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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
PREPARED BY FINANCE DEPARTMENT
J. HOLLAND BELUE, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR

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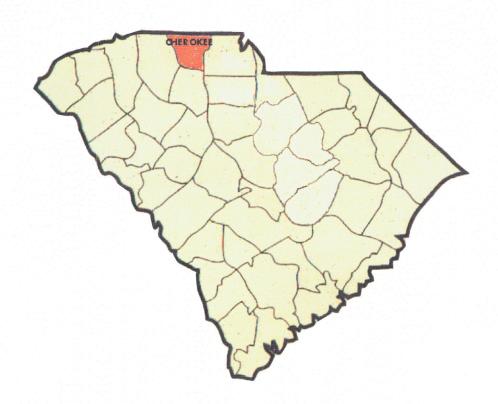
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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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BEN L. CLARY

ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
J. HOLLAND BELUE

COUNTY COUNCIL:

Dist. 1 RUFUS H. FOSTER, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN

Dist. 2 MIKE FOWLKES
Dist. 3 STEVEN C. BLANTON, JR.
Dist. 4 TIM SPENCER, CHAIRMAN
Dist. 5 CHARLES MATHIS, JR.
Dist. 6 HOKE PARRIS
Dist. 7 TRACY & MCDANIEL

CLERK TO COUNCIL DORIS PEARSON

December 29, 2015

To the Honorable Tim Spencer, Chairman and Members of Cherokee County Council and to the Citizens of Cherokee County:

We are pleased to present this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Cherokee County, South Carolina. State law requires that every general-purpose local government publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States of America and audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. This report is published to fulfill that requirement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

GASB Statement No. 68 entitled *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension Plans* requirements became effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. The Statement requires that employers record a liability for their proportionate share of their plans collective Net Pension Liability, as well as deferred inflows and outflows of resources in their Statement of Net Position. The principal objective of the Statement is to improve the information provided in government financial reports related to pension obligations and resources.

GASB Statement No. 71 entitled *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68* became effective simultaneously with the provisions of Statement No. 68. This Statement eliminates a potential understatement of the restated beginning net position and expense in the first-year of implementation of Statement No. 68,

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive frame-work of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday and Co., a firm of licensed certified accountants has issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the Cherokee County financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2015. The independent auditors' report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditors' report provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the Government

Cherokee County was formed in 1897 and is located in the western part of South Carolina, known as the South Carolina Upstate. The Upstate is considered to be one of the top growth areas in both the state and the country. Cherokee County occupies 392 square miles and serves a population of 56,150.

Cherokee County is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal property located within its boundaries.

Cherokee County has operated under the council-administrator form of government since 1976. Policymaking and legislative authority are vested in the County Council, which consists of seven (7) District Council Members elected from single-member districts to four-year staggered terms. Council annually elects a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. The County Council is responsible for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committees; and hiring the County Administrator and Clerk to Council. The County Administrator is responsible for carrying out the policies and ordinances of the County Council, for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the County, and for appointing all non-elected County department heads.

Local Economy

The South Carolina Upstate is widely recognized as a strong competitor in the global marketplace. As a medium-sized market, the region makes up one of the strongest manufacturing centers in the nation. The region is known for its ability to attract international and domestic firms by providing a pro-business environment and all of the necessary amenities for business growth.

Within South Carolina, the Upstate is recognized as the state's most progressive and industrialized region. A wide variety of political and economic forces in the Upstate have come together to produce a region that is diverse, clean, friendly, productive and economically healthy. Since 1990, the region has welcomed a tremendous influx of corporate headquarters, high-tech manufacturers, automobile manufacturing and related suppliers, national retailers, cultural and entertainment facilities, educational programs, and many other elements that have made our region a leader in economic development. The following are several key elements that have contributed to the Upstate as it is today:

International companies from all over the world know that the South Carolina Upstate is an excellent place to do business. Almost one-half of South Carolina's foreign firms are located in the region. Few comparably sized regions in the nation have a higher concentration of foreign firms.

The Upstate's reputation can also be attributed to the pro-business attitude of the local business community and government leadership. These groups have worked diligently for many years to create an environment in which businesses can thrive. Numerous public-private partnerships have set the stage for improved communication, support for economic development, enhanced participation in public affairs and sharpening the competitive edge of the Upstate industry.

Nationally, Cherokee County is ideally positioned for economic growth. It currently enjoys three distinct selection advantages over its competitors. First, an unbeatable location on the I-85 corridor in Upstate South Carolina between two of the nation's most dynamic and fastest growing metropolitan areas (Charlotte, N.C. and Greenville/Spartanburg, S.C.); second, significantly lower cost of doing business within the confines of the County, and third, superb utility services and capacity.

Current population figures show our population over 56,100 with a 6.4% unemployment rate (unadjusted) for October 2015. During the decade we have seen our economy transform from one almost entirely dependent on agriculture and textiles (the old south) to one which is rich in diversity. While agriculture and textiles still play an important role, our economy represents almost every major sector. With our County so competitively positioned, our future outlook is very positive with the development of two industrial parks and joining a regional alliance for recruiting more industry.

During fiscal year 2015, County Council approved the formation of the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation") for the purpose of participating in initiatives to sustain growth and economic development in the County.

In March, 2005, Duke Energy announced they have selected Cherokee County for a new potential nuclear power plant. In December 2007, Duke Energy submitted a combined construction and operating license application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the proposed 2,234 mega-watt facility

that was accepted for review. Duke Energy has said that the development timeline of this project rests on the recovery of the economy. They continue to actively pursue the permits required to construct this facility in the coming years. It is estimated that construction jobs could peak at approximately 4,000 during the construction phase. Once construction is complete, the plant will employ 800 to 1,000 full-time employees.

Long-term Financial Planning and Major Initiatives

Due to the extension of tariffs to wireless phones in the state, the County has a source of funding for the additional services needed in the E-911 system. We implemented the necessary services according to the tariff requirements. Cherokee County E-911 system has just been modernized so that our equipment and trained personnel continue to be one of the best in the State and Nation.

Our future projects include:

A. Office Space

We are continuing our effort to make our services in the County as efficient and available as possible. We occupied the new County Administration building beginning in December 2012 and have continued to make efforts to better serve the community. This building houses various County offices that were previously located in separate buildings in the downtown business district. This project focused on consolidating many County departments into one centrally located facility in downtown Gaffney and utilizing technology to improve efficiency and reduce costs. This project was accomplished through the use of millage that was collected specifically for the construction of a new County Administration building and from the sale of bonds.

B. Recycling

In the past, Cherokee County has been very aggressive in setting recycling and reduction goals for better management of its solid waste. The County continues to work to meet the standard reduction goal of 35% of solid waste generated within the County. While all stated goals are important, education of the general public is essential if the County remotely expects to meet these goals. Waste reduction efforts are integrated completely with efforts at educating the public about the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

C. Finance Department

During the 2013 fiscal year, the County established a Finance Department to ensure that quality financial services and information are provided. Efforts continued during this fiscal year to develop and document processes to facilitate financial controls and compliance, streamline accounting and financial reporting, re-enforce policies for procurement and payment of county-wide obligations and to partner with other departments and outside entities to leverage resources to meet mandates and objectives. It is the responsibility of the Finance Department to respond to changing requirements and priorities necessary to serve the County Administration and Council, the citizens, the employees, vendors and other agencies throughout the County and the State.

Relevant Financial Policies

In accordance with the annual budget Ordinance, Cherokee County utilizes a balanced budget process for general government revenues, and operations and capital expenses. The on-going budget review process with County Council facilitates the review of day-to-day operations, as well as the long-term sustainability of revenues and need for capital investments.

Awards and Acknowledgments

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting to Cherokee County for its

comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) ended June 30, 2014. This was the seventeenth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report, whose contents conform to program standards. The CAFR must satisfy both the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine the eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of the comprehensive annual financial report on a timely basis was made possible by the dedicated service of the entire staff of the Administration, Treasury and Finance Departments. Each member of those departments has our sincere appreciation for their contribution toward the preparation of this report.

In closing, we would like to say that without the leadership and support of the Cherokee County Council preparation of this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Holland Belue

Acting County Administrator

Ann H. Boggs Finance Director

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CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA List of Principal Officials June 30, 2015

Council Meets – First and Third Monday, 5:00 PM Form of Government – Council/Administrator Method of Election – Single Member

County Seat – Gaffney Zip Code – 29340 Population – 56,150

Members of County Council

Tim Spencer Rufus Foster, Jr. Charles Mathis, Jr. Tracy A. McDaniel Steven Blanton Mike Fowlkes Hoke Parris County Council Chairman
County Council Vice-Chairman
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Elected Officials

Jackie Williams Merv Bishop Brandy W. McBee Steve Mueller Dennis G. Fowler Joshua Queen Barry Barnette Treasurer
Auditor
Clerk of Court
Sheriff
Coroner
Probate Judge
Solicitor

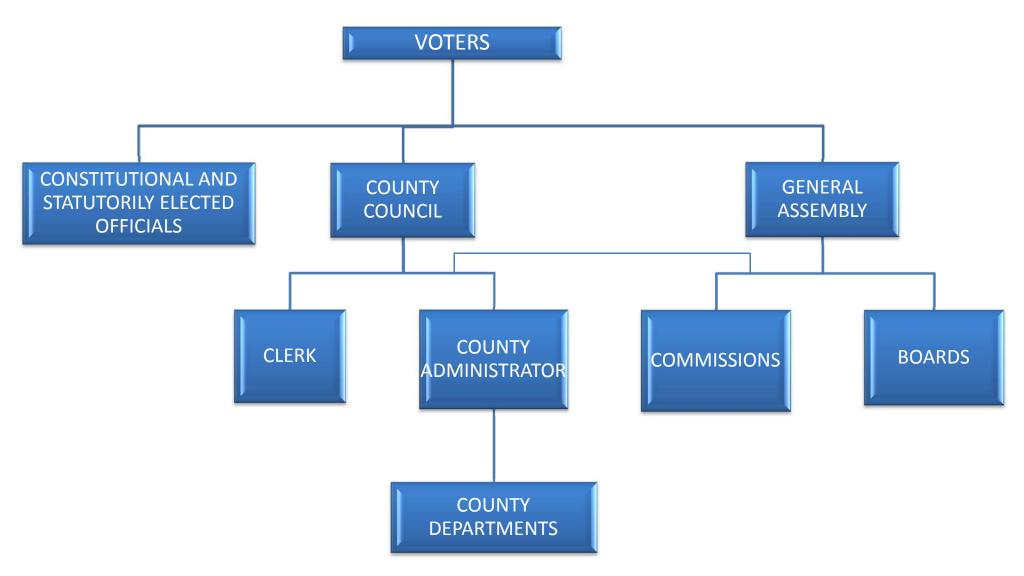
Appointed Official

J. Holland Belue

Acting County Administrator

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





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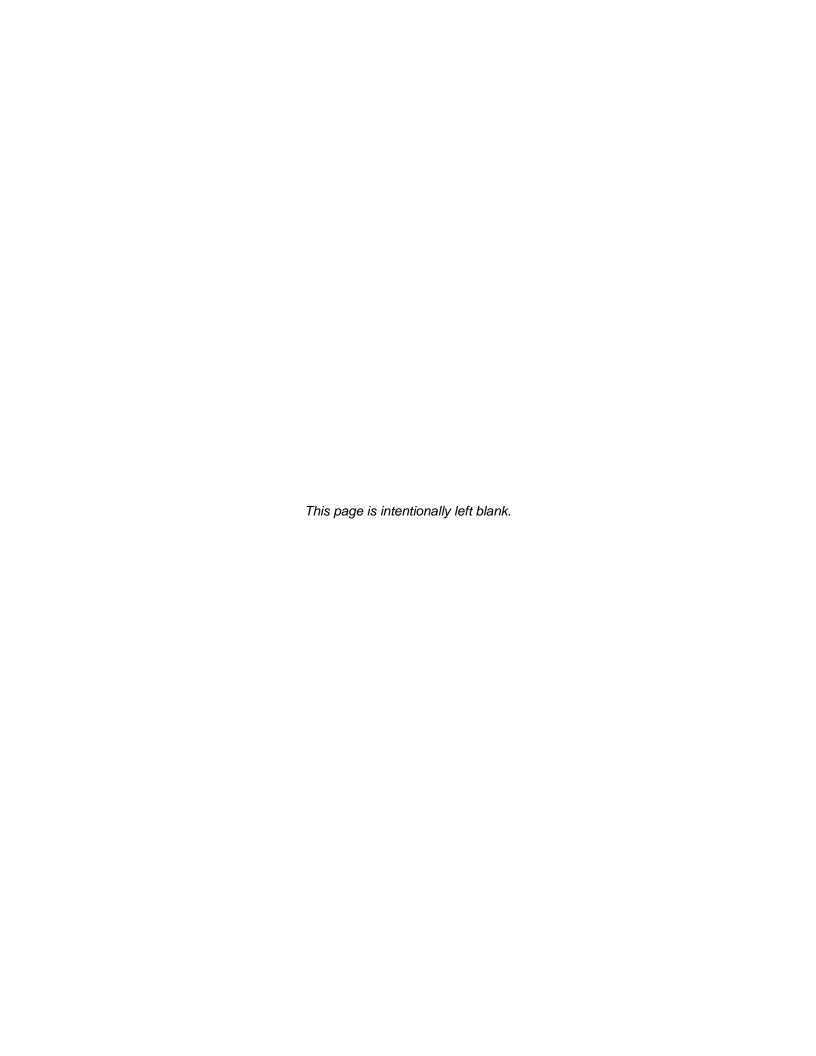
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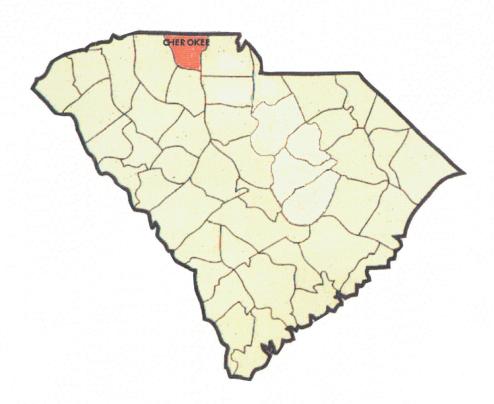
Cherokee County South Carolina

For its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended

June 30, 2014

Executive Director/CEO





FINANCIAL SECTION

To the Council and Finance Committee of Cherokee County, South Carolina

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

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 Cherokee County, South Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

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 Cherokee County, South Carolina, as of June 30, 2015, 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.

Emphasis of Matters

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 5 to the financial statements, in 2015 Cherokee County adopted new accounting guidance, Statement No. 68 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 27, and GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition from Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68. The implementation of GASB Statements No 68 and 71 resulted

To the Council and Finance Committee of Cherokee County, South Carolina Page Two

in the restatement of beginning net position. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Cherokee County, South Carolina's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, the statistical section, and the compliance section as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and the compliance section as listed in the table of contents are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 and schedules and the compliance section as listed in the table of contents are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 29, 2015, on our consideration of Cherokee County, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Cherokee County, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Spartanburg, South Carolina

McAbee, Schwartz, Haliday & Co.

December 29, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Cherokee County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2015. This section should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following are key financial highlights for the fiscal year:

- The assets of the County exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2015 by \$33,883,235 (net position). This amount is less than net investment in capital assets by \$2,419,361. Net position categories show the portion that must be spent for specific purposes.
- The County's total net position decreased by \$15,492,246. This decrease was due to implementing new accounting standards by restating beginning net position by (\$19,397,775). Current year activities resulted in an increase of \$3,905,529, \$3,189,298 of which was from governmental activities and \$716,231 was from business-type activities.
- As of June 30, 2015, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$27,209,961, an increase of \$5,555,716 (including \$4,272,983 from the affiliated Economic Development Corporation) from the prior year. Of the combined ending fund balances amount, \$11,453,702 is available for use at the County's discretion.
- At June 30, 2015, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$11,422,304, or approximately 58 percent of total general fund expenditures and transfers out.
- The County's total long-term debt (excluding landfill closure costs, unfunded OPEB costs and compensated absences) increased by \$3,398,826. This increase is due to the affiliated Economic Development Corporation acquired debt of \$4 million to invest in economic development projects, offset by a decrease of \$601,174 or 8.13 percent in County obligations during the fiscal year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

The statement of net position presents information on all of Cherokee County's assets and liabilities, with the difference of the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Cherokee County is improving or deteriorating. Net position shows restrictions on these assets. During fiscal year 2015, implementation of new accounting standards, (GASB 68 and GASB 71) impacted the net position in fiscal year 2015, the period of adoption. The effect of restatement has been shown on the Financial Statements and Notes to Financial Statements. Also, during fiscal year 2015, County Council approved the formation of the affiliated Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation ("Economic Development Corporation") for the purpose of participating in initiatives to sustain growth and economic development in the County.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the County's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event

giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the County include general government, public safety, transportation, health and human services, environmental and housing, culture and recreation, economic development initiatives, and other. The business-type activities of the County include geriatric care.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the County can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Cherokee County maintains fifty-one individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general and capital projects funds and economic development corporation, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other forty-eight governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

Proprietary Funds - The County maintains one type of proprietary fund, an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses an enterprise fund to account for its geriatric care.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the proprietary operations, which is considered to be a major fund of the County.

Fiduciary Funds - 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 statements because resources of those funds are not available to support the County's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds, no operations but rather assets equal liabilities. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information containing budget to actual comparisons for the general fund and information concerning the County's progress in funding its obligation to provide OPEB benefits to its employees. The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds, fiduciary fund data, and capital asset data are presented following the required supplementary information section.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Table 1
Cherokee County's Net Position

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	Unrestricted		(3,005,177)	8,162,509	(2,518,035)	2,303,871	(5,523,212)	10,466,380	-152.8%
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^{*} Prior year amounts are not restated for MD&A purposes and percentage changes for certain related amounts would not be meaningful.

Net position. As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the County, assets exceeded liabilities by \$33,883,235, as of June 30, 2015. (See Table 1). The largest portion of the County's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment, infrastructure), less any related debt to acquire those assets still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently these assets are not available for future spending. It should be noted that the resources required to repay the related debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the County's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The County's total net position decreased by \$15,492,246 from the impact of implementing new accounting standards that had the effect of restating beginning net position by (\$19,397,775). Current year activities resulted in an increase of \$3,905,529.

Table 2
Changes in Cherokee County's Net Position

							Total
	Governmental		Busines	ss-type			Percent
	Activities		Activ	rities	To	otal	Change
	<u>2015</u>	2014*	2015	2014*	2015	2014*	2014-2015
Revenues:							
Program Revenues:							
Charges for services	\$ 2,922,954	\$ 2,499,784	\$ 8,687,868	\$8,566,325	\$11,610,822	\$11,066,109	4.9%
Operating grants and							
contributions	2,835,655	3,098,229	-	-	2,835,655	3,098,229	-8.5%
Capital grants and							
contributions	607,976	485,757	-	-	607,976	485,757	25.2%
General Revenues:							
Property taxes	18,412,251	18,191,690	-	-	18,412,251	18,191,690	1.2%
Other taxes	443,297	424,613	-	-	443,297	424,613	4.4%
Other	2,219,667	2,304,669			2,219,667	2,304,669	-3.7%
Total Revenues	27,441,800	27,004,742	8,687,868	8,566,325	36,129,668	35,571,067	1.6%
Expenses:							
General government	7,403,422	6,931,010	-	-	7,403,422	6,931,010	6.8%
Public safety	10,819,767	10,614,321	-	-	10,819,767	10,614,321	1.9%
Transportation	1,603,765	1,771,970	-	-	1,603,765	1,771,970	-9.5%
Health and human services	1,014,252	993,175	-	-	1,014,252	993,175	2.1%
Environmental and housing	2,197,796	2,944,477	-	-	2,197,796	2,944,477	-25.4%
Culture and recreation	932,229	940,887	-	-	932,229	940,887	-0.9%
Economic development	33,750	-	-	-	33,750	-	0.0%
Unallocated interest expense	247,521	428,632	-	-	247,521	428,632	-42.3%
Geriatrics			7,971,637	7,535,056	7,971,637	7,535,056	5.8%
Total Expenses	24,252,502	24,624,472	7,971,637	7,535,056	32,224,139	32,159,528	0.2%
Increase (Decrease) in Net							
Position Before Transfers	3,189,298	2,380,270	716,231	1,031,269	3,905,529	3,411,539	14.5%
Special Item - Forgiveness of Advan		591,850	710,231	(591,850)	5,305,523	5,411,555	0.0%
Transfers		212,100	_	(212,100)	_	_	0.0%
Transfers		212,100		(212,100)			0.070
Change in Net Position	3,189,298	3,184,220	716,231	227,319	3,905,529	3,411,539	14.5%
Beginning Net Position	32,711,215	* 43,332,486	(2,733,509)	* 2,631,457	29,977,706	* 45,963,943	*
Ending Net Position	\$35,900,513	\$46,516,706	\$ (2,017,278)	\$2,858,776	\$33,883,235	\$49,375,481	-31.4%

^{*} Prior year amounts are not restated for MD&A purposes and percentage changes for certain related amounts would not be meaningful. Fiscal year 2015 Beginning Net Position reflects the restated amounts.

Change in net position. The County's total revenues increased by 1.6 percent to approximately \$36.1 million (See Table 2). This change was caused by increases in charges for services, property and other taxes and capital grants and contributions, partially offset by a decrease in operating grants and contributions and state aid to political subdivisions.

