

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023



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Certified Public Accountants

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



Wall,
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To the Board of County Commissioners
Saguache County, Colorado
Saguache, Colorado

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 twelve 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material

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misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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

information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining nonmajor fund financial statements, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and the Local Highway Finance Report 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 nonmajor fund financial statements, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and the Local Highway Finance Report are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 28, 2024 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.

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Alamosa, Colorado

August 28, 2024

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2023

	Primary Government		TOTAL
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 16,159,614	\$ 312,368	\$ 16,471,982
Accounts Receivable	105,724	4,006	109,730
Property Taxes Receivable	2,925,022	-	2,925,022
Due from Other Governments	308,734	-	308,734
Inventory	1,077,142	-	1,077,142
Total Current Assets	20,576,236	316,374	20,892,610
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital assets not being depreciated:	559,503	114,000	673,503
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	6,742,139	153,876	6,896,015
Total Noncurrent Assets	7,301,642	267,876	7,569,518
TOTAL ASSETS	27,877,878	584,250	28,462,128
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	233,048	11,059	244,107
Security Deposits	210,000	11,803	221,803
Unearned Grant Revenue	3,735,779	21,250	3,757,029
Notes Payable	-	13,970	13,970
Leases Payable	42,348	-	42,348
Compensated Absences	41,850	-	41,850
Total Current Liabilities	4,263,025	58,082	4,321,107
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Notes Payable	-	224,414	224,414
Leases Payable	170,187	-	170,187
Compensated Absences	210,143	-	210,143
Closure and Post Closure Costs	780,669	-	780,669
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,160,999	224,414	1,385,413
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,424,024	282,496	5,706,520
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES - CURRENT			
Deferred Revenue - Property Tax	2,925,022	-	2,925,022
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,089,107	29,492	7,118,599
Restricted for TABOR	440,000	-	440,000
Unrestricted	11,999,725	272,262	12,271,987
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 19,528,832	\$ 301,754	\$ 19,830,586

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services		Primary Government		TOTAL
		Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
Primary Government:						
Governmental Activities:						
General Government	\$ 5,335,263	\$ 764,273	\$ 1,552,254	\$ 502,391	\$ (2,516,345)	\$ (2,516,345)
Public Safety	2,205,317	117,091	185,993	-	(1,902,233)	(1,902,233)
Health and Welfare	6,833,504	216,286	6,065,112	199,245	(352,861)	(352,861)
Public Works	4,567,129	734,528	3,138,852	-	(693,749)	(693,749)
Culture and Recreation	494,867	-	53,158	-	(441,709)	(441,709)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	19,436,080	1,832,178	10,995,369	701,636	(5,906,897)	(5,906,897)
Business-Type Activities:						
Housing Authority	276,250	166,591	119,719	-	10,060	10,060
Total Business-Type Activities	276,250	166,591	119,719	-	10,060	10,060
Total Primary Government	\$ 19,712,330	\$ 1,998,769	\$ 11,115,088	\$ 701,636	(5,906,897)	(5,896,837)
General Revenues:						
Taxes:						
General Property Taxes - Net					2,116,266	2,116,266
Sales Taxes					1,964,786	1,964,786
Other Taxes					548,100	548,100
Payment in Lieu of Taxes					1,139,486	1,139,486
Interest on Investments					709,127	709,634
Miscellaneous					242,776	269,892
Total General Revenues					6,720,541	6,748,164
Change in Net Position					813,644	851,327
Net Position - Beginning of Year					18,715,188	18,979,259
Net Position - Ending					\$ 19,528,832	\$ 19,830,586

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SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS						
Cash and Investments	\$ 8,794,024	\$ 2,197,426	\$ 669,810	\$ 3,148,820	\$ 1,349,534	\$ 16,159,614
Accounts Receivable	3,265	-	(5,213)	-	107,672	105,724
Property Taxes Receivable	2,444,680	-	415,431	-	64,911	2,925,022
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Governments	40,163	251,444	17,127	-	-	308,734
Inventory	-	1,077,142	-	-	-	1,077,142
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,282,132	\$ 3,526,012	\$ 1,097,155	\$ 3,148,820	\$ 1,522,117	\$ 20,576,236
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable	\$ 153,541	\$ 56,796	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,711	\$ 233,048
Security Deposits	210,000	-	-	-	-	210,000
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Grant Revenue	3,467,827	-	209,400	-	58,552	3,735,779
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,831,368	56,796	209,400	-	81,263	4,178,827
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unearned Revenue - Property Tax	2,444,680	-	415,431	-	64,911	2,925,022
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable	-	1,077,142	-	-	-	1,077,142
Restricted	440,000	-	-	-	-	440,000
Committed	1,315,000	2,392,074	472,324	3,148,820	1,375,943	8,704,161
Unassigned	3,251,084	-	-	-	-	3,251,084
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	5,006,084	3,469,216	472,324	3,148,820	1,375,943	13,472,387
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 11,282,132	\$ 3,526,012	\$ 1,097,155	\$ 3,148,820	\$ 1,522,117	\$ 20,576,236

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SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 13,472,387
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets and leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.</p>		7,301,642
<p>Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.</p>		
Compensated Absences	\$ (251,993)	
Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Costs	(780,669)	
Leased Purchase Agreements Payable	(212,535)	
		(1,245,197)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 19,528,832

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SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 2,362,382	\$ -	\$ 349,222	\$ 1,053,087	\$ 864,461	\$ 4,629,152
Intergovernmental Revenue	3,840,326	2,934,358	5,578,197	-	540,073	12,892,954
Licenses and Permits	118,090	27,627	-	-	-	145,717
Charges for Services	975,968	706,901	-	-	214,486	1,897,355
Interest on Deposits	709,103	-	24	-	-	709,127
Miscellaneous	170,027	57,084	14,610	-	1,055	242,776
TOTAL REVENUES	8,175,896	3,725,970	5,942,053	1,053,087	1,620,075	20,517,081
EXPENDITURES						
Current Expenditures:						
General Government	5,349,024	-	-	-	-	5,349,024
Public Safety	1,820,325	-	-	53,648	210,249	2,084,222
Health and Welfare	37,569	-	6,033,723	-	748,109	6,819,401
Public Works	42,154	4,000,387	-	-	196,502	4,239,043
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	496,695	496,695
Capital Outlay	1,907,214	108,706	-	147,974	-	2,163,894
Debt Service	33,262	-	-	-	-	33,262
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,189,548	4,109,093	6,033,723	201,622	1,651,555	21,185,541
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,013,652)	(383,123)	(91,670)	851,465	(31,480)	(668,460)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers In	850,000	-	-	-	854,505	1,704,505
Transfers Out	-	-	-	(850,000)	(854,505)	(1,704,505)
Lease Proceeds	163,732	-	-	-	-	163,732
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	1,013,732	-	-	(850,000)	-	163,732
Net Change in Fund Balance	80	(383,123)	(91,670)	1,465	(31,480)	(504,728)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	5,006,004	3,852,339	563,994	3,147,355	1,407,423	13,977,115
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 5,006,084	\$ 3,469,216	\$ 472,324	\$ 3,148,820	\$ 1,375,943	\$ 13,472,387

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (504,728)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the activity in capital and lease assets in the current period.

