents	1,289,970	36,333	1,326,303
Cash And Cash Equivalents - Beginning Of Year	3,947,370	5,679,113	9,626,483
Cash And Cash Equivalents - End Of Year	\$ 5,237,340	\$ 5,715,446	\$ 10,952,786
Reconciliation Of Operating Income (Loss) To Net Cash From Operating Activities			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 1,459,098	\$ (1,812,034)	\$ (352,936)
Adjustments:			
Depreciation	1,219,429	—	1,219,429
(Increase) Decrease In Assets			
Accounts receivable	(72,209)	(5,135)	(77,344)
Inventory	30,478	—	30,478
Increase (Decrease) In Liabilities			
Accounts payable	(19,330)	—	(19,330)
Accrued payroll	11,270	—	11,270
Accrued claims payable	—	42,928	42,928
Net Cash From Operating Activities	\$ 2,628,736	\$ (1,774,241)	\$ 854,495

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL - (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues						
Charges for services	\$	2,929,621	\$	2,929,621	\$ 4,284,506	\$ 1,354,885
Sales of capital assets		230,000		230,000	305,591	75,591
Miscellaneous		500		500	5,239	4,739
Total Revenues		3,160,121		3,160,121	4,595,336	1,435,215
Expenses						
Personnel costs		792,415		792,415	788,953	3,462
Equipment maintenance		1,286,027		1,286,027	822,265	463,762
Capital outlay		2,699,156		2,699,156	1,644,358	1,054,798
Total Expenditures		4,777,598		4,777,598	3,255,576	1,522,022
Change In Fund Balance	\$	(1,617,477)	\$	(1,617,477)	1,339,760	\$ 2,957,237
Reconciliation To GAAP Net Income						
Net difference between proceeds and gain on disposals of capital assets					(133,081)	
Contributed assets					433,767	
Capitalization of asset purchases					1,644,358	
Depreciation					(1,219,429)	
Change In Net Position					<u>\$ 2,065,375</u>	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

EMPLOYEE MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE FUND - SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Operating Revenues						
Insurance deposits	\$	5,550,000	\$	5,550,000	\$ 5,063,418	\$ (486,582)
Operating Expenses						
Medical claims		5,000,000		6,808,574	6,875,452	(66,878)
Operating Income (Loss)		550,000		(1,258,574)	(1,812,034)	553,460
Nonoperating Revenues						
Investment earnings		2,000		272,306	272,306	—
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in		—		1,538,268	1,538,268	—
Change In Net Position	\$	552,000	\$	552,000	(1,460)	\$ 553,460
Net Position - Beginning Of Year					5,184,941	
Net Position - End Of Year					<u>\$ 5,183,481</u>	

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

The County's fiduciary funds are custodial in nature and are used to account for assets held by the County in a fiduciary capacity for individuals, private organizations, or other governmental units.

The *Property Tax Passthrough Fund* is used to account for taxes collected for and remitted to other taxing entities.

The *Public Trustee Fund* accounts for expenditures for the Public Trustee's Office which administers foreclosures including issuance of Public Trustee deeds, cure of default and lien redemptions.

The *Impact Fees Fund* accounts for impact fees collected on new development on behalf of other governments.

The *Sheriff Forfeitures Fund* is used to account law enforcement related forfeitures funds that are held in a custodial capacity.

The *Inmate Commissary Fund* is used to account commissary funds held in a custodial capacity for inmates.

The *Human Services Trust Fund* is used to account for funds held for human services clients a custodial capacity.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

December 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds							Total
	Property Tax Passthrough	Public Trustee	Impact Fees	Sheriff Forfeitures	Inmate Commissary	Human Services Trust Funds	Custodial Funds	
Assets								
Cash	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 58,706	\$ 34,696	\$ 12,641	\$ —	106,043
Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	1,415,687	135,188	—	—	—	—	—	1,550,875
Accounts receivable:								
Taxes for other governments	85,505,238	—	—	—	—	—	—	85,505,238
Total Assets	86,920,925	135,188	—	58,706	34,696	12,641	—	87,162,156
Liabilities								
Deposits held for other governments	782,701	—	—	—	—	—	—	782,701
Property tax paid in advance	632,986	—	—	—	—	—	—	632,986
Deposits held for foreclosures	—	133,041	—	—	—	—	—	133,041
Total Liabilities	1,415,687	133,041	—	—	—	—	—	1,548,728
Deferred Inflows Of Resources								
Unavailable revenue-property tax	85,505,238	—	—	—	—	—	—	85,505,238
Net Position								
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	\$ —	\$ 2,147	\$ —	\$ 58,706	\$ 34,696	\$ 12,641	\$ —	108,190

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds							Total Custodial Funds
	Property Tax Passthrough	Public Trustee	Impact Fees	Sheriff Forfeitures	Inmate Commissary	Human Services Trust Funds		
Additions								
Tax collections for other governments	\$ 83,058,198	\$ —	—	\$ —	\$ —	—	\$ 83,058,198	
Held for others	—	3,154,501	178,122	—	—	—	3,332,623	
Sheriff's Office collections	—	—	—	79	—	—	79	
Collections from inmates	—	—	—	—	528,048	—	528,048	
Collections for trust accounts	—	—	—	—	—	37,259	37,259	
Total Additions	83,058,198	3,154,501	178,122	79	528,048	37,259	86,956,207	
Deductions								
Payments to other governments	83,058,198	—	178,122	—	—	—	83,236,320	
Payments to individuals	—	3,152,354	—	—	—	—	3,152,354	
Return of evidence collections	—	—	—	41,248	—	—	41,248	
Disbursements on behalf of inmates	—	—	—	—	526,672	—	526,672	
Disbursements from trust accounts	—	—	—	—	—	36,608	36,608	
Total Deductions	83,058,198	3,152,354	178,122	41,248	526,672	36,608	86,993,202	
Net Change In Fiduciary Net Position	—	2,147	—	(41,169)	1,376	651	(36,995)	
Net Position - Beginning Of Year	—	—	—	99,875	33,320	11,990	145,185	
Net Position - End Of Year	\$ —	\$ 2,147	\$ —	\$ 58,706	\$ 34,696	\$ 12,641	\$ 108,190	

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS

Discretely presented component units are those entities that are legally separate from the primary government (the County) but for which the elected officials of the County are financially accountable, or where the nature and significance of their relationship with County would cause the County's statements to be misleading or incomplete if they were excluded.

Office Of The District Attorney, Sixth Judicial District: The office of the District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District provides prosecutorial and other public safety services to the citizens of La Plata, Archuleta, and San Juan Counties. The office is governed by a separately elected District Attorney.

The La Plata County Public Health Department: The La Plata County Public Health Department administers public health services for La Plata County residents. La Plata County Commissioners appoint the governing board.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

COMPONENT UNITS - BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

December 31, 2023

	Sixth Judicial District Attorney	La Plata County Public Health	Total
Assets			
Cash and cash deposits	\$ 107,433	\$ —	\$ 107,433
Equity in treasurer's cash and investments	94,735	318,059	412,794
Receivables:			
Accounts	10,363	4,659	15,022
Intergovernmental	176,002	3,646	179,648
Prepays	17,870	4,659	22,529
Total Assets	406,403	331,023	737,426
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	5,319	34,022	39,341
Accrued salaries and benefits	113,027	22,932	135,959
Total Liabilities	118,346	56,954	175,300
Deferred Inflows Of Resources			
Unearned Revenue	—	8,333	8,333
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable			
Prepays	—	4,659	4,659
Restricted For:			
Law enforcement	195,092	—	195,092
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	92,965	21,283	114,248
Public health	—	239,794	239,794
Total Fund Balances	\$ 288,057	\$ 265,736	\$ 553,793
Governmental Fund Balance			\$ 553,793
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds.			12,192
Deferred results and contributions to pension plans made after the measurement date are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds, but must be deferred in the statement of net position.			26,715
Certain amounts related to the net pension liability are deferred and amortized over time. These are not reported in the funds.			(15,042)
Net pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and not reported in the funds.			(316,915)
Compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and therefore not reported in the governmental funds.			(195,985)
Net Position Of Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 64,758</u>

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

COMPONENT UNITS - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Sixth Judicial District Attorney	La Plata County Public Health	Total
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	\$ 800,066	\$ —	\$ 800,066
Intragovernmental - County	2,121,585	940,000	3,061,585
Miscellaneous	18,767	3,646	22,413
Total Revenues	2,940,418	943,646	3,884,064
Expenditures			
Public safety	2,934,945	—	2,934,945
Public health administration	—	674,083	674,083
Community health promotion	—	3,719	3,719
Environmental health and communicable disease	—	108	108
Capital outlay	5,520	—	5,520
Total Expenditures	2,940,465	677,910	3,618,375
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(47)	265,736	265,689
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year	288,104	—	288,104
Fund Balances - End Of Year	\$ 288,057	\$ 265,736	\$ 553,793
Net change in fund balances			\$ 265,689
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:			
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures but they are capitalized at the government-wide financial reporting level:			
Depreciation expense		\$ (9,678)	
Capital outlay		5,520	
Net effect of capital asset transactions (i.e., disposals)		(2,484)	(12,162)
Governmental fund do not report compensated absences at the fund financial reporting level but they are reported at the government-wide financial reporting level:			
Liability @ 12/31/2023		(195,985)	
Liability @ 12/31/2022		158,955	(37,030)
Certain items reported in the statement of activities are not current financial resources and are not reported as revenues in the fund statements.			
Pension benefit			45,384
Change in net position at the government-wide financial reporting level			\$ 261,881

