



Audit Summary

June 30, 2024

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What Is Included In The Financial Statement Audit?

- All departments, funds and elected officials
- Library as of June 30, 2024
- Health Department as of June 30, 2024, which was audited by another firm





Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements

- Proposed issuance of an “Unmodified” or “Clean Opinion”;
 - Financial statements are presented fairly with generally accepted accounting principles.
- Referenced other reports issued;
 - Report on internal control and compliance in accordance with “*Government Auditing Standards*”;
 - Report on federal awards in accordance with Uniform Guidance



Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

- Includes additional reporting to increase transparency and full disclosures
- County received Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting in FY2023
 - Hall County's 32nd year receiving this award
 - Fewer than 40 counties in Georgia receive this award annually

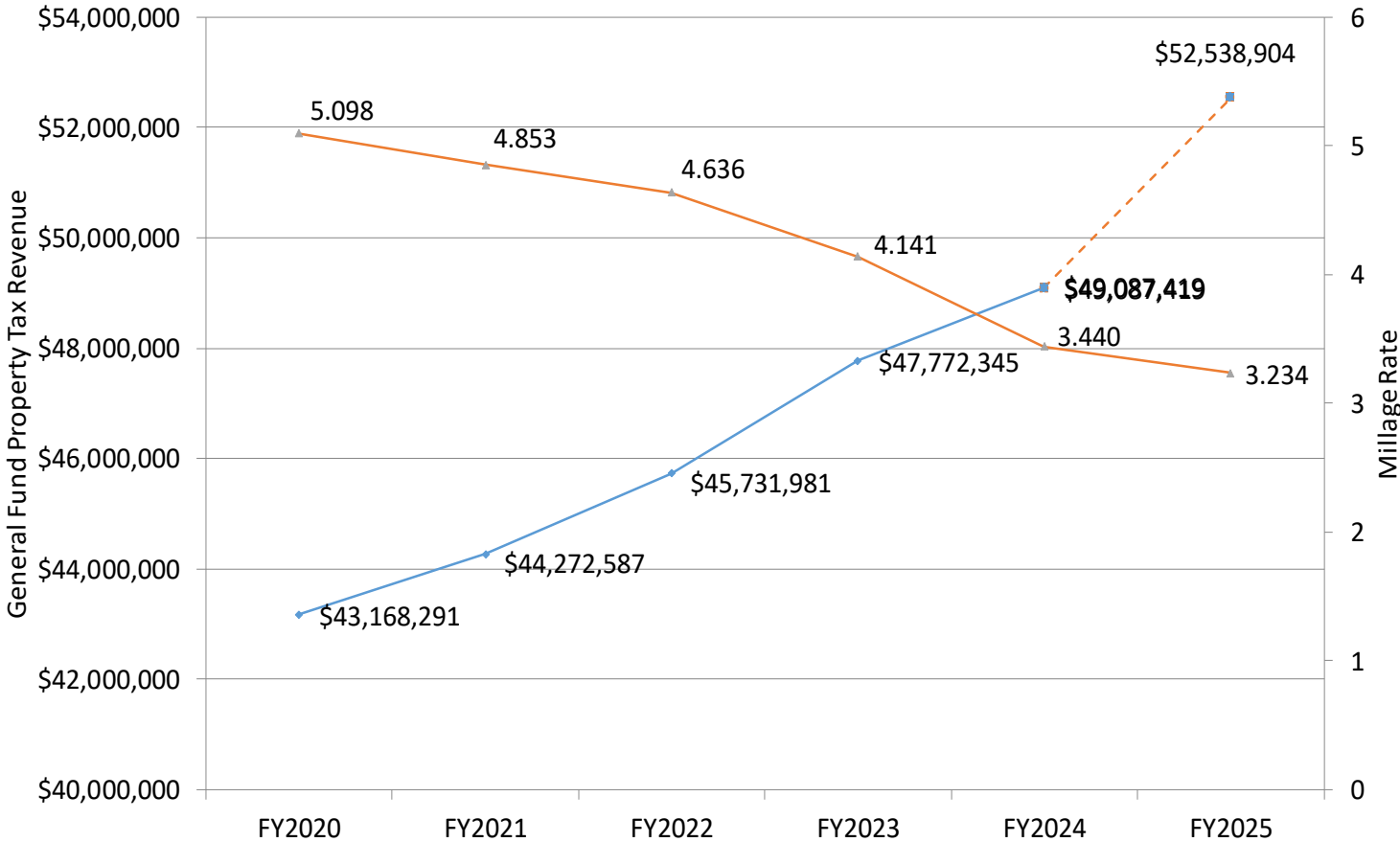
Property Tax Revenue

- County-wide increase of \$12.3 million

	FY2024	FY2023
General Fund	\$49.1	\$47.8
Fire Services	34.1	27.1
Parks & Leisure Services	4.0	3.2
Development Services	8.2	6.6
Emergency Services	8.2	6.6
Total Revenue (in millions)	\$103.6	\$91.3