Capital asset additions	\$	2,081,472	
Depreciation and amortization expense		(725,519)	
Deletions net of accumulated depreciation		(108,913)	
Lease asset additions		163,732	
		1,410,772	1,410,772

Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of principal include:

Lease payments		57,294	
Lease proceeds		(163,732)	
		(106,438)	(106,438)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated absences		47,222	
Landfill closure and post-closure costs		(33,184)	
		14,038	14,038

Change in net position of governmental funds \$ 813,644

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities
	HOUSING AUTHORITY
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 312,368
Accounts Receivable	4,006
Total Current Assets	316,374
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated:	114,000
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	153,876
Total Noncurrent Assets	267,876
TOTAL ASSETS	584,250
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	11,059
Unearned Revenue	21,250
Security Deposit	11,803
Notes Payable (current portion)	13,970
Total Current Liabilities	58,082
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	224,414
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	224,414
TOTAL LIABILITIES	282,496
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,492
Unrestricted	272,262
Total Unrestricted	272,262
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 301,754

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities
	HOUSING AUTHORITY
OPERATING REVENUES	
Rent from Tenants	\$ 166,591
HUD Operating Subsidy	111,664
Contributions and Donations	-
Miscellaneous	27,116
	305,371
Total Charges for Services	305,371
Total operating revenues	305,371
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administrative	119,466
Utilities	62,373
Operating and Maintenance	60,084
Insurance	14,973
Depreciation Expense	11,015
	267,911
Total operating expenses	267,911
Operating Income (Loss)	37,460
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest on Investments	507
Grant Revenue	8,055
Interest Expense	(8,339)
	223
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	223
Changes in Net Position	37,683
Net Position, Beginning of Year	264,071
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 301,754

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Business-type Activities
	HOUSING AUTHORITY
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from tenants and others	\$ 190,520
Cash received from HUD operating subsidy	111,664
Cash paid to employees for services	(119,466)
Cash paid to suppliers and service providers	(131,681)
	51,037
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	51,037
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Grant Revenue	29,305
	29,305
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	29,305
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Payment of note principal and interest	(21,504)
Purchase of capital assets	-
	(21,504)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(21,504)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest received	507
	507
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	507
Increase (decrease) in cash and investments	59,345
Cash and cash equivalents, Beginning of the Year	253,023
Cash and cash equivalents, End of the Year	\$ 312,368
Operating income (loss)	\$ 37,460
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	
Depreciation	11,015
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(3,752)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	5,749
Increase (Decrease) in Security Deposits	565
	13,577
Total adjustments	13,577
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 51,037

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
FIDUCIARY FUND
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	PUBLIC TRUSTEE	COUNTY TREASURER	COUNTY SHERIFF	COUNTY CLERK	TOTAL CUSTODIAL FUNDS
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,252	\$ 921,412	\$ 16,038	\$ 303,796	\$ 1,245,498
Property Tax Receivable	-	12,428,953	-	-	12,428,953
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,252</u>	<u>13,350,365</u>	<u>16,038</u>	<u>303,796</u>	<u>13,674,451</u>
LIABILITIES					
Due to Other Governments	-	921,412	-	159,585	1,080,997
Deposits held for Others	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>921,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,585</u>	<u>1,080,997</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Property Taxes	-	12,428,953	-	-	12,428,953
NET POSITION					
Restricted for:					
Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	<u>4,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,038</u>	<u>144,211</u>	<u>164,501</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 4,252</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,038</u>	<u>\$ 144,211</u>	<u>\$ 164,501</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
FIDUCIARY FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	PUBLIC TRUSTEE	COUNTY TREASURER	COUNTY SHERIFF	COUNTY CLERK	TOTAL CUSTODIAL FUNDS
ADDITIONS					
Tax Collections for Other Governments	\$ -	\$ 6,949,989	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,949,989
Public Trustee Activity	20,828	-	-	-	20,828
Held for Others	-	-	19,525	2,397,251	2,416,776
Miscellaneous	-	6,009,502	-	-	6,009,502
Total Additions	<u>20,828</u>	<u>12,959,491</u>	<u>19,525</u>	<u>2,397,251</u>	<u>15,397,095</u>
DEDUCTIONS					
Taxes Disbursed	-	12,959,491	-	-	12,959,491
Public Trustee Disbursements	18,607	-	-	-	18,607
Funds Held for Others	-	-	19,828	2,412,093	2,431,921
Total Deductions	<u>18,607</u>	<u>12,959,491</u>	<u>19,828</u>	<u>2,412,093</u>	<u>15,410,019</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position	<u>2,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(303)</u>	<u>(14,842)</u>	<u>(12,924)</u>
Net Position - Beginning of the Year	<u>2,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,341</u>	<u>159,053</u>	<u>177,425</u>
Net Position - End of the Year	<u>\$ 4,252</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,038</u>	<u>\$ 144,211</u>	<u>\$ 164,501</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and reporting policies of the County reflected in the accompanying financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to state and local governments. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for local governments are those promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in *Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*.

REPORTING ENTITY

Primary Government

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

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

Component Units

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

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

The Saguache County Housing Authority (the Authority) is administered and governed by the Saguache County Commissioners. The Authority is blended into the County's financial statements as an Enterprise Fund.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements include a statement of net position and a statement of activities. Government-wide statements report information on all of the activities of the County and its component units, except for County fiduciary activity. The effect of interfund transfers has been removed from the government-wide statements but continues to be reflected on the fund statements. Mainly taxes and intergovernmental revenues support governmental activities.

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The statement of activities reflects the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable within a specific function. Program revenues include:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and
- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included in program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental and proprietary funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

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

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

Sales and use taxes, other taxes, charges for services, intergovernmental revenues, and interest are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

- The *General Fund* is the general operating fund of the County. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- The *Road and Bridge Fund* is used to account for the maintenance and improvements of streets and highways. The sources of funds include highway users fees and other revenue sources.
- The *Social Services Fund* is used to account for the operations of social programs; i.e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families, Old Age Pension, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Needy and Disabled, among others. Financing is provided by grants, allotments, and property tax revenue.
- The *Public Safety Fund* is used to account for an approved one and one-half sales tax revenue specifically to be used for the operations of law enforcement.

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

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cash flows. Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All other revenues and expenses are reported as non-operating.

- The *Housing Authority Fund* is reported as an enterprise fund. The principal operating revenue of the Housing Authority Fund are monthly unit rental fees charged to tenants.

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 own programs. The fiduciary fund financial statements consist of custodial funds that 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 that the County holds for others in a fiduciary capacity.

- The *Public Trustee Fund* was established to account for expenditures for the Public Trustee's Office. The Public Trustee is appointed by the Governor of Colorado for a four-year term. This office administers foreclosures including issuance of Public Trustee deeds, cure of default and lien redemptions.
- The *County Treasurer Fund* accounts for monies collected (principally tax collections) by the Saguache County Treasurer for various local government entities within the County.
- The *County Sheriff Fund* is used to account for funds collected for and disbursed for inmates and search and rescue.
- The *Clerk and Recorder Fund* accounts for four checking accounts for the collection of various taxes, fees, and surcharges which are reimbursed to the State of Colorado, other taxing entities and remaining funds are used at the Clerk's discretion.

Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regards to interfund activities, payables, and receivables. All internal balances in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated.

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE

Cash

The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments

All investments, if any, are recorded at fair market value.

Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 each year. The taxes are payable in two installments on February 28 and June 15 or in full on April 30. The County Treasurer bills and collects all property taxes for the County. Property tax revenue is recognized by the County to the extent it results in a current receivable. The 2023 property tax levy due January 1, 2024 has been recorded in the financial statements as a receivable and a corresponding deferred inflow of resources in the financial statements.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost (last-in, first-out) or market. Inventory in the Road and Bridge Fund consists of expendable supplies held for use. Reported inventories are equally offset by a fund balance reserve,

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which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources", even though they are a component of net current assets. Inventory policy on government-wide statements is consistent with fund statements.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets

Capital Assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, vehicles and equipment, construction in progress, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, underground pipe, traffic signals, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. The County defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings and Improvements	7-40
Vehicles and Equipment	5-15
Infrastructure	25-40

Leases

Lessee: The County recognizes a lease liability and intangible right-to-use lease assets in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$15,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of the lease payments made. The lease 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. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease terms, and (3) lease payments.