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 809,484	\$ 814,048	\$ 800,066	\$ (13,982)
Intergovernmental - County	2,163,100	2,163,100	2,121,585	(41,515)
Miscellaneous	—	—	18,767	18,767
Total Revenues	2,972,584	2,977,148	2,940,418	(36,730)
Expenditures				
Public safety	2,972,584	2,977,148	2,934,945	42,203
Capital outlay	—	—	5,520	(5,520)
Total Expenditures	2,972,584	2,977,148	2,940,465	36,683
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ —	\$ —	(47)	\$ 5,473
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			288,104	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			\$ 288,057	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

LA PLATA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,646	\$ (3,646)
Intergovernmental - County	940,000	940,000	940,000	—
Total Revenues	940,000	940,000	943,646	(3,646)
Expenditures				
Public health administration	940,000	940,000	674,083	265,917
Community health promotion	—	—	3,719	(3,719)
Environmental health and communicable disease	—	—	108	(108)
Total Expenditures	940,000	940,000	677,910	262,090
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ —	\$ —	265,736	\$ (265,736)
Fund Balances - Beginning Of Year			—	
Fund Balances - End Of Year			\$ 265,736	

SPECIAL REPORTS SECTION

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SOCIAL SERVICES FUND -SCHEDULE OF EBT AUTHORIZATIONS, WARRANT EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

Program	County EBT Authorizations	County Share Of Authorizations	Expenditures By County Warrant	Authorizations And Expenditures By County Warrant	Total Expenditures
Colorado Works	\$ 914,909	\$ 121,643	\$ 436,554	\$ 1,351,463	\$ 558,198
Child Care	1,137,291	200,150	221,845	1,359,136	421,995
Child Welfare	—	—	2,066,055	2,066,055	2,066,055
County Administrative	—	—	1,716,172	1,716,172	1,716,172
Core Services	447,703	105	570,508	1,018,211	570,613
Child Support Administrative	—	—	580,458	580,458	580,458
LEAP	411,996	—	24	412,020	24
AND	66,484	13,297	—	66,484	13,297
Old Age Pension	385,485	—	—	385,485	—
Food Assistance Fraud	78,050	—	7,412	85,462	7,412
Food Assistance	11,336,051	—	—	11,336,051	—
Food Assistance Job Search	—	—	76	76	76
Title XX	287,812	—	—	287,812	—
General Assistance	—	—	26,077	26,077	26,077
Adult Protective Services	—	—	388,464	388,464	388,464
Child Welfare IV-E waiver	—	—	9,825	9,825	9,825
Child Welfare Discretionary Grant	—	—	61,329	61,329	61,329
Total	\$ 15,065,781	\$ 335,195	\$ 6,084,799	\$ 21,150,580	\$ 6,419,995

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

LOCAL HIGHWAY FINANCE REPORT For The Year Ended December 31, 2023 Page 1 Of 2

LOCAL HIGHWAY FINANCE REPORT		STATE: COLORADO			
		YEAR ENDING (mm/yy): 12/23			
This Information From The Records Of: La Plata County Colorado		Prepared By: Adam Rogers			
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		
A. Receipts from local sources:		A. Local highway expenditures:			
1. Local highway-user taxes		1. Capital outlay (from page 2)	\$ 4,687,569.57		
a. Motor Fuel (from Item I.A.5.)		2. Maintenance:	\$ 7,353,008.63		
b. Motor Vehicle (from Item I.B.5.)		3. Road and street services:			
c. Total (a.+b.)		a. Traffic control operations	\$ 523,718.45		
2. General fund appropriations		b. Snow and ice removal	\$ 2,344,005.96		
3. Other local imposts (from page 2)	\$ 9,309,914.30	c. Other			
4. Miscellaneous local receipts (from page 2)	\$ 424,014.87	d. Total (a. through c.)	\$ 2,867,724.41		
5. Transfers from toll facilities	\$ -	4. General administration & miscellaneous	\$ 205,464.31		
6. Proceeds of sale of bonds and notes:		5. Highway law enforcement and safety			
a. Bonds - Original Issues	\$ -	6. Total (1 through 5)	\$ 15,113,766.92		
b. Bonds - Refunding Issues	\$ -	B. Debt service on local obligations:			
c. Notes	\$ -	1. Bonds:			
d. Total (a. + b. + c.)	\$ -	a. Interest			
7. Total (1 through 6)	\$ 9,733,929.17	b. Redemption			
3. Private Contributions		c. Total (a. + b.)	\$ -		
C. Receipts from State government		2. Notes:			
(from page 2)	\$ 6,561,830.66	a. Interest			
D. Receipts from Federal Government		b. Redemption			
(from page 2)	\$ 515,627.75	c. Total (a. + b.)	\$ -		
E. Total receipts (A.7 + B + C + D)	\$ 16,811,387.58	3. Total (1.c + 2.c)	\$ -		
		C. Payments to State for highways			
		D. Payments to toll facilities			
		E. Total expenditures (A.6 + B.3 + C + D)	\$ 15,113,766.92		
IV. LOCAL HIGHWAY DEBT STATUS (Show all entries at par)					
	Opening Debt	Amount Issued	Redemptions	Closing Debt	
A. Bonds (Total)				\$ -	
1. Bonds (Refunding Portion)				\$ -	
B. Notes (Total)				\$ -	
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
	\$ 8,602,612.08	\$ 16,811,387.58	\$ 15,113,766.92	\$ 10,300,232.74	\$ -
Notes and Comments:					

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LOCAL HIGHWAY FINANCE REPORT For The Year Ended December 31, 2023 Page 2 Of 2

LOCAL HIGHWAY FINANCE REPORT		STATE: COLORADO YEAR ENDING (mm/yy): 12/23	
II. RECEIPTS FOR ROAD AND STREET PURPOSES - DETAIL			
ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT
A.3. Other local imposts:		A.4. Miscellaneous local receipts:	
a. Property Taxes and Assesments	\$ 1,327,908.82	a. Interest on investments	\$ -
b. Other local imposts:		b. Traffic Fines & Penalties	
1. Sales Taxes	\$ 7,770,000.00	c. Parking Garage Fees	
2. Infrastructure & Impact Fees	\$ 29,198.40	d. Parking Meter Fees	
3. Liens	\$ -	e. Sale of Surplus Property	
4. Licenses	\$ 45,697.46	f. Charges for Services	
5. Specific Ownership &/or Other	\$ 137,109.62	g. Other Misc. Receipts	\$ 424,014.87
6. Total (1. through 5.)	\$ 7,982,005.48	h. Other	
c. Total (a. + b.)	\$ 9,309,914.30	i. Total (a. through h.)	\$ 424,014.87
(Carry forward to page 1)		(Carry forward to page 1)	
ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT
C. Receipts from State Government		D. Receipts from Federal Government	
1. Highway-user taxes (from Item I.C.5.)	\$ 3,258,677.65	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	\$ 500,000.00	c. HUD	\$ -
c. Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 168,551.14	d. Federal Transit Administration	\$ -
d. DOLA Grant	\$ 1,000,000.00	e. U.S. Corps of Engineers	\$ -
e. Other	\$ 1,634,601.87	f. Other Federal ARPA	\$ 515,627.75
f. Total (a. through e.)	\$ 3,303,153.01	g. Total (a. through f.)	\$ 515,627.75
4. Total (1. + 2. + 3.f)	\$ 6,561,830.66	3. Total (1. + 2.g)	\$ 515,627.75
(Carry forward to page 1)		(Carry forward to page 1)	
III. EXPENDITURES FOR ROAD AND STREET PURPOSES - DETAIL			
	ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM (a)	OFF NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM (b)	TOTAL (c)
A.1. Capital outlay:			
a. Right-Of-Way Costs		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
b. Engineering Costs			\$ -
c. Construction:			
(1). New Facilities			\$ -
(2). Capacity Improvements			\$ -
(3). System Preservation		\$ 4,685,069.57	\$ 4,685,069.57
(4). System Enhancement And Operation			\$ -
(5). Total Construction (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)	\$ -	\$ 4,685,069.57	\$ 4,685,069.57
d. Total Capital Outlay (Lines 1.a. + 1.b. + 1.c.4)	\$ -	\$ 4,687,569.57	\$ 4,687,569.57
(Carry forward to page 1)			
Notes and Comments:			

Statistical Section (Unaudited)

This part of the La Plata County's annual comprehensive financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements and note disclosures says about the County's overall financial health.