General Fund Property Tax Revenues to Millage Rate



General Fund - Revenue

- Revenues increased \$4.3 million from prior year;
 - Property tax increased \$1.3 million (2.7%)
 - Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) receipts increased \$1.1 million (2.8%)
 - These revenues are offset against the General Fund M&O millage rate assessed to property owners
 - Motor Vehicle receipts consistent with previous year
 - Investment earnings increased \$451 thousand



General Fund - Expenditures

- Expenditures increased \$788 thousand (1%) from prior year;
 - \$4.9 million (9%) increase in salaries due to approved pay and benefits across all departments
 - Effect of Compensation Study taking effect in Jan 2023 and COLA adjustments
 - \$4.6 million (56%) decrease in planned transfers to the Capital Projects fund for County projects

General Fund – Expenditures, cont.

- A second contribution to the OPEB Trust Fund of \$1.6 million was made in FY2024
 - Costs shared by other funds

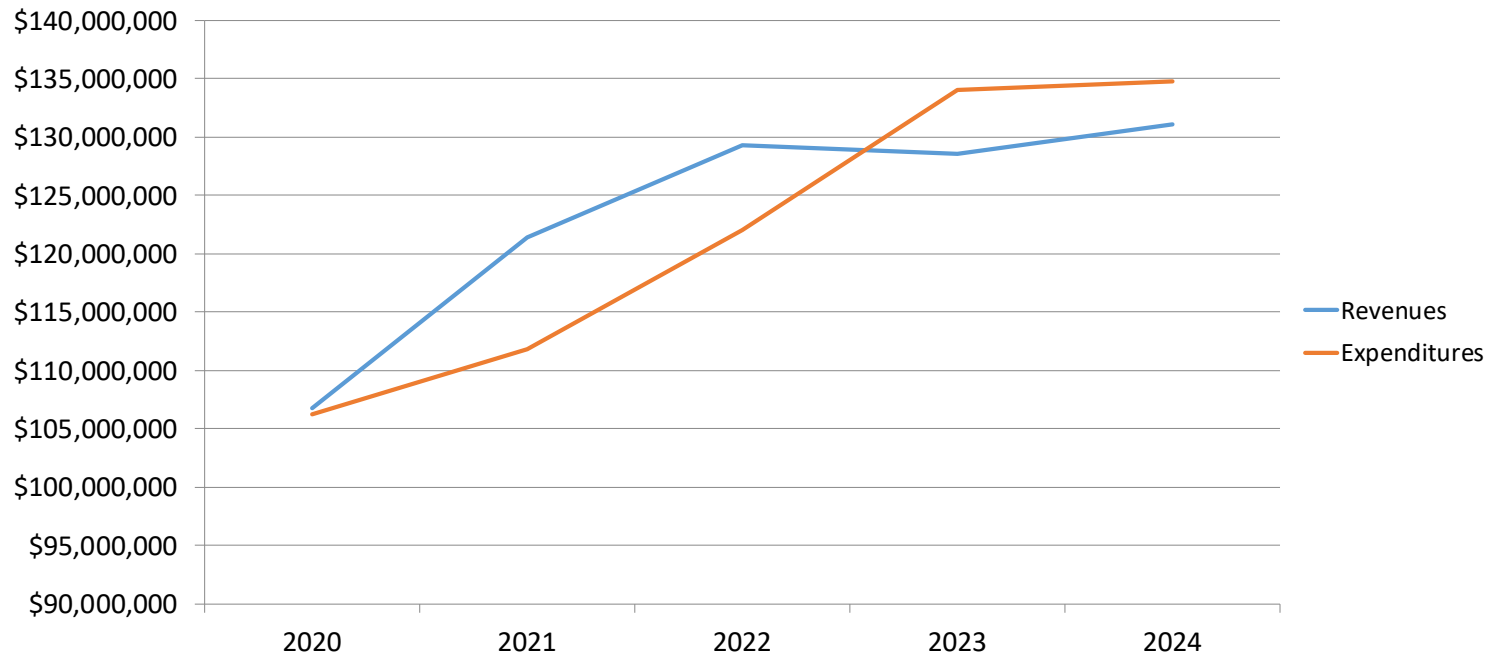
General Fund \$998 thousand

Fire Fund \$229 thousand

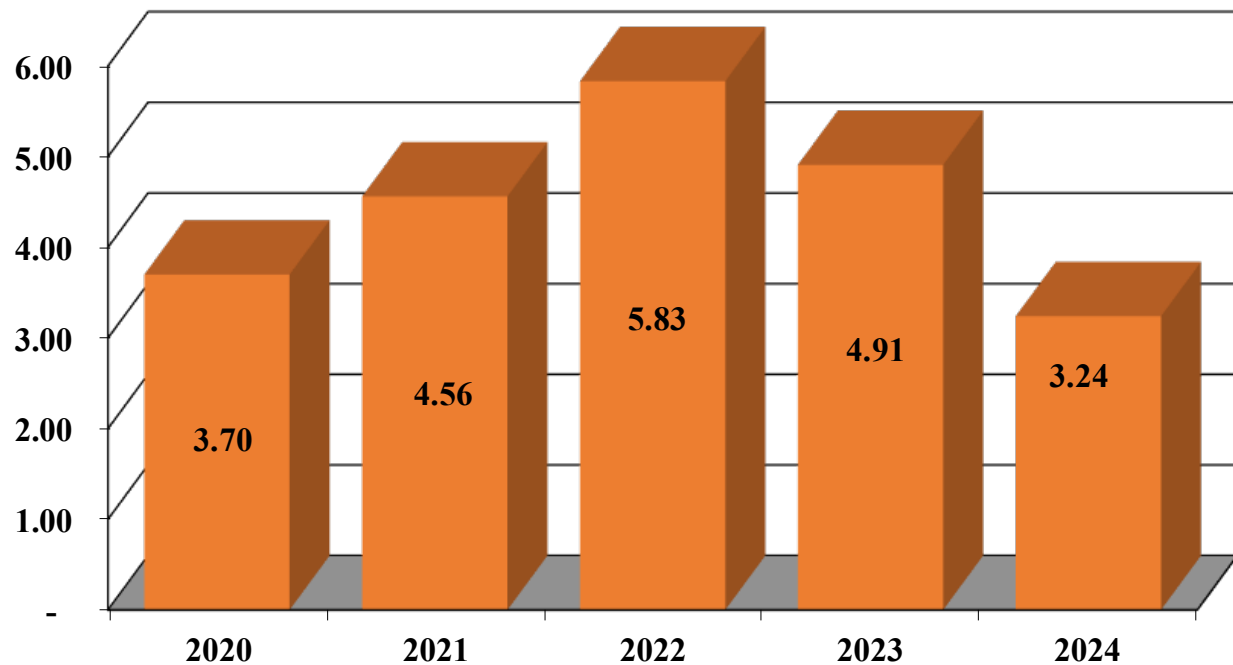
Other Funds \$373 thousand



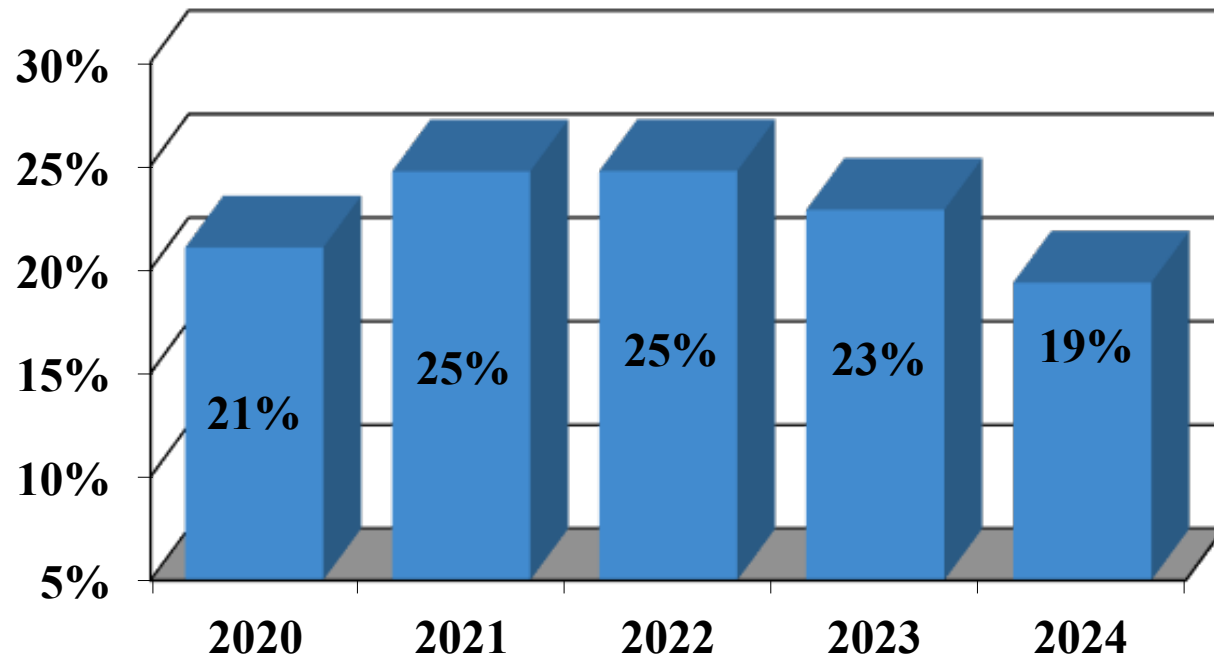
General Fund Ratio of Revenues to Expenditures