- 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 its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term include the noncancellable period of the leases. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed 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.

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

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Compensated Absences

Annual leave may be accrued to the maximum of:

Under 5 years	144 hours
5 but less than 10 years	168 hours
10 - 15 or (20) years	192 hours

Upon separation from the County, an employee shall be paid for the amount of annual leave that he/she has accrued, subject to the limitation above. All vacation leave pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example as a result of employee resignations or retirements.

Unearned Revenue

Revenues on grants, which are restricted by the grant document for specific purposes, are recognized as revenue only after eligible grant costs have been incurred. Grant funds received in excess of grant expenditures are recorded as unearned revenues.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section of deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is displayed in the following three components:

- *Net investment in capital assets* – consists of capital assets, net accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt should be included in this component of net position.
- *Restricted* – consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Restricted assets consist of assets that have limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- *Unrestricted* – consists of the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted components of net position.

Fund Balance

Fund balances are reported based on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints for the specific purpose on which amounts in the fund can be spent. Fund balances are classified in the following five categories:

- *Nonspendable Fund Balance*- amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form-such as inventory and prepaid expenses.
- *Restricted Fund Balance*- amounts restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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- *Committed Fund Balance*- amounts that can only be used for specific purposes as a result of constraints imposed by the Board of County Commissioners, the highest level of decision making authority, through resolution or ordinance. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes those constraints by taking the same type of action. Committed fund balances differ from restricted balances because the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.
- *Assigned Fund Balance*- amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the Board of County Commissioners or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.
- *Unassigned Fund Balance*- amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position/fund balance is available, the County considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are available, the County considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Board of County Commissioners has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Social Services Fund	Public Safety Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable						
Inventory	\$ -	1,077,142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,077,142
	-	1,077,142	-	-	-	1,077,142
Restricted						
TABOR	440,000	-	-	-	-	440,000
	440,000	-	-	-	-	440,000
Committed						
Contingencies	500,000	-	-	-	21,500	521,500
Capital Expenditures	415,000	-	-	-	-	415,000
Landfill	400,000	-	-	-	-	400,000
Public Safety	-	-	-	3,148,820	-	3,148,820
Health and Welfare	-	-	472,324	-	185,187	657,511
Highways and Streets	-	2,392,074	-	-	-	2,392,074
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	322,597	322,597
Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	375,903	375,903
Renewable Energy	-	-	-	-	470,756	470,756
	1,315,000	2,392,074	472,324	3,148,820	1,375,943	8,704,161
Unassigned	3,251,084	-	-	-	-	3,251,084
Total Fund Balance	\$ 5,006,084	\$ 3,469,216	\$ 472,324	\$ 3,148,820	\$ 1,375,943	\$ 13,472,387

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Encumbrances

The County does not record purchase orders in the accounting system until invoices are ready for payment. Unfulfilled purchase commitments outstanding at the end of the budget year are re-budgeted in the succeeding year.

Use of Estimates

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

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications were made to fiscal year 2022 financial statements in order to conform to the fiscal year 2023 financial statement presentation.

New Accounting Pronouncements

During fiscal year 2023, the County adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA)*, that establishes that a SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. This standard requires governmental entities to record a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use subscription asset for those contracts for the subscription term. This standard does not have a material effect on the financial statements of the County.

NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

- Preparation of budget documents by administrative staff, which shall be submitted to the Board no later than October 15 of each year.
- Publication of a notice stating that the budget is available for public inspection.
- Discussion of the budget in a meeting open to the public.
- Adoption of the budget in a public meeting by appropriate resolution, no later than December 31.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device for all funds of the County. All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), with the exception of the enterprise funds which budget capital outlay versus depreciation expenses.

The total expenditures for each fund cannot exceed the budgeted amount unless a supplemental appropriation is adopted. The Board of County Commissioners adopted supplemental appropriations during 2023. All budget amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the final amended budget.

Stewardship

Expenditures in the Conservation Trust Fund and Saguache Housing Authority Fund exceeded appropriations by \$10,290 and \$3,000, respectively, during 2023. This may be a violation of Colorado State Statutes.

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NOTE 3 CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS

A summary of cash, deposits, and investments for the County are as follow:

Cash on Hand	\$ 3,103
Cash Deposited in Banks	3,360,470
ColoTrust	7,146,972
C-SAFE	7,206,935
Total Cash, Deposits, and Investments (Book Balance)	17,717,480
Less amounts related to Trust & Agency Fund	(1,245,498)
Total Cash, Deposits, and Investments on Statement of Net Position	\$ 16,471,982

Cash and Deposits

Colorado State Statutes and the County Treasurer’s investment policy govern the County's deposits of cash. The statutes specify eligible depositories for public cash deposits, which must be Colorado institutions and must maintain federal insurance (FDIC) on deposits held.

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized in accordance with the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to the aggregate uninsured deposits.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

The County’s investment policy addresses custodial credit risk. At December 31, 2023, \$3,532,690 was exposed to custodial credit risk. Those deposits exposed to credit risk are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions through PDPA.

Investments

The County’s investment policy and Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local government entities may invest. They include:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. Government agency securities
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers’ acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Local government investment pools
- Repurchase agreements
- Money market funds
- Guaranteed investments contracts
- Corporate or bank debt issued by eligible corporations or banks

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

The County’s investment policy calls for investment diversification within the portfolio to avoid unreasonable risks inherent in over investing in specific instruments, individual financial institutions, or maturities. The policy allows for the investment in local government investment pools.

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Interest Rate Risk

Colorado Revised Statutes and the County’s investment policy limit investment maturities to five years or less from the date of purchase. This limit on investment maturities is a means of limiting exposure to fair values arising from increasing interest rates.

Fair Value

Fair value investments classified at Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Fair value investments classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using the active market rates for the underlying securities. Fair value investments classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using non-observable inputs.

Colorado Government Liquid Asset Trust (ColoTrust) is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado pursuant to Part 7 of Article 75 of Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to pool surplus funds for investment purposes. ColoTrust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. The designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. Substantially all securities owned by the pool are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian’s internal records identify the investments owned by the pool. Investments of the pools consist of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and note strips, and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury Notes. ColoTrust is rated AAAM by Standard and Poor’s.

The Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (C-SAFE) investments are valued using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the investments. The investments do not have any unfunded commitments, redemption restrictions or redemption notice periods. C-SAFE investments conform to Colorado Statutes CRS 24-75-601 et. seq. and therefore invests primarily in securities of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, Primary Dealer Repurchase Agreements, highly rated commercial paper, highly rated corporate bonds, Colorado depositories collateralized at 102% of market value according to the guidelines of the Public Deposit Protection Act. C-SAFE measures all of its investments at amortized cost. C-SAFE is rated AAAM by Standard and Poor’s.

NOTE 4 PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE

At December 31, 2023, the County had an estimated property tax receivable divided among the funds as follows:

General Fund	\$	2,444,680
Social Services Fund		415,431
Public Health Fund		64,911
		64,911
	\$	2,925,022

NOTE 5 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The County reports interfund balances between many of its funds. The balances result from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. Interfund balances are generally expected to be repaid within one year of the financial statement date.