Contents	Pages
Financial Trends	
These Schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the County's financial performance and well-being have changed over time	123 - 128
Revenue Capacity	
These Schedules contain trend information to help the reader assess the factors affecting the County's ability to generate its property and sales taxes	129 - 138
Debt Capacity	
These Schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the County's current levels of outstanding debt and the County's ability to issue additional debt in the future	139 - 141
Demographic and Economic Information	
These Schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the County's financial activities take place to help make comparisons over time and with other governments	142 - 143
Operating Information	
These Schedules contain information about the County's operations and resources to help the reader understand how the County's financial performance relates to the services the County provides and the activities it performs	144 - 149
Sources:	Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual comprehensive financial reports for the relevant year. The County implemented GASB 34 in 2003; schedules presenting government-wide information included information beginning in that year.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

GOVERNMENT-WIDE NET POSITION BY COMPONENT

Fiscal Years 2014 - 2023

Table 1

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2018
Governmental Activities					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 96,745,229	\$ 98,551,468	\$ 112,662,507	\$ 115,606,263	\$ 113,948,257
Restricted for:					
Economic stabilization (TABOR)	1,563,138	1,600,510	1,733,899	1,726,225	1,617,019
Specific projects and programs	6,552,331	22,379,012	19,901,793	13,348,308	15,289,853
Unrestricted	92,389,464	76,019,786	71,910,969	83,270,584	89,682,909
Subtotal Governmental Activities Net Position	\$ 197,250,162	\$ 198,550,776	\$ 206,209,168	\$ 213,951,380	\$ 220,538,038
Primary Government					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 96,745,229	\$ 98,551,468	\$ 112,662,507	\$ 115,606,263	\$ 113,948,257
Restricted	8,115,469	23,979,522	21,635,692	15,074,533	16,906,872
Unrestricted	92,389,464	76,019,786	71,910,969	83,270,584	89,682,909
Total Primary Government Net Position	\$ 197,250,162	\$ 198,550,776	\$ 206,209,168	\$ 213,951,380	\$ 220,538,038

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
Governmental Activities					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 121,113,679	\$ 124,642,187	\$ 129,480,831	\$ 132,885,394	\$ 136,233,741
Restricted for:					
Economic stabilization (TABOR)	1,704,613	1,758,321	1,861,213	1,967,638	1,941,527
Required legal fund segregations	14,987,881	14,667,480	13,535,112	17,779,792	20,050,359
Unrestricted	93,204,681	102,680,403	107,544,500	111,796,331	110,694,219
Subtotal Governmental Activities Net Position	\$ 231,010,854	\$ 243,748,391	\$ 252,421,656	\$ 264,429,155	\$ 268,919,846
Primary Government					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 121,113,679	\$ 124,642,187	\$ 129,480,831	\$ 132,885,394	\$ 136,233,741
Restricted	16,692,494	16,425,801	15,396,325	19,747,430	21,991,886
Unrestricted	93,204,681	102,680,403	107,544,500	111,796,331	110,694,219
Total Primary Government Net Position	\$ 231,010,854	\$ 243,748,391	\$ 252,421,656	\$ 264,429,155	\$ 268,919,846

Source: La Plata County Finance Department

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

GOVERNMENT-WIDE CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Table 2

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023
Expenses										
Governmental Activities										
General government	\$ 10,328,052	\$ 12,919,783	\$ 13,427,182	\$ 12,422,292	\$ 12,519,034	\$ 12,926,779	\$ 14,813,453	\$ 14,157,910	\$ 20,881,277	\$ 20,075,456
Public safety	15,939,033	17,381,499	17,466,390	17,345,794	17,508,166	18,695,116	24,048,546	21,269,866	23,152,549	25,708,468
Recreation and culture	3,097,514	2,960,931	2,946,427	3,103,196	2,899,909	3,026,692	2,984,208	3,228,741	4,339,780	4,153,106
Public works	12,936,627	11,875,658	10,436,141	10,412,561	9,572,367	10,979,526	10,774,322	10,844,078	12,243,481	13,439,685
Decrease in joint venture	-	-	-	300,237	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health and welfare	5,757,071	7,701,357	8,125,198	7,452,036	7,348,911	7,078,396	7,309,978	7,913,532	8,768,032	8,497,866
Community programs	4,276,928	1,931,976	2,415,471	2,844,203	2,506,724	1,640,345	1,999,644	2,646,704	2,197,981	4,475,040
Interest on long-term debt	3,170	3,170	2,936	4,985	4,747	4,490	4,256	4,000	3,695	-
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	\$2,338,395	\$4,774,374	\$4,819,745	\$3,885,304	\$2,359,858	\$4,351,344	\$1,934,407	\$6,064,831	\$1,586,795	\$6,349,621
Program Revenues										
Governmental Activities										
Charges for Services										
General government	3,287,481	2,493,802	2,640,097	2,656,984	2,837,162	2,306,683	4,955,356	5,199,135	3,806,881	3,042,310
Public safety	660,284	1,595,067	1,919,582	2,489,648	2,768,712	2,592,580	2,470,543	2,590,314	2,345,637	2,074,455
Recreation and culture	168,745	-	-	-	-	171,194	164,046	153,105	171,399	198,599
Public works	844,705	328,787	295,332	233,726	273,214	241,433	237,173	245,516	228,854	214,248
Health and welfare	-	51,837	38,943	21,493	21,544	20,275	5,171	8,372	13,680	16,606
Community programs	-	-	-	-	-	1,196	2,050	2,275	3,098	1,020
Total Charges for Services	4,961,215	4,469,493	4,893,954	5,401,851	5,900,632	5,333,361	7,834,339	8,198,717	6,569,549	5,547,238
Operating Grants and Contributions	13,230,028	13,977,048	16,589,822	13,074,923	15,470,779	15,588,357	16,695,566	14,355,972	25,232,047	19,590,103
Capital Grants and Contributions	4,019,552	1,330,453	2,728,346	5,153,159	804,557	1,153,734	4,982,957	2,675,737	73,829	1,163,196
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	22,210,795	19,776,994	24,212,122	23,629,933	22,175,968	22,075,452	29,512,862	25,230,426	31,875,425	26,300,537
Net (Expense) Revenue										
Total Primary Government	(30,127,600)	(34,997,380)	(30,607,623)	(30,255,371)	(30,183,890)	(32,275,892)	(32,421,545)	(34,834,405)	(39,711,370)	(50,049,084)
General revenues and other changes in net position										
Governmental Activities:										
Taxes										
Property taxes levied for general purposes	15,639,563	17,141,607	18,827,957	15,415,694	14,862,828	15,617,247	15,869,941	15,212,589	14,683,465	16,034,360
Sales taxes	14,870,392	15,734,279	16,018,771	16,876,171	16,787,039	18,332,583	20,909,355	24,592,245	26,160,817	26,725,296
Other taxes	2,077,512	2,099,038	2,241,637	2,280,747	2,292,810	2,290,241	2,445,495	2,859,830	2,759,480	2,786,439
Investment earnings	489,296	411,103	489,863	803,839	1,616,368	5,284,675	4,537,588	320,405	7,247,382	7,446,108
Miscellaneous	770,982	911,966	687,787	1,761,093	1,211,503	1,223,962	4,146,203	475,297	480,987	1,547,572
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	47,304	386,738	-
Total Primary Government	33,847,745	36,297,993	38,266,015	37,137,544	36,770,548	42,748,708	48,208,582	43,507,670	51,718,869	54,539,775
Changes in Net Position	\$ 3,720,145	\$ 1,300,613	\$ 7,658,392	\$ 6,882,173	\$ 6,586,658	\$ 10,472,816	\$ 15,787,037	\$ 8,673,265	\$ 12,007,499	\$ 4,490,691

Source: La Plata County Finance Department

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES BY SOURCE

Table 3

Source	Fiscal year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Taxes	\$ 32,589,122	\$ 35,086,641	\$ 37,437,530	\$ 34,509,480	\$ 33,942,678	\$ 36,240,071	\$ 39,224,791	\$ 42,664,664	\$ 43,603,762	\$ 45,546,095
Intergovernmental	17,130,157	14,672,893	16,380,927	17,665,581	15,054,929	16,742,091	18,800,227	14,062,839	24,943,411	20,079,703
Licenses and permits	1,013,603	1,050,803	1,174,392	1,393,889	1,325,126	1,203,163	1,302,569	1,678,342	1,637,631	1,309,505
Charges for services	3,107,431	3,288,273	3,865,133	3,909,578	4,538,607	4,482,635	4,637,536	5,052,933	3,949,212	4,010,665
Miscellaneous	1,821,358	1,296,096	1,183,090	2,531,511	2,740,242	3,663,997	2,968,479	973,141	787,557	6,544,255
Total revenues	\$ 55,661,671	\$ 55,394,706	\$ 60,041,072	\$ 60,010,039	\$ 57,601,582	\$ 62,331,957	\$ 66,933,602	\$ 64,431,919	\$ 74,921,573	\$ 77,490,223
% change from prior year	5.1%	-0.5%	8.4%	-0.1%	-4.0%	8.2%	7.4%	-3.7%	16.3%	3.4%

Source: La Plata County Finance Department

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

Table 4

Function	Fiscal Year									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Current:										
General government	\$ 9,776,629	\$ 11,419,621	\$ 12,107,012	\$ 11,341,992	\$ 11,166,198	\$ 11,752,955	\$ 13,240,564	\$ 13,091,385	\$ 18,728,051	\$ 18,070,207
Public safety	15,767,639	16,831,509	17,135,405	17,177,728	17,219,972	17,999,862	23,281,476	20,260,606	22,109,132	24,971,952
Public works	9,720,482	8,925,096	7,375,810	7,319,141	6,684,484	7,609,850	7,450,059	7,873,165	8,671,876	10,856,879
Health and welfare	5,774,076	7,591,961	8,134,343	7,536,243	7,347,824	7,044,648	7,271,652	7,530,097	8,730,513	8,453,500
Recreation and culture	2,784,783	2,688,775	2,600,165	2,746,850	2,547,245	2,674,680	2,641,720	2,883,356	3,998,187	3,851,558
Community Programs	4,276,928	1,931,976	2,415,471	2,844,203	2,506,724	1,640,345	1,999,644	2,646,704	2,197,981	4,475,040
Total Current	48,100,537	49,388,938	49,768,206	48,966,157	47,472,447	48,722,340	55,885,115	54,285,313	64,435,740	70,679,136
% Change From Prior Year	-1.2%	2.7%	0.8%	-1.6%	-3.1%	-0.5%	14.1%	14.4%	18.7%	9.7%
Capital Outlay										
Capital Outlay	3,273,781	6,806,584	19,039,611	7,269,145	3,825,103	11,828,830	5,151,842	6,462,758	8,476,516	8,798,545
% Change From Prior Year	214.2%	107.9%	179.7%	-61.8%	-47.4%	62.7%	-29.1%	69.0%	31.2%	3.8%
Debt Service										
Principal	-	6,657	11,628	11,862	12,100	12,343	12,592	12,845	34,213	153,480
Interest	-	3,170	5,259	5,025	4,787	4,544	4,296	4,042	4,101	6,972
Total Debt Service	-	9,827	16,887	16,887	16,887	16,887	16,888	16,887	38,314	160,452
% Change From Prior Year	0.0%	100.0%	71.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	126.9%	318.8%
Total Expenditures	\$ 51,374,318	\$ 56,205,349	\$ 68,824,704	\$ 56,252,189	\$ 51,314,437	\$ 60,568,057	\$ 61,053,845	\$ 60,764,958	\$ 72,950,570	\$ 79,638,133
% Change From Prior Year	3.4%	9.4%	22.5%	-18.3%	-8.8%	18.0%	0.8%	-0.5%	20.1%	9.2%
Debt Service as a Percentage of Total Non-capital Expenditures										
Debt Service as a Percentage of Total Non-capital Expenditures	0.0%	0.0%	0.03%	0.03%	0.04%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.06%	0.23%