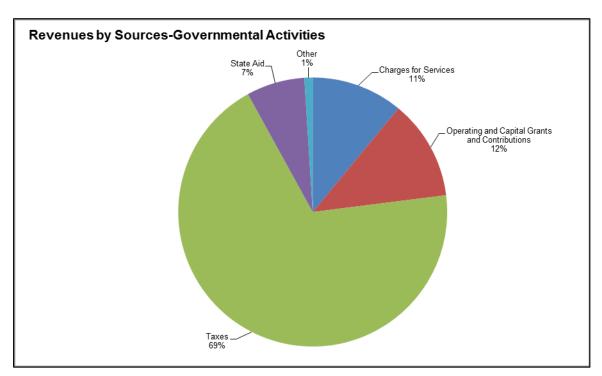
The County's total cost of all programs and services had only an increase of 0.2 percent. This increase was caused primarily by increases in payroll and benefits expense, offset by reduced fuel and utility expense and interest expense.

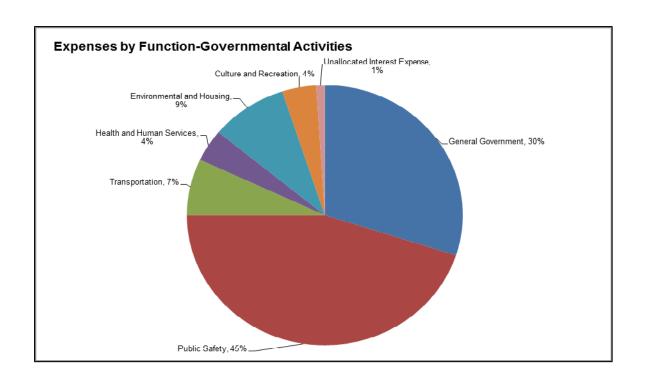
Governmental Activities

The County's governmental activities had net (expense) revenue of (\$17,885,917). However, these services are intended to be primarily funded by taxes, as opposed to charges for services and grants, and those taxes and other general revenues did exceed net expenses by \$3,189,298.

Total revenues for the County's governmental activities increased by 1.6 percent, and total expenses decreased 1.5 percent. Factors contributing to these results included:

- Increases in property taxes, due primarily to property reassessment and a millage increase.
- Increases in fines, capital grants and fees, partially for infrastructure reimbursements.
- Increases in charges for services primarily for landfill fees, building permits, and court fines and fees
- Increases in payroll and benefits costs across all functions.
- Decreases in fuel and utility costs across all functions.
- Transportation expenses decreased due to reduced bridge projects performed by the County.
 Many of these activities were performed by County personnel to control costs of infrastructure improvements.





Business-type Activities

The business-type activities had net revenues of \$716,231.

Revenues of the County's business-type activities increased 1.4 percent to \$8,687,868, while expenses increased 5.8 percent to \$7,971,637. Factors contributing to these results included:

- Revenues increased due to increases in private charges for nursing home services, partially offset by decreases in Medicare/Medicaid charges for services. The Upper Payment Limit charges included in the Medicare/Medicaid revenues totaled \$1,118,791 for 2015.
- The higher demand impacted the amount of nursing staff needed causing an increase in salaries and benefits.
- The decrease in in depreciation related to net capital assets.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of its fiscal year.

At June 30, 2015, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$27,209,958, an increase of \$5,555,715 from the prior year. This increase resulted from \$4,272,983 from the affiliated Economic Development Corporation and \$1,880,241 increase in the general fund, primarily attributable to increases in charges for services, property and vehicle tax revenues and continued cost control efforts.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS - continued

Approximately 42 percent of the combined fund balances (\$11,453,702) constitute unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the County's discretion. Twenty-six percent of the combined fund balances (\$6,989,429) is assigned for various types of cultural, administrative and capital projects. The majority of the remaining balance is restricted (\$7,370,241) to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has constraints established by parties outside the government or by enabling legislation. The remainder of the balance is nonspendable; which is comprised of prepaids (\$496,026), non-current receivables (\$360,718) and assets held for resale (\$539,845).

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At June 30, 2015, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$11,422,304 and total fund balance was \$15,305,436. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, the unassigned fund balance represents approximately 58 percent of total general fund expenditures and transfers out.

The capital fund has a total fund balance of \$1,425,802, of which, \$1,065,084 is assigned for capital projects. The net decrease in fund balance during the current fiscal year was \$498,371. Funds were primarily spent for the continued migration of departmental services to the new County Administration building and infrastructure improvement expenditures. The remainder of the balance is a long-term receivable due from the County Recreation District for funds provided for new building construction.

Proprietary Funds

The County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements but in more detail.

Peachtree Centre's total revenues increased 1.4 percent in comparison to prior year revenues while expenses increased approximately 5.8 percent over prior year expenses. Unrestricted net position of the Peachtree Centre was (\$2,017,278) at June 30, 2015. This reflects the impact of the implementation new accounting standards by restating beginning net position by (\$5,592,284). Current year activities resulted in an increase of \$716,231 was from business-type activities.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

A budget and actual comparison schedule for the General Fund is provided in the Required Supplementary Information. The schedule shows the original adopted budget, the final budget, the actual results on GAAP basis, and the variance between budget and actual. After the original budget is approved, it may be revised for a variety of reasons such as unforeseen circumstances, new bond or loan proceeds, new grant awards, or other unanticipated revenues.

Actual revenues were higher than the projected amounts by \$1,059,399 primarily due to increased charges for services and tax revenues. Actual expenditures were under budget by \$772,006 due to the continued implementation of cost control measures in the general government, environmental and housing and transportation (roads and bridges), partially offset by increases in salary and related employee benefit costs, primarily due to overtime wages in public safety departments. The departments where expenditures over appropriations were related to overtime are: 911 Communications - \$45,778, Sheriff's Office - \$295,595 and Detention Center - \$201,865.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of June 30, 2015, the County had \$80,083,929 invested in capital assets including police and fire equipment, buildings, infrastructure, etc. (See following table). This represents a net increase of \$3,294,394 or 4.3 percent, over last year.

							Total
	Governmental		Busine	ss-type		Percent	
	Acti	vities	Acti	vities	To	tal	Change
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2014-2015
Land	\$ 1,688,895	\$ 1,688,895	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,688,895	\$ 1,688,895	0.0%
Construction in Progress	164,871	260,775	=	=	164,871	260,775	-36.8%
Building s	26,346,769	26,346,769	7,686,357	7,682,641	34,033,126	34,029,410	0.0%
Other Improvements	547,760	504,668	57,534	57,534	605,294	562,202	7.7%
Equipment	14,730,638	13,798,430	1,126,749	1,146,397	15,857,387	14,944,827	6.1%
Infrastructure	26,755,998	24,389,791	-	-	26,755,998	24,389,791	9.7%
Books	978,358	913,635			978,358	913,635	7.1%
Total Capital Assets	71,213,289	67,902,963	8,870,640	8,886,572	80,083,929	76,789,535	4.3%
Accumulated Depreciation	(28,621,450)	(26,238,034)	(8,369,883)	(8,331,667)	(36,991,333)	(34,569,701)	7.0%
Total Net Capital Assets	\$ 42,591,839	\$ 41,664,929	\$ 500,757	\$ 554,905	\$ 43,092,596	\$ 42,219,834	2.1%

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 3(C) to the financial statements.

Long-term Debt

At year-end, the County had \$6,790,000 in outstanding general obligation bonds and capital leases, compared to \$7,391,174 last year. That is a decrease of 8.1 percent as shown in the following table.

		nment al vities	Business-type Activities			To	Total Percent Change	
	2015	2014	2015	2014		2015	2014	2014-2015
General Obligation Bonds Capital Lease	\$ 6,790,000	\$ 7,380,000 11,174	Ψ	- \$ -	<u>-</u>	\$ 6,790,000	\$ 7,380,000 11,174	-8.0% -100.0%
Total Long-term Debt	\$ 6,790,000	\$ 7,391,174	\$	\$		\$ 6,790,000	\$ 7,391,174	-8.1%

More detailed information about the County's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 3(F) to the financial statements. Also, included in Note 3(F) is information related to the \$4 million long-term loan payable of the affiliated Economic Development Corporation.

Other obligations of the County include accrued compensated absences, other post-employment benefits and landfill closure and post closure costs.

The state limit for amount of general obligation debt the County can issue is 8 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property within the County's legal limits. Outstanding debt is below this limit – which is currently \$13.16 million.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Local, national and international economic factors influence the County's revenues. Positive economic growth is correlated with increased revenues from property taxes, sales taxes, charges for services, as well as state and federal grants. Economic growth in the local economy may be measured by a variety of indicators such as employment growth, unemployment, new construction, assessed valuation, and Enterprise Fund revenues.

One major factor is that, although it has declined, the unemployment rate for the County is currently 6.4%. This was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of South Carolina (6.7%) and even higher than the national unemployment rate (5.8%).

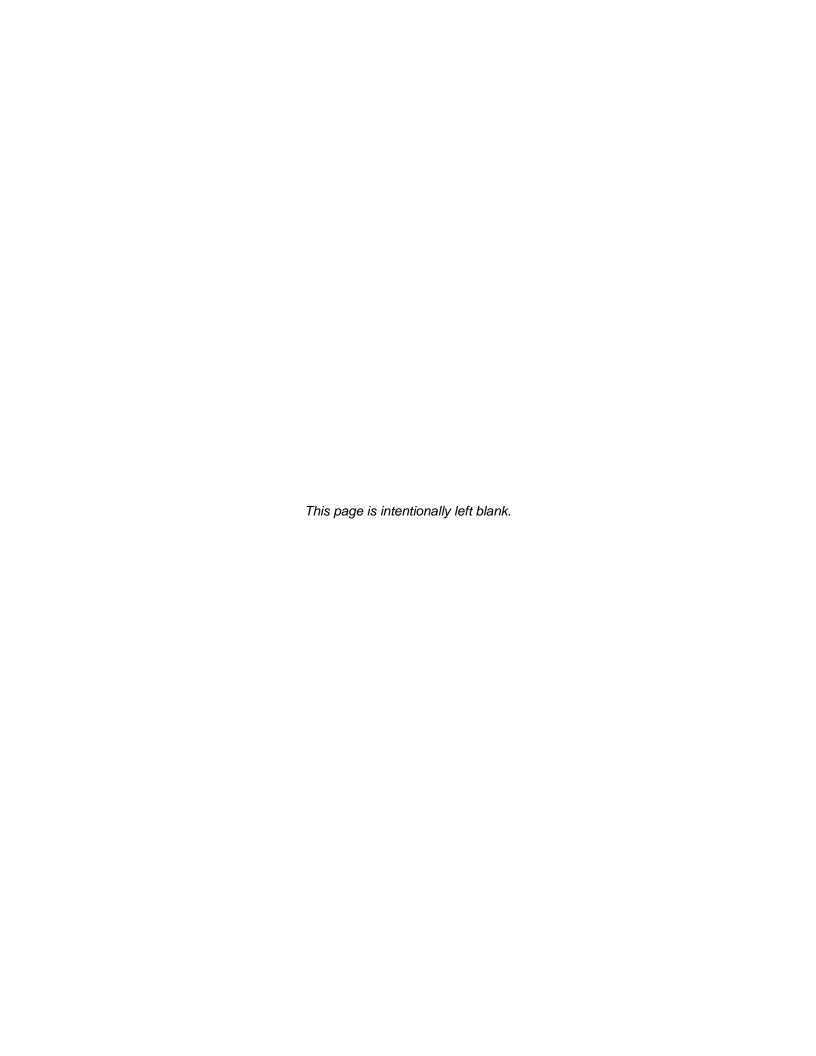
All of these factors were considered in the approval of the 2016 increase in the County's millage rate of 3.2 mills for a total property millage rate of 91.6 mills for 2016.

Budgeted 2016 operations expenditures (excluding capital budgeted expenditures) are expected to increase by \$848,021, which is 4.2 percent over the final 2015 budget. This increase is primarily due to the approval of a 1% compensation increase related to health care premium and retirement cost increases for County employees. The County has added no major new programs or initiatives to the 2016 budget.

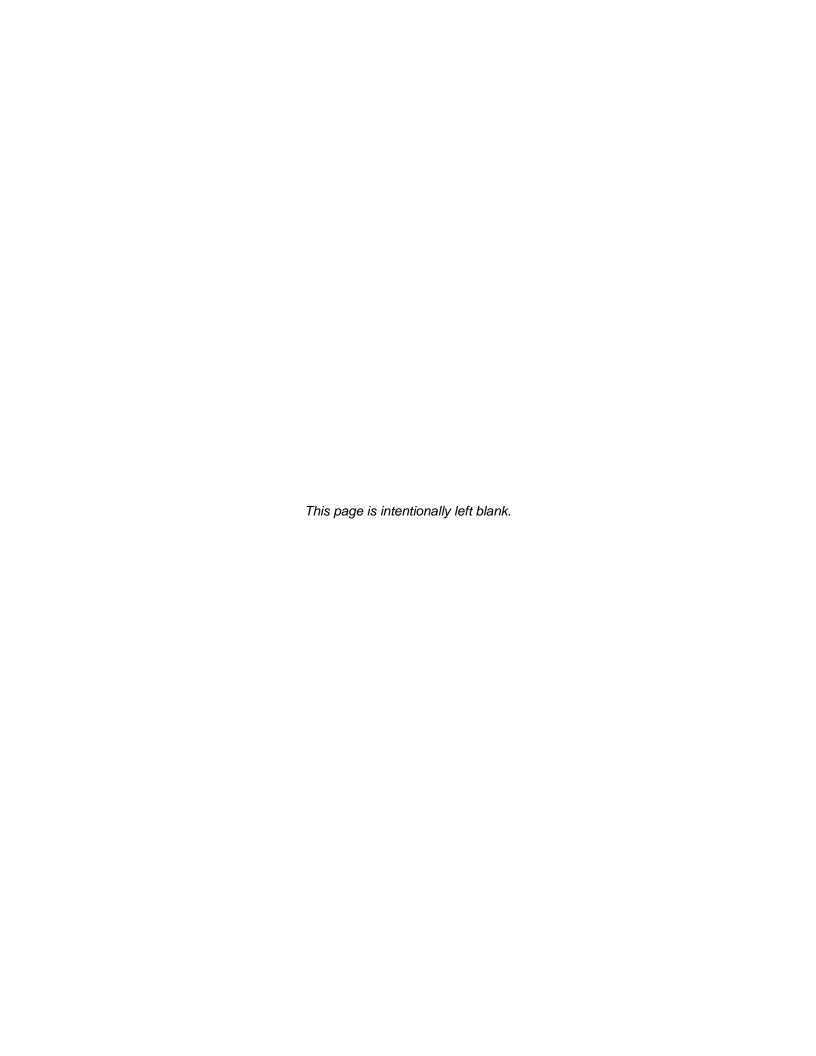
CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the County Administrator at 110 Railroad Avenue, Gaffney, South Carolina.









CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$	28,536,508	\$	528,698	\$ 29,065,206
Accounts receivable (net)		278,533		2,092,072	2,370,605
Taxes receivable (net)		1,323,341		-	1,323,341
Other receivables		-		284,432	284,432
Due from State		541,202		40.064	541,202
Assets held for sale		539,845		48,261	588,106
Prepaid items Deferred charges		496,026		8,143	504,169
Due from Recreation District		360,718		_	360,718
Capital assets - not being depreciated		1,853,766		_	1,853,766
Capital assets - not being depreciated Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation		40,738,073		500,757	41,238,830
Capital assets - Het of accumulated depreciation		+0,730,073		300,131	 +1,230,030
Total assets		74,668,012		3,462,363	 78,130,375
Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Deferred amounts related to pensions		1,400,136		506,667	1,906,803
Liabilities					
Accounts payable		351,877		424,534	776,411
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities		349,129		121,208	470,337
Local option sales tax - property tax relief		1,969,204		121,200	1,969,204
Unearned revenue		239,526		-	239,526
Accrued interest payable		39,086		-	39,086
Internal balances		1,440,536		(1,440,536)	39,000
Net pension liability		13,910,833		5,672,209	19,583,042
Noncurrent liabilities		10,910,000		3,072,203	13,303,042
Due within one year		1,380,805		156,484	1,537,289
Due in more than one year		19,138,516		574,200	19,712,716
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Total liabilities		38,819,512		5,508,099	 44,327,611
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Deferred amounts related to pensions		1,348,123		478,209	 1,826,332
Net Position					
Net investment in capital assets		35,801,839		500,757	36,302,596
Restricted for					
Transportation		1,007,487		-	1,007,487
Public safety		2,300,326		-	2,300,326
Economic development		3,533,138			3,533,138
Health and human services		314,460		-	314,460
Cultural and recreation					
Expendable		214,830		-	214,830
Nonexpendable		0		-	-
Unrestricted (deficit)		(7,271,567)		(2,518,035)	 (9,789,602)
Total net position (deficit)	\$	35,900,513	\$	(2,017,278)	\$ 33,883,235

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

29,977,706

\$33,883,235

(2,733,509)

\$ (2,017,278)

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Net (Expense) Revenue and Program Revenues Changes in Net Position Capital Primary Government Operating Grants and Governmental Charges for Grants and Business-type Functions/Programs Expenses Services Contributions Contributions Activities Activities Total Primary Government Governmental activities General government \$ 7,403,422 1,713,215 \$ 331,755 \$ (5,358,452) \$ (5,358,452) Public safety 10,819,767 618,777 838,586 131,784 (9,230,620) (9,230,620) Transportation 1,603,765 1,421,150 (182,615) (182,615) Health and human services 1,014,252 210,268 51,831 (752,153) (752,153) Environmental and housing 2,197,796 342,482 84,216 126,568 (1,644,530) (1,644,530) 932,229 38,212 42,891 (743,009) (743,009) Culture and recreation 108,117 306,733 Economic development 33.750 272.983 272.983 (247,521) Unallocated interest expense 247,521 (247,521)607,976 24,252,502 2,922,954 2,835,655 (17,885,917) (17,885,917) Business-type activities Geriatrics 7,971,637 8,687,868 716,231 716,231 \$ 2,835,655 607,976 Total primary government \$32,224,139 11,610,822 (17,885,917) 716,231 (17,169,686) General Revenues Property taxes 18,412,251 18,412,251 Accommodations tax 111,767 111,767 Local accommodations tax 89.302 89.302 Franchise tax 242.228 242.228 Unrestricted state aid to political subdivisions 1,812,111 1,812,111 Unrestricted investment earnings 37,695 37,695 Gain on sale of capital assets 21,559 21,559 Miscellaneous 348,302 348,302 Total general revenues and transfers 21,075,215 21,075,215 Change in net position 3,189,298 716,231 3,905,529

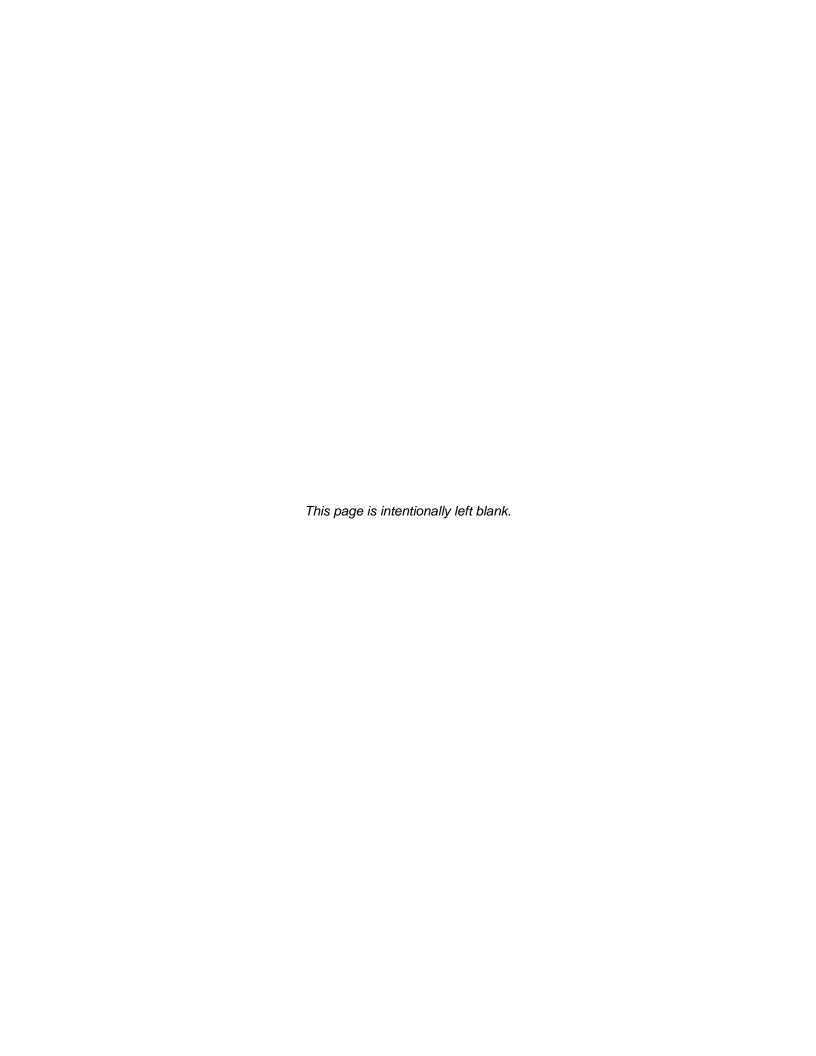
Net position (deficit) - beginning of year - restated