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

<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sales Tax- Emergency Services Fund	Sales Tax - Youth and Seniors (Contingency) Fund	\$ 314,990
Sales Tax- Youth and Seniors Fund		142,317
Sales Tax- Renewable Energy Fund		<u>397,197</u>
		854,504
 General Fund	 Public Safety Fund	 <u>850,000</u>
	Total	<u><u>\$ 1,704,504</u></u>

The Public Safety Fund transferred funds to the General Fund to support the sheriff's expenditures. The Sales Tax Youth and Seniors (Contingency) Fund transferred funds back to the other Sales Tax Funds that were transferred in the prior year.

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NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2023
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 231,693	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231,693
Construction in Progress	237,277	199,446	108,913	327,810
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>468,970</u>	<u>199,446</u>	<u>108,913</u>	<u>559,503</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	7,844,980	319,423		8,164,403
Vehicles and Heavy Equipment	9,276,754	317,676	145,000	9,449,430
Equipment	617,380	567,526	6,320	1,178,586
Infrastructure	1,699,300	677,401		2,376,701
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>19,438,414</u>	<u>1,882,026</u>	<u>151,320</u>	<u>21,169,120</u>
Lease assets being depreciated:				
Equipment	260,758	163,732	122,673	301,817
Total lease assets being depreciated	<u>260,758</u>	<u>163,732</u>	<u>122,673</u>	<u>301,817</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	6,607,245	71,245	-	6,678,490
Vehicles and Heavy Equipment	6,706,812	460,332	145,000	7,022,144
Equipment	422,428	88,521	6,320	504,629
Infrastructure	386,126	48,127	-	434,253
Lease Assets	154,661	57,294	122,673	89,282
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>14,277,272</u>	<u>725,519</u>	<u>273,993</u>	<u>14,728,798</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>5,421,900</u>	<u>1,320,239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,742,139</u>
<i>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net</i>	<u>\$ 5,890,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,519,685</u>	<u>\$ 108,913</u>	<u>\$ 7,301,642</u>

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	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2023
<i>Business-type Activities:</i>				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 114,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,000
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>114,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,000</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	1,110,835	-	-	1,110,835
Furniture and Equipment	71,636	-	-	71,636
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,182,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,182,471</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	945,944	11,015	-	956,959
Furniture and Equipment	71,636	-	-	71,636
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,017,580</u>	<u>11,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,028,595</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>164,891</u>	<u>(11,015)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,876</u>
<i>Business-type Activities Capital Assets, net</i>	<u>\$ 278,891</u>	<u>\$ (11,015)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 267,876</u>

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

Governmental Activities:	
General Government	\$ 120,404
Public Safety	93,906
Health and Welfare	44,412
Public Works	466,797
Culture and Recreation	-
	<u>\$ 725,519</u>
Business-type Activities:	
Housing Authority	<u>\$ 11,015</u>

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NOTE 7 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, were as follows:

	12/31/2022			12/31/2023	Due Within
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance	One Year
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>					
Leases Payable	\$ 106,097	\$ 163,732	\$ 57,294	\$ 212,535	\$ 42,348
Landfill Closure and Post-Closure	747,485	33,184	-	780,669	-
Compensated Absences	299,215	-	47,222	251,993	41,850
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 1,152,797	\$ 196,916	\$ 104,516	\$ 1,245,197	\$ 84,198
<i>Business-Type Activities:</i>					
DOLA-Division of Housing	\$ 141,092	\$ -	\$12,143	\$ 128,949	\$ 12,877
US Department of Agriculture Blue Waters Hacienda Project, 2005	110,457	-	1,022	109,435	1,093
Total Business-Type Activities	\$ 251,549	\$ -	\$ 13,165	\$ 238,384	\$ 13,970

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

Lease Agreements

The County, as a lessee, has entered into lease agreements for equipment with lease terms of 5 to 7 years. The total costs of these right-to-use lease assets are recorded as \$301,817 less accumulated depreciation of \$89,282. The County has determined that as of December 31, 2023, there is no loss associated with an impairment of the right-to-use lease asset.

The future lease payments under lease agreements as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 42,348	\$ 8,055	\$ 50,403
2025	36,413	6,339	42,752
2025	24,832	5,065	29,897
2026	17,603	4,230	21,833
2027	16,107	3,608	19,715
2028-2032	75,232	7,653	82,885
	\$ 212,535	\$ 34,950	\$ 247,485

Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Care Costs

State and Federal law require the County to place a final cover on its landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. The County uses the "Local Government Finance Test" as its financial mechanism to assure full payment of all closure, post closure, and if applicable, corrective action estimated costs. The estimated liability for landfill closure and post closure care costs represents the County's total current estimate of such future costs, and is based on the estimated amount to be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor and

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maintain the landfill were acquired as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the County estimated that existing landfill capacity was approximately 62% utilized (filled), and that the existing landfill was expected to be filled to capacity in fiscal year 2042. The \$780,669 reported as landfill closure and post-closure care liability at December 31, 2023 represents the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 62% of the estimated capacity of the landfill. The aggregate estimated liability of \$1,259,143 is comprised of \$399,962 of estimated closure costs and \$859,181 of estimated post closure costs. The County will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and post-closure care of \$478,475 as the remaining estimated capacity is filled. However, the actual costs of closure and post closure may be higher, due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in the landfill laws and regulations.

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:

Colorado Department of Local Affairs – Division of Housing

The Housing Authority has entered into a mortgage note payable with Colorado Department of Local Affairs – Division of Housing (DOH) to refinance the construction of two projects operated by the Housing Authority. The note has an original principal balance in the amount of \$341,000, maturing May 2033, payable in semi-annual blended payments of \$7,585 beginning November 30, 2003, and with a stated interest rate of 2% annum. The mortgage is secured by a deed of trust on the Housing Authority’s Puerto Del Norte Haciendas housing project, which is located in Saguache County.

The 2009 and 2010 payments were deferred due to cash flow shortages. Payments resumed in December 2011. The note maturity date was extended until December 2035. Due to extra payments made in 2022, the note maturity date was shortened back to May 2033.

United States Department of Agriculture

The Housing Authority has entered into a mortgage note payable with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), with an original principal amount of \$118,592, maturing December 2054, payable in blended monthly payments of \$528, and with a stated interest rate of 6.75% per annum. The mortgage note was entered into to refinance the construction of two projects operated by the Housing Authority and is secured by a deed of trust on the Housing Authority’s Blue Waters Haciendas housing project, which is located in Saguache County.

The annual debt service for the mortgage notes payable is as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 13,970	\$ 7,534	\$ 21,505
2025	14,280	7,221	21,501
2026	14,600	6,905	21,505
2027	14,735	6,770	21,505
2028	15,097	6,408	21,505
2029-2033	66,263	26,091	92,354
2034-2038	17,400	19,430	36,829
2039-2043	17,244	14,427	31,671
2044-2048	24,144	7,527	31,671
2049-2053	33,805	528	34,332
2054	6,846	-	6,846
	\$ 238,384	\$ 102,840	\$ 341,224

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NOTE 8 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Pension Plans

The County provides a participatory salary deferral plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 401(k), a defined contribution plan, administered by Principal Financial Group, for all County employees over the age of 18 with more than six months of employment with the County. Participating employees may contribute, on a tax-deferred basis, any whole percentage of their total pay each period to the Plan. Federal law limits the deferral amounts in any tax year. The County matches 100% of the first 5% contributed by each employee. The County's matching contributions vest with the employee over a 4-year period. Nonvested County contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment. Such forfeitures are used to cover a portion of the pension plan's administrative expenses. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Board of County Commissioners.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, total employee contributions to the Plan were \$131,370 and the County recognized pension expense of \$111,902. The County recognized \$3,510 of forfeitures in retirement expense during 2023.