Source: La Plata County Finance Department

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

GOVERNMENTAL FUND - FUND BALANCES

Table 5

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Fund										
Nonspendable	\$ 129,028	\$ 196,375	\$ 168,218	\$ 268,530	\$ 570,456	\$ 276,391	\$ 174,953	\$ 83,794	\$ 1,755,803	\$ 189,781
Restricted	4,972,923	1,876,016	1,956,764	1,994,700	1,847,018	1,910,651	1,758,321	1,861,213	1,967,638	1,941,527
Committed	15,541,790	6,764,859	7,158,458	7,814,000	8,264,318	10,752,785	11,300,172	12,441,865	13,105,735	15,072,781
Assigned	33,858,785	30,868,211	11,919,476	15,299,362	14,137,316	8,902,655	13,909,765	7,562,954	24,230,357	26,201,270
Unassigned	5,162,801	14,091,995	26,910,384	27,801,413	31,687,139	37,848,190	37,466,227	38,559,720	22,128,352	7,121,160
Subtotal General Fund	59,665,327	53,797,456	48,113,300	53,178,005	56,506,247	59,690,672	64,609,438	60,509,546	63,187,885	50,526,519
General Fund Percentage Change	3.4%	-9.83%	-10.57%	10.53%	6.26%	5.64%	8.24%	-6.35%	4.43%	-20.04%
All Other Governmental Funds Combined										
Nonspendable	316,647	256,684	405,122	502,212	776,849	582,327	546,093	678,071	761,762	656,942
Restricted	15,041,735	22,103,506	19,678,928	13,079,833	15,059,854	14,781,843	14,667,480	13,535,112	17,779,792	20,050,359
Committed	1,957,328	-	-	6,045,856	6,770,625	5,828,508	7,066,365	15,829,983	10,823,229	18,140,058
Assigned	1,037,322	1,050,043	226,707	236,040	215,516	209,641	212,168	215,793	208,909	192,904
Subtotal All Other Governmental Funds Combined	18,353,032	23,410,233	20,310,757	19,863,941	22,822,844	21,402,319	22,492,106	30,258,959	29,573,692	39,040,263
Total Governmental Funds										
Nonspendable	445,675	453,059	573,340	770,742	1,347,305	858,718	721,046	761,865	2,517,565	846,723
Restricted	20,014,658	23,979,522	21,635,692	15,074,533	16,906,872	16,692,494	16,425,801	15,396,325	19,747,430	21,991,886
Committed	17,499,118	6,764,859	7,158,458	13,859,856	15,034,943	16,581,293	18,366,537	28,271,848	23,928,964	33,212,839
Assigned	34,896,080	31,918,254	12,146,183	15,535,402	14,352,832	9,112,296	14,121,933	7,778,747	24,439,266	26,394,174
Unassigned	5,162,801	14,091,995	26,910,384	27,801,413	31,687,139	37,848,190	37,466,227	38,559,720	22,128,352	7,121,160
Total Governmental Funds	\$ 78,018,332	\$ 77,207,689	\$ 68,424,057	\$ 73,041,946	\$ 79,329,091	\$ 81,092,991	\$ 87,101,544	\$ 90,768,505	\$ 92,761,577	\$ 89,566,782
All Governmental Funds Percentage Change	6.2%	-1.0%	-11.4%	6.7%	8.6%	2.2%	7.4%	4.2%	2.2%	-3.4%

Source: La Plata County Finance Department

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO
GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Table 6

Fiscal Year	Property		Sales		Specific		Cable		Total			
					Ownership	Lodging	Marijuana	Franchise				
2014	\$	15,639,563	\$	14,870,392	\$	1,531,022	\$	281,315	\$	108,759	\$	32,431,051
2015		17,141,607		15,734,279		1,556,164		274,019		-	106,991	34,813,060
2016		18,827,957		16,018,771		1,639,484		350,750		-	114,133	36,951,095
2017		15,415,694		16,876,171		1,686,509		350,750		-	114,133	34,443,257
2018		14,862,828		16,787,039		1,631,806		374,526		20,159	115,415	33,791,773
2019		15,453,119		18,332,583		1,666,971		448,275		57,825	114,277	36,073,050
2020		15,717,978		20,909,355		1,628,789		573,918		122,755	120,033	39,072,828
2021		14,952,867		24,592,245		1,666,844		924,416		148,373	120,197	42,404,942
2022		14,516,837		26,160,817		1,648,072		892,339		93,295	125,774	43,437,134
2023		16,034,360		26,725,296		1,651,285		935,725		79,298	120,131	45,546,095

Source: La Plata County Finance Department

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

Table 7

Fiscal Year Collected	Current Tax Levy ¹	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Delinquent Tax Collections	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount Collected	Percentage of Levy		Total Tax Collections	Percentage of Levy
2014	\$ 15,776,463	\$ 15,749,283	99.83%	\$ 11,017	\$ 15,760,300	99.90%
2015	17,135,880	17,098,606	99.78%	3,460	17,102,066	99.80%
2016	18,977,023	18,945,372	99.83%	5,370	18,950,742	99.86%
2017	15,532,214	15,469,081	99.59%	4,238	15,473,319	99.62%
2018	15,026,546	14,988,907	99.75%	4,985	14,993,892	99.78%
2019	15,622,147	15,453,120	98.92%	14,872	15,467,992	99.01%
2020	15,900,976	15,717,978	98.85%	7,763	15,725,741	98.90%
2021	15,143,071	15,088,656	99.64%	39,917	15,128,573	99.90%
2022	14,697,498	14,643,776	99.63%	14,874	14,658,650	99.74%
2023	16,024,466	15,847,541	98.90%	3,720	15,851,261	98.92%

Sources: La Plata County Department of Finance and La Plata County Treasurer's Office

Notes: ¹ As certified by the Board of County Commissioners, includes General Road and Bridge, and Social Services Funds, as well as Local District funds.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Table 8

Assessment/ Fiscal Year	Vacant Property	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Industrial Property	Agricultural Property	Natural Resources	Oil & Gas	Other
2014/2015	\$ 136,017	\$ 556,214	\$ 358,921	\$ 19,125	\$ 14,637	\$ 11,507	\$ 830,854	\$ 79,016
2015/2016	139,116	624,381	369,871	20,530	13,627	10,991	968,521	77,332
2016/2017	139,980	633,797	375,845	21,557	13,929	10,462	542,301	79,635
2017/2018	141,577	632,017	405,146	23,081	17,702	7,561	454,298	81,397
2018/2019	132,426	643,866	407,494	26,286	18,306	6,728	517,222	80,245
2019/2020	137,466	698,220	432,164	27,860	16,623	7,556	467,800	80,089
2020/2021	135,435	709,755	434,685	27,652	17,703	7,786	365,312	80,845
2021/2022	126,540	755,032	421,132	27,244	17,964	6,961	281,086	83,582
2022/2023	136,471	743,283	421,844	26,851	16,766	6,873	438,693	86,636
2023/2024	167,913	935,457	456,236	28,279	16,610	7,785	626,436	80,205

Assessment/ Fiscal Year	Total Assessed	Estimated Actual Value	Ratio of Assessed Value to Total Est. Actual Value	Oil and Gas As % of Total	La Plata County only Mill Levy
2014/2015	\$ 2,006,292	\$ 10,072,411	19.9%	41.4%	8.500
2015/2016	2,224,369	11,128,335	20.0%	43.5%	8.500
2016/2017	1,817,507	10,793,803	16.8%	29.8%	8.500
2017/2018	1,762,779	11,629,844	15.2%	25.8%	8.500
2018/2019	1,832,574	11,849,159	15.5%	28.2%	8.500
2019/2020	1,867,779	12,719,804	14.7%	25.0%	8.500
2020/2021	1,779,172	12,772,094	13.9%	20.5%	8.500
2021/2022	1,719,541	13,237,760	13.0%	16.3%	8.500
2022/2023	1,877,417	13,594,155	13.8%	23.4%	8.500
2023/2024	2,318,921	17,288,413	13.4%	27.0%	8.500

Sources: La Plata County Assessor's Abstract & La Plata County Certification of Levies and Revenue

Notes La Plata County reassesses property every other year on average. State law adjusts the residential assessment percentage each year, while the assessment percentage for oil & gas (87.5%) and all other properties (29%) has remained consistent.
Estimated actual taxable value is calculated by dividing taxable assessed value by these percentages.
In thousands of dollars