General Fund Cash and Investments/Liabilities



General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance



Percentage calculated from
Unassigned Fund Balance/Prior Year
Operating Expenditures + Operating
Transfers to Other Funds

Other Major Governmental Funds

- Fire Services Fund
 - Operating surplus of \$9.9 million before transfers out;
 - Property tax revenue increased \$7 million;
 - Insurance premium tax increased \$787 thousand;
 - Expenditures increased \$1.9 million;
 - Increase of \$1.9 million related to salaries and benefits
 - Transfers to Capital Projects Fund increased \$6.2 million
 - Fund balance of \$11.2 million was 24% of annual operating expenditures.



Other Major Governmental Funds

- American Rescue Plan Act Fund
 - Assets of \$14.4 million at year end
 - Activity funded by Federal revenue in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Designated for various projects to be completed by FY2026 including sewer improvements, HVAC upgrades, and other governmental services projects

Other Major Governmental Funds

- SPLOST
 - Collections for FY2024 were \$57.6 million;
 - Increase of \$2.5 million from prior year.
 - FY2024 expenditures and transfers were \$62.8 million
 - \$17.2 million distributed to municipalities
 - \$45.6 million expended for County projects





Other Major Governmental Funds

- Impact Fees Fund
 - Collections for FY2024 were \$1.6 million;
 - Assets held at 6/30/2024 were \$7.4 million
- Capital Projects Fund
 - Transfers from other funds in FY2024 were \$11.8 million;
 - Increase of \$4.1 million)from prior year.
 - FY2024 expenditures were \$10.8 million
 - Utilized primarily to strategically replace aging vehicles, heavy equipment, and upgrade aging buildings and facilities



Long-Term Debt Governmental Activities

- Long-term debt of \$14.4 million;
 - Contracts payable, \$916 thousand;
 - 2020 Bonds - Agreement with Development Authority;
 - State Patrol Post 6 (General Fund)
 - Refunding of 2009 Bonds, Series A
 - Matures FY2029.
 - Financed purchases, \$9.3 million;
 - Sheriff Body Camera, Tasers, & Software;
 - Matures FY2025 – FY2026.

Long-Term Debt Governmental Activities

- Financed purchases, cont.
 - Fire Pumper Trucks;
 - Matures FY2029.
- Leases payable, \$71 thousand;
 - Sheriff’s Department laptops;
 - Matures FY2025.
- Subscription liabilities, \$4.1 million;
 - Various subscription-based information technology arrangements county-wide;
 - Matures FY2026-FY2027.





Business-Type Activities

Solid Waste Disposal Facility

- Operating loss of \$2.8 million;
 - Includes depreciation costs of \$2.1 million
 - Loss related to decreased revenue from restrictions placed on items accepted to increase life expectancy of landfill
- No remaining debt outstanding in FY 2024

Business-Type Activities Water and Sewer Fund

- Net loss before transfers of \$2.5 million;
 - Includes depreciation of \$2.5 million
 - Does not include tap fee and other in-kind revenue received from developers of \$6.9 million
- Debt outstanding \$21.6 million
 - GEFA (Mulberry Creek Phase 1 & 2)
 - Matures FY2033
 - SPLOST is paying debt service in the amount of \$2.1 million annually
 - Revenue Bonds (Spout Springs Sewer Reclamation Plant), Series 2020
 - Refunded Series 2013 Bonds in FY2020
 - Matures FY2030



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