Cafeteria Plan

The County also offers its employees a cafeteria compensation plan organized under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, which includes the following benefits: medical, disability, accident and/or term life insurance, and health expense reimbursement. No cost to the County is recognized, as the plan is a salary reduction plan.

Post-Employment Health Care Benefits

All County employees covered by COBRA insurance may continue their health insurance after a reduction in work hours or termination of employment. The County recognizes no cost for such coverage, as those electing to continue COBRA coverage must reimburse the County for 100% of their premium cost for the extended coverage period.

NOTE 9 COLORADO CONTRABAND FORFEITURE ACT

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

NOTE 10 TABOR AMENDMENT RESERVE

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

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

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

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TABOR also required local governments to establish emergency reserves to be used for declared emergencies only. Emergencies, as defined by TABOR, exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or fringe benefit increases. These reserves are required to be 3% or more of fiscal year spending. Fiscal year spending excludes enterprise spending. The Emergency Reserve has been presented as a restriction of fund balance in the County funds and restricted net position on the Statement of Net Position.

The County's management believes it is in compliance with the financial provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of its provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending limits, will require judicial interpretation.

The electorate of the County passed a referendum allowing the County to collect and expend the full revenues generated during 1997 and each subsequent year, from its existing tax rates, to receive and expand all sales and property revenues without regard to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution of law. Approval of this question does not authorize any increase in property tax rates of any kind above the 1995 rates.

NOTE 11 RISK MANAGEMENT

Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool (CAPP)

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

At December 31, 2023, CAPP had assets of \$29,572,690 liabilities of \$18,386,695 (including \$17,157,405 reserved for losses and claims), and members' equity of \$11,185,995. The liability amount includes no long-term debt. Total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2023, amounted to \$15,156,572 and total expenses were \$12,532,239, resulting in net income before return of surplus of \$2,624,333.

Colorado Workers' Compensation Pool (CWCP)

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

At December 31, 2023, CWCP had assets of \$55,475,628, liabilities of \$30,105,475 (including \$25,974,257 reserved for losses and claims) and members' equity of \$25,370,153. The liability amount includes no long-term debt. Total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2023, amounted to \$11,864,038, total expenses were \$7,238,446, resulting in net income before return of surplus of \$4,625,592.

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NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Grant Programs

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

Litigation

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

Insurance Pools

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

Construction Projects

Saguache Clinic – Saguache Clinic reconstruction started in July 2022 and should be completed in June 2024. The total cost is estimated at \$335,000 with funding provided by a Grant Award of 74.61% or \$250,000 and the County cash match of 25.39% or \$85,000. As of December 31, 2023 \$327,810 has been spent for the completion of this project.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

In addition to the basic financial statements, a budgetary comparison schedule is required for the General Fund and, if applicable, each of the County's major special revenue funds.

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

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		FINAL BUDGET
				POSITIVE
				(NEGATIVE)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 2,620,885	\$ 2,620,885	\$ 2,362,382	\$ (258,503)
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,413,134	5,633,077	3,840,326	(1,792,751)
Licenses and Permits	285,100	285,100	118,090	(167,010)
Charges for Services	983,693	983,693	975,968	(7,725)
Interest Revenue	40,100	690,100	709,103	19,003
Miscellaneous	301,993	301,993	170,027	(131,966)
TOTAL REVENUES	9,644,905	10,514,848	8,175,896	(2,338,952)
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	5,813,636	6,106,829	5,349,024	757,805
Public Safety	2,571,422	2,056,422	1,820,325	236,097
Health and Welfare	7,500	38,500	37,569	931
Public Works	45,000	45,000	42,154	2,846
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	2,016,300	3,074,800	1,907,214	1,167,586
Debt Service	40,400	40,400	33,262	7,138
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,494,258	11,361,951	9,189,548	2,172,403
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(849,353)	(847,103)	(1,013,652)	(166,549)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	850,000	850,000	850,000	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-
Lease Proceeds	-	-	163,732	163,732
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	850,000	850,000	1,013,732	163,732
Net Change in Fund Balance	647	2,897	80	(2,817)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	5,006,004	5,006,004	5,006,004	-
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 5,006,651	\$ 5,008,901	\$ 5,006,084	\$ (2,817)

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

The basis of budgeting is the same as GAAP.
The schedule is presented on the GAAP basis.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		FINAL BUDGET
				POSITIVE
				(NEGATIVE)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,936,273	2,936,273	2,934,358	(1,915)
License and Permits	35,000	35,000	27,627	(7,373)
Charges for Services	590,500	610,500	706,901	96,401
Miscellaneous	12,000	52,000	57,084	5,084
TOTAL REVENUES	3,573,773	3,633,773	3,725,970	92,197
EXPENDITURES				
Public Works	3,710,469	4,053,469	4,000,387	53,082
Capital Outlay	100,000	100,000	108,706	(8,706)
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,810,469	4,153,469	4,109,093	44,376
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(236,696)	(519,696)	(383,123)	136,573
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfer in	-	-	-	-
Sale of Capital Assets	10,000	10,000	-	(10,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	10,000	10,000	-	(10,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(226,696)	(509,696)	(383,123)	126,573
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	3,852,339	3,852,339	3,852,339	-
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 3,625,643	\$ 3,342,643	\$ 3,469,216	\$ 126,573

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

The basis of budgeting is the same as GAAP.

The schedule is presented on the GAAP basis.

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SOCIAL SERVICES FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 356,700	\$ 356,700	\$ 349,222	\$ (7,478)
Intergovernmental Revenue	6,725,710	8,725,710	5,578,197	(3,147,513)
Interest Revenue	-	-	24	24
Miscellaneous	-	-	14,610	14,610
TOTAL REVENUES	7,082,410	9,082,410	5,942,053	(3,140,357)
EXPENDITURES				
Health and Welfare	6,947,355	8,947,355	6,033,723	2,913,632
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,947,355	8,947,355	6,033,723	2,913,632
Net Change in Fund Balance	135,055	135,055	(91,670)	(226,725)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	563,994	563,994	563,994	-
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 699,049	\$ 699,049	\$ 472,324	\$ (226,725)

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

The basis of budgeting is the same as GAAP.

The schedule is presented on the GAAP basis.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
PUBLIC SAFETY FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		FINAL BUDGET
				POSITIVE
				(NEGATIVE)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,053,087	\$ (246,913)
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,053,087	(246,913)
EXPENDITURES				
Public Safety	350,000	350,000	53,648	296,352
Capital Outlay	100,000	100,000	147,974	(47,974)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	450,000	450,000	201,622	248,378
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	850,000	850,000	851,465	1,465
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfer in	(850,000)	(850,000)	(850,000)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(850,000)	(850,000)	(850,000)	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	1,465	1,465
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	3,147,355	3,147,355	3,147,355	-
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 3,147,355	\$ 3,147,355	\$ 3,148,820	\$ 1,465

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

The basis of budgeting is the same as GAAP.

The schedule is presented on the GAAP basis.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The combining financial statements represent the second level of financial reporting for the County. These financial statements present more detailed information for the individual funds in a format that segregates information by fund type.

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to be expended for particular purposes.

PUBLIC HEALTH FUND– This fund is used to account for multiple programs of providing health services to County residents. Financing is provided by grants and fees for services.

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND – This fund is used to account for the County share of the state lottery program. The monies may be expended only for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks, and other public recreational facilities.

TOURISM FUND – This fund is used to account for the County share of the lodging tax collected on each hotel/motel that is rented in Saguache County. The monies may be expended to promote Saguache County to tourists.

SALES TAX – EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND, SALES TAX – YOUTH AND SENIORS FUND, AND SALES TAX – RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND – These funds are used to account for the expenditure of County sales tax collected for emergency services, youth and senior activities, and renewable energy activities, respectively.