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

PROPERTY TAX RATES Fiscal Years 2014 - 2023

Table 9

Collection Year:	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Municipalities:										
La Plata County										
mill	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
tax \$	15,660,540	17,038,980	18,877,774	15,431,908	14,935,580	15,530,690	15,807,324	15,050,460	14,604,951	15,929,073
City of Durango										
mill	2,507	2,507	2,507	2,507	2,507	2,507	2,507	2,507	2,507	2,507
tax \$	1,178,797	1,202,738	1,294,677	1,320,477	2,750,927	2,776,198	2,977,183	2,999,581	3,003,222	2,998,304
Town of Bayfield										
mill	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950
tax \$	196,965	199,296	204,936	198,329	209,827	214,055	232,939	235,467	232,170	231,729
Town of Ignacio										
mill	3,813	4,107	4,598	3,788	3,788	3,977	4,197	4,305	4,448	4,783
tax \$	27,400	29,759	31,430	30,034	31,769	33,536	35,557	37,180	39,271	41,590
School Districts:										
Durango 9R										
mill	19,090	19,090	17,876	19,874	20,281	21,075	21,129	22,787	24,025	24,975
tax \$	24,508,106	25,914,491	26,639,109	26,366,052	26,810,507	28,428,689	29,505,214	30,994,867	32,571,657	35,319,073
Bayfield 10R										
mill	23,222	21,599	21,161	32,478	31,905	31,721	31,272	32,848	34,751	34,168
tax \$	5,340,928	5,476,870	5,983,476	7,169,202	6,899,884	7,127,302	7,169,786	6,980,765	7,040,360	7,462,088
Ignacio 11JT										
mill	13,173	11,470	12,436	15,535	18,350	17,713	17,954	19,469	19,469	23,369
tax \$	4,328,688	4,513,733	5,570,564	4,165,585	4,017,031	4,490,661	4,200,900	3,853,413	3,112,993	5,642,150
Special Districts:										
Animas La Plata Water Conservancy										
mill	0,325	0,333	0,322	0,328	0,332	0,344	0,336	0,345	0,352	0,372
tax \$	240,866	251,057	260,454	267,084	277,588	289,249	301,305	309,736	319,535	333,780
Animas Mosquito Control										
mill	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	0,990	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
tax \$	582,696	592,932	638,930	650,639	675,130	677,718	1,024,217	1,029,661	1,039,067	1,034,211
Aspen Trails Metro										
mill	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
tax \$	12,915	12,947	13,422	13,212	12,906	13,145	13,741	13,551	13,779	13,762
Aspen Trails Metro Bonds										
mill	6,240	6,240	6,160	6,112	6,252	6,141	5,878	5,959	5,848	5,859
tax \$	16,118	16,158	16,536	16,150	16,138	16,145	16,154	16,150	16,116	16,127
Durango Conference Center Business Improvement Center										
mill	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
tax \$	240,353	241,815	243,677	243,778	256,058	256,812	269,960	269,374	257,297	254,233
Durango Fire Protection										
mill	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,200
tax \$	3,034,251	3,192,756	3,592,455	3,126,583	4,454,559	4,570,233	4,729,025	4,857,324	4,895,978	5,078,696

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

PROPERTY TAX RATES (Continued) Fiscal Years 2014 - 2023

Special Districts (Continued):

Durango Hills Local Improvement	mill	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379	20,379
	tax \$	73,694	74,481	76,752	77,742	73,984	74,475	76,669	75,633	78,877	78,411			
Durango West Metropolitan I	mill	20,200	20,300	19,460	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	tax \$	79,716	79,530	85,321	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan	mill	7,874	7,876	7,875	7,880	7,895	7,906	7,874	7,874	7,874	7,874	7,874	7,874	7,874
	tax \$	133,819	137,657	171,324	176,549	182,361	198,922	235,539	239,986	257,008	272,717			
Edgemont Ranch Bonds	mill	3,426	3,600	2,893	2,808	2,724	2,450	2,104	2,064	1,927	1,816			
	tax \$	58,225	62,921	62,938	62,912	62,920	61,644	62,938	62,907	62,897	62,897			
Elevation Park Metro District	mill	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	tax \$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elevation Park Metro District Bonds	mill	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	tax \$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Rancho Florida Metropolitan Bonds	mill	25,333	20,589	21,149	26,110	21,573	23,841	21,456	15,021	24,919	25,400			
	tax \$	97,038	63,863	70,759	90,759	73,624	81,760	78,760	55,285	94,262	94,279			
Florida Mosquito Control	mill	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.700
	tax \$	212,380	243,388	279,351	213,317	204,917	213,108	209,845	195,053	188,920	206,335			
Florida Water Conservancy	mill	0.073	0.066	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.059			
	tax \$	21,155	22,068	22,900	18,239	17,864	18,372	18,339	17,410	16,973	18,131			
Forest Lakes Metropolitan	mill	35,524	35,524	35,524	35,524	35,524	35,524	35,524	35,524	35,519	35,524			
	tax \$	549,179	549,343	578,055	584,580	620,636	621,689	664,282	661,946	703,884	704,709			
Fort Lewis Fire Protection	mill	7,400	7,400	7,400	7,400	7,400	9,900	9,900	9,900	9,900	10,125			
	tax \$	413,150	420,737	405,061	387,690	357,283	471,024	492,737	506,659	508,968	513,130			
Fox Fire Subdistrict of Laplata Bond	mill	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	tax \$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ignacio-Allison-Oxford Cemetery	mill	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244
	tax \$	58,435	70,611	80,285	47,316	38,435	45,112	41,952	35,094	27,352	43,337			

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

PROPERTY TAX RATES (Continued)

Fiscal Years 2014 - 2023

Special Districts (Continued):

Ignacio Community Library	mill tax \$	1.500 492,905	1.500 590,287	1.500 671,908	1.500 402,213	1.500 328,368	1.500 380,285	1.500 350,972	1.500 296,888	1.500 239,842	1.500 362,156
La Plata County Palo Verde Public Improvement District #3	mill tax \$	8.448 5,000	4.840 5,000	4.559 5,675	8.359 5,675	0.154 94	0.103 94	0.093 94	0.102 94	0.000 -	0.000
La Plata County Palo Verde Public Imp District #3 Bond	mill tax \$	62.934 37,246	16.860 17,419	13.567 16,888	24.876 16,888	27.666 16,887	18.568 16,887	16.785 16,887	18.364 16,887	19.888 16,887	15.104 16,981
La Plata Archuleta Water	mill tax \$	5.000 1,964,008	5.000 2,238,777	5.000 2,563,619	5.000 1,690,620	5.000 1,621,851	5.000 1,760,462	5.000 1,706,926	5.000 1,439,061	5.000 1,180,654	5.000 1,556,933
La Plata Water Conservancy	mill tax \$	0.295 13,549	0.295 14,094	0.295 13,334	0.295 12,802	0.295 11,589	0.295 11,411	0.295 12,066	0.295 12,538	0.295 12,271	0.295 11,955
Los Pinos Fire Protection	mill tax \$	3.520 1,369,200	3.520 1,627,641	3.520 1,850,280	3.520 1,097,819	3.520 934,327	3.520 1,061,197	3.520 970,012	9.500 2,194,776	9.500 1,798,784	9.500 2,702,477
Montezuma Dolores County Metropolitan Rec Dist.	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.777 38,129	0.777 36,215	0.777 34,815	0.777 31,691	0.777 31,230	0.777 32,892	0.777 34,126	0.777 33,747	0.777 32,913
Pine River Cemetery	mill tax \$	0.150 34,499	0.150 38,036	0.150 42,414	0.150 33,111	0.150 32,440	0.150 33,703	0.150 34,391	0.150 31,878	0.150 30,389	0.150 32,759
Pine River Library	mill tax \$	2.500 574,986	2.504 634,940	2.501 707,182	2.500 551,851	2.500 540,659	2.500 561,718	4.000 917,087	4.000 850,069	4.000 810,378	4.000 873,576
Purgatory Metropolitan	mill tax \$	27.313 510,574	27.313 514,718	27.313 598,558	27.313 589,288	27.313 637,442	27.313 649,122	27.313 671,783	27.313 652,743	27.313 697,615	27.313 751,852
Purgatory Metropolitan Subdistrict	mill tax \$	15.000 123,884	15.000 125,356	15.000 151,907	15.000 156,305	15.000 182,726	15.000 188,996	15.000 195,122	15.000 185,816	15.000 189,703	15.000 219,302
Sundance/Farraday Subdistrict No.1 of the La Plata Archuleta Water District	mill tax \$	15.000 123,884	15.000 125,356	15.000 151,907	15.000 156,305	23.798 28,372	30.779 37,198	38.218 56,287	24.646 38,669	18.658 31,693	23.372 38,183
SW Colorado TV Translator	mill tax \$	0.777 36,680	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -
SW La Plata Library District	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	1.500 382,885	1.500 357,381	1.500 420,266

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

PROPERTY TAX RATES (Continued)

Fiscal Years 2014 - 2023

Special Districts (Continued):