Net position - end of year

32,711,215

\$35,900,513





CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2015

Assets	General	Capital Projects Fund	Economic Development Corporation	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash	\$ 15,593,555	\$ 3,111,517	\$ 3,260,155	\$ 6,571,281	\$ 28,536,508
Taxes receivable (net)	1,175,814	34,333	- 0,200,.00	113,194	1,323,341
Other receivables	48,383		_	230,150	278,533
Due from other funds	2,502,144	_	272,983	401,743	3,176,870
Due from State	541,202	_	-	101,710	541,202
Prepaid items	282,997	_	200,000	13,029	496,026
Due from Recreation District		360,718			360,718
Assets held for resale	_	-	539,845	_	539,845
Total assets	\$ 20,144,095	\$ 3,506,568	\$ 4,272,983	\$ 7,329,397	\$ 35,253,043
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Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 335,112	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,114	\$ 343,226
Due to other funds	366,556	2,053,854		756,460	3,176,870
Accrued expenditures	322,613	_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	_	26,516	349,129
Other liabilities	8,651	_	_		8,651
Local option sales tax - property tax relief	1,969,204	_	_	_	1,969,204
Unearned revenue	,000,20	_	_	239,526	239,526
Advance due to enterprise fund	1,440,536	_	_	,	1,440,536
Total liabilities	4,442,672	2,053,854		1,030,616	7,527,142
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Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Unavailable revenues - property taxes	395,987	26,912	-	93,041	515,940
constant to the property takes					
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable					
Prepaids	282,997	-	200,000	13,029	496,026
Long-term portion of receivables	,	360,718	, <u>-</u>	,	360,718
Assets held for resale	-	· -	539,845	-	539,845
Restricted for:					
Library activities	-	-	-	176,445	176,445
Emergency communications	-	-	-	1,733,359	1,733,359
Law enforcement	-	-	-	186,267	186,267
Health and welfare	-	-	-	57,189	57,189
Road surface repairs	-	-	-	1,007,487	1,007,487
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	38,385	38,385
Social services	-	-	-	257,271	257,271
Public safety	-	-		98,416	98,416
Economic development	-	-	3,533,138	- 075 000	3,533,138
Solicitor	-	-	-	275,808	275,808
Other purposes	-	-	-	6,476	6,476
Assigned Debt service				1,206,159	1,206,159
Unfunded OPEB	2,109,536	-	-	1,200,139	2,109,536
Road surface repairs	1,142,778	_	_	_	1,142,778
Capital projects	192,692	1,065,084	_	_	1,257,776
Scholarship SCC	55,129	1,000,004	_	_	55,129
Public safety	-	_	_	218,431	218,431
Economic development	100,000	_	_	117,566	217,566
Library	-	_	_	782,054	782,054
Unassigned	11,422,304	-	-	31,398	11,453,702
Total fund balance	15,305,436	1,425,802	4,272,983	6,205,740	27,209,961
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of					
resources and fund balances	20,144,095	3,506,568	4,272,983	7,329,397	35,253,043

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA RECONCILIATION OF THE TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$ 27,209,961
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		42,591,839
Resources received but reflected as unearned revenues in fund statements.		515,940
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore not reported in the governmental		
funds. Other post employment benefits	(1,532,900)	
General obligation bonds	(6,790,000)	
Capital lease obligation	-	
Loan payable	(4,000,000)	
Compensated absences	(391,255)	
Accrual for landfill closure	(7,805,166)	
Accrued interest payable	(39,086)	(20,558,407)
Pension related deferred outflows		1,400,136
Net Pension Liability		(13,910,833)
Pension related deferred inflows		(1,348,123)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$ 35,900,513

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General	Capital Projects Fund	Dev	onomic elopment poration	Go	Other vernmental Funds	G	Total overnmental Funds
Revenues								
Taxes	\$ 14,581,406	\$ 813,910	\$	-	\$	2,975,040	\$	18,370,356
Licenses and permits	201,238	-		-		-		201,238
Intergovernmental	2,221,648	-		-		3,070,189		5,291,837
Charges for services	840,509	-		-		40,382		880,891
Fines	628,046	-		-		-		628,046
Contributions	-	-		306,733		-		306,733
Interest	23,725	13,824		-		147		37,696
Miscellaneous	1,137,268	 -		-		526,450		1,663,718
	 19,633,840	 827,734		306,733		6,612,208		27,380,515
Expenditures								
Current								
General government	6,346,982	-		-		208,352		6,555,334
Public safety	8,813,380	-		-		1,662,639		10,476,019
Transportation	850,973	-		-		1,774,935		2,625,908
Health and human services	847,653	-		-		125,063		972,716
Environmental and housing	2,427,071	-		-		88,754		2,515,825
Culture and recreation	227	-		-		862,653		862,880
Economic development	-	-		33,750		-		33,750
Capital outlay	-	493,380		-		546,015		1,039,395
Debt service								
Principal retirement	-	-		-		601,388		601,388
Interest and fiscal charges	-	 -		-		250,920		250,920
	 19,286,286	 493,380		33,750		6,120,719		25,934,135
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	 347,554	 334,354		272,983		491,489		1,446,380
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Sale of capital assets	109,335	_		_		_		109,335
Loan issued	100,000			4,000,000				4,000,000
Transfers in	1,732,352	_		-		311,245		2,043,597
Transfers out	(309,000)	(832,725)		_		(901,872)		(2,043,597)
114.15.5.5 54.	1,532,687	(832,725)		1,000,000		(590,627)		4,109,335
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,880,241	(498,371)	4	1,272,983		(99,138)		5,555,715
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	 13,425,195	 1,924,173				6,304,875		21,654,243
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 15,305,436	\$ 1,425,802	\$ 4	1,272,983	\$	6,205,737	\$	27,209,958

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds

5,555,715

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

Governmental funds report capital outlay 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 amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.

 Capital outlay
 4,152,261

 Depreciation expense
 (3,116,817)
 1,035,444

In the statement of activities, only the gain on the sale of assets is reported whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the net book value of the assets sold or contributed:

Net book value of asset dispositions (108,534)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Property taxes 41,895

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

Principal repayments:
General obligation bonds 590,000
Capital lease obligation 11,174 601,174

Loan proceeds are recorded as revenue in governmental funds (4,000,000)

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

Change in accrued interest payable 3,411
Change in compensated absences (72,792)
Change in unfunded OPEB costs (103,809)
Change in landfill closure/post closure costs 290,123 116,933

The cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported in the Statement of Activities as an element of pension expense.

The fund financial statements report pension contributions as expenditures. (53,329)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 3,189,298

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND ENTERPRISE FUND FOR GERIATRICS JUNE 30, 2015

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	528,698
Accounts receivable	·	2,092,072
Other receivables		284,432
Assets held for resale		48,261
Prepaid assets		8,143
Total Current Assets		2,961,606
Noncurrent Assets		
Advance due from other fund		1,440,536
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		500,757
Total Noncurrent Assets		1,941,293
Total Noncurrent Assets		1,941,293
Total Assets		4,902,899
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred amounts related to pensions		506,667
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Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	424,534
Accrued salaries and wages		103,347
Accrued compensated absences		156,484
Other current liabilities		17,861
		702,226
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Net post employment benefit obligation		574,200
Net pension liability		5,672,209
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		6,246,409
Total Liabilities		6,948,635
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred amounts related to pensions		478,209
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets		500,757
Unrestricted net position (deficit)		(2,518,035)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	\$	(2,017,278)

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND ENTERPRISE FUND FOR GERIATRICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Operating Revenues Private charges	\$ 1,055,461
Medicare/Medicaid charges	7,312,852
Miscellaneous charges	27,057
Miscella leous charges	
	8,395,370
Operating Expenses	
Operating expenses before depreciation	7,881,179
Depreciation	90,458
	7,971,637
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Net Operating Income	423,733
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Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Rent income	292,096
Interest income	402
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	202,400
Increase in Net Position (Deficit)	716,231
more and the control of the control	
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning of Year - Restated	(2,733,509)
Net Position (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ (2,017,278)

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND ENTERPRISE FUND FOR GERIATRICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Operating Activities Cash received from customers Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	\$ 8,035,007 (3,507,026)
Cash paid to or for the benefit of employees	(4,543,971)
	(15,990)
Cash Flows Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities Acquisition of capital assets	 (36,311)
Cash Flows Provided by Investing Activities Interest income Rent income	 402 292,096
	 292,498
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	240,197
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	288,501
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$ 528,698
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities: Net operating income Adjustments to reconcile net operating income to net	\$ 423,733
cash used by operating activities Depreciation Pension expense (Ingresse) degreese in accets	90,458 51,467
(Increase) decrease in assets Accounts receivable Other receivables Due from general fund Prepaid expenses	(389,837) 29,474 (218,791) (1,709)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities Accounts payable Accrued salaries and wages Accrued compensated absences Other current liabilities Net post employment benefit obligation	769 (11,400) (44,742) 2,297 52,291
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$ (15,990)

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AGENCY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2015

Assets

Cash Other receivables Taxes receivable (net)	\$ 32,548,923 30,467 1,504,877
	\$ 34,084,267
Liabilities	
Due to designated recipients	\$ 34,084,267
	\$ 34,084,267

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Cherokee County, South Carolina (the County) operates under Home Rule legislation effective July 1, 1976. The County operates under a Council-Administrator form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: Public safety (police and fire), highway and street maintenance, sanitation, health and social services, culture-recreation, public improvements, and general administration services.

Cherokee County is a corporate government entity incorporated under the South Carolina Home Rule Act and is governed by an elected seven member County Council. These financial statements present the government as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, these basic financial statements present the government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. A blended component unit, although a legally separate entity is, in substance, part of the County's operations, and data from the unit is presented in capital projects funds within the County's governmental activities. The County has no discretely presented component units. The following entity is presented as a blended component unit:

Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation – The corporation is a public benefit non-profit corporation established under State law. The Corporation is organized to develop and implement economic development strategies for commercial, industrial, residential and other development in the County in order to improve the economic health of the County.

The County's comprehensive annual financial report includes the accounts of all County operations. The financial statements of Cherokee County, South Carolina, have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

B. Basis of Presentation

The County's financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information. The accounts of the County are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the County as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the County that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

B. Basis of Presentation - Continued

Government-wide Financial Statements: - Continued

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities for the County at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program and function of the County's governmental activities and for the business-type activities of the County. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient for the goods and services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and the interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, and all taxes, are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions.

The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements:

The County segregates transactions related to certain County functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the County at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a single column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

The County reports the following governmental fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - The special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The term "proceeds of specific revenue sources" establishes that one or more specific restricted or committed revenues should be the foundation for a special revenue fund.

Debt Service Funds - The debt service funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Capital Projects Funds - The capital projects funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. Capital projects funds exclude those types of capital related outflows financed by proprietary funds or for assets that will be held in trust for individuals, private organizations or other governments.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

B. Basis of Presentation - Continued

Fund Financial Statements: - Continued

The County has the following major capital projects funds:

- 1. Capital Projects Fund is used to account for funds to be used for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.
- 2. Economic Development Corporation Fund is used to account for the acquisition and construction of facilities or infrastructure for the promotion of economic development within the County.

The County reports the following major enterprise fund:

Peachtree Centre - This fund is used to account for the County's geriatric care operations.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund type:

Fiduciary Fund - Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and agency funds. The agency fund is custodial in nature (assets equals liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations. The County's fiduciary fund category includes agency funds for education, clerk of court, family court, property taxes, magistrates, and others.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of unearned revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources management focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting,* as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. 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 and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the County are included on the statement of net position.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - Continued

Government-wide Financial Statements - continued

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the government's enterprise funds functions and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Fund Financial Statements

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

Property taxes, licenses, and interest are susceptible to accrual. Taxes collected and held by the state at year end on behalf of the County are also recognized as revenue. Other receipts and taxes become measurable and available when cash is received by the County and are recognized as revenue at that time.

With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - Continued

Fund Financial Statements - continued

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the County enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Agency funds have no measurement focus, but rather are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities).

Revenue - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the County, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the County receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the County must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the County on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: delinquent taxes, sales tax, grants, interest, fees and charges for services.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the County, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - Continued

Unearned Revenue

The County reports unearned revenue on its statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet. In both the government-wide and governmental fund statements, resources received that are "intended to finance" a future period are reported as unearned revenue. In subsequent periods, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Expenses/Expenditures

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity

Cash and Investments

The County pools the cash of substantially all special revenue funds into an internal cash pool that is available for use by all special revenue funds. Each individual fund's portion of the pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as cash.

The Cherokee County Public Library and the Cherokee County Development Board maintain separate cash and investment accounts, generally in the form of cash in the bank and certificates of deposit.

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

Investments with a readily determined fair value are stated at fair value which approximates cost. State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the United States and its agencies, general obligations (not revenue obligations) of the State of South Carolina and its political subdivisions, savings and loan associations to the extent of federal insurance, certificates of deposits collaterally secured, repurchase agreements secured by the foregoing obligations, and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool

Receivables

All trade and property taxes receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

Intergovernmental Receivable

Amounts due from federal grants represent reimbursable costs, which have been incurred by the County but have not been reimbursed by the grantor agency. Costs under grant programs are recognized as expenditures in the period in which they are incurred by the County.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity - Continued

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items. Reported prepaid items in the Governmental Fund Types are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. The County defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such 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 an asset's life are not capitalized by governmental or business-type activities.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. The amount of interest to be capitalized is calculated by offsetting interest expense incurred from the date of the borrowing until completion of the project with interest earned on invested proceeds over the same period.

All reported capital assets except land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	40 - 45
Improvements other than buildings	5 - 10
Machinery and equipment	3 - 15
Infrastructure	20 - 40
Books	5 - 10

Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position includes a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County's only deferred outflows of resources are related to pensions.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity - Continued

Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources - continued

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The County has two types of items that qualify for reporting in this category. The net property taxes receivable estimated to be collectible in more than 60 days subsequent to June 30, 2015 and deferred amounts related to pensions are reported as deferred inflows of resources

Compensated Absences

The County's annual leave policy allows accumulation, with supervisor approval, of a maximum of four weeks vacation to be paid to employees upon termination. Sick leave can be accumulated, up to a maximum of sixty days, but it is not paid upon termination. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the County does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the County. All vacation pay is recorded when accrued by the employee in the government-wide financial statements. The general fund is typically used to liquidate the liability for compensated absences.

Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Net Position and Fund Balances

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity - Continued

Net Position and Fund Balances – continued

The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The County has classified assets held for resale, inventories, prepaid items, and long-term portions of receivables and advances as being nonspendable as these items are not expected to be converted to cash or are not expected to be converted to cash within the next current fiscal year.

Restricted - This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources through either a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision making authority. County Council is the highest level of decision—making authority for the government that can, by adoption of an ordinance, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the County's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the County Council or by an official or body to which the County Council delegates authority. County Council has delegated this authority to the Assistant County Administrator. This classification captures fund balance held to meet anticipated expenditures of budget carryforwards, except where other external constraints or Council ordinances require that the fund balance be classified as restricted or committed.

Unassigned - This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balances of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by the offsetting of assigned fund balance amounts.

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

The County would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of those other classified funds.

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity - Continued

Net Position

The County's total assets and deferred outflows of resources less total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources represent net position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments.

Accounting Estimates

The financial statements include estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts presented in prior year data have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

Interfund Transactions

Transactions which constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it which are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the reimbursed fund.

Transactions, which constitute the transfer of resources from a fund receiving revenues to a fund through which the revenues are to be expended, are separately reported in the respective fund's operating statements.

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds" in the fund financial statements. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets are adopted for the general fund on the modified accrual basis.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY - Continued

A. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - Continued

The County Council follows these procedures in establishing the budget data reflected in the financial statements:

Prior to June 1, the Administrator submits to the County Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year.

Public hearings are conducted at the County Administration Building to obtain taxpayer comment.

Prior to June 30, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.

The County Administrator is authorized to transfer budget amounts within departments in the general fund. The County Administrator may transfer funds between departments with the approval of County Council. The legal level of control is the department level.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.

The County Council may authorize supplemental appropriations during the year.

B. Encumbrances

Under encumbrance accounting, outstanding purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation in the governmental fund types. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried forward and are reported as committed fund balance.

C. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2015, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following departments:

General Government	
Human Resources	\$ 3,701
Information Technology	8,012
Central Purchasing	20,845
Courthouse	2,407
Development Board	285
Building Inspectors	5,307
Poll Workers	32,934
Magistrate - Gaffney	4,633
Clerk of Court	3,556
Register of Deeds	1,315
Attorney/Judicial	6,482
Clerk of Court Support	4,904
Public Safety	
Communications	45,778
Coroner	51,380
Sheriff	295,595
Detention Center	201,865
Environmental and Housing	
Recycling Center	161,322
Health and Human Services	
County H&H Services	394

NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Deposits and Investments

Statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the United States and its agencies, general obligations (not revenue obligations) of the State of South Carolina and its subdivisions, savings and loan associations to the extent of federal insurance, certificates of deposit collaterally secured, repurchase agreements secured by the foregoing obligations, and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool. The State Treasurer's Investment Pool is not rated. The County has not adopted a formal deposit or investment policy. The State Treasurer's Investment Pool is a 2a7-like pool, which is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), but has a policy that it will operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. The County does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. All of the County's deposits at June 30, 2015 were covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held in the pledging financial institution's trust department in the County's name.

B. Taxes Receivable

Property Tax Receivable

The County property tax is levied each fall (except automobiles which are annually assessed on the first day of the month the automobiles are registered) on the assessed valuations of property located in the County as of the preceding January 1. The books are open for collection September 30 with the first penalty, three percent, applicable to payments made after January 15, the due date. An additional seven percent penalty is added to payments made after February 1, and an additional 5 percent penalty plus costs is added after March 16. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien, and are considered delinquent if not paid by March 16.

Property taxes on vehicles are billed by the 15th day of the month preceding the expiration date of South Carolina vehicle licenses, and are due by the last day of that month.

Assessed values for real estate are established annually by the County Tax Assessor at 4% of market value for legal residence and 6% of market value for rental and other real property. Real property in the County for the 2015 levy was assessed at \$103,986,030, representing 5% of estimated market value. Assessed values for personal property are established by the County Auditor and the South Carolina Department of Revenue at 10.5% of the estimated market value. The 2015 assessed value for personal property was \$68,281,320. The County tax rate is currently 88.40 mills. The following is a schedule of current and net delinquent taxes receivable by fund:

	s Delinquent s Receivable	Allowance for Uncollectibles		Net Delinquent Current Taxes Taxes Receivable Receivable		Taxes Receivable (Net)		
Governmental Funds General fund Capital fund	\$ 506,271 36.519	\$	133,200 9.608	\$	373,071 26,911	\$ 802,743 7.422	\$	1,175,814 34,333
Debt service fund Library fund Fire districts funds	43,094 44,780 41,686		11,337 9,568 10,969		31,757 35,212 30,717	8,858 (588) 7,238		40,615 34,624 37,955
The districts funds	672,350		174,682		497,668	825,673		1,323,341
Agency Funds	1,616,141		425,207		1,190,934	 313,943		1,504,877
	\$ 2,288,491	\$	599,889	\$	1,688,602	\$ 1,139,616	\$	2,828,218

NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

B. Taxes Receivable - continued

Local Option Sales Tax - Property Tax Relief

In 2008, the Cherokee County voters approved a referendum to impose a one percent local option sales tax. This tax was imposed beginning May 2009. Of the revenues collected from this tax, 29% is available to the County to fund capital projects and 71% is being used as a credit against ad valorem taxes and vehicle taxes. This credit first appeared on ad valorem tax notices mailed in October 2009 and on vehicle tax notices beginning with those notices for January 2010.

The County has established a Local Option Sales Tax – Property Tax Relief account to account for the liability of local option sales tax collections in excess of local option sales tax credits applied on property tax notices. As of June 30, 2015 the balance in this account, included in the general fund, was \$1,969,204.

C. Capital Assets

Primary government capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	June 30, 2014	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2015
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,688,895	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,688,895
Construction in progress	260,775	164,871	260,775	164,871
· ·	1,949,670	164,871	260,775	1,853,766
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings	26,346,769	-	-	26,346,769
Improvements other than buildings	504,668	43,092	-	547,760
Machinery and equipment	13,798,430	1,774,143	841,934	14,730,638
Infrastructure	24,389,791	2,366,207	-	26,755,998
Books	913,635	64,724		978,359
	65,953,293	4,248,165	841,934	69,359,524
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	8,267,781	585,477	-	8,853,258
Improvements other than buildings	258,071	37,017	-	295,089
Machinery and equipment	8,122,259	1,410,140	733,400	8,798,999
Infrastructure	8,877,598	1,021,213	-	9,898,812
Books	712,325	62,968		775,293
	26,238,034	3,116,817	733,400	28,621,450
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	39,715,259	1,131,348	108,534	40,738,073
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 41,664,929	\$ 1,296,219	\$ 369,309	\$ 42,591,839

NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

C. Capital Assets - Continued

	Ju	Balance ne 30, 2014	Α	dditions	D	eletions	Ju	Balance ne 30, 2015
Business-type Activities								
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:								
Buildings	\$	7,233,227	\$	3,715	\$	-	\$	7,236,942
Improvements other than buildings		57,534		-		-		57,534
Equipment		1,146,397		32,595		52,242		1,126,750
Capitalized interest		449,414		-		-		449,414
		8,886,572		36,310		52,242		8,870,640
Less Accumulated Depreciation:								
Buildings		6,829,377		64,833		-		6,894,210
Improvements other than buildings		57,534		-		-		57,534
Equipment		995,342		25,625		52,242		968,724
Capitalized interest		449,414		-		-		449,414
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net		8,331,667		90,458		52,242		8,369,882
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$	554,905	\$	(54,147)	\$		\$	500,757

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

Governmental Activities

General government	\$	600,206
Public safety		850,896
Health and human services		16,463
Environmental and housing		385,046
Transportation		1,113,050
Culture and recreation		151,156
	·	3,116,817

Business-type Activities

Geriatrics	 90,458
Total	\$ 3,207,274

D. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

During the course of its operations, the County has numerous transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services, construct assets, and service debt. The accompanying financial statements generally reflect such transactions as transfers.