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2023

	NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							TOTAL NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL
	PUBLIC HEALTH FUND	CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	SALES TAX- EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND	TOURISM FUND	SALES TAX- YOUTH AND SENIORS FUND	SALES TAX- RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND	TOTAL	
ASSETS								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 142,593	\$ 125,078	\$ 375,903	\$ 112,880	\$ 122,324	\$ 470,756	\$ 1,349,534	
Accounts Receivable	107,672	-	-	-	-	-	107,672	
Property Tax Receivable	64,911	-	-	-	-	-	64,911	
Due from Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 315,176	\$ 125,078	\$ 375,903	\$ 112,880	\$ 122,324	\$ 470,756	\$ 1,522,117	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE								
LIABILITIES								
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,526	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 240	\$ 945	\$ -	\$ 22,711	
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Deferred Grant Revenue	58,552	-	-	-	-	-	58,552	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	65,078	15,000	-	240	945	-	81,263	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Unearned Revenue - Property Tax	64,911	-	-	-	-	-	64,911	
FUND BALANCE								
Committed	185,187	110,078	375,903	112,640	121,379	470,756	1,375,943	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	185,187	110,078	375,903	112,640	121,379	470,756	1,375,943	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 315,176	\$ 125,078	\$ 375,903	\$ 112,880	\$ 122,324	\$ 470,756	\$ 1,522,117	

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							TOTAL NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL
	PUBLIC HEALTH FUND	CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	TOURISM FUND	EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND	SALES TAX- YOUTH AND SENIORS FUND	SALES TAX- RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND	SALES TAX- RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND	
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$ 54,550	\$ -	\$ 107,854	\$ 234,019	\$ 234,019	\$ 234,019	\$ 234,019	\$ 864,461
Intergovernmental Revenue	486,915	53,158	-	-	-	-	-	540,073
Charges for Services	214,486	-	-	-	-	-	-	214,486
Miscellaneous	1,055	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,055
TOTAL REVENUES	757,006	53,158	107,854	234,019	234,019	234,019	234,019	1,620,075
EXPENDITURES								
Current Expenditures								
General Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	210,249	-	-	-	210,249
Health and Welfare	748,109	-	-	-	-	-	-	748,109
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	196,502	196,502
Culture and Recreation	-	55,290	128,075	-	313,330	-	-	496,695
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	748,109	55,290	128,075	210,249	313,330	196,502	196,502	1,651,555
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	8,897	(2,132)	(20,221)	23,770	(79,311)	37,517	37,517	(31,480)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfer In	-	-	-	314,991	142,317	397,197	397,197	854,505
Transfer Out	-	-	-	-	(854,505)	-	-	(854,505)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	314,991	(712,188)	397,197	397,197	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	8,897	(2,132)	(20,221)	338,761	(791,499)	434,714	434,714	(31,480)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	176,290	112,210	132,861	37,142	912,878	36,042	36,042	1,407,423
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 185,187	\$ 110,078	\$ 112,640	\$ 375,903	\$ 121,379	\$ 470,756	\$ 470,756	\$ 1,375,943

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
ENTERPRISE FUND TYPES
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	HOUSING AUTHORITY			TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND
	SAGUACHE HOUSING AUTHORITY	BLUE WATERS	PUERTO DEL NORTE HACIENDAS	
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 45,357	\$ 139,372	\$ 127,639	\$ 312,368
Accounts Receivable	4,000	-	6	4,006
Total Current Assets	49,357	139,372	127,645	316,374
Noncurrent Assets:				
Capital Assets:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:	62,000	36,000	16,000	114,000
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	-	-	153,876	153,876
Total Noncurrent Assets	62,000	36,000	169,876	267,876
TOTAL ASSETS	111,357	175,372	297,521	584,250
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	-	5,159	5,900	11,059
Unearned Revenue	21,250	-	-	21,250
Security Deposit	-	3,091	8,712	11,803
Notes Payable (current portion)	-	1,093	12,877	13,970
Total Current Liabilities	21,250	9,343	27,489	58,082
Noncurrent Liabilities:				
Notes Payable	-	108,342	116,072	224,414
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	-	108,342	116,072	224,414
TOTAL LIABILITIES	21,250	117,685	143,561	282,496
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	62,000	(73,435)	40,927	29,492
Unrestricted	28,107	131,122	113,033	272,262
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 90,107	\$ 57,687	\$ 153,960	\$ 301,754

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
ENTERPRISE FUND TYPES
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	HOUSING AUTHORITY			TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND
	SAGUACHE HOUSING AUTHORITY	BLUE WATERS	PUERTO DEL NORTE HACIENDAS	
OPERATING REVENUES				
Rent from Tenants	\$ -	\$ 40,225	\$ 126,366	\$ 166,591
HUD Operating Subsidy	-	100,128	11,536	111,664
Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	15,994	4,531	6,591	27,116
Total operating revenues	15,994	144,884	144,493	305,371
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administrative	-	72,787	46,679	119,466
Utilities	-	29,709	32,664	62,373
Operating and Maintenance	20,182	19,598	20,304	60,084
Insurance	-	5,814	9,159	14,973
Depreciation Expense	-	-	11,015	11,015
Total operating expenses	20,182	127,908	119,821	267,911
Operating Income (Loss)	(4,188)	16,976	24,672	37,460
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Interest on Investments	-	275	232	507
Grant Revenue	8,055	-	-	8,055
Interest Expense	-	(5,312)	(3,027)	(8,339)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	8,055	(5,037)	(2,795)	223
Changes in Net Position	3,867	11,939	21,877	37,683
Net Position, Beginning of Year	86,240	45,748	132,083	264,071
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 90,107	\$ 57,687	\$ 153,960	\$ 301,754

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
ENTERPRISE FUND TYPES
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	HOUSING AUTHORITY			TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND
	SAGUACHE HOUSING AUTHORITY	BLUE WATERS	PUERTO DEL NORTE HACIENDAS	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Cash received from tenants and others	\$ 11,994	\$ 44,708	\$ 133,818	\$ 190,520
Cash received from HUD operating subsidy	-	100,128	11,536	111,664
Cash paid to employees for services	-	(72,787)	(46,679)	(119,466)
Cash paid to suppliers and service providers	(20,182)	(52,613)	(58,886)	(131,681)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	(8,188)	19,436	39,789	51,037
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:				
Grant revenue	29,305	-	-	29,305
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	29,305	-	-	29,305
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Payment of note principal and interest	-	(6,334)	(15,170)	(21,504)
Purchase of capital assets	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	-	(6,334)	(15,170)	(21,504)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Interest received	-	275	232	507
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	-	275	232	507
Increase (decrease) in cash and investments	21,117	13,377	24,851	59,345
Cash and cash equivalents, Beginning of the Year	24,240	125,995	102,788	253,023
Cash and cash equivalents, End of the Year	<u>\$ 45,357</u>	<u>\$ 139,372</u>	<u>\$ 127,639</u>	<u>\$ 312,368</u>
Operating income (loss)	\$ (4,188)	\$ 16,976	\$ 24,672	\$ 37,460
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities				
Depreciation	-	-	11,015	11,015
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(4,000)	-	248	(3,752)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	-	2,508	3,241	5,749
Increase (Decrease) in Security Deposits	-	(48)	613	565
Total adjustments	(4,000)	2,460	15,117	13,577
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (8,188)</u>	<u>\$ 19,436</u>	<u>\$ 39,789</u>	<u>\$ 51,037</u>