SW Water Conservancy	mill tax \$	0.368 678,009	0.362 725,660	0.340 755,111	0.395 717,130	0.407 715,151	0.407 743,646	0.407 749,453	0.407 720,651	0.407 699,319	0.407 762,721
Tanarron Metro	mill tax \$	13.239 140,748	13.000 139,094	13.000 148,320	13.000 151,677	13.000 169,988	13.000 182,145	13.000 198,182	14.430 226,581	14.430 216,989	14.004 235,258
Tanarron Metro Bonds	mill tax \$	37.000 393,359	37.000 395,884	37.000 422,142	37.000 431,695	37.000 483,813	37.000 518,411	37.000 564,056	41.070 644,886	41.070 617,583	39.857 669,570
Three Springs Metro #1	mill tax \$	4.275 51,544	4.275 57,029	4.275 66,499	4.275 67,754	4.478 73,456	4.478 76,598	4.542 87,622	5.000 97,244	5.348 108,059	5.467 111,191
Three Springs Metro #1 Bonds	mill tax \$	45.725 551,312	45.725 609,979	45.725 711,268	45.725 724,695	47.896 785,676	47.896 819,282	48.582 937,221	48.273 938,851	48.134 972,568	49.203 1,000,722
Three Springs Metro #2	mill tax \$	50.000 12,145	50.000 21,435	50.000 28,400	50.000 15,800	50.000 7,342	50.000 12,561	50.000 7,903	50.000 6,988	50.000 5,718	50.639 8,066
Three Springs Metro #4	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	50.000 5,367	50.000 49,478	50.000 49,469	50.000 39,353	50.000 94,096	50.000 142,531	50.000 140,300
Twin Buttes Metro Dist No 2	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.000 -	20.000 8,913	20.000 83,988	20.000 41,085	20.000 45,826	20.000 98,889	20.000 102,014	22.727 102,073	20.000 111,416
Twin Buttes Metro Dist No 2 Bonds	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.000 -	50.000 22,282	20.000 83,988	50.000 102,713	50.517 115,749	50.000 247,224	50.000 255,035	50.000 224,562	50.000 278,541
Twin Buttes Metro Dist No 3	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	20.000 573	20.000 2,370	20.000 2,390	20.000 3,584	20.000 7,184	20.000 6,696	20.000 7,373
Twin Buttes Metro Dist No 3 Bond	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	20.000 573	50.000 5,924	51.271 6,127	0.000 -	0.000 -	50.000 16,741	50.000 18,434
Twin Buttes Metro Dist No 4	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	10.000 12,048	10.000 10,704	10.000 10,752	10.000 10,803	40.000 48,721	40.000 49,362	50.000 60,401
Twin Buttes Metro Dist No 4 Bonds	mill tax \$	0.000 -	0.000 -	0.000 -	50.000 60,242	50.000 63,629	50.000 53,759	50.000 54,013	50.000 60,902	50.000 61,703	50.000 60,401
Upper Pine River Fire Protection	mill tax \$	10.900 2,708,767	10.900 2,957,403	10.900 3,278,465	10.900 2,600,267	10.900 2,546,049	10.900 2,652,908	10.936 2,709,942	10.900 2,510,480	10.900 2,403,630	10.900 2,628,778

Fiscal Years 2014 - 2023

Source: La Plata County Certification of Levies and Revenue

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

Table 10

		2023			2014		
Taxpayer	Type of Business	2022 Valuation	Rank	Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation	2013 Valuation	Rank	Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation
Simcoe LLC	Energy	\$ 250,225,050	1	11.18%			
Hilcorp San Juan LP	Energy	114,736,480	2	5.13%			
Harvest Four Corners, LLC	Energy	43,497,430	3	1.94%			
Catamount Energy Partners LLC	Energy	41,360,550	4	1.85%			
Arkoma Operations, LLC	Energy	35,745,780	6	1.60%			
Red Willow Production CO	Energy	30,910,240	7	1.38%	\$ 16,697,090	8	0.68%
Enduring Resources LLC	Energy	36,862,670	5	1.65%			
Red Cedar	Energy	25,201,300	8	1.13%	28,879,250	7	1.17%
La Plata Electric Association Inc	Utility	22,096,200	9	0.99%	16,201,400	9	0.66%
Glacier Property Associates, LLC	Real Estate	8,509,980	10	0.38%			
BP America Production Co	Energy				414,849,980	1	16.87%
Samson Resources Company	Energy				107,165,240	2	4.36%
XTO Energy Inc.	Energy				43,932,550	4	1.79%
Conoco Phillips Company	Energy				32,282,500	6	1.31%
Burlington Resources Oil & Gas	Energy				33,029,770	5	1.34%
Williams Gas Processing	Energy				49,724,490	3	2.02%
WPX Energy San Juan, LLC	Energy				12,927,330	10	0.53%
Total Assessed Valuation for 10 largest taxpayers		\$ 609,145,680		27.21%	\$ 755,689,600		30.73%
Total Assessed Valuation for all taxpayers		\$ 2,238,499,790		100.00%	\$ 2,458,873,570		100.00%

Source: La Plata County Assessor's Office

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING SALES TAX RATES

Table 11

Fiscal Year	County Direct Rate	State of Colorado
2014	2.0%	2.9%
2015	2.0%	2.9%
2016	2.0%	2.9%
2017	2.0%	2.9%
2018	2.0%	2.9%
2019	2.0%	2.9%
2020	2.0%	2.9%
2021	2.0%	2.9%
2022	2.0%	2.9%
2023	2.0%	2.9%

Source: La Plata County Finance Department

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

PRINCIPAL SALES TAX REMITTERS

Table 12

Taxpayer - Type of Business	2023			2014		
	2023 Sales Tax Collected	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxes Collected	2014 Sales Tax Collected	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxes Collected
Retail Trade	\$ 10,493,427	1	29.23%	N/A		
Food & Beverage	\$ 3,794,798	2	10.57%	\$ 1,959,800	1	13.18%
Building Materials/Garden Supplies	\$ 3,205,837	3	8.93%	\$ 1,124,367	4	7.56%
Food Services/Drinking Places	\$ 2,666,837	4	7.43%	\$ 1,371,508	3	9.22%
General Merchandise	\$ 2,445,197	5	6.81%	\$ 1,685,115	2	11.33%
Wholesale Trade	\$ 2,420,614	6	6.74%	\$ 639,066	9	4.30%
Accommodation	\$ 2,252,820	7	6.28%	\$ 814,883	5	5.48%
Manufacturing	\$ 1,558,784	8	4.34%	\$ 673,944	8	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$ 1,169,527	9	3.26%	N/A		
Utilities	\$ 1,111,638	10	3.10%	\$ 697,270	6	
New Car Dealers	N/A			\$ 692,825	7	4.66%
Information	N/A			\$ 547,752	10	3.68%
Total Sales Taxes Collected by 10 Largest Businesses	\$ 31,119,480		86.69%	\$ 10,206,530		59.42%
Total Sales Taxes Collected by All Businesses	\$ 35,896,968		100.00%	\$ 14,870,392		100.00%

Source: Colorado State Department of Revenue

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE

Table 13

Fiscal Year	General Obligation	Lease/SIBTA Obligation	Sales Tax Revenue	Certificates of Participation	Total	Per Capita Personal Income	Population	Debt Per Capita	Percentage of Personal Income	Percentage of Actual Taxable Value of Property
2014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,388	54,629	-	0.00%	0.000%
2015	265,843	-	-	-	265,843	50,206	54,688	4.86	0.01%	0.003%
2016	254,215	-	-	-	254,215	52,588	55,623	4.57	0.01%	0.002%
2017	242,353	-	-	-	242,353	52,759	55,589	4.36	0.01%	0.002%
2018	230,253	-	-	-	230,253	55,807	56,310	4.09	0.01%	0.002%
2019	217,910	-	-	-	217,910	58,216	56,221	3.88	0.01%	0.002%
2020	205,318	-	-	-	205,318	61,678	56,221	3.65	0.01%	0.002%
2021	192,473	-	-	-	192,473	66,944	56,250	3.42	0.01%	0.001%
2022	179,370	46,923	-	-	226,293	68,794	56,607	4.00	0.01%	0.002%
*2023	166,004	398,191	-	-	564,195	68,794	56,607	9.97	0.01%	0.003%

Sources:

Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado
United Census Bureau - latest data was 2021 Population
La Plata County Assessor's Office
La Plata County Finance Department
Bureau of Economic Analysis

*Since the 2023 Per Capita Personal Income data is unavailable, the 2022 data have been used instead.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

COMPUTATION OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN

Table 14

Assessment Year Fiscal/Budget Year	2013 2014	2014 2015	2015 2016	2016 2017	2017 2018
Assessed Value	\$ 1,842,416,460	\$ 2,006,291,720	\$ 2,224,369,230	\$ 1,817,507,020	\$ 1,762,779,180
Actual Value	\$ 9,760,081,610	\$ 10,072,410,619	\$ 11,128,335,337	\$ 10,793,803,469	\$ 11,629,844,461
Legal Debt Margin: Debt limitation - 3% of total actual value	\$ 292,802,448	\$ 302,172,319	\$ 333,850,060	\$ 323,814,104	\$ 348,895,334
Debt applicable to limitation: Total debt	\$ -	\$ 265,843	\$ 254,215	\$ 242,353	\$ 230,253
Legal debt margin	\$ 292,802,448	\$ 301,906,476	\$ 333,595,845	\$ 323,571,751	\$ 348,665,081

Assessment Year Fiscal/Budget Year	2018 2019	2019 2020	2020 2021	2021 2022	2022 2023
Assessed Value	\$ 1,832,573,610	\$ 1,867,779,450	\$ 1,715,843,970	\$ 1,871,366,383	\$ 2,238,499,790
Actual Value	\$ 11,849,159,327	\$ 12,719,804,114	\$ 12,772,093,819	\$ 13,237,760,289	\$ 13,594,155,267
Legal Debt Margin: Debt limitation - 3% of total actual value	\$ 355,474,780	\$ 381,594,123	\$ 383,162,815	\$ 397,132,809	\$ 407,824,658
Debt applicable to limitation: Total debt	\$ 217,910	\$ 205,318	\$ 192,473	\$ 179,370	\$ 166,004
Legal debt margin	\$ 355,256,870	\$ 381,388,805	\$ 382,970,342	\$ 396,953,439	\$ 407,824,658

Sources: La Plata County Assessor's Office and La Plata County Department of Finance

Notes: Per Colorado Revised Statute 30-26-301(3), the aggregate amount of indebtedness for the County cannot exceed 3% of total actual value for years 2004 forward.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO
SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS COVERAGE

Table 15

Fiscal Year	Gross Sales Tax Revenue	Revenue Available for Debt Service ¹	Principal	Interest	Total	Coverage
2014	\$ 14,870,392	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2015	15,734,279	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2016	16,018,771	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017	16,876,171	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2018	16,787,039	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	18,332,583	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020	20,909,355	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021	24,592,245	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022	26,160,817	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2023	26,725,296	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: La Plata County Finance Department

Notes: ¹ Gross revenue less required transfers per bond indenture and intergovernmental agreements.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS

Table 16

Fiscal Year	Population	Personal Income ¹	Per Capita Personal Income	Unemployment Rate	Median Age	K-12 School Enrollment ²	Higher Education Enrollment ³
2014	54,629	\$ 2,534,109	\$ 46,388	4.2	38.8	6,680	4,021
2015	54,688	2,745,644	50,206	5.5	38.4	6,911	4,065
2016	55,623	2,925,107	52,588	2.4	38.8	7,303	3,585
2017	55,589	2,932,803	52,759	2.6	39.0	7,414	3,598
2018	56,310	3,142,492	55,807	3.1	40.0	7,184	3,356
2019	56,221	3,272,944	58,216	2.5	39.9	7,282	3,310
2020	56,221	3,467,600	61,678	7.5	42.1	8,616	3,443
2021	56,250	3,765,617	66,944	5.2	42.4	7,438	3,550
2022	56,607	3,894,248	68,794	3.0	42.6	7,192	3,360
*2023	56,607	3,894,248	68,794	3.0	42.6	6,872	3,425

Sources:

United Census Bureau - latest data was 2021 Population
Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado
United States Department of Labor
Colorado Department of Education
Fort Lewis College

Notes:

¹ In thousands of dollars

² K-12 School enrollment includes Bayfield 10JTR, Durango 9R, and the Ignacio 11JT school districts.

³ Higher Education Enrollment is for Fort Lewis College

*Since the 2023 Personal Income and Per Capita Personal Income are unavailable, the 2022 data has been used instead.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS

Table 17

	2023		2014	
	<u>Employees FT & PT</u>	<u>Percentage of total County Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Percentage of total County Employment</u>
<u>Employer</u>				
Southern Ute Indian Tribe	1,416	4.30%	755	2.36%
Durango School District 9-R	943	2.86%	601	1.88%
Mercy Regional Medical Center	756	2.30%	797	2.49%
Fort Lewis College	673	2.04%	636	1.99%
La Plata County	422	1.28%	408	1.28%
Walmart	338	1.03%	400	1.25%
City of Durango	328	1.00%	314	0.98%
Bayfield School District	226	0.69%	N/A	
Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory	190	0.58%	N/A	
Purgatory Recreation Management LLC	136	0.41%	N/A	
Mercury Payments (Later Vantiv)	N/A		409	1.28%
Durango Mountain Resort	N/A		400	1.25%
Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Casino, Museum	N/A		395	1.23%
Total Principal Employers	5,428	16.48%	5,115	15.98%
Total County Employment*	32,935	100.00%	32,000	100.00%

Source: Region 9 Economic Development District of SW Colorado

Notes: *Based on most recent 2020 data

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM

Table 18

Department	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2023 over 2022
Commissioners	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	0%
Clerk/Elections	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	0%
Treasurer/Trustee	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0%
Assessor	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	0%
Administration	5.00	7.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.00	11.00	22%
Attorney	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	13%
Facilities & Grounds	11.00	12.00	15.00	21.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	18.00	18.00	20.00	11%
Finance	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.50	7.50	7.25	-3%
Information Services	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	0%
Procurement	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0%
GIS	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	0%
Human Resources/Risk Mgt	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	0%
County Surveyor	1.00	1.00	0.25	0.25	0.25	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%
General Government Total	91.50	92.50	93.75	102.25	103.25	104.00	104.00	104.25	106.25	111.00	4%
Building Inspection / OEM	8.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	11.00	22%
Office of Emergency Mgmt								2.00	3.00	3.00	0%
Criminal Investigations	11.00	11.00	9.00	7.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	0%
Special Investigations	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0%
Special Services	22.25	22.25	11.00	11.50	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Public Safety	32.00	34.00	44.00	46.00	42.50	50.75	50.75	50.75	51.75	53.75	4%
Alternative to Incarceration	5.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	-100%
Detentions	59.00	59.00	62.00	58.00	55.00	61.00	61.00	68.00	68.00	71.00	4%
Coroner	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	50%
District Attorney	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.00	4%
Public Safety Total	168.75	170.75	170.50	167.75	163.00	164.75	165.75	173.75	176.75	181.75	3%

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM (Continued)

Table 18

Department	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2023 over 2022
Road & Bridge, Eng.	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	37.00	40.50	40.50	40.80	40.80	42.80	5%
Public Works Total	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	37.00	40.50	40.50	40.80	40.80	42.80	5%
CERF	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.20	8.20	8.20	0%
Internal Service Funds	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.20	8.20	8.20	0%
Human Services	63.38	64.75	68.75	70.00	65.50	67.25	67.75	68.25	70.25	71.25	1%
Health & Welfare Total	63.38	64.75	68.75	70.00	65.50	67.25	67.75	68.25	70.25	71.25	1%
Weed	1.00	1.50	2.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%
Fairgrounds	9.00	9.00	10.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0%
Planning	10.75	11.00	11.25	11.25	10.50	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	13.75	17%
Senior Services	8.00	8.00	8.50	9.00	9.00	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.25	14%
Veterans' Services Office	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%
Auxiliary Services	29.75	30.50	32.75	25.25	22.50	24.50	24.75	27.75	27.75	31.00	12%
Grand Total	403.38	408.50	415.75	415.25	399.75	409.50	411.25	423.00	430.00	446.00	4%

Source: La Plata County Annual Budget

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM

Table 19

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
General Government										
<u>Clerk & Recorder</u>										
# Vehicle Transactions Processed	95,504	95,863	96,742	99,008	95,867	83,173	75,992	82,259	80,614	78,593
# Titles Issued	18,679	17,795	17,804	18,721	18,234	23,821	25,972	29,083	27,640	23,010
# documents recorded	15,069	15,622	16,343	16,082	14,295	14,106	19,792	20,281	13,985	10,416
# of registered voters	40,154	41,677	44,828	43,870	43,811	44,678	49,435	48,829	49,264	51,200
# of votes cast	29,123	12,924	39,498	10,498	36,691	17,113	72,957	31,624	47,333	18,494
# of marriage licenses issued	632	637	606	660	606	654	617	658	706	616
<u>Treasurer</u>										
Receipts processed	25,934	29,540	36,025	39,095	38,188	38,397	34,127	38,111	33,468	30,041
<u>Assessor</u>										
# of property accounts maintained/assessed	46,580	74,436	47,161	46,539	47,680	47,873	47,099	47,307	46,226	46,352
Assessed value (in thousands)	\$ 2,004,585	\$ 2,220,914	\$ 1,815,518	\$ 1,757,127	\$ 1,827,140	\$ 1,856,879	\$ 1,770,642	\$ 1,718,229	\$ 1,874,009	\$ 2,241,395
<u>Geographic Information Services</u>										
# of recorded documents processed	226	128	123	148	204	159	135	155	130	2,495
# of rural addresses assigned	338	147	313	255	352	211	267	271	330	218
Public Safety										
<u>Building Inspection</u>										
# of permits issued	655	815	675	712	705	736	723	712	731	721
# of inspections completed	3,369	3,604	3,284	4,118	4,539	4,275	4,625	5,030	5,696	5,363
<u>Emergency Management</u>										
Search & Rescue Missions	37	34	56	47	60	48	46	53	58	53

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM (Continued)

Table 19

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Public Safety (continued)										
<u>Sheriff - Public Safety</u>										
# of incidents investigated	23,640	28,694	37,731	29,488	26,276	23,820	21,368	21,117	24,483	25,216
# of arrests	804	1,224	1,597	1,207	1,170	618	690	687	737	802
# of citations	97	199	163	147	125	74	119	160	119	206
<u>Alternative to Incarceration</u>										
# of inmates under Work Release Supervision	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	14
# of inmates in Electronic Home Monitoring progra	95	39	119	105	74	53	22	65	63	69
Pretrial management	304	337	615	633	522	408	300	283	356	519
<u>Detentions</u>										
Total # of inmates booked into facility	2,858	3,294	3,843	3,567	3,293	3,007	2,091	2,007	1,993	1,960
average daily inmate population	111	118	148	167	190	201	149	130	136	163
Public Works										
<u>Maintenance Support</u>										
gallons of dust palliative applied	988,547	1,461,306	759,693	823,998	659,140	849,000	810,997	712,274	752,317	959,835
tons of road base hauled and placed	64,708	33,335	43,711	59,916	42,401	30,462	28,746	20,620	6,051	7,323
# of gallons of highway paint used	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,000	12,000	12,825	12,000	12,000	12,500	12,000
<u>Convenience Center</u>										
Customers served - Bayfield	2,091	2,010	2,203	2,092	2,753	2,737	3,256	4,414	5,351	2,417
Customers served - Marvel	498	475	483	502	632	714	735	1,032	1,187	553
Health & Welfare										
<u>Human Services</u>										
Child Welfare - # of assessments opened	283	272	263	211	252	235	241	259	212	185
Adult Protective Services - # of investigations	96	141	131	127	123	113	63	109	96	84
Child Support - \$ of payments collected	\$3,671,529	\$3,775,730	\$3,595,644	\$3,488,386	\$3,244,173	\$3,228,168	\$3,514,166	\$3,107,548	\$3,107,548	\$2,839,048

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM (Continued)

Table 19

<u>Function/Program</u>		\$2,375,306	\$1,852,663	\$2,415,471	\$2,844,203	\$2,506,724	\$1,640,345	\$1,999,644	\$2,646,704	\$2,197,981	\$4,475,040
Community Programs											
Public Service Agency Funds		\$2,375,306	\$1,852,663	\$2,415,471	\$2,844,203	\$2,506,724	\$1,640,345	\$1,999,644	\$2,646,704	\$2,197,981	\$4,475,040
Auxiliary Services											
<u>Senior Services</u>											
# of meals provided		45,011	49,519	45,177	48,314	50,625	42,838	50,188	56,032	57,495	56,206
# of transportation rides provided		6,549	6,951	7,763	6,859	7,635	6,485	1,875	3,248	3,019	4,086
<u>Veterans Services</u>											
Compensation Claims		140	202	222	191	205	143	61	100	203	203
<u>Weed Management</u>											
# of miles treated for noxious weeds		675	435	326	33	175	160	310	313	385	265
# of acres treated for noxious weeds		105	273	183	795	148	125	256	190	279	241
small group bookings (less than 500 participants)		125	76	45	58	41	33	52	49	73	65
large bookings (more than 500 participants)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Planning</u>											
Major projects reviewed		122	116	110	165	126	120	19	37	51	33
Oil & Gas (Major & Minor)		62	56	59	33	24	23	11	19	19	15
Minor/Administrative Projects reviewed		126	159	109	105	140	137	113	161	178	95
Internal Service Funds											
<u>Capital Equipment Replacement Fund</u>											
Vehicles maintained (self propelled mobile units)		311	317	326	326	330	334	358	364	255	255

Source: La Plata County - Various Departments

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM

Table 20

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Government										
Clerk	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Facilities & Grounds	17	20	20	22	22	22	23	22	23	23
Warehouses maintained	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Procurement	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Safety										
Detentions	293	293	298	298	293	293	315	315	306	304
Public Works										
Miles of Roadways maintained	656	656	656	643	653	653	653	653	653	643
Bridges	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	45
Internal Service Funds										
CERF	311	317	326	326	330	334	358	364	410	417

Source: La Plata County - Various Departments

Notes : No capital asset indicators are available for the health and welfare function.

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Single Audit Section

**Independent Auditors' Report
On Internal Control Over Financial
Reporting And On Compliance And Other
Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial
Statements Performed In Accordance With
*Government Auditing Standards***

Board of County Commissioners
La Plata County, Colorado
Durango, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of La Plata 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 September 12, 2024.

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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 have not been identified.

Report On Compliance And Other Matters

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

Purpose Of This Report

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.

RubinBrown LLP

September 12, 2024

Independent Auditors' Report On Compliance For Each Major Federal Program And Report On Internal Control Over Compliance

Board of County Commissioners
La Plata County, Colorado
Durango, Colorado

Report On Compliance For Each Major Federal Program

Opinion On Each Major Federal Program

We have audited La Plata County, Colorado's (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the Office of Management and Budget's *Compliance Supplement* that could have a 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 auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the 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, and the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Costs Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities For The Audit Of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our 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.

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.

Auditors' 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.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs and corrective action plan. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report On Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001 to be a material weakness.

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 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.

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

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.

RubinBrown LLP

September 12, 2024

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity ID Number	Federal Expenditures	Amounts Passed-Through to Subrecipients
Department of Agriculture				
Passed through the Colorado Department of Human Services				
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	10.551	\$ 4,829		
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP Cluster	10.561	467,688	\$ 472,517	
Passed through the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment				
Direct				
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	10.557		3,646	
Schools and Roads - Grants to States				
Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster	10.665	161,015		
Total Department of Agriculture			161,015	
			637,178	\$ —
Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed through the Area Agency on Aging				
Special Programs for the Aging-Title III, Part D, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043		6,075	
Special Programs for Aging-Title III, Part B - Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	23,894		
Special Programs for Aging-Title III, Part C - Nutrition Services	93.045	98,974		
Nutrition Service Incentive Program	93.053	10,163		
Aging Cluster			133,031	
Special Programs for Aging - Title III, Part E - National Family Caregiver Support	93.052		16,304	
Passed through the Colorado Department of Human Services				
Guardianship Assistance	93.090		22,005	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558		1,220,125	44,190
Child Support Enforcement	93.563		498,712	
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	93.568		24	
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	394,982		
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596	128,266		
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Cluster			523,248	
Adopt and Legal Guardianship	93.603			
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645		12,314	
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658		637,577	
Adoption Assistance	93.659		149,374	
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		202,272	48,939
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674		9,114	
Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program, Elder Justice Act, Section 2042(b) of Title XX-B of the Social Security Act	93.747		9,748	
Passed through the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing				
Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid Cluster)	93.778		725,084	

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity ID Number	Federal Expenditures	Amounts Passed- Through to Subrecipients
Department of Health and Human Services (continued)				
Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies				
Passed through Division of Insurance				
Special Programs for Aging-Title IV and Title II - Discretionary Projects	93.048		12,548	
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Research Demonstrations, and Evaluations	93.779		18,280	
Total Department of Health and Human Services			4,195,835	93,129
Department of Transportation				
Passed through the Colorado Department of Transportation				
National Priority Safety Program (Highway Safety Cluster)	20.616	17-01-11-05	3,463	
Total Department of Transportation			3,463	—
Department of the Treasury				
Direct				
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032		693,328	428,353
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027		428,353	
Passed through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs				
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027		9,214	
Subtotal AL Number 21.027			437,567	
Total Department of the Treasury			1,130,895	428,353
Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Passed through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs				
Community Development Block Grants/State's program	14.228	F15CDB19-601	170,000	170,000
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development			170,000	170,000
Department of Justice				
Direct				
Department of Justice / Criminal Division Equitable Sharing Program	16.922		41,248	
Department of Justice / Community Oriented Policing Service				
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710		137,849	
Total Department of Justice			179,097	—
Other Federal Assistance				
Direct				
Office of National Drug Control Policy, Dept. of Treasury,				
Dept. of Justice High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001		417,065	
Total Office of National Drug Control Policy			417,065	—
Total Federal Assistance			\$ 6,733,533	\$ 691,482

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. Basis Of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) presents the activity of all federal award programs of La Plata County, Colorado (the County), for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in this 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* (the 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 assets or cash flows of the County.

2. Summary Of Significant Accounting

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified 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.

3. Indirect Costs

The County has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed in the Uniform Guidance, Section 414.

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

Section I - Summary Of Auditors' Results

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

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ yes ☒ no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☐ yes ☒ none reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ☐ yes ☒ no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ☒ yes ☐ no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☐ yes ☒ none reported

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

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

☒ yes ☐ no

Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number	Name Of Federal Program Or Cluster
21.032	Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund
93.558	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
93.563	Child Support Enforcement
93.778	Medicaid Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

☐ yes ☒ no

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (*Continued*)
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

None

LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS *(Continued)* For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

Section III - Federal Award Findings And Questioned Costs

Finding 2023-001

Reporting

Material Weakness, Internal Control Over Compliance And Compliance

ALN 21.032: Local Assistance And Tribal Consistency Fund

Federal Agency: U.S. Department Of Treasury

Pass-Through Entity: N/A

Criteria Or Specific Requirement: The Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) was established to provide funding for counties and Tribal governments for revenue enhancement. Recipients are required to submit periodic reports to the awarding agency on elements including financial data, projects funded, expenditures, and certain contracts and subawards.

Condition/Context: In our audit, we noted the County inaccurately reported an element of the Obligation and Expenditure report.

Cause: While the County implemented a new internal control process during 2023, at the time of the Obligation and Expenditure report submission, the County did not have sufficient internal controls in place to ensure that staff were appropriately trained on federal grant requirements related to reporting of LATCF expenditures.

Effect: Without adequate controls over federal expenditures reporting, the County may not detect an error in reporting requirements.

Questioned Costs: N/A

Identification As A Repeat Finding: N/A

Recommendation: We recommend the County continues to improve its internal controls process to ensure the personnel responsible are appropriately trained on federal grant reporting requirements.

Views Of Responsible Officials And Planned Corrective Action: The County agrees with the finding and has put together a correction action plan for the finding. See corrective action plan included in this report.

Finding 2023-001**Material Weakness, Internal Control Over Compliance and Compliance, Reporting****Personnel Responsible for Corrective Action:** Adam Rogers**Anticipated Completion Date:** Already completed**Corrective Action Plan:**

The County agrees with the auditor's recommendation to improve its internal controls related to federal grant reporting requirements and has implemented a process that ensures federal expenditure accounting and reports are prepared by the Grants Analyst and then reviewed and approved by the Deputy Director of Finance or Director of Finance to provide oversight and detect and correct errors before reports are submitted.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Finding 2022-001

Material Weakness, Internal Control Over Compliance and Compliance, Reporting

ALN: 21.027; COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Federal Agency: U.S. Department Of Treasury

Pass-Through Entity: N/A

Summary of Prior Audit Finding: The County did not have sufficient internal controls in place to ensure that staff were appropriately trained on federal grant requirements related to reporting of CSLFRF expenditures.

Status: Completed