Operating subsidies are also recorded as transfers. The classification of amounts recorded as subsidies, advances or equity contributions is determined by County management. To the extent that certain transactions between funds had not been paid or received as of year-end, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded.

NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

D. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers - Continued

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly 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.

The following is a summary of interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2015:

	Receivable	Payable
Interfund:		
General Fund	\$ 2,502,144	\$ 366,556
Capital Projects Fund	-	2,053,854
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	35,187	756,460
Economic Development Corporation	272,983	
Debt Service Fund	366,556	
	\$ 3,176,870	\$ 3,176,870

Advances are used for long-term interfund loans. The Enterprise Fund has an outstanding advance at June 30, 2015. The General Fund is holding these advanced funds for the Enterprise Fund until the Enterprise Fund needs the funds. There is no fixed schedule for these funds to be returned.

	Receivable	Payable
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,440,536
Enterprise Fund	1,440,536	
	\$ 1,440,536	\$ 1,440,536

The following is a summary of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2015:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Major Governmental Funds: General Fund	\$ 1,732,352	\$ 309,000
Capital Projects Fund	-	832,725
Non-Major Special Revenue Funds	311,245	901,872
	\$ 2,043,597	\$ 2,043,597

During the year, transfers were used to 1) move funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund as approved in the 2014-2015 Budget and 2) for routine transfers of funds to and from other funds, such as covering of certain expenditures from special revenue grants.

NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

E. Operating Lease Commitments

The County has operating leases for computer, copier and fax equipment as well as land and office spaces that are not cancelable. Commitments for rental expenses under these leases, expiring between 2016 and 2018 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,		
2016		17,995
2017		17,995
2018		12,723
	·	
	\$	48,713

Total lease expense, including lease payments based on usage, for the year ended June 30, 2015 was \$54,338.

F. Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of debt transactions for the County for the year ended June 30, 2015:

Governmental Activities	Balance June 30, 2014	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2015	Due Within One Year
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 7,380,000	\$ -	\$ 590,000	\$ 6,790,000	\$ 610,000
Capital Lease Obligation	11,174	-	11,174	-	-
Loan Payable	-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-
Landfill Closure and					
Post Closure Liability	8,095,289	-	290,123	7,805,166	660,790
Net OPEB Obligation	1,429,091	189,609	85,800	1,532,900	-
Compensated Absences	318,463	464,149	391,357	391,255	110,015
	\$ 17,234,017	\$ 4,653,758	\$ 1,368,454	\$ 20,519,321	\$ 1,380,805
	Balance			Balance	Due Within
Business-type Activities	June 30, 2014	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2015	One Year
Net OPEB Obligation	\$ 521,909	\$ 71,391	\$ 19,100	\$ 574,200	\$ -
Compensated Absences	201,226	156,484	201,226	156,484	156,484
	\$ 723,135	\$ 227,875	\$ 220,326	\$ 730,684	\$ 156,484

General Obligation Bonds

The County issued general obligation bond series 2011 through SunTrust Bank for the construction of an administration building. Annual installments of \$500,000 to \$795,000 plus interest at 3.40% are to be paid through May of 2025.

NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

F. Long-term Debt - Continued

General Obligation Bonds - continued

Future principal and interest payments of the General Obligation Bonds are as follows:

		General Obligation Bonds							
Fiscal Year	Principal Interest					Total			
2016		610,000		230,860		840,860			
2017		630,000		210,120		840,120			
2018		650,000		188,700		838,700			
2019-2025		4,900,000		658,070		5,558,070			
		_							
	\$	6,790,000	\$	1,287,750	\$	8,077,750			

Loan Payable

During the year, The Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation entered into a loan agreement with the South Carolina Public Service Authority to finance the purchase of land and designing and constructing an industrial speculative building in the Spartanburg-Cherokee Industrial Park. The loan is collateralized by real estate. The term of the loan is for 10 years concluding on June 16, 2025, with annual principal payments of \$571,429 beginning in 2019. The loan shall bear interest at 0% for the first three years. At or upon June 17, 2018, the interest rate is to be determined (TBD) based on the following:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	-	-	-
2017	-	-	-
2018	-	-	-
2019	571,429	TBD	(1)
2020	571,429	TBD	(1)
2021-2025	2,857,142	TBD	(2)
	\$ 4,000,000		

⁽¹⁾ On June 17, 2018, the interest rate will be adjusted to 1/2 of the then-current 10-year MMD index and again on June 17, 2019.

⁽²⁾ On June 17, 2020, and on each subsequent June 17, the interest rate for any outstanding principal balance shall be adjusted to the then-current 10-year US Treasury rate through final payment of the loan.

NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

F. Long-term Debt - Continued

Conduit Debt Obligations

Industrial Revenue Bonds are issued to provide financial assistance to private-sector entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest. Such bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. Neither Cherokee County, the State nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. No Industrial Revenue Bonds were issued by the County in fiscal years 2003 through 2015.

The aggregate principal amount payable or the aggregate original issued amount for issues prior to July 1, 2002 could not be determined.

G. Landfill Closure and Post Closure Care Costs

State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its landfill sites when the sites stop accepting waste, and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the sites for thirty years after closing.

The County has recorded a liability in the government-wide statement of net position for the total estimated closure and post-closure care costs for the portion of the landfills filled at June 30, 2015, calculated as follows:

	MSW	C&D Cells A, B & C	Total
Total estimated current closure and post closure care cost	\$ 5,444,166	\$ 2,361,000	
Percentage of landfill capacity used to date	100%	100%	
Reported liability for closure and post closure care cost	\$ 5,444,166	\$ 2,361,000	\$ 7,805,166
Total estimated current closure and post closure care cost remaining to be recognized	\$ -	\$ -	
Landfill's approximate remaining life in years			

The estimated total current cost of the landfill closure and post closure care is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor, and maintain the landfills were acquired as of June 30, 2015. However, the actual cost of closure and post closure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the County carries insurance through the State Budget and Control Board Office of Insurance Reserve Fund. The County pays premiums to the Fund for its general insurance coverage. The agreement for formation of the Fund provides that the Fund will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for each insured event. Additionally, the County participates in a self-funded program to provide workers' compensation insurance through the South Carolina Association of Counties, which works in a similar way as the Insurance Reserve Fund.

The County continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years

B. Commitments and Contingencies

Grant Programs

The County participates in a number of federal and state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to audits by grantors or their representatives. The audits of these programs for or including the year ended June 30, 2015, have not yet been conducted. Therefore, the County's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed cannot be determined at this time although the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Library Services and Construction Act, Title II

The County received monies in the year 2000 from a federal grant to assist for payment of the construction costs for a new addition to the main library. These funds were received under the Library Services and Construction Act, Title II (LSCAII). The total amount of the award was \$200,000. Per Section 770.42 of (CAFR 34) of the Federal Register, if within 20 years of the receipt of this grant the County ceases to use the facility as a library, or the Library itself were to cease to be a public library, the amount the County may be obligated to repay is the amount that equals the funds received from the United States Government, or the fair market value of the facility allocated proportionally between the United States Government funds received and the local funds received.

Litigation

The County is party to a number of lawsuits arising in the course of operations. It is the opinion of management, in consultation with legal counsel, that it cannot be determined whether resolution of the other pending cases will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

Encumbrances

Significant outstanding purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation in a given fund. Significant purchases of \$1,142,778, \$192,692 and \$100,000 were recorded in the General fund, Capital Projects fund and Nonmajor governmental funds, respectively in 2015.

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

C. Deferred Compensation Plans

Several optional deferred compensation plans are available to the County's employees. The multiple-employer plans, created under Internal Revenue Code Sections 457, 401(k) and 403(b) are accounted for by the State of South Carolina. Employees may withdraw the current value of their contributions when they terminate employment. With approval of the State's Deferred Compensation Commission, employees may also withdraw the current value of their contributions prior to termination of employment if they meet certain requirements. These requirements differ among the three plans. Compensation deferred under the Section 457, 401(k) and 403(b) plans is placed in trust for the contributing employees. Neither the State nor the County has any liability for losses under the plans.

D. Pension Plans

a. South Carolina Retirement System

<u>Plan Description</u> - The County, as the employer, participates in the South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS) Plan - a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Retirement Division of the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA). PEBA issues a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that is publicly available on the Retirement Benefits' link on PEBA's website at www.peba.sc.gov.

<u>Benefits Provided</u> - SCRS provides retirement and disability benefits, and an incidental death benefit is available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program. Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms without a change in the code of laws. Generally, all employees of covered employers are required to participate in and contribute to the system as a condition of employment. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of service, and average final compensation/current annual salary.

An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 65 or with 28 years credited service regardless of age. A member may elect early retirement with reduced pension benefits payable at age 55 with 25 years of service credit.

An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension upon satisfying the Rule of 90 requirement that the total of the member's age and the member's creditable service equals at least 90 years.

Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a reduced deferred annuity at age 60 if they satisfy the five- or eight-year earned service requirement, respectively.

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

D. Pension Plans - Continued

a. South Carolina Retirement System - continued

Benefits Provided - The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of 1% or \$500 every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase. Members who retire under the early retirement provisions at age 55 with 25 years of service are not eligible for the benefit adjustment until the second July 1 after reaching age 60 or the second July 1 after the date they would have had 28 years of service credit had they not retired.

<u>Contributions</u> - Contributions requirements of the Plan are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The PEBA Board may increase the employer and employee contribution rates on the basis of the actuarial valuations, but any such increase may not result in a differential between the employee and employer contribution rate that exceeds 2.9% of earnable compensation. Employees and employers (both Class II and III) are required to contribute 8% and 10.75%, respectively, of earnable compensation for the year ended June 30, 2015. Employers also contribute an additional .15% of earnable compensation, if participating in the death benefit program. Contributions to the Plan from the County were \$854,792.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - At June 30, 2015, the County reported a net pension liability of \$13,999,059 for its proportionate share of the total net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2013, using membership data as of July 1, 2013 projected forward to the end of the fiscal year, and financial information of the pension trust funds as of June 30, 2014, using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the County's contributions received by the pension plan relative to the total contributions received by the pension plan for all participating employers as of June 30, 2014. Based upon this information, the County's proportion was .081311%.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the County recognized pension expense of \$981,174. At June 30, 2015, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of		Deferred Inflows of	
	F	Resources	Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	396,675	\$	-
Changes in assumptions		-		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		-		1,180,226
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions		-		-
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date		854,792		-
Total	\$	1,251,467	\$	1,180,226

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

D. Pension Plans - Continued

a. South Carolina Retirement System - continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions –continued

The \$854,792 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Any other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30	
2016	\$ (172,361)
2017	(172,361)
2018	(172,361)
2019	(266,468)
	\$ (783,551)

<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u> - The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2013, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.75%

Salary increases levels off at 3.5%
Benefit adjustments less of 1% or \$500

Investment rate of return 7.50%

Mortality rates were based upon the member's job category and gender (RP-2000). This assumption includes base rates which are automatically adjusted for future improvement in mortality using published Scale AA projected from the year 2000.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2013 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study performed on data through June 30, 2010, and the next experience study is scheduled to be conducted after the June 30, 2015 annual valuation is complete.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is based upon the 30 year capital market outlook at the end of the third quarter 2012. The actuarial long-term expected rates of return represent best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class and were developed in coordination with the investment consultant for the Retirement System Investment Commission (RSIC) using a building block approach, reflecting observable inflation and interest rate information available in the fixed income markets as well as Consensus Economic forecasts. The actuarial long-term assumptions for other asset classes are based on historical results, current market characteristics and professional judgment. The long-term expected rate of return is calculated by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and then adding the actuarial expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target allocation as of June 30, 2014, are summarized in the following table:

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

D. Pension Plans - Continued

a. South Carolina Retirement System - continued

Actuarial Assumptions - continued

	Target	Long-term Expected					
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return					
Short Term	5%	0.03%					
Domestic Fixed Income	13%	0.26%					
Global Fixed Income	9%	0.27%					
Global Public Equity	31%	2.42%					
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	10%	0.51%					
Alternatives	32%	2.39%					
Total Expected Real Return	100%						

<u>Discount Rate</u> - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina State Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

<u>Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate</u> – The following presents the County's proportionate share of net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.5%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.5%) than the current rate:

	1	% Decrease	se Discount Rate			1	% Increase
		(6.50%)		(7.50%)		(8.50%)	
County's proportionate share of the		_					
net pension liability	\$	18,115,648	\$	13,999,059	;	\$	10,564,643

<u>Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u> – Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CAFR of the Pension Trust Funds publically available on PEBA's Retirement Benefits' website at <u>www.peba.sc.gov</u>, or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, P.O. Box 11960, Columbia, SC 29211-1960.

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

D. Pension Plans - Continued

b. South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System

<u>Plan Description</u> - The County, as the employer, participates in the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS) Plan - a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Retirement Division of the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA). PEBA issues a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that is publicly available on the Retirement Benefits' link on PEBA's website at www.peba.sc.gov.

<u>Benefits Provided</u> - PORS provides retirement and disability benefits, accidental death benefits, and an incidental death benefit is available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program. Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms without a change in the code of laws. To be eligible for PORS membership, an employee must be required by the terms of his employment, by election or appointment, to preserve public order, protect life and property, and detect crimes in the state; to prevent and control property destruction by fire; or to serve as a peace officer employed by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Mental Health. Probate judges and coroners may elect membership in PORS. Magistrates are required to participate in PORS for service as a magistrate. PORS members, other than magistrates and probate judges, must also earn at least \$2,000 per year and devote at least 1,600 hours per year to this work, unless exempted by statute. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of service, and average final compensation/current annual salary.

An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 25 years of service regardless of age.

An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 27 years of service regardless of age.

Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a deferred annuity at age 55 with five or eight years of earned service, respectively.

The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of 1% or \$500 every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase.

<u>Contributions</u> - Contributions requirements of the Plan are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The PEBA Board may increase the employer and employee contribution rates on the basis of the actuarial valuations, but any such increase may not result in a differential between the employee and employer contribution rate that exceeds 5.0% of earnable compensation.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED JUNE 30. 2015

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

D. Pension Plans - Continued

b. South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System - continued

<u>Contributions</u> – *continued* - Employees and employers (both Class II and III) are required to contribute 8.41% and 13.01%, respectively, of earnable compensation for the year ended June 30, 2015. Employers also contribute an additional .20% of earnable compensation for the accidental death program and an additional .20% of earnable compensation, if participating in the incidental death benefit program. Contributions to the Plan from the County were \$506,324.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - At June 30, 2015, the County reported a net pension liability of \$5,584,002 for its proportionate share of the total net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2013, using membership data as of July 1, 2013 projected forward to the end of the fiscal year, and financial information of the pension trust funds as of June 30, 2014, using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the County's contributions received by the pension plan relative to the total contributions received by the pension plan for all participating employers as of June 30, 2014. Based upon this information, the County's proportion was .291680%.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the County recognized pension expense of \$488,529. At June 30, 2015, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension from the following sources:

	Deferre	ed Outflows of	Deferi	red Inflows of
	R	esources	R	esources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	149,012	\$	-
Changes in assumptions		-		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		-		646,109
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions		-		-
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date		506,324		-
Total	\$	655,336	\$	646,109

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

D. Pension Plans - Continued

b. South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System - continued

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – continued:</u>

The \$506,324 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2015. Any other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30	
2016	\$ (122,883)
2017	(122,883)
2018	(122,883)
2019	 (128,448)
	\$ (497,097)

<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u> - The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2013, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.75%

Salary increases levels off at 4.0%
Benefit adjustments less of 1% or \$500

Investment rate of return 7.50%

Mortality rates were based upon the member's job category and gender (RP-2000). This assumption includes base rates which are automatically adjusted for future improvement in mortality using published Scale AA projected from the year 2000.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2013 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study performed on data through June 30, 2010, and the next experience study is scheduled to be conducted after the June 30, 2015 annual valuation is complete.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is based upon the 30 year capital market outlook at the end of the third quarter 2012. The actuarial long-term expected rates of return represent best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class and were developed in coordination with the investment consultant for the Retirement System Investment Commission (RSIC) using a building block approach, reflecting observable inflation and interest rate information available in the fixed income markets as well as Consensus Economic forecasts. The actuarial long-term assumptions for other asset classes are based on historical results, current market characteristics and professional judgment.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

D. Pension Plans - Continued

b. South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System - continued

<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u> -continued - The long-term expected rate of return is calculated by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and then adding the actuarial expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target allocation as of June 30, 2014, are summarized in the following table:

	Target	Long-term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Short Term	5%	0.03%
Domestic Fixed Income	13%	0.26%
Global Fixed Income	9%	0.27%
Global Public Equity	31%	2.42%
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	10%	0.51%
Alternatives	32%	2.39%
Total Expected Real Return	100%	

<u>Discount Rate</u> - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina State Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

<u>Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate</u> - The following presents the County's proportionate share of net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.5%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.5%) than the current rate:

	19	6 Decrease	Dis	scount Rate	1'	% Increase
		(6.50%)		(7.50%)		(8.50%)
County's proportionate share of the						
net pension liability	\$	7,803,471	\$	5,583,983	\$	3,747,541

<u>Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u> – Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CAFR of the Pension Trust Funds publically available on PEBA's Retirement Benefits' website at www.peba.sc.gov, or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, P.O. Box 11960, Columbia, SC 29211-1960.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED JUNE 30. 2015

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

E. Post Employment Health Insurance Benefits

Plan Description - Single-employer defined benefit. The County pays a portion (up to \$200 per month) of the cost of the Medicare supplemental care premium for its retirees who meet the eligibility requirements. In order to qualify, an employee must have at least ten years of employment credit with Cherokee County and the last five years must be consecutive in a full time permanent position with Cherokee County. The retirees are required to pay the remaining amount for the insurance. The plan does not issue a financial report.

Funding Policy - As of the year end, thirty-one retirees are taking advantage of the program. The program was initiated by County Council resolution. These costs are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. Current year expenditures recognized in the general fund and the enterprise fund amounted to \$54,509 and \$49,726, respectively.

Annual Other Post - Employment Benefits (OPEB) Cost and Net OPEB Obligation - The County's annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the County, an amount actuarially determined. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis is projected to cover normal costs each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The following table shows the components of the County's annual OPEB costs for the year, the amount actuarially contributed to the plan, and changes in the County's net OPEB obligation for the post-employment health insurance benefits:

	(General	Pε	eachtree		
	Go	vernment	(Centre		Total
Annual Required Contribution	\$	192,400	\$	72,200	\$	264,600
Interest on OPEB Obligation		57,100		20,900		78,000
Adjustment to Annual Required Contribution		(59,891)		(21,709)		(81,600)
Annual OPEB Costs		189,609		71,391		261,000
Contributions Made		(85,800)		(19,100)		(104,900)
Increase in Net OPEB Obligation		103,809		52,291		156,100
Net OPEB Obligation - Beginning of Year	1	,429,091		521,909		1,951,000
Net OPEB Obligation - End of Year	\$ 1	,532,900	\$	574,200	\$ 2	2,107,100

The County's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2015 and the two preceding years are as follows:

					Percentage of		
For the Year	Ar	nual OPEB	Empl	oyer Amount	Annual OPEB Net 0		Net OPEB
Ended June 30		Cost	Co	ontributed	Cost Contributed		Obligation
2015	\$	261,000	\$	104,900	40.19%	\$	2,107,100
2014		328,200		94,100	28.67%		1,950,600
2013		312,100		80,500	25.79%		1,716,500

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED JUNE 30. 2015

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

E. Post Employment Health Insurance Benefits - Continued

Funding Status and Progress - As of July 1, 2014, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and, thus, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was \$3,510,800. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$5,779,400, and the ratio of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to the covered payroll was 60.75%.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and healthcare trends. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of the plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions - Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based upon the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employer and plan members at that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the July 2014 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.00% investment rate of return, projected salary increases of 2.50%, inflation rate of 2.5% and the healthcare cost trend rate to be 7.50%. The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis over a 30 year period. A copy of the complete actuarial report is available at our county offices located at 110 Railroad Avenue, Gaffney, SC 29340.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 5 – RESTATEMENT

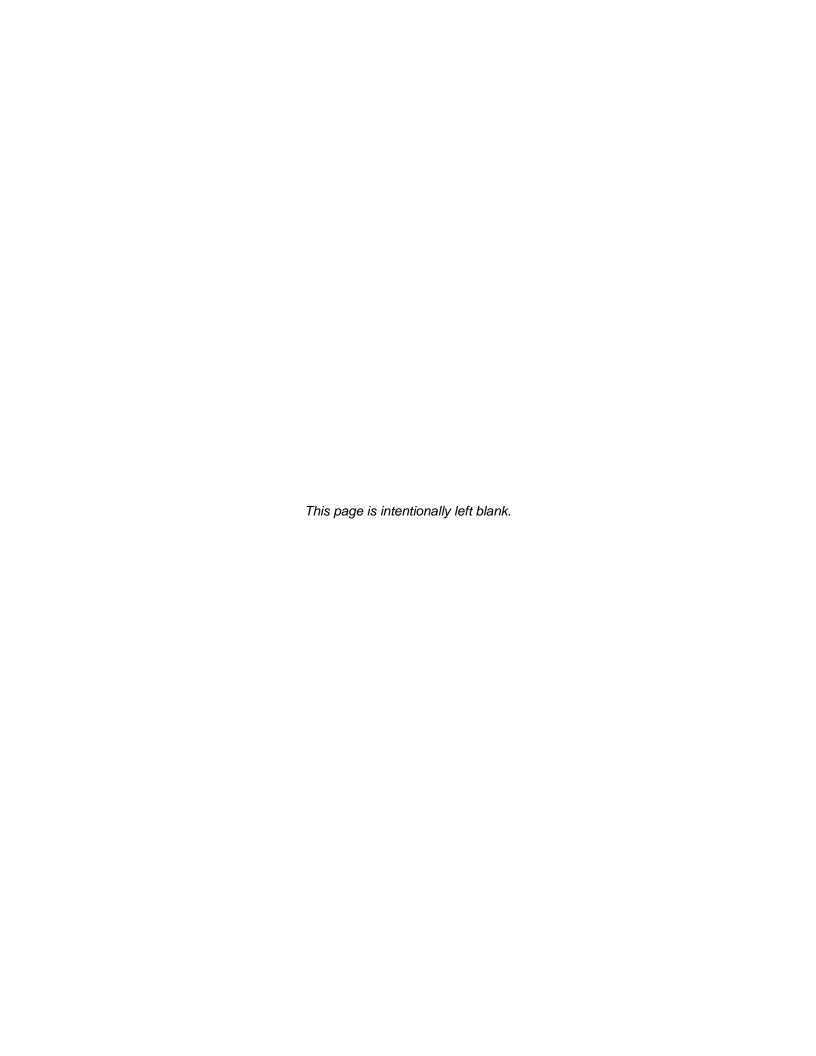
The County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (an amendment to GASB Statement No. 27) and GASB statement 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date (an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68), in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The implementation of the statements required the County to record beginning net pension liability and the effects on the net position of contributions made by the County during the measurement period (fiscal year ending June 30, 2014). Beginning net position was restated as follows:

	Government-Wide				
	Governmental Business-type				
		Activities		Activities	
Net Position - Beginning of Year - as Previously Reported	\$	46,516,706	\$	2,858,776	
Implementation of GASB Statement 68 - Net Pension Liability		(14,721,380)		(5,909,337)	
Implementation of GASB Statement 71 - Deferred Outflows of Resouces		915,889		317,053	
Net Position - Beginning of Year - Restated	\$	32,711,215	\$	(2,733,508)	

NOTE 6 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On December 17, 2015, the County sold the assets of the Peachtree Centre to MFI HC Group ("MFI Healthcare") of Brooklyn, NY for the \$9 million contract (bid) submitted by MFI Healthcare. There is a "Transition Services Agreement" in place between the County and MFI Healthcare to assure that revenues are collected, and expenses are paid by the respective parties based on the closing date. The County is required to escrow \$1 million of the sale proceeds for a period of 18 months in accordance with the sales contract. The financial impact of this transaction and operating activity through the transition period will be determined and reported in fiscal year 2016.





CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS*

		2015
County's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0	0.081311%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$	13,999,059
County's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$	7,382,455
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll		189.63%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		66.89%

^{*}The amounts presented were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

Notes to Schedule:

Only the current fiscal year is presented because 10-year data is not yet available.

Schedule 2

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	 2015
Statutorially Required Contributions	\$ 854,792
Contributions in Relation to the Statutorially Required Contributions	 854,792
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$
County's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 7,382,455
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	11.58%

Notes to Schedule:

Only the current fiscal year is presented because 10-year data is not yet available.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS*

		2015
County's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0	.291680%
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$	5,583,983
County's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$	3,507,756
County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll		159.19%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		48.04%

^{*}The amounts presented were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

Notes to Schedule:

Only the current fiscal year is presented because 10-year data is not yet available.

Schedule 4

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	 2015
Statutorially Required Contributions	\$ 506,324
Contributions in Relation to the Statutorially Required Contributions	 506,324
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$
County's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 3,507,756
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.43%

Notes to Schedules:

Only the current fiscal year is presented because 10-year data is not yet available.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

		BUDGETE) AMO	OUNTS			ARIANCE POSITIVE
		ORIGINAL		FINAL	 ACTUAL	(N	EGATIVE)
Revenues							
Taxes	\$	14,270,086	\$	14,270,086	\$ 14,581,406	\$	311,320
Licenses and permits		137,300		137,300	201,238		63,938
Intergovernmental		2,215,415		2,215,415	2,221,648		6,233
Charges for services		596,450		596,450	840,509		244,059
Fines		620,000		620,000	628,046		8,046
Interest		-		-	23,725		23,725
Miscellaneous		735,190		735,190	1,137,268		402,078
Total Revenues		18,574,441		18,574,441	19,633,840		1,059,399
Expenditures							
Current							
General government		0=0.400		0=0.400			40.000
Vehicle Maintenance		250,426		250,426	208,058		42,368
Administration		494,671		494,671	489,066		5,605
Pooled Vehicles		7,750		7,750	3,654		4,096
Finance		344,706		344,706	343,352		1,354
Human Resources		50,923		50,923	54,624		(3,701)
Information Technology		108,258		108,258	116,270		(8,012)
Central Purchasing		2,200		2,200	23,045		(20,845)
Central Services		1,529,250		1,529,250	926,732		602,518
County Buildings		160,113		160,113	142,728		17,385
Administrative Building Complex		210,075		210,075	192,168		17,907
Courthouse		49,850		49,850	52,257		(2,407)
Development Board		139,000		139,000	39,285		99,715
Delinquent Tax Collector		109,247		109,247	106,902		2,345
Treasurer		306,797		306,797	305,450		1,347
Auditor		238,702		238,702	232,785		5,917
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Building Inspectors		244,326		244,326	249,633		(5,307)
Tax Assessor		323,948		323,948	301,773		22,175
Risk Management		48,214		48,214	47,399		815
Addressing		51,557		51,557	47,704		3,853
GIS/Mapping		71,321		71,321	69,563		1,758
Election Commission		64,371		64,371	62,059		2,312
Poll Workers		12,127		12,127	45,061		(32,934)
Voter Registration		91,833		91,833	76,548		15,285
Magistrate - Gaffney		618,827		618,827	623,460		(4,633)
Clerk of Court		226,998		226,998	230,554		(3,556)
Probate Court		352,874		352,874	349,182		3,692
Register of Deeds		196,919		196,919	198,234		(1,315)
Attorney/Judicial		80,757		80,757	87,239		(6,482)
Clerk of Court Support		216,466		216,466	221,370		(4,904)
Circuit Solicitor		188,667		188,667	180,659		8,008
Victims Advocate		149,957		149,957	145,168		4,789
Appalachian COG		35,000		35,000	35,000		.,. 00
Cherokee Defender Corp		140,000		140,000	140,000		_
Chorokee Belefinder Corp		7,116,130		7,116,130	6,346,982		769,148
Public Safety							
Code Enforcement		122,686		122,686	109,996		12,690
Communications		378,189		378,189	423,967		(45,778)
Animal Shelter		106,224		106,224	105,119		1,105
Enhanced Communications/911		860,994		860,994	847,642		13,352
Fire Protection		226,500		226,500	225,305		1,195
Coroner		119,357		119,357	170,737		(51,380)
Law Enforcement Center		112,400		112,400	105,791		6,609
Sheriff		3,558,505		3,558,505	3,854,100		(295,595)
Detention Center		2,632,893		2,632,893			
					2,834,758		(201,865)
Emergency Preparedness	-	138,063		138,063	 135,965		2,098
		8,255,811		8,255,811	 8,813,380		(557,569)

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	BUDGETE) AMOUNTS		VARIANCE POSITIVE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	ACTUAL	(NEGATIVE)
Environmental and Housing				
Department of Public Works	111,034	111,034	52,395	58,639
Solid Waste Collections	1,298,582	1,298,582	1,239,502	59,080
C and D Landfill	314,538	314,538	296,449	18,089
Solid Waste Disposal	98,520	98,520	77,365	21,155
Recycling Center	615,241	615,241	719,340	(104,099)
Clemson Ext Service	24,120	24,120	24,120	-
Thicketty Creek Project	8,900	8,900	8,900	-
USDA Soil Conservation	9,000	9,000	9,000	
	2,479,935	2,479,935	2,427,071	52,864
Health and Human Services				
Veterans Office	147,012	147,012	139,830	7,182
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	18,233	18,233	11,398	6,835
Health Department	33,760	33,760	33,760	-
Indigent Care	207,173	207,173	205,975	1,198
County Health and Human Services	292,096	292,096	292,490	(394)
Social Services	29,200	29,200	29,200	(00.)
Habilitation Services	50,000	50,000	50,000	_
Service to Aging	35,000	35,000	35,000	_
Regional Mental Health	35,000	35,000	35,000	_
Piedmont Community Acts	4,000	4,000	-	4,000
Literacy Association	15,000	15,000	15,000	4,000
Eliotady 76300lation	866,474	866,474	847,653	18,821
Transportation				
Transportation Roads and Bridges	1,311,942	1,311,942	850,973	460,969
Noaus and Bridges	1,311,942	1,311,942	850,973	460,969
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Culture and Recreation				
Library	-	-	(300)	300
Recreation district			527	(527)
			227	(227)
Capital Outlay	28,000	28,000		28,000
Total Expenditures	20,058,292	20,058,292	19,286,286	772,006
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over Expenditures	(1,483,851)	(1,483,851)	347,554	1,831,405
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Sale of capital assets	20.000	20.000	100 335	90 225
Transfers in	-,	-,	109,335	89,335
	2,141,400	2,141,400	1,732,352	(409,048)
Transfers out Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(309,000)	(309,000) 1,852,400	(309,000) 1,532,687	(319,713)
rotal other rinarioning courses (OSCS)	1,002,400	1,002,400	1,002,007	(010,710)
Net Change in Fund Balance	368,549	368,549	1,880,241	1,511,692
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	9,618,535	9,618,535	13,425,195	3,806,660
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 9,987,084	\$ 9,987,084	\$ 15,305,436	\$ 5,318,352

Note: The budget is prepared and monitored on a U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis of accounting.

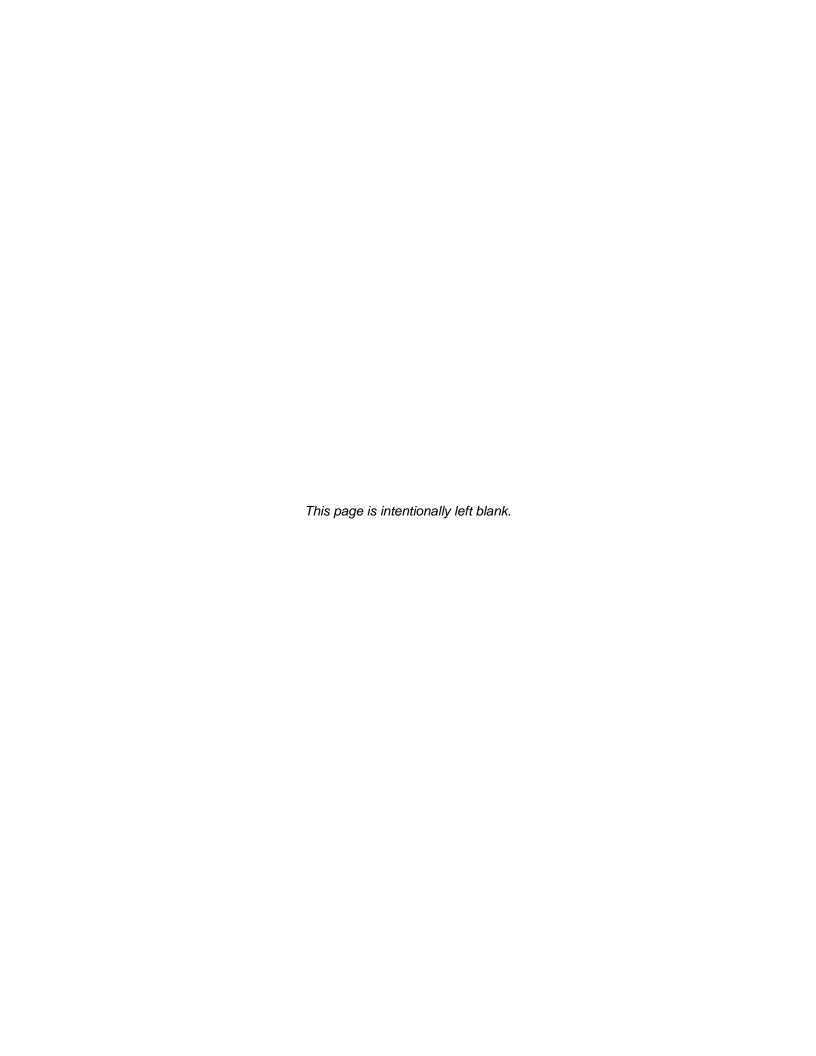
CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RETIREE HEALTH PLANS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Schedule of Funding Progress

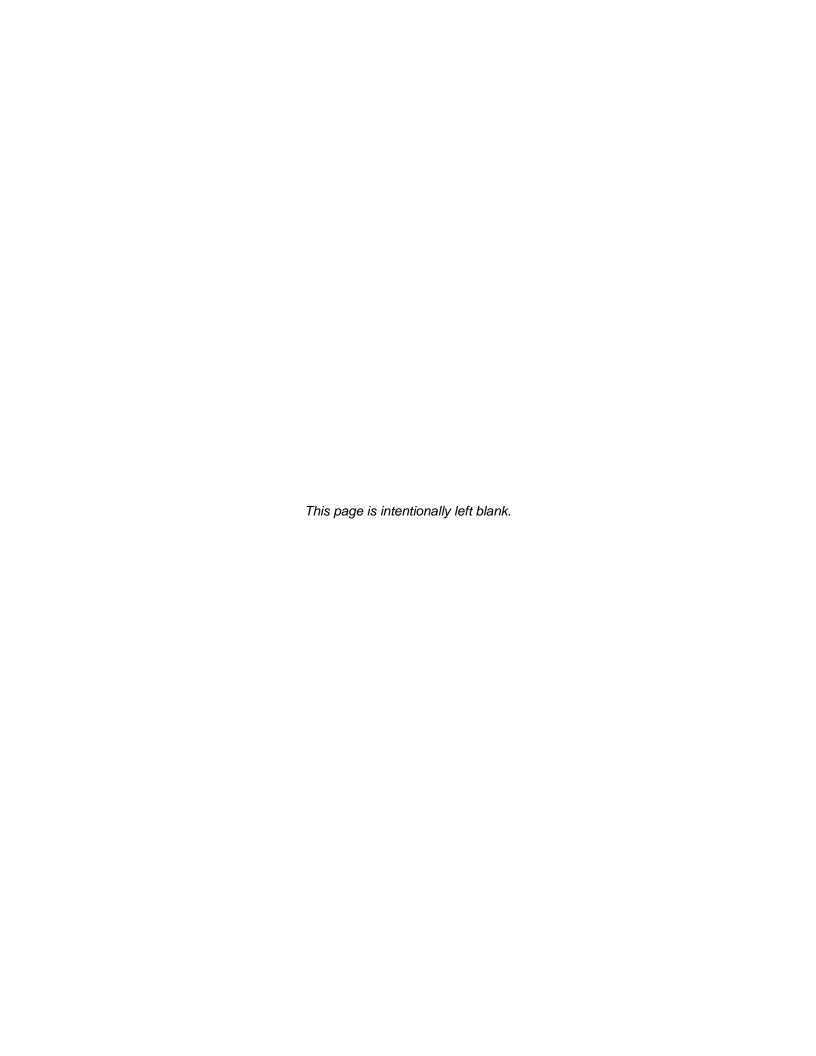
Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Unfunded Accrued Liability	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
July 1, 2010 July 1, 2012 July 1, 2014	\$ -	\$ 3,482,000 3,510,800	\$ 4,046,400 3,482,000 3,510,800	0% 0% 0%	\$ 10,753,268 10,600,100 5,779,400	37.63% 32.85% 60.75%

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Fiscal Year End	Annual Required Contribution	Estimated Employer Contribution	Percent Funded
June 30, 2010	\$ 474,000	\$ 86,000	18.1%
June 30, 2011	422,500	90,600	21.4%
June 30, 2012	446,400	95,200	21.3%
June 30, 2013	314,500	80,500	25.6%
June 30, 2014	331,000	94,100	28.4%
June 30, 2015	264,600	104,900	39.0%



COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL NONMAJOR FUND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES



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Assets Cash	\$	692	\$	6,663	\$	384,952	\$	1,911,263	\$	12,568	\$	3,276	\$	-	\$	27,317
Taxes receivable (net) Other receivables Due from other funds Prepaid expenses		- -		-		-	\$	46,405 -		29,688		-		- - -		- - -
r repaid experises	\$	692	\$	6,663	\$	384,952	\$	1,957,668	\$	42,256	\$	3,276	\$	-	\$	27,317
Liabilities	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Accounts payable Due to other funds Accrued expenses Unearned revenue	Þ	- -	Ф	- - -	Ф	384,952 -	Ф	224,309	Ф	42,256	Ф	-	Ф	- - -	Ф	27,316 -
Officatifical revenue		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	_	384,952	_	224,309	_	42,256		<u> </u>		-		27,316
Deferred Inflows of Resources Unavailable revenues - property taxes								<u>-</u>		-						
Fund Balances Nonspendable		_		_		_		_		_		_		_		_
Restricted Assigned		692 -		6,663		-		1,733,359		-		3,276		-		-
Unassigned		692		6,663		-		1,733,359		<u>-</u>		3,276		-		1
	\$	692	\$	6,663	\$	384,952	\$	1,957,668	\$	42,256	\$	3,276	\$	-	\$	27,317
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	EM Gra		Vic Assis	tim tance		Sheriff Drug		Jail Canteen		Inmate elephone		st Gaffney ting Project	Vi	ctory Trail Fund	itle IV-D nily Court
Assets Cash Taxes receivable (net)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,240 -	\$	50,449 -	\$	117,759 -	\$	5,000	\$	31,030	\$ 44.700
Other receivables Due from other funds Prepaid expenses		-		-		-		-		- -		- -		-	14,793 - -
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,240	\$	50,449	\$	117,759	\$	5,000	\$	31,030	\$ 14,793
Liabilities															
Accounts payable Due to other funds Accrued expenses Unearned revenue	\$	- - -	\$	-	\$	- - -	\$	- 6 -	\$	- 59 -	\$	- - -	\$	-	\$ 14,793 - -
Shoamba revende		-		-		-		6		59		-		-	14,793
Deferred Inflows of Resources Unavailable revenues - property taxes															
Fund Balances															
Nonspendable Restricted		-		-		17,240		-		-		5,000		31,030	-
Assigned Unassigned		-		-		-		50,443		117,700		-		-	-
		-				17,240		50,443		117,700		5,000		31,030	
	\$	-	\$		\$	17,240	\$	50,449	\$	117,759	\$	5,000	\$	31,030	\$ 14,793

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		Solicitor novations	Ado	ppt-A-Cop		"C" Funds		Restrict Solicitor	streated Bonds	W	eekend Jail	 Sex Offender	 EPD
Assets Cash	\$	18,071	\$	-	\$	1,007,487	\$	236,547	\$ 9,855	\$	46,325	\$ 38,851	\$ 57,141
Taxes receivable (net) Other receivables		-		-		-		-	-		-	-	-
Due from other funds Prepaid expenses		-		105		-		-	-		-	-	-
r ropaid oxponidos	\$	18,071	\$	105	\$	1,007,487	\$	236,547	\$ 9,855	\$	46,325	\$ 38,851	\$ 57,141
Liabilities													
Accounts payable Due to other funds	\$	-	\$	5	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 2,601	\$ -
Accrued expenses Unearned revenue		-		-		-		-	-		-	-	-
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Deferred Inflows of Resources Unavailable revenues - property taxes						-		-	 			-	
Fund Balances Nonspendable													
Restricted Assigned		18,071		-		1,007,487		236,547	9,855		46,325	36,250	57,141
Unassigned				100		<u>-</u>			 		-	 	
		18,071		100		1,007,487		236,547	 9,855		46,325	 36,250	 57,141
	\$	18,071	\$	105	\$	1,007,487	\$	236,547	\$ 9,855	\$	46,325	\$ 38,851	\$ 57,141

	Opecial Nevertue 1 ditus												
	In	Fire surance		Sheriff ardship		Sheriff DSS		Federal Drug		Title IV-D ncentives		Bulletproof Vests	 Solicitor
Assets Cash Taxes receivable (net)	\$	-	\$	9,807	\$	49,639	\$	113,442	\$	206,478	\$	6,350	\$ 11,335
Other receivables Due from other funds Prepaid expenses		98,416 - -		-		1,172 -		5,350		-		-	-
Tropald expenses	\$	98,416	\$	9,807	\$	50,811	\$	118,792	\$	206,478	\$	6,350	\$ 11,335
Liabilities Accounts payable Due to other funds	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	- 39,687	\$	- 18	\$	- 5,350	\$ -
Accrued expenses Unearned revenue		- - -		- - -		- - -		39,687		- - 18		5,350	 - -
Deferred Inflows of Resources Unavailable revenues - property taxes		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>							 -
Fund Balances Nonspendable		-		-		-		-		-		-	-
Nonspendable Restricted Assigned Unassigned		98,416 - -		9,807 - -		50,811 - -		79,105 - -		206,460		1,000 - -	11,335 - -
3		98,416		9,807		50,811		79,105		206,460		1,000	 11,335
	\$	98,416	\$	9,807	\$	50,811	\$	118,792	\$	206,478	\$	6,350	\$ 11,335

		nergency nagement		Library	D	evelopment Board		Fire Districts		LETC	H	azmat		SC DHEC PP Grant
Assets														
Cash	\$	-	\$	972,457	\$	120,902	\$	-	\$	3,962	\$	48	\$	-
Taxes receivable (net)		-		34,624		-		37,958		-		-		-
Other receivables		35,613		32,368		-		-		-		-		1,383
Due from other funds		-		<u>-</u>		-		-		1		-		-
Prepaid expenses	•	- 25 612	_	13,029	_	120,002	_	27.050	•	2 062	<u> </u>	- 40	_	4 202
	D	35,613	\$	1,052,478	\$	120,902	\$	37,958	\$	3,963	\$	48	\$	1,383
Liabilities														
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$	5,513	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Due to other funds		4,990		-		-		11,209		-		-		1,383
Accrued expenses		-		23,180		3,336		-		-		-		-
Unearned revenue		<u>-</u>		17,045						-				
		4,990		45,738		3,336		11,209		-				1,383
Deferred Inflows of Resources														
Unavailable revenues - property taxes				35,212				26,075		-				
Fund Balances														
Nonspendable		-		13,029		_		_		-		_		-
Restricted		-		176,445		-		_		-		48		-
Assigned		-		782,054		117,566		-		3,963		-		-
Unassigned		30,623		-		-		674		-		-		-
	30,623		971,528		117,566		674		3,963		48		-	
	\$	35,613	\$	1,052,478	\$	120,902	\$	37,958	\$	3,963	\$	48	\$	1,383

			Opec	iai itev	cilue i ulius								
	Annual Law Enforcement Camp	Confi	Sheriff scated Funds	Re	estitution		Dare		Others		Debt Service Fund		「otals
Assets													
Cash	\$ -	\$	222,438	\$	1,476	\$	39,716	\$	-	\$	830,745	\$6,	571,281
Taxes receivable (net)	-		-		-		-		-		40,612		113,194
Other receivables	-		-		-		-		-		-		230,150
Due from other funds	-		43		-		-		-		366,556		401,743
Prepaid expenses							-		-		-		13,029
	\$ -	\$	222,481	\$	1,476	\$	39,716	\$	-	\$	1,237,913	\$ 7,	329,397
Liabilities													
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	8,114
Due to other funds	-	•	_	Ψ	_	*	127	Ψ		Ψ.	_		756,460
Accrued expenses	-		-		-		-		-		-		26,516
Unearned revenue	-		222,481		-		-		-				239,526
			222,481				127		-			1,	030,616
Deferred Inflows of Resources													
Unavailable revenues - property taxes											31,754		93,041
Fund Balances													
Nonspendable	_		_		_		_		_		_		13,029
Restricted	-		_		1,476		39,589		_		_	3.	837,103
Assigned	-		_		, -		-		_		1,206,159		324,210
Unassigned	-		-		-		-		-		-	,	31,398
-	-		-		1,476		39,589				1,206,159	6,	205,740
	\$ -	\$	222,481	\$	1,476	\$	39,716	\$		\$	1,237,913	\$ 7,	329,397

						s	pecial Revenue	Funds			
	Ca	rolina	Ove	er Mtn	911	E911	Drug Enforce	Sheriff Seized	Used	Waste	EMS
	Thre	ad Trail	Endo	owment	Telephone	Surcharge	Agent	Gambling Monies	Oil	Tire	Grant
Revenues	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental		-		-	180,071	667,505	11,534	-	2,899	31,317	9,039
Interest		-		/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services Confiscated money		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous		_		_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
iviiscellai leous	-	-		7	180,071	667,505	11,534		2,899	31,317	9,039
	-						,			0.,0	- 0,000
Expenditures											
Current											
General government		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health and human services		-		-	-	-	-	-			9,039
Environmental and housing		-		-	-	-	-	-	4,899	2,000	-
Culture and recreation		-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay		-		-	-	6,419	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service											
Principal retirement Interest and fiscal charges		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
interest and fiscal charges	-			— <u> </u>		6,419			4,899	2,000	9,039
	-					0,419			4,099	2,000	9,039
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues											
Over (Under) Expenditures		-		7	180,071	661,086	11,534	-	(2,000)	29,317	-
, , ,											
Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
Transfers in		-		-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	-
Transfers out				-	(362,401)	(217,568)	(11,534)			(29,317)	
Total other financing sources (uses)		-			(362,401)	(217,568)	(11,534)		2,000	(29,317)	
Net Change in Fund Balances		-		7	(182,330)	443,518	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year		692		6,656	182,330	1,289,841		3,276			
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$	692	\$	6,663	\$ -	\$ 1,733,359	\$ -	\$ 3,276	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

				S	pecial Revenue Fu	nds			
	Victim	Sheriff	Jail	Inmate	East Gaffney	Regional	Victory Trail	Title IV-D	Solicitor
	Assistance	Drug	Canteen	Telephone	Lighting Project	Planning	Fund	Family Court	Renovations
_									
Revenues	•	\$ -	C	•	Φ.	•	Φ.	Φ.	Φ.
Taxes Intergovernmental	\$ -	5 -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - 50,000	\$ -	\$ - 165,222	\$ -
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	105,222	-
Charges for services	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Confiscated money	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	89,534	16,785	29,664	77,010	-	-	-	-	-
	89,534	16,785	29,664	77,010	-	50,000	-	165,222	
Expenditures									
Current									
General government	-	-	_	-	-	50,000	_	-	_
Public safety	-	-	2,339	25,723	-	· -	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health and human services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	914	-
Environmental and housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-			-	-	1,256	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	695	13,817	-	-	-	13,894	-
Debt service									
Principal retirement Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
interest and fiscal charges			3,034	39,540		50,000	1,256	14,808	
	-		0,004	00,040			1,200	14,000	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues									
Over (Under) Expenditures	89,534	16,785	26,630	37,470	-	-	(1,256)	150,414	-
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(89,534)	· -					· -	(166,005)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(89,534)	· 			·		· 	(166,005)	
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	16,785	26,630	37,470	-	-	(1,256)	(15,591)	-
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year		455	23,813	80,230	5,000		32,286	15,591	18,071
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ -	\$ 17,240	\$ 50,443	\$ 117,700	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 31,030	\$ -	\$ 18,071

Special Revenue Funds Restrict Estreated Weekend Sex Fire Adopt-A-Cop "C" Funds Solicitor Jail EPD Bonds Offender Insurance Revenues \$ Taxes Intergovernmental 1,421,150 98,416 Interest Charges for services Confiscated money Miscellaneous 50,000 2,060 11,325 10,795 30,000 1,421,150 50,000 2,060 11,325 10,795 30,000 98,416 Expenditures Current General government 48,882 772 Public safety 3,705 1,299 1,334 Transportation 1,774,935 Health and human services 103,692 Environmental and housing Culture and recreation Capital outlay 9,421 193 5.662 Debt service Principal retirement Interest and fiscal charges 1,774,935 48,882 772 13,126 1,492 6,996 103,692 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures (353,785)1,288 (1,801)9,303 23,004 1,118 (5,276)Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers in Transfers out (202)Total other financing sources (uses) (202)Net Change in Fund Balances (353,785)1,118 1,288 (1,801)9,303 22,802 (5,276)Fund Balances - Beginning of Year 100 1,361,272 235,429 8,567 48,126 26,947 34,339 103,692

236,547 \$

9,855 \$

46,325 \$

36,250

57,141 \$

98,416

100 \$

1,007,487 \$

Fund Balances - End of Year

					Special Reven	ue Funds						
	 Sheriff Hardship	Sheriff DSS	Federal Drug		Title IV-D Incentives	Bulletpro Vests	of	So	olicitor	mergency anagement		Library
Revenues Taxes Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ - 12,194	\$ -	\$; - 39,444	\$	-	\$	-	\$ - 116,125	\$	810,717 108,117
Interest Charges for services Confiscated money	- - -	- -	50 - 116,531		- -		- - -		- - 1,566	-		84 40,382
Miscellaneous	 	 12,194	 116,581	_	39,444		-		1,566	116,125		42,891 1,002,191
Expenditures Current												
General government Public safety Transportation	1,000	5,348 -	- 169,126		-		-		196 5,700	14,228		-
Health and human services Environmental and housing	-	-	-		11,418 -		-		-	-		-
Culture and recreation Capital outlay Debt service	-	-	350,847		615		-		- 13,661	46,182		861,397 8,903
Principal retirement Interest and fiscal charges	 1,000	 - - 5,348	 519,973		12,033		<u>-</u>		19,557	 60,410		11,388 - 881,688
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	1,000	 5,348	 519,973		12,033				19,557	 60,410	-	881,088
Over (Under) Expenditures	 (1,000)	 6,846	 (403,392)		27,411				(17,991)	 55,715		120,503
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers in Transfers out	 - -	-	(43)		- -		-		- -	 202 (25,268)		- -
Total other financing sources (uses)	 - (4.000)	 	 (43)				-		(47,004)	 (25,066)		- 400 500
Net Change in Fund Balances Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	(1,000) 10,807	6,846 43,965	(403,435) 482,540		27,411 179,049	1.	- 000		(17,991) 29,326	30,649 (26)		120,503 851,026
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 9,807	\$ 50,811	\$ 79,105	\$			000	\$	11,335	\$ 30,623	\$	971,529

							Special Revenu				
	Dev	elopment/					SC DHEC	Annual Law	Sheriff		
		Board		LETC	Hazmat		HPP Grant	Enforcement Camp	Confiscated Funds		Dare
											•
Revenues											
Taxes	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	_
Intergovernmental	*	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	44,713	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	Ψ	_
Interest		6		_		_	,	_	_		_
Charges for services		-		_		_	_	_	_		_
Confiscated money		_		_		_	_	_	_		_
Miscellaneous		27,900		8,150		_	_	_	_		11,589
Miscellaricous		27,906		8,150		-	44,713				11,589
		27,000		0,100			44,710				11,000
Expenditures											
Current											
General government		108,502		_		_	_	_	_		_
Public safety		100,002		9,942		_	_	2,633	22		5,760
Transportation		_		5,54 <u>2</u>		_	_	2,000	-		0,700
Health and human services											_
Environmental and housing		_		_		-	_	_	_		_
Culture and recreation		-		-		-	-	-	-		-
		-		-		-	44.740	-	-		-
Capital outlay		-		-		-	44,713	-	-		-
Debt service											
Principal retirement		-		-		-	-	-	-		-
Interest and fiscal charges											
		108,502		9,942			44,713	2,633	22		5,760
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues											
Over (Under) Expenditures		(80,596)		(1,792)				(2,633)	(22)		5,829
Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
Transfers in		90,000		-		-	-	-	43		-
Transfers out				-							-
Total other financing sources (uses)		90,000		-		-	-	-	43		-
Net Change in Fund Balances		9,404		(1,792)		-	-	(2,633)	21		5,829
-											
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year		108,162		5,755		48	-	2,633	(21)		30,891
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$	117,566	\$	3,963	\$	48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	36,720
					-	_				_	

		Sp	pecial Revenue Fund	ds		Debt	
	Fire	El Bethel			Veterans Affairs	Service	
	Districts	Water Project	Restitution	Others	Trans. Grant	Fund	Totals
Revenues							
Taxes	\$ 1,195,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 969,032	\$ 2,975,040
Intergovernmental	ψ 1,193,291 -	ε1,855	Ψ - -	Ψ - -	30,588	φ 909,032 -	3,070,189
Interest	_	-	_	_	-	_	147
Charges for services	_	_	_	_	_	_	40,382
Confiscated money	_	_	_	-	_	-	118,097
Miscellaneous	_	-	550	100	_	-	408,353
	1,195,291	81,855	550	100	30,588	969,032	6,612,208
Expenditures							
Current							
General government	_	-	_	-	_	-	208,352
Public safety	1,414,480	-	-	-	-	-	1,662,639
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,774,935
Health and human services	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,063
Environmental and housing	-	81,855	-	-	-	-	88,754
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	862,653
Capital outlay	-	-	-	405	30,588	-	546,015
Debt service							
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	-	590,000	601,388
Interest and fiscal charges						250,920	250,920
	1,414,480	81,855		405	30,588	840,920	6,120,719
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
Over (Under) Expenditures	(219,189)		550	(305)		128,112	491,489
Other Financina Courses (Lless)							
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers in	219,000						311,245
Transfers out	219,000	_				_	(901,872)
Total other financing sources (uses)	219,000						(590,627)
Total other imalicing sources (uses)	213,000						(550,021)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(189)	-	550	(305)	-	128,112	(99,138)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	863		926	3,174		1,078,047	6,304,878
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 674	\$ -	\$ 1,476	\$ 2,869	\$ -	\$ 1,206,159	\$ 6,205,740

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AGENCY FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015

					erk of Court				
	School Cherokee No. 1	artanburg No. 2	Support Office	Out of Town ety Bonds	Bondsmen	Finance Officer	Magistrates Cash Bonds	Tax Collector	Cherokee Tech
Assets									
Cash	\$31,057,610	\$ -	\$ 52,677	\$ 3,019	\$ 75,801	\$77,800	\$ 261,162	\$ 887,231	\$ -
Other receivables Taxes receivable (net)	- 1,411,209	 - 47,424		 <u>-</u>		- -		<u> </u>	- 13,887
	\$ 32,468,819	\$ 47,424	\$ 52,677	\$ 3,019	\$ 75,801	\$77,800	\$ 261,162	\$ 887,231	\$ 13,887
Liabilities									
Due to other designated recipients	\$32,468,819	\$ 47,424	\$ 52,677	\$ 3,019	\$ 75,801	\$77,800	\$ 261,162	\$ 887,231	\$13,887
	\$32,468,819	\$ 47,424	\$ 52,677	\$ 3,019	\$ 75,801	\$77,800	\$ 261,162	\$ 887,231	\$13,887

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AGENCY FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015

	City Ches		Sheriff's Drug Fund		Inmate Trust Funds		Recreation District		CCCADA - Mini Bottle Tax		Town of Blacksburg Bonds		cedonia	Total
Assets														
Cash Other receivables Taxes receivable (net)	\$	- - 3	\$ 81,711 - -	\$	12,116 - -	\$	- - 28,138	\$	15,976 30,467 -	\$	23,820	\$	- - 4,216	\$ 32,548,923 30,467 1,504,877
	\$	3	\$ 81,711	\$	12,116	\$	28,138	\$	46,443	\$	23,820	\$	4,216	\$ 34,084,267
Liabilities														
Due to other designated recipients	\$	3	\$ 81,711	\$	12,116	\$	28,138	\$	46,443	\$	23,820	\$	4,216	\$ 34,084,267
	\$	3	\$ 81,711	\$	12,116	\$	28,138	\$	46,443	\$	23,820	\$	4,216	\$ 34,084,267

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AGENCY FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

		Balance y 1, 2014		Additions		Deductions		salance e 30, 2015
School District - Cherokee No. 1 Assets								
Cash		2,335,871	\$	97,375,523	\$	98,653,784		1,057,610
Taxes receivable (net)		1,178,119 3,513,990	\$	1,411,209 98,786,732	\$	1,178,119 99,831,903		1,411,209 2,468,819
Liabilities						_		_
Due to other designated recipients		3,513,990 3,513,990	<u>\$</u> \$	98,786,732 98,786,732	<u>\$</u>	99,831,903		2,468,819 2,468,819
	ψ 5.	3,313,990	Ψ	90,700,732	Ψ	99,001,900	Ψ 52	2,400,019
School District - Sptbg. No. 2 Assets								
Taxes receivable (net)	\$	36,083	\$	842,320	\$	830,979	\$	47,424
Liabilities								
Due to other designated recipients	\$	36,083	\$	842,320	\$	830,979	\$	47,424
Support Office Assets								
Cash	\$	26,419	\$	5,689,576	\$	5,663,318	\$	52,677
Liabilities								
Due to other designated recipients	\$	26,419	\$	5,689,576	\$	5,663,318	\$	52,677
Clerk of Court - Out of Town Surety	Bond	ls						
Assets Cash	\$	3,996	\$	3,805	\$	4,782	\$	3,019
Liabilities		_						
Due to other designated recipients	\$	3,996	\$	3,805	\$	4,782	\$	3,019
Clerk of Court - Bondsmen								
Assets Cash	\$	75,770	\$	31	\$	-	\$	75,801
Liabilities			-					
Due to other designated recipients	\$	75,770	\$	31	\$	_	\$	75,801
Clerk of Court - Finance Officer								
Assets Cash	\$	79,873	\$	1,140	\$	3,213	\$	77,800
		. 5,510		1,110		3,210		,000
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$	79,873	\$	1,140	\$	3,213	\$	77,800

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AGENCY FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CONTINUED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Balance ly 1, 2014	 Additions	 eductions	3alance e 30, 2015
Magistrate Cash Bonds Assets Cash	\$ 279,336	\$ 1,316,675	\$ 1,334,849	\$ 261,162
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$ 279,336	\$ 1,316,675	\$ 1,334,849	\$ 261,162
Tax Collector Assets Cash	\$ 851,815	\$ 3,919,390	\$ 3,883,974	\$ 887,231
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$ 851,815	\$ 3,919,390	\$ 3,883,974	\$ 887,231
Cherokee Tech Assets Taxes receivable (net)	\$ 11,719	\$ 329,851	\$ 327,683	\$ 13,887
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$ 11,719	\$ 329,851	\$ 327,683	\$ 13,887
City of Chesnee Assets Taxes receivable (net)	\$ 1,458	\$ 36,228	\$ 37,683	\$ 3
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$ 1,458	\$ 36,228	\$ 37,683	\$ 3
Sheriff's Drug Fund Assets Cash	\$ 87,111	\$ 	\$ 5,400	\$ 81,711
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$ 87,111	\$ -	\$ 5,400	\$ 81,711
Inmate Trust Fund Assets Cash	\$ 19,576	\$ 446,230	\$ 453,690	\$ 12,116
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$ 19,576	\$ 446,230	\$ 453,690	\$ 12,116

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AGENCY FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CONTINUED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

		salance y 1, 2014		Additions	D	eductions		Balance e 30, 2015
Recreation District								
Assets Taxes receivable (net)	\$	23,782	\$	661,248	\$	656,892	\$	28,138
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$	23,782	\$	661,248	\$	656,892	\$	28,138
CCCADA - Mini Bottle Tax Assets								
Cash Other receivables	\$	15,976 21,997	\$	85,197 30,467	\$	85,197 21,997	\$	15,976 30,467
o and reconstance	\$	37,973	\$	115,664	\$	107,194	\$	46,443
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$	37,973	\$	115,664	\$	107,194	\$	46,443
Town of Blacksburg - Bonds Assets								
Cash	\$		\$	75,115	\$	51,295	\$	23,820
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$		\$	75,115	\$	51,295	\$	23,820
Macedonia Assets								
Taxes receivable (net)	\$	3,442		\$162,983		\$162,209	\$	4,216
Liabilities Due to other designated recipients	\$	3,442		\$162,983		\$162,209	\$	4,216
Total - All Agency Funds Assets								
Cash Other receivables	\$ 33	3,775,743 21,997	\$	108,912,682 30,467	\$ 1	10,139,502 21,997	\$ 32	2,548,923 30,467
Taxes receivable (net)		1,254,603		3,443,839		3,193,565		1,504,877
Liabilities	\$ 3	5,052,343	\$	112,386,988	<u>\$ 1</u>	13,355,064	\$ 34	4,084,267
Due to other designated recipients		5,052,343 5,052,343	\$ \$	112,386,988 112,386,988		13,355,064 13,355,064		4,084,267 4,084,267

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - FIRE DISTRICTS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2015

		Buffalo Fire District				Antioch Fire District		Cherokee Creek Fire District		Corinth Fire District		Gaffney Area Fire District		CKC Fire District		Grassy Pond Fire District		Totals
Assets Taxes receivable (net)	\$	5,040	\$	2,625	\$	4,273	\$	4,655	\$	12,716	\$	3,033	\$	5,616	\$	37,958		
	\$	5,040	\$	2,625	\$	4,273	\$	4,655	\$	12,716	\$	3,033	\$	5,616	\$	37,958		
Liabilities Due to other funds	\$	6,705	\$	622	\$	490	\$	449	\$	1,088	\$	410	\$	1,445	\$	11,209		
Deferred Inflows of Resources Unavailable revenues - property taxes		4,360		1,412		3,448		1,483		10,572		1,624		3,173		26,072		
Fund Balances Fund balances		(6,025)		591		334		2,722		1,055		998		999		674		
	\$	5,040	\$	2,625	\$	4,272	\$	4,654	\$	12,715	\$	3,032	\$	5,617	\$	37,955		

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - FIRE DISTRICTS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

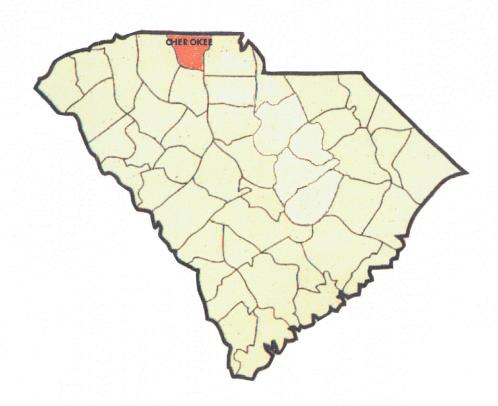
	Buffalo Fire District	Antioch Fire District	Cherokee Creek Fire District	Corinth Fire District	Gaffney Area Fire District	CKC Fire District	Grassy Pond Fire District	Totals
Revenues Taxes	\$ 48,744	\$ 76,287	\$ 145,473	\$ 94,771	\$ 598,499	\$ 70,004	\$ 161,513	\$ 1,195,291
Expenditures Current Public safety	89,266	112,726	182,116	128,877	598,415	105,738	197,342	1,414,480
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(40,522)	(36,439)	(36,643)	(34,106)	84	(35,734)	(35,829)	(219,189)
Other Financing Sources Transfers in	36,500	36,500	36,500	36,500		36,500	36,500	219,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(4,022)	61	(143)	2,394	84	766	671	(189)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	(2,003)	530	477	328	971	232	328	863
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ (6,025)	\$ 591	\$ 334	\$ 2,722	\$ 1,055	\$ 998	\$ 999	\$ 674

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITAL ASSETS USED IN THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SCHEDULE BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY JUNE 30, 2015

Function and Activity	nstruction In Progress	Land	Buildings	Ċ	orovements Other than Buildings	Machinery d Equipment	<u> Ir</u>	nfrastructure	Books	Total
General government	\$ -	\$ 395,885	\$ 12,702,213	\$	232,008	\$ 2,196,054	\$	115,729	\$ -	\$ 15,641,889
Public safety	164,871	254,958	9,237,799		127,984	6,093,104		-	-	15,878,716
Transportation	-	-	139,222		-	1,445,040		26,640,269	-	28,224,531
Health and human services	-	107,500	877,803		14,958	142,618		=	-	1,142,879
Environmental and housing	-	715,026	694,679		123,681	3,988,507		-	-	5,521,893
Culture and recreation	 -	 215,526	 2,695,053		49,129	 865,315		-	 978,358	 4,803,381
Total	\$ 164,871	\$ 1,688,895	\$ 26,346,769	\$	547,760	\$ 14,730,638	\$	26,755,998	\$ 978,358	\$ 71,213,289

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITAL ASSETS USED IN THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SCHEDULE OF CHANGES BY FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY JUNE 30, 2015

Function and Activity	Balance June 30, 2014 Additions Deletions		eletions	Ju	Balance ine 30, 2015		
General government Public safety Transportation Health and human services	15,0 25,9 1,0	96,240 75,245 72,672 85,012	\$ 380,958 1,057,103 2,375,188 57,867	\$	116,601 240,803 105,909	\$	15,660,597 15,891,545 28,241,951 1,142,879
Environmental and housing Culture and recreation Total	4,7	05,209 07,809 42,187	\$ 444,516 97,404 4,413,036	<u> </u>	327,833 50,788 841,934	<u> </u>	5,521,892 4,754,425 71,213,289
Construction In Progress	\$ 2	60,775	\$ 164,871	\$	260,775	\$	164,871



STATISTICAL SECTION

STATISTICAL SECTION

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

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Cherokee County, South Carolina Net Position by Component Last Ten Fiscal Years (accrual basis of accounting)

					Fisca	al Year				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Governmental Activities										
Net investment in capital assets	\$35,801,839	\$34,273,755	\$33,495,461	\$27,349,580	\$26,430,868	\$25,331,374	\$23,674,676	\$21,610,643	\$18,262,445	\$ 8,876,182
Restricted	7,370,241	4,080,442	3,280,976	4,542,499	4,979,719	1,234,126	1,440,463	1,245,124	7,033,291	6,421,295
Unrestricted	(7,271,567)	8,162,509	6,556,049	9,300,952	8,970,730	11,747,627	10,978,978	11,151,706	3,310,316	5,772,072
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	35,900,513	46,516,706	43,332,486	41,193,031	40,381,317	38,313,127	36,094,117	34,007,473	28,606,052	21,069,549
Business-type Activities										
Net investment in capital assets	500,757	554,905	533,959	599,338	657,557	907,982	922,608	922,608	914,353	(504,800)
Unrestricted	(2,518,035)	2,303,871	2,097,497	1,751,849	827,393	398,351	388,277	388,277	560,185	429,089
Total Business-type Activities Net Position	(2,017,278)	2,858,776	2,631,456	2,351,187	1,484,950	1,306,333	1,310,885	1,310,885	1,474,538	(75,711)
Primary Government										
Net investment in capital assets	36,302,596	34,828,660	34,029,420	27,948,918	27,088,425	26,239,356	24,597,284	22,533,251	19,176,798	8,371,382
Restricted	7,370,241	4,080,442	3,280,976	4,542,499	4,979,719	1,234,126	1,440,463	1,245,124	7,033,291	6,421,295
Unrestricted	(9,789,602)	10,466,380	8,653,546	11,052,801	9,798,123	12,145,978	11,367,255	11,539,983	3,870,501	6,201,161
Total Primary Government Net Position	\$33,883,235	\$49,375,482	\$45,963,942	\$43,544,218	\$41,866,267	\$39,619,460	\$37,405,002	\$35,318,358	\$30,080,590	\$20,993,838

As of 2008, the Library, Development Board and Fire Districts are included in Governmental Activities.

Cherokee County, South Carolina Change in Net Position Last Ten Fiscal Years (accrual basis of accounting)

					Fisca	al Year				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Expenses										
Governmental Activities:										
General government	\$ 7,403,422	\$6,931,010	\$ 7,212,409		\$ 8,155,844	\$ 8,654,626	\$ 9,040,423	\$ 7,806,099	\$ 7,365,900	\$ 7,347,362
Public safety	10,819,767	10,614,321	10,100,465	9,605,722	7,936,240	7,740,260	7,908,278	7,844,863	6,426,418	5,881,579
Transportation	1,603,765	1,771,970	1,084,307	1,824,343	1,358,602	1,581,692	1,651,157	2,012,355	1,966,563	1,405,319
Health and human services	1,014,252	993,175	1,052,832	981,740	1,075,896	1,077,063	1,107,409	1,061,283	990,200	1,050,067
Environmental and housing	2,197,796	2,944,477	2,800,475	2,999,695	2,733,472	1,853,376	1,768,879	3,959,027	1,793,108	2,001,629
Cultural and recreation	932,229	940,887	923,610	1,000,711	995,656	989,499	988,793	979,020	121,357	285,322
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Unallocated interest expense	247,521	428,632	297,181	338,050	118,486	106,411	149,342	190,665	229,899	180,389
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	24,218,752	24,624,472	23,471,279	23,010,643	22,374,196	22,002,927	22,614,281	23,853,312	18,893,445	18,151,867
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Business-type Activities: Geriatrics	7,971,637	7,535,056	7,665,950	7,464,039	8,027,865	8,360,746	7,787,638	7,736,866	7,620,936	7,410,361
Total Business-type Activities Expense	7,971,637	7,535,056	7,665,950	7,464,039	8,027,865	8,360,746	7,787,638	7,736,866	7,620,936	7,410,361
Total Busilless-type Activities Expense	7,971,037	7,555,056	7,005,950	7,404,039	0,027,003	0,300,740	1,101,030	7,730,000	7,020,930	7,410,301
Total Primary Government Expenses	32,190,389	32,159,528	31,137,229	30,474,682	30,402,061	30,363,673	30,401,919	31,590,178	26,514,381	25,562,228
Program Revenues										
Governmental Activities:										
Charges for services										
General government	1,713,215	1,390,996	1,431,702	1,423,421	1,657,508	1,543,497	1,876,439	1,971,794	1,926,205	1,866,659
Public safety	618,777	582,832	559,290	557,972	639,776	687,036	1,201,382	872,959	757,197	819,184
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	83	131	-	871	1,807
Health and human services	210,268	210,274	201,636	233,170	239,331	193,361	207,674	127,279	7,071	6,865
Environmental and housing	342,482	280,138	262,387	582,765	513,058	406,528	185,596	260,938	214,480	252,979
Cultural and recreation	38,212	35,544	40,521	44,212	43,677	-	-	-		- ,
Other	-	-	-		-	42,460	41,021	37,378	-	_
Operating grants and contributions	2,835,655	3,098,229	2,373,406	2,042,486	1,863,193	2,675,538	1,909,316	2,252,470	2,145,049	2,147,731
Capital grants and contributions	607,976	485,757	1,316,162	873,927	1,083,180	625,121	1,026,399	2,020,221	326,304	1,157,381
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	\$ 6,366,585	\$ 6,083,770	\$ 6,185,104		\$ 6,039,723	\$ 6,173,624	\$ 7,543,039	\$ 7,543,039	\$ 5,377,177	\$ 6,252,606
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Business-type Activities:										
Charges for services										
Geriatrics	\$ 8,687,868	\$ 8,566,325	\$ 8,336,570	\$ 8,114,108	\$ 8,207,671	\$ 8,158,560	\$ 7,320,992	\$ 7,685,471	\$ 7,361,359	\$ 7,162,689
Total Business-type Activities Program Revenues	8,687,868	8,566,325	8,336,570	8,114,108	8,207,671	8,158,560	7,685,471	7,685,471	7,361,359	7,162,689
Total Primary Government Program Revenues	15,054,453	14,650,095	14,521,674	13,872,061	14,332,184	14,332,184	15,228,510	15,228,510	12,738,536	13,415,295
Net (Expense) Revenue										
Governmental Activities	(17,852,167)	(18,540,702)	(17,286,175)	(17,252,690)	(16,334,473)	(15,829,303)	(16,166,323)	(16,310,273)	(13,516,268)	(11,899,261)
Business-type Activities	716,231	1,031,269	670,620	650,069	179,806	(202,186)	(466,646)	(51,395)	(259,577)	(247,672)
Total Primary Government	\$ (17,135,936)	\$ (17,509,433)	\$ (16,615,555)	\$ (16,602,621)	\$ (16,154,667)	\$ (16,031,489)	\$ (16,632,969)	\$ (16,361,668)	\$ (13,775,845)	\$ (12,146,933)

Cherokee County, South Carolina Change in Net Position - Continued Last Ten Fiscal Years (accrual basis of accounting)

		Fiscal Year								
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
General Revenues and Other	_	-				-		•	-	·
Changes in Net Position										
Governmental Activities:										
Taxes	\$ 18,855,548	\$ 18,616,303	\$ 17,028,528	\$ 16,577,172	\$ 15,981,345	\$ 15,587,679	\$ 15,072,161	\$ 15,192,856	\$ 12,188,888	\$ 12,580,378
Unrestricted state aid to political subdivisions	1,812,111	2,048,934	2,037,763	1,717,699	1,968,973	2,410,742	2,887,564	3,027,933	2,722,673	2,475,125
Unrestricted investment earnings	37,695	36,492	14,893	49,000	86,089	102,750	152,621	504,601	558,049	464,143
Miscellaneous	369,861	219,243	112,555	86,699	196,524	144,776	177,816	111,843	33,773	86,836
Special item - forgiveness of advance	-	591,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	212,100	(1,068)	(216,168)	1,189	(197,634)	(163,157)	(166,944)	(182,726)	(567,906)
Total Governmental Activities	21,075,215	21,724,922	19,192,671	18,214,402	18,234,120	18,048,313	18,127,005	18,670,289	15,320,657	15,038,576
Business-type Activities: Special item - forgiveness of advance	-	(591,850)	_	-	-		-	-		<u>-</u>
Transfers		(212,100)	1,068	(1,189)	197,634	187,444	166,944	182,726	567,906	679,129
Total Business-type Activities		(212,100)	1,068	(1,189)	197,634	187,444	166,944	182,726	567,906	679,129
Total Primary Government	21,075,215	21,512,822	19,193,739	18,213,213	18,431,754	18,235,757	18,293,949	18,853,015	15,888,563	15,717,705
Change in Net Position										
Governmental Activities	3,223,048	3,184,220	1,906,496	1,899,647	2,219,010	1,960,682	2,360,016	2,360,016	1,804,389	3,139,315
Business-type Activities	716,231	227,319	671,688	178,617	(4,552)	(279,202)	115,549	131,331	308,329	431,457
Total Primary Government	\$ 3,939,279	\$ 3,411,539	\$ 2,578,184	\$ 2,078,264	\$ 2,214,458	\$ 1,681,480	\$ 2,475,565	\$ 2,491,347	\$ 2,112,718	\$ 3,570,772

As of 2008, the Library, Development Board and Fire Districts are included in Governmental Activities.

Cherokee County, South Carolina Fund Balances of Governmental Funds Last Ten Fiscal Years (modified accrual basis of accounting)

					Fiscal	Year				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011 (1)	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
General Fund										
Reserved	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 829,019	\$ 936,322	\$ 723,348	\$ 816,410	\$ 641,768
Unreserved	-	-	-	-	-	10,371,760	10,510,800	11,600,545	10,789,043	10,573,176
Nonspendable	282,997	209,952	312,223	183,018	181,869	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	1,937,136	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	3,600,135	2,793,932	2,793,722	2,561,859	2,263,498	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	11,422,304	10,421,313	8,398,736	9,225,466	7,291,827	-	-	-	-	-
Total General Fund	15,305,436	13,425,197	11,504,681	11,970,343		11,200,779	11,447,122	12,323,893	11,605,453	11,214,944
All Other Governmental Funds										
Reserved										
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	1,180,984	1,379,643	1,202,248	1,005,865	1,087,435
Other reserves	-	-	-	-	-	25,439	19,962	18,223	-	-
Unreserved, reported in:						•	•	·		
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	5,053,873	4,652,669	5,096,517	4,301,385	3,394,982
Special revenue funds	-	-	-	-	-	4,012,393	2,770,969	2,644,447	1,933,585	2,252,332
Nonspendable	1,113,592	389,581	277,843	11,478	11,456	-	-	_	-	-
Restricted	7,370,241	4,079,190	3,279,724	5,264,163	13,256,724	-	-	_	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	3,389,294	3,743,750	3,890,692	6,641,502	6,297,072	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	31,398	16,527	(1,241)	(39,471)	(21,967)	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Other Governmental Funds	11,904,525	8,229,048	7,447,018	11,877,672	19,543,285	10,272,689	8,823,243	8,961,435	7,240,835	6,734,749
Total Governmental Fund Balance	\$ 27,209,961	\$ 21,654,245	\$ 18,951,699	\$ 23,848,015	\$ 19,543,285	\$ 21,473,468	\$ 20,270,365	\$21,285,328	\$18,846,288	\$17,949,693

Note: As of 2008, the Library, Development Board and Fire Districts are included in Governmental Funds.

⁽¹⁾ The presentation of fund balance changed in 2011 as a result of the implementation of GASB 54.

Cherokee County, South Carolina Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds Last Ten Fiscal Years (modified accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year 2011 2015 2014 2013 2012 2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 Revenues Taxes \$18,370,356 \$18,083,828 \$16,666,948 \$16,305,696 \$15,620,801 \$15,452,837 \$14,505,754 \$14,867,165 \$11,920,633 \$12,041,050 Licenses and permits 201.238 146.092 152.487 162.036 177,446 155.091 152.132 236.839 192.564 209.792 Intergovernmental 5,291,837 5,301,159 5.451.215 4,902,304 4.745.559 5,543,031 6.183.958 7.131.797 4,842,879 5,303,695 Charges for services 880,891 716,515 747,521 974,003 1,052,764 909,095 844,946 836,715 934,525 983,966 Contributions 306,733 Fines 628.046 657.793 605.233 596.815 666.618 642.414 823.834 864.270 793.007 715.064 Interest 37.696 36.493 14,893 49,001 86.149 102.979 162.608 547.607 726.919 571.216 Miscellaneous 1,663,718 1,395,663 1,320,760 1,674,086 1,496,278 1,816,832 1,956,973 1,454,862 1,820,842 1,653,043 **Total Revenues** 27,380,515 26,898,853 25,033,960 24,310,615 23,804,199 24,626,289 24,347,318 26,137,436 20,906,805 21,641,615 **Expenditures** General government 6,555,334 6,317,302 6,120,364 5,806,677 7,692,259 8,103,748 8,389,977 7,605,395 7,239,009 7,130,955 Public safety 10,476,019 9,839,655 9,518,997 8,803,348 7,192,714 7,069,961 7,216,186 7,106,831 5,676,563 5,195,187 1,835,937 Transportation 2,625,908 2,302,642 2,047,932 2,238,318 2,174,070 2,325,960 2.099.379 2,529,404 1,328,937 Health and human services 972,716 951,177 1,045,886 970,910 1,034,326 1,054,423 1,014,173 1.038.232 973,895 1,035,280 Environmental and housing 2,515,825 2,356,312 3,268,715 2,635,579 2,072,358 1,849,208 1,946,850 3.339.914 1,556,969 2,060,927 Culture and recreation 862,880 852,811 824,456 877,576 878,156 874,088 863,909 888,363 105,005 284,982 Other 33.750 200 Capital outlay 1,039,395 1,554,217 6,186,197 8,869,332 1,420,490 1,504,421 1,901,007 881,965 720,930 927,339 Debt service Interest 250.920 268.066 301.142 352.670 62.044 111.398 154,425 195.537 234.559 184,625 Principal 601.388 584,724 564,875 807,004 1,041,500 984,236 862,350 826,750 791,150 472,570 **Total Expenditures** 25,026,906 29,878,564 31,361,414 23,229,784 23,725,553 24,674,837 19,827,484 25,934,135 23,982,366 18,621,002 Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures 1,446,380 1.871.947 (4.844.604)(7.050.799)574.415 900.736 (327,519)2,155,070 1.079.321 3,020,613 Other Financing Sources (Uses) Proceeds from capital lease 47,366 Proceeds from bond issuance 9,000,000 Transfers in (out) 4.109.335 238.750 106.748 (216.168)(197,633)(187.444)(166.944)(182.726)(567.906)1.189 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) 4,109,335 238,750 106,748 (168,802)9,001,189 (197,633)(187,444)(166,944)(182,726)(567,906)Special Item Forgiveness of advance due to Enterprise Fund 591.850 \$ 2,702,547 **Net Change in Fund Balance** \$ 5,555,715 \$ (4,737,856) \$ (7,219,601) \$ 9,575,604 \$ 703,103 \$ (514,963) \$ 1,988,126 \$ 896.595 \$ 2,452,707 Debt Service as a Percentage of Noncapital Expenditures 3.91% 3.89% 5.46% 5.37% 5.15% 4.73% 4.57% 5.64% 3.69% 3.62%

Note: As of 2008, the Library, Development Board and Fire Districts are included in Governmental Funds.

Cherokee County, South Carolina Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Tax Year	Real Property	Personal Property	Less: Exemptions	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Estimated Actual Taxable Value	Taxable Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Taxable Value
2006	2005	93,796,610	57,160,436	(4,389,960)	146,567,086	79.40	2,471,353,408	5.93%
2007	2006	95,685,020	55,429,942	(4,482,920)	146,632,042	79.40	2,509,096,667	5.84%
2008	2007	96,118,820	55,969,098	(4,691,040)	147,396,878	83.49	2,734,714,572	5.39%
2009	2008	95,407,370	59,002,431	(5,638,960)	148,770,841	85.60	2,741,983,618	5.43%
2010	2009	97,894,570	55,714,625	(6,586,260)	147,022,935	83.10	2,853,165,847	5.15%
2011	2010	98,877,410	58,298,587	(6,842,660)	150,333,337	83.10	2,794,465,662	5.38%
2012	2011	99,412,030	62,396,712	(8,328,260)	153,480,482	83.10	2,824,136,664	5.43%
2013	2012	99,849,060	63,667,275	(8,117,490)	155,398,845	83.10	2,735,699,735	5.68%
2014	2013	104,916,740	66,392,368	(7,878,110)	163,430,998	88.40	2,862,170,731	5.71%
2015	2014	103,986,030	68,281,320	(7,774,990)	164,492,360	88.40	2,916,290,005	5.64%

Source: County Auditor's Office

Cherokee County, South Carolina Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates Last Ten Fiscal Years (rate per \$1,000 of assessed value)

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
County Wide Tax Rates										
Operating	69.90	69.90	64.50	64.50	64.50	64.50	66.40	64.34	62.05	63.00
Library	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.30	4.30	4.30	3.70
Recreation	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.20
Cherokee Tech	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.80	1.75	1.75	1.70
Capital Fund	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.15	4.40	4.40	4.40
Debt Service	5.00	5.00	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.20	5.20	3.40	3.40
Airport Funds	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00
City Rates	120.80	120.80	115.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	119.90	119.90	115.90	115.90
Town of Blacksburg	162.10	159.80	156.10	206.50	206.50	156.20	171.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
10WII OI Blacksburg	102.10	100.00	100.10	200.00	200.00	100.20	171.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
School District Rate	168.90	168.90	166.90	166.90	166.90	166.90	166.90	161.77	156.00	168.00
Over the Director Product										
Special District Rates	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
CKC	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Buffalo	13.50	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	12.00
Antioch	8.00	7.90	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.90	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Corinth	15.00	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Cherokee Creek	10.90	10.60	10.90	10.80	10.90	10.90	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.80
Greater Gaffney	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.20	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Macedonia	8.00	8.00	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.90	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Grassy Pond	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	6.60

Source: County Treasurer's Office

Cherokee County, South Carolina Principal Property Taxpayers June 30, 2015 and 2006

		2015		2006				
	Taxable Assessed		Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed	Taxable Assessed		Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed		
Taxpayer	Value	Rank	Value	Value	Rank	Value		
Duke Energy	\$ 13,670,966	1	8.31%	\$ 4,050,520	2	2.76%		
Nestle	7,656,606	2	4.65%	3,869,990	3	2.64%		
Milliken	6,615,356	3	4.02%	4,207,360	1	2.87%		
Timken	4,151,502	4	2.52%	3,082,860	4	2.10%		
Kapstone	3,252,960	5	1.98%					
PFP Venture	3,073,345	6	1.87%					
Broad River Energy	2,803,010	7	1.70%					
Broad River Electric	2,678,181	8	1.63%	2,111,280	6	1.44%		
Colonial Pipeline Co	2,209,220	9	1.34%	1,554,350	9	1.06%		
Parkdale America LLC	2,157,374	10	1.31%					
Lin Pac, Inc				2,210,869	5	1.51%		
Bic Corporation				1,649,680	8	1.13%		
BellSouth Telecommunications				1,992,960	7	1.36%		
Transcontinental Gas				1,212,970	10	0.83%		
TOTAL TOP TEN TAXPAYERS	\$ 48,268,520	 	29.34%	\$ 25,942,839	_	17.70%		

Source: County Treasurer's Office

Cherokee County, South Carolina Property Tax Levies and Collections Last Ten Fiscal Years

Collected within the

Fiscal		Tax Year o	f the Levy		Tax Collection	ns to Date
Year	Taxes Levied			Collections		
Ended	for the		Percentage	in Subsequent		Percentage
June 30,	Fiscal Year	Amount	of Levy	Tax Years	Amount	of Levy
2006	11,682,250	10,715,068	91.72%	676,296	11,391,364	97.51%
2007	9,458,707	8,821,917	93.27%	616,140	9,438,057	99.78%
2008	10,106,082	9,405,464	93.07%	657,071	10,062,535	99.57%
2009	10,560,123	9,402,618	89.04%	892,407	10,295,025	97.49%
2010	8,968,005	8,239,772	91.88%	603,978	8,843,750	98.61%
2011	8,965,448	8,195,547	91.41%	589,795	8,785,342	97.99%
2012	7,235,683	6,698,138	92.57%	454,695	7,152,833	98.85%
2013	8,003,178	7,425,271	92.78%	478,148	7,903,419	98.75%
2014	10,138,794	9,405,238	92.76%	347,620	9,752,858	96.19%
2015	10,281,241	9,612,499	93.50%	-	9,612,499	93.50%

Source: County Treasurer's Office

Levy and collections recorded at net of exemptions and penalties beginning in 2007.

Cherokee County, South Carolina Ratio of Outstanding Debt by Type Last Ten Fiscal Years

		Governmental	Activities		Business-type	Activities			
Fiscal Year	General	Certificates			Certificates		Total	Percentage	
Ended	Obligation	of	Capital	Loan	of	Notes	Primary	of Personal	Per
June 30	Bonds	Participation	Lease	Payable	Participation	Payable	Government	Income (1)	Capita (1)
2006	\$ 3,180,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,070,000	\$ -	\$ 6,250,000	0.5%	119
2007	2,630,000	1,385,950	-	-	1,229,050	-	5,245,000	0.4%	97
2008	2,055,000	1,134,200	-	-	1,005,800	-	4,195,000	0.3%	78
2009	1,455,000	871,850	-	-	773,150	-	3,100,000	0.2%	57
2010	750,000	593,600	-	-	526,400	-	1,870,000	0.1%	34
2011	9,000,000	302,100	-	-	267,900	-	9,570,000	0.7%	173
2012	8,500,000	-	42,461	-	-	-	8,542,461	0.6%	154
2013	7,950,000	-	28,525	-	-	-	7,978,525	0.5%	143
2014	7,380,000	-	11,174	-	-	-	7,391,174	0.5%	131
2015	6,790,000	-	-	4,000,000	-	-	10,790,000	0.7%	192

Notes:

(1) See the "Demographic and Economic Statistics" table (Table 13) for personal income and population data.

Cherokee County, South Carolina Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt As of June 30, 2015

	5.4.	Estimated	Estimated Share of
	Debt	Percent	Direct and
Jurisdiction	Outstanding	Applicable (1)	Overlapping Debt
Direct Debt:			
Cherokee County	\$ 10,790,000	100.00%	\$ 10,790,000
Overlapping Debt:			
City of Gaffney	1,636,367	100.00%	1,636,367
Town of Blacksburg	393,847	100.00%	393,847
Cherokee County School District No. 1	8,819,007	100.00%	8,819,007
SCAGO Education Facilities (on behalf of CCSD#1)	29,775,000	100.00%	29,775,000
Total Overlapping Debt			\$ 40,624,221
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt			\$ 51,414,221

⁽¹⁾ For debt repaid with property taxes the percentage of overlapping debt applicable is estimated using taxable assessed property values. Applicable percentages were estimated by determining the portion of another governmental unit's taxable assessed value that is within the County's boundaries and dividing it by each unit's total taxable assessed value.

Cherokee County, South Carolina Legal Debt Margin Information Last Ten Fiscal Years

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Y	ear 2015
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Assessed valuation Less: Exemptions	\$ 172,267,350 7,774,990
Net assessed value	\$ 164,492,360
Debt limit - 8 percent of total assessed value	\$ 13,159,389
Total debt Less: amount set aside for repayment of GO bonds Less: amount available for repayment of GO bonds	10,790,000 (1,206,159) (4,000,000)
Debt qualifying for margin	5,583,841
Legal debt margin	\$ 7,575,548

	 2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007		2006
Debt Limit	\$ 13,159,389	\$ 13,047,480	12,431,908	\$ 12,278,439	\$ 12,026,667	\$ 11,761,835	\$ 11,901,667	\$ 11,791,750	\$ 11,730,563	\$ 1	1,725,367
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	 5,583,841	6,313,125	7,021,886	8,455,406	8,550,792	381,933	75,357	852,752	1,624,135		2,092,565
Legal Debt Margin	\$ 7,575,548	\$ 6,734,355	\$ 5,410,022	\$ 3,823,033	\$ 3,475,875	\$11,379,902	\$ 11,826,310	\$ 10,938,998	\$ 10,106,428	\$	9,632,802
Total Net Debt Applicable to the Limit as a Percentage of Debt Limit	42.43%	48.29%	56.48%	68.86%	71.10%	3.25%	0.63%	7.23%	13.85%		17.85%
Total Net General Bonded Debt as a Percentage of Actual Taxable Value of Property	0.19%	0.22%	0.26%	0.30%	0.30%	0.01%	0.00%	0.03%	0.06%		0.08%
Total Net General Bonded Debt per Capita	\$ 99.45	\$ 112.22	\$ 126.15	\$ 152.24	\$ 156.28	\$ 7.02	\$ 1.39	\$ 15.79	\$ 30.14	\$	39.83

Notes:

- (1) Property value data can be found in the "Assessed Value of Taxable Property and Actual Value of Property Schedule."
- (2) The legal debt limit is 8 percent of total assessed value.
- (3) The legal debt margin is the government's available borrowing under SC Code of Laws and is calculated by subtracting the debt applicable to the legal debt limit from the legal debt limit.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA RATIOS OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

PERCENTAGE OF **ESTIMATED GENERAL** LESS: AMOUNTS **ACTUAL TAXABLE** VALUE¹ OF PER **FISCAL OBLIGATION AVAILABLE IN DEBT PROPERTY** CAPITA² YEAR BONDS SERVICE FUND **TOTAL** 2006 3,180,000 \$ 1,087,435 2,092,565 0.08% 40 2007 1,005,865 1,624,135 0.06% 30 2,630,000 2008 2,055,000 1,202,248 852,752 0.03% 16 2009 1,455,000 1,379,643 75,357 1 0.00% 2010 750,000 368,067 381,933 0.01% 7 2011 9,570,000 449,208 9,120,792 165 0.33% 2012 8,500,000 44,594 8,455,406 0.30% 152 2013 7,950,000 956,639 6,993,361 0.26% 126 2014 7,380,000 1,078,049 6,301,951 0.22% 112 2015 6,790,000 1,206,160 5,583,840 0.19% 99

Note: Details regarding the county's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

¹ Property value data can be found on Table 5

² Population data can be found on Table 13

Cherokee County, South Carolina Demographic and Economic Statistics Last Ten Years

		Per Capita						
		Personal	Р	ersonal	School	Unemployment		
Year (1)	Population (2)	Income (2)	Inc	come (2)	Enrollment (2)	Rate (2)		
2006	52,537	\$ 1,210,544,000	\$	22,562	9,147	7.00%		
2007	53,886	1,214,530,000		28,429	9,040	7.80%		
2008	54,015	1,274,828,000		23,682	9,099	7.10%		
2009	54,394	1,337,188,000		24,794	9,308	9.50%		
2010	54,714	1,420,437,000		26,002	9,356	8.50%		
2011	55,342	1,420,437,000		26,002	8,797	14.30%		
2012	55,540	1,470,297,000		26,532	9,088	12.60%		
2013	55,662	1,491,556,000		26,856	8,816	10.20%		
2014	56,256	1,613,626,000		28,990	8,664	9.50%		
2015	56,150	1,643,091,000		29,401	9,104	8.30%		

Notes:

- (1) Calendar Year
- (2) Provided by SC Appalachian Council of Governments

Cherokee County, South Carolina Principal Employers June 30, 2015 and 2006

	June 30, 2015			June 30, 2006				
			Percent of			Percent of		
Company or	Number of		Total County	Number of		Total County		
Organization	Employees	Rank	Employment	Employees	Rank	Employment		
Nestle	1,300	1	5.73%	1,300	1	5.10%		
School District of Cherokee County	1,231	2	5.43%	1,165	3	7.26%		
Hamrick Mills	850	3	3.75%	444	8	2.77%		
The Timken Company	700	4	3.09%	1,000	4	6.23%		
Freightliner	500	5	2.20%	650	5	4.05%		
Suminoe	500	6	2.20%					
Milliken & Co. Magnolia Finishing Plant	401	7	1.77%	450	7	2.80%		
Jetline	225	8	0.99%					
Brown Packing Co. Inc	200	9	0.88%	250	9	1.56%		
ADS Logistics	200	10	0.88%					
Springfield	170	11	0.75%	150	13	0.93%		
Parkdale Mills	145	12	0.64%					
Ply Gem Siding Group	145	13	0.64%					
Carolina Cotton Works	140	14	0.62%					
Boyd Corp	125	15	0.55%					
Kapstone	110	16	0.49%					
Working in County of Residence	25,492			22,999				

N/A Not Available

Source: SC Appalachian Council of Governments/Cherokee County Development Board

Cherokee County, South Carolina County Employees by Function Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	2015*	2014*	2013*	2012*	2011*	2010*	2009*	2008*	2007*	2006*
General government	106	103	103	94	88	99	102	100	101	99
Public safety	135	131	138	131	123	131	137	137	129	127
Transportation	7	8	12	11	11	15	16	16	21	22
Health and human services	19	21	21	22	26	34	49	49	49	49
Total full-time equivalent employees	267	263	274	258	248	279	304	302	300	297

Source: County Finance Office

^{*} Includes General Fund employees only

Cherokee County, South Carolina Operating Indicators by Function/Program Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 Function/Program Sheriff Incident Reports Filed** 6,993 5,568 4,901 4,550 5,048 3,877 4,087 4,601 4,419 4,408 **DARE Graduates** 3,437 762 837 702 753 678 727 761 751 753 **Detention Center** 3,747 3,844 Persons Arrested and Booked 3,997 3,502 4,147 4,272 4,346 4,875 4,452 4,067 E911 Calls Dispatched to Sheriff Department 33,375 30,099 29,853 30,059 24,381 20,377 22,056 21,234 20,383 19,064 Victims Advocate Division Victims Assisted 896 884 4,000 3,690 3,545 3,245 3,800 3,001 3,601 2,259 Landfill/Transfer Station Solid Waste Disposal - Tonnage 42,889 46,613 47,788 47,713 48,182 48,406 44,749 46,016 44,522 45,074 Recycle Center Recycle - Tonnage 127,625 125,812 112,318 83,977 71,586 119,102 114,216 83,134 93,185 83,882 Public Works 333 Roads (miles) 402 401 362 366 366 365 365 366 364 **Public Library** Registered Borrowers 41,995 39,782 38,974 37,803 36,109 28,150 32,276 29,320 26,626 23,235 Circulation 131,013 156,057 163,855 169,239 178,705 199,272 177,878 185,554 197,147 155,087 **Building Inspection** Single Family Dwelling Permits 109 71 73 73 72 83 68 119 147 132

Source: County Treasurer's Office.

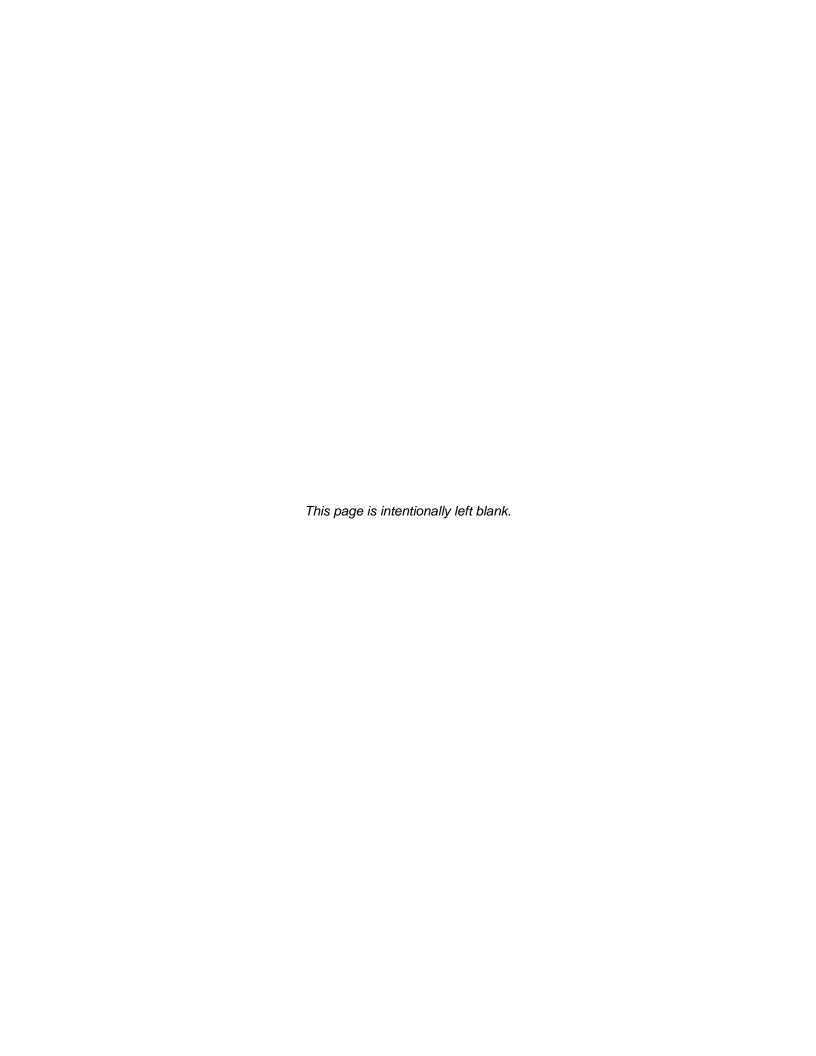
^{**} Per Sheriff's Office, these numbers are considerably higher because procedures are being conducted on a case to case basis.

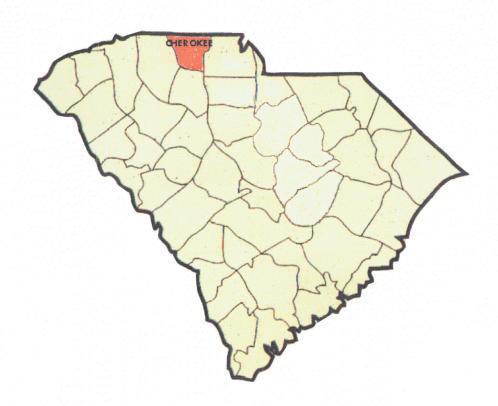
Cherokee County, South Carolina Capital Assets Statistics by Function/Program Last Ten Fiscal Years

					Fi	iscal Yea	r			
Function/Program	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
General Government										,
Vehicles	46	41	41	36	36	36	36	35	32	31
Law Enforcement Center										
Buildings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vehicles	70	70	61	68	67	65	63	64	67	66
Equipment	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	N/A	N/A
Detention Center										
Buildings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vehicles	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5
Landfill/Transfer Station										
Buildings	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Vehicles	3	3	3	4	4	4	6	8	8	7
Equipment	7	3 7	9	10	10	9	9	9	N/A	N/A
Equipment	,	,	9	10	10	9	9	9	IN/A	IN/A
Recycle Center										
Buildings	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Vehicles	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	8	8
Equipment	7	8	9	8	8	8	10	9	N/A	N/A
Drop off Stations	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	N/A	N/A
,										
Road and Bridges										
Buildings	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Vehicles	18	16	15	18	18	20	19	20	20	21
Equipment	25	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	N/A	N/A
Solid Waste Collections										
Buildings	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Vehicles	20	16	14	15	18	17	15	14	13	13
Emergency Management										
Vehicles	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

N/A Not Available

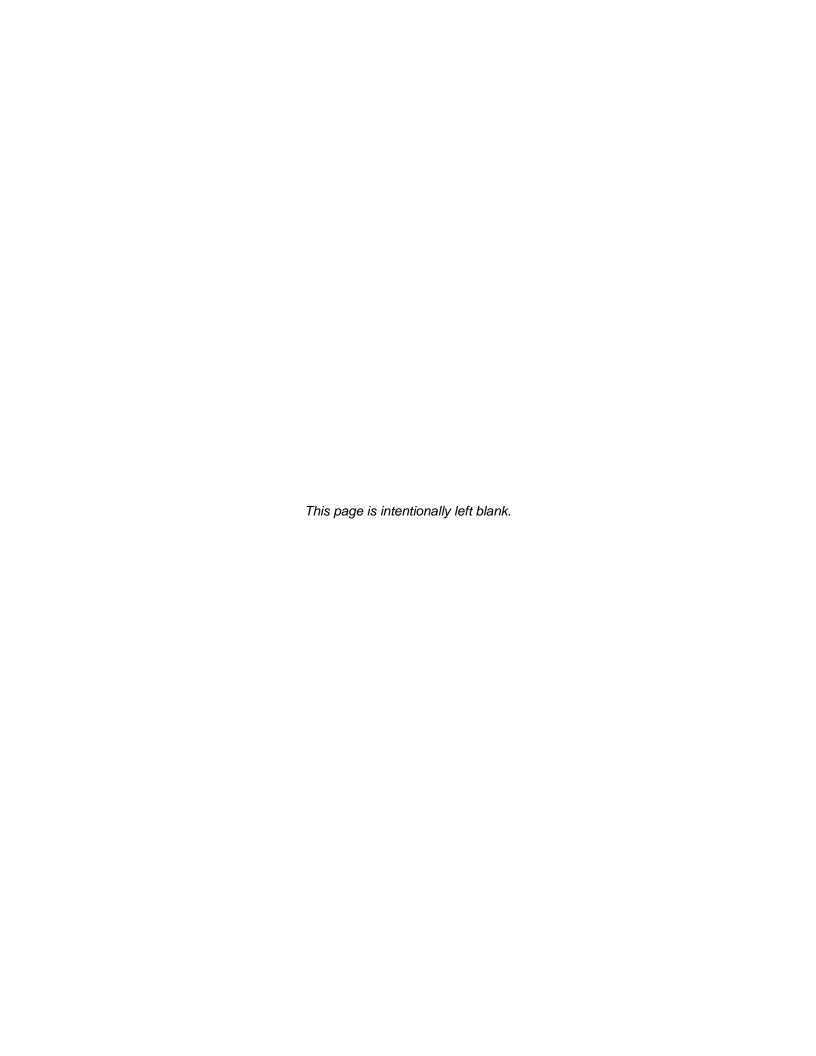
Source: County Finance Office





COMPLIANCE SECTION

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



CHEROKEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF COURT FINES, ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES CLERK OF COURT AND MAGISTRATE COURT JUNE 30, 2015

	Collections (2),(3)		Amount Remitted to County Treasurer		,	unt Remitted to State easurer (1)	Amount Allocated to Victims' Services		
Clerk of Court: Fines and Fees Assessments Surcharges Pullouts	\$	459,104 26,037 38,635 1,357	\$	177,119	\$	281,985 16,984 18,210 1,357	\$	9,053 20,425	
Totals	\$	525,133	\$	177,119	\$	318,536	\$	29,478	
Magistrate Court: Fines and Fees Assessments Surcharges Pullouts	\$	420,995 429,188 250,072 25,952	\$	420,995	\$	387,201 232,003 25,952	\$	41,987 18,069	
Totals	\$	1,126,207	\$	420,995	\$	645,156	\$	60,056	
Victim Assistance Amount reserved for vic Plus: Amounts allocated Assessments and s	\$	- 89,534							
Less: Amounts spent fo from assessments an Salaries and benefi		(89,534)							
Balance reserved for vio	\$	<u>-</u> _							

⁽¹⁾ Includes payments forwarded for Public Defender of \$11,891.

⁽²⁾ Does not include civil fees collected of \$235,449 retained by county treasurer.

⁽³⁾ Does not include Indigent Defense amounts of \$37,088 sent directly to Indigent Defense.