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT
ALL NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AND ALL PROPRIETARY FUNDS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		EXPENDITURES		ADJUSTMENTS		EXPENDITURES ON THE		VARIANCE WITH	
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	THE GAAP BASIS	REPORTED ON THE BASIS	TO BUDGETARY BASIS	ON THE BUDGETARY BASIS	FINAL BUDGET	POSITIVE		
								(NEGATIVE)		
Governmental Funds										
Non-major Governmental Funds										
Special Revenue Funds										
Public Health Fund	\$ 944,699	\$ 1,018,199	\$ 748,109	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 748,109	\$ 270,090			
Conservation Trust Fund	35,000	45,000	55,290	-	-	55,290	(10,290)			
Tourism Fund	160,000	160,000	128,075	-	-	128,075	31,925			
Sales Tax - Emergency Services Fund	275,000	275,000	210,249	-	-	210,249	64,751			
Sales Tax - Youth and Seniors Fund	494,558	1,256,747	1,167,835	-	-	1,167,835	88,912			
Sales Tax - Renewable Energy Fund	275,000	275,000	196,502	-	-	196,502	78,498			
	<u>\$ 2,184,257</u>	<u>\$ 3,029,946</u>	<u>\$ 2,506,060</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,506,060</u>	<u>\$ 523,886</u>			
Total Non-major Governmental Funds										
Proprietary Funds										
Enterprise Funds										
Blue Waters Housing Authority	\$ 137,949	\$ 137,949	\$ 133,220	\$ 1,022	\$ 1,022	\$ 134,242	\$ 3,707			
Puerto Del Norte Haciendas Housing Authority	136,495	136,495	122,848	1,128	1,128	123,976	12,519			
Saguache County Housing Authority	12,504	17,182	20,182	-	-	20,182	(3,000)			
	<u>\$ 286,948</u>	<u>\$ 291,626</u>	<u>\$ 276,250</u>	<u>\$ 2,150</u>	<u>\$ 2,150</u>	<u>\$ 278,400</u>	<u>\$ 13,226</u>			
Total Proprietary Funds										

Adjustments to budgetary basis include costs of capitalized assets, depreciation expense and principal payments.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO

OTHER SCHEDULES AND REPORTS

SAGUACHE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

<i>Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</i>	<i>Federal Assistance Listing Number</i>	<i>Pass-through Grantor and Number</i>	<i>Passed-through to Subrecipients (\$)</i>	<i>Federal Expenditures(\$)</i>
Clusters				
CCDF Cluster				
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	\$ -	\$ 7,774
Total CCDF Cluster			-	7,774
Food Distribution Cluster				
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	10.565	Colorado Department of Human Services and Care and Share Food Bank,N/A	-	44,970
Emergency Food Assistance Program (Food Commodities)	10.569	Colorado Department of Human Services and Care and Share Food Bank,N/A	-	60,862
Total Food Distribution Cluster			-	105,832
Medicaid Cluster				
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing,N/A	-	243,727
Total Medicaid Cluster			-	243,727
SNAP Cluster				
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.551	Colorado Department of Human Services,N/A	-	250
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	Colorado Department of Human Services,N/A	-	85,785
Total SNAP Cluster			-	86,035
Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster				
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Schools and Roads - Grants to States, Title I	10.665	Colorado Department of Treasury,N/A	888,180	888,180
Schools and Roads - Grants to States, Title III	10.665	Colorado Department of Treasury,N/A	-	42,121
Total Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster			888,180	930,301

SAGUACHE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

<i>Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</i>	<i>Federal Assistance Listing Number</i>	<i>Pass-through Grantor and Number</i>	<i>Passed-through to Subrecipients (\$)</i>	<i>Federal Expenditures(\$)</i>
Section 8 Project-Based Cluster				
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) Payments Program	14.195	Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, N/A	-	100,128
Total Section 8 Project-Based Cluster			-	100,128
Housing Voucher Cluster				
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	14.871	Center Housing Authority, N/A	-	11,536
Total Housing Voucher Cluster			-	11,536
Total All Clusters			888,180	1,485,333
Other Programs				
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Rural Rental Housing Loans	10.415		-	114,747
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	114,747
U.S. Department of Justice				
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, N/A	-	53,658
Total U.S. Department of Justice			-	53,658
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	Colorado Department of Transportation, N/A	-	30,391
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			-	30,391
U.S. Department of Treasury				
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032		-	578,800
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	Colorado Department of Local Affairs, N/A	-	502,391
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	6,926
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			-	1,088,117

SAGUACHE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

<i>Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</i>	<i>Federal Assistance Listing Number</i>	<i>Pass-through Grantor and Number</i>	<i>Passed-through to Subrecipients (\$)</i>	<i>Federal Expenditures(\$)</i>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, C23PHP	-	15,316
Guardianship Assistance	93.090	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	903
COVID-19 Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, IMM#4	-	7,371
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, IMM#3	-	33,449
COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323	Public Health and Environment, ELC	-	25,859
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323	Public Health and Environment, ELC	-	112,973
Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response	93.354	Public Health and Environment, OPHP	-	23,579
MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program	93.556	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	61
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	149,643
COVID-19 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	1,733
Child Support Services	93.563	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	147,763
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	7,820
Foster Care-Title IV-E	93.658	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	370,142

SAGUACHE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

<i>Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</i>	<i>Federal Assistance Listing Number</i>	<i>Pass-through Grantor and Number</i>	<i>Passed-through to Subrecipients (\$)</i>	<i>Federal Expenditures(\$)</i>
Adoption Assistance	93.659	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	38,575
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	52,125
COVID-19 Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program	93.747	Colorado Department of Human Services, N/A	-	5,673
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Collaborations with Academia to Strengthen Public Health	93.967	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, OPHP LPHA	-	14,205
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, OPHP	-	10,653
<i>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>			-	1,017,843
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	Colorado Department of Local Affairs, N/A	-	42,138
<i>Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security</i>			-	42,138
<i>Total Other Programs</i>			-	2,346,894
<i>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</i>			\$ 888,180	\$ 3,832,227

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Saguache County, Colorado under programs of the federal government 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* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Saguache County, Colorado, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Saguache County, Colorado.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting, except for funds passed-through the Colorado Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health and Environment, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, and Care and Share Food Bank which are reported on a cash basis. 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. Pass-through identifying numbers are presented where available. Schools and Roads - Grants to States, Title I funds were passed through to subrecipients. The County did not elect to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under Uniform Guidance for the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE 3 FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of commodities received and disbursed.

NOTE 4 RURAL RENTAL HOUSING LOANS

The Rural Rental Housing Loan is administered by Rural Development payable by the County. The outstanding loan balance at December 31, 2023 is included in the financial statements. The detail of the loan outstanding at the beginning and end of the year is included in Note 7 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**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**



Wall,
Smith,
Bateman Inc.

To the Board of County Commissioners
Saguache County, Colorado
Saguache, 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 business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Saguache County, Colorado (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 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 the 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 the audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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

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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.

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.
Alamosa, Colorado

August 28, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**



Wall,
Smith,
Bateman Inc.

To the Board of County Commissioners
Saguache County, Colorado
Saguache, Colorado

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited Saguache County, Colorado’s (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *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.

Qualified Opinion on the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Program

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, 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.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

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 other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditors’ results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

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

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

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Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Program

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the County did not comply with requirements regarding the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Program as described in finding number 2023-001 for Reporting.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the County to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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 a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 Finding 2023-001 to be a material weakness.

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 finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying 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.

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.

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.

Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.
Alamosa, Colorado

August 28, 2024

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _____yes X no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are **not** considered to be material weakness(es)? reported _____yes X none
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? X yes _____no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are **not** considered to be material weakness(es)? reported _____yes X no

Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs:

- Qualified for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund
- Unmodified for Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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

Identification of major programs:

<u>Federal Assistance Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.665	Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
21.032	Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? _____yes X no

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

None

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

**Finding 2023-001: Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, Federal Assistance Listing No. 21.032,
U.S. Department of Treasury**

Compliance Requirement: Reporting

Grant No.: Not applicable

Type of finding: Internal Control (material weakness) and Compliance (material noncompliance)

Criteria: The Reporting Guidance for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) requires the County as the recipient to submit an Obligation and Expenditure Report annually. This report should include aggregate obligations and expenditures by governmental purpose reporting category which should match County LATCF grant expenditures reported in the financial statements within 10 percent.

Condition: The County omitted \$397,560 of current period LATCF obligations and expenditures which is greater than 10% difference on the annual 2023 Obligation and Expenditure Report.

Cause: The County does not have a complete system of internal controls that provides for the review of the Obligation and Expenditure Report.

Questioned Costs: None

Effect: The Obligation and Expenditure Report contained errors and was not in compliance with the financial reporting requirements of the Reporting Guidance.

Recommendation: The County should strengthen its internal controls with adopted policies and procedures to ensure accurate financial reporting in compliance with the Reporting Guidance for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

Grantee's Response: See corrective action plan.

SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Finding 2022-001: Internal Control over Financial Reporting
(Repeat of Finding 09-1, 10-1, 11-1, 12-1, 2013-001, 2014-001, 2015-001,
2016-01, 2017-01, 2018-01, 2019-01, 2020-001, 2021-001)

Type of finding: Internal Control (material weakness) and Noncompliance (material noncompliance)

Condition: The County does not have a complete system of internal control to prevent and detect financial misstatements or to ensure compliance with budget laws.

Recommendation: The County should to improve its internal controls with adopted policies and procedures regarding year-end reconciling of account balances to ensure accurate financial statements. In addition, the County should incorporate a review process over budget to actual statements and adopt supplemental appropriations when necessary.

Status: Implemented.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Oversight Agencies: U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Treasury

Saguache County, Colorado respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Independent Accountants: Wall, Smith, Bateman Inc.
Certified Public Accountants
3001 Adcock Circle, P.O. Box 809
Alamosa, CO 81101

Audit period: Year ended December 31, 2023

The findings from December 31, 2023, schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule. Section I of the schedule, Summary of Auditors' Results, does not include findings and is not addressed.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Finding 2023-001: Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, Federal Assistance Listing No. 21.032,

U.S. Department of Treasury

Compliance Requirement: Reporting

Grant No.: Not applicable

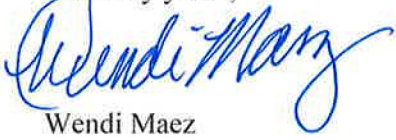
Type of finding: Internal Control (material weakness) and Noncompliance (material noncompliance)

Recommendation: The County should strengthen its internal controls with adopted policies and procedures to ensure accurate financial reporting in compliance with the Reporting Guidance for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

Action Taken: Complete a spreadsheet that shows the exact revenue and expenditures to report exactly the amounts recognized/spent for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

If there are questions regarding this plan, please call the responsible parties listed below.

Sincerely yours,



Wendi Maez
County Administrator
Saguache County, Colorado



Virginia West
Contracted Accountant
Saguache County, Colorado



The public report burden for this information collection is estimated to average 380 hours annually.

LOCAL HIGHWAY FINANCE REPORT	City or County: Saguache County
	YEAR ENDING : December 2023
This Information From The Records Of Saguache County	Prepared By: Michelle Hashbarger Phone: 719-655-2554

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. DISBURSEMENTS FOR ROAD AND STREET PURPOSES

ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT
A. Receipts from local sources:		A. Local highway disbursements:	
1. Local highway-user taxes		1. Capital outlay (from page 2)	0
a. Motor Fuel (from Item I.A.5.)		2. Maintenance:	3,604,020
b. Motor Vehicle (from Item I.B.5.)		3. Road and street services:	
c. Total (a.+b.)		a. Traffic control operations	38,811
2. General fund appropriations		b. Snow and ice removal	
3. Other local imposts (from page 2)	7,735	c. Other	15,988
4. Miscellaneous local receipts (from page 2)	764,170	d. Total (a. through c.)	54,799
5. Transfers from toll facilities		4. General administration & miscellaneous	450,274
6. Proceeds of sale of bonds and notes:		5. Highway law enforcement and safety	
a. Bonds - Original Issues		6. Total (1 through 5)	4,109,093
b. Bonds - Refunding Issues		B. Debt service on local obligations:	
c. Notes		1. Bonds:	
d. Total (a. + b. + c.)	0	a. Interest	
7. Total (1 through 6)	771,905	b. Redemption	
B. Private Contributions		c. Total (a. + b.)	0
C. Receipts from State government (from page 2)	2,954,066	2. Notes:	
D. Receipts from Federal Government (from page 2)	0	a. Interest	
E. Total receipts (A.7 + B + C + D)	3,725,971	b. Redemption	
		c. Total (a. + b.)	0
		3. Total (1.c + 2.c)	0
		C. Payments to State for highways	
		D. Payments to toll facilities	
		E. Total disbursements (A.6 + B.3 + C + D)	4,109,093

IV. LOCAL HIGHWAY DEBT STATUS
(Show all entries at par)

	Opening Debt	Amount Issued	Redemptions	Closing Debt
A. Bonds (Total)				0
1. Bonds (Refunding Portion)				
B. Notes (Total)				0

V. LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND BALANCE

	A. Beginning Balance	B. Total Receipts	C. Total Disbursements	D. Ending Balance	E. Reconciliation
	3,852,339	3,725,971	4,109,093	3,469,217	0

Notes and Comments:

The HUTF funds for the Saguache County Road & Bridge are reduced by 183.88 which is the amount that we received for the Town of Bonanza. This dollar amount is reflected in the city report for the Town of Bonanza.

LOCAL HIGHWAY FINANCE REPORT

STATE:
Colorado
YEAR ENDING (mm/yy):
December 2023

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 Assessments	0	a. Interest on investments	
b. Other local imposts:		b. Traffic Fines & Penalties	
1. Sales Taxes		c. Parking Garage Fees	
2. Infrastructure & Impact Fees	7,735	d. Parking Meter Fees	
3. Liens		e. Sale of Surplus Property	
4. Licenses		f. Charges for Services	640,096
5. Specific Ownership &/or Other		g. Other Misc. Receipts	123,890
6. Total (1. through 5.)	7,735	h. Other (Bonanza)	184
c. Total (a. + b.)	7,735	i. Total (a. through h.)	764,170
	(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	2,934,174	1. FHWA (from Item I.D.5.)	
2. State general funds		2. Other Federal agencies:	
3. Other State funds:		a. Forest Service	0
a. State bond proceeds		b. FEMA	
b. Project Match		c. HUD	
c. Motor Vehicle Registrations	19,892	d. Federal Transit Admin	
d. Other (Specify) - DOLA Grant		e. U.S. Corps of Engineers	
e. Other (Specify)		f. Other Federal	
f. Total (a. through e.)	19,892	g. Total (a. through f.)	0
4. Total (1. + 2. + 3.f)	2,954,066	3. Total (1. + 2.g)	
			(Carry forward to page 1)

III. DISBURSEMENTS 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			0
b. Engineering Costs			0
c. Construction:			
(1). New Facilities			0
(2). Capacity Improvements			0
(3). System Preservation			0
(4). System Enhancement & Operation			0
(5). Total Construction (1) + (2) + (3) + (4)	0	0	0
d. Total Capital Outlay (Lines 1.a. + 1.b. + 1.c.5)	0	0	0
			(Carry forward to page 1)

Notes and Comments: