Williamson County, Texas Popular Annual Financial Report

For Fiscal Year End September 30, 2021





2021 Popular Annual Financial Report

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County Judge



Bill Gravell

Williamson County

Commissioners Court

Commissioner Pct 4



Russ Boles

Commissioner Pct 1



Terry Cook

Commissioner Pct 2



Cynthia Long

Commissioner Pct 3



Valerie Covey

County Auditor Message

Dear Citizens of Williamson County,

I am pleased to present the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. This financial summary provides a less technical discussion of the County finances. The document provides important financial data that presents a brief explanation on where the county-wide resources come from, how those dollars are spent and how those transactions affect the citizens.

The County continues to experience major job growth, proliferation of business, and residential development. Since 2010, the county's population has grown by 44 percent. It is the 3rd fastest growing county in Texas. Williamson County's growth has been fueled by its location on the I-35 corridor and close access to Austin, Texas. Even though certain sectors of the economy have been impacted by the pandemic, Williamson County area home sales, new businesses and business expansions have been drivers for the continued growth in the region. The AAA credit rating that Williamson County continues to maintain provides further assurances that Williamson County continues to be a great steward of our citizen's money.

The Williamson County Auditor's Office has generated this Citizen's Report using financial information taken from the 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that was audited by Weaver and Tidwell, LLP with an unmodified opinion. An unmodified opinion indicates that the financial statements are prepared according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and are free of material misstatements concerning the overall financial position of the County.

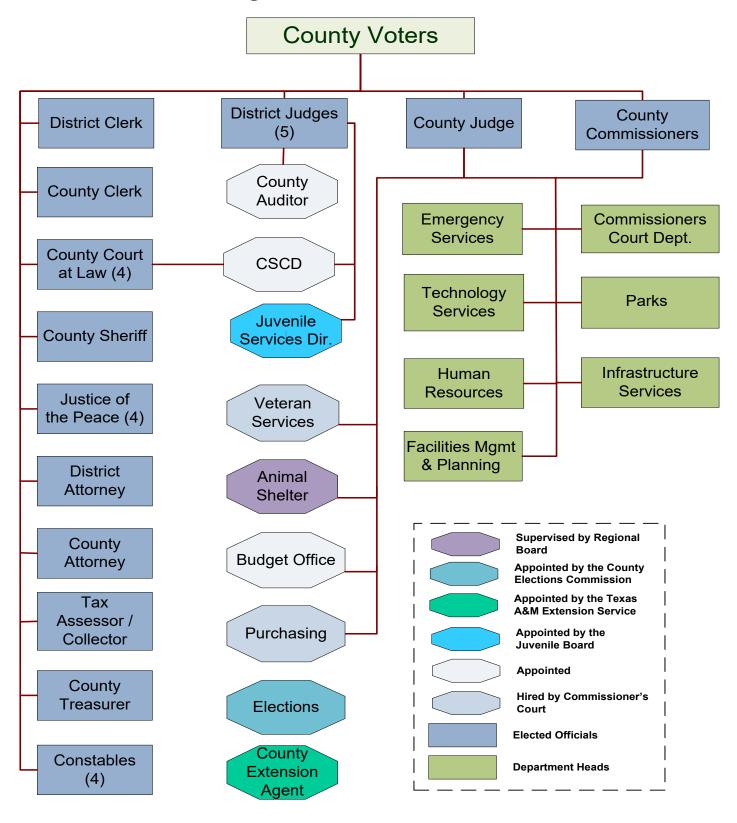
This report is not intended to replace the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; the function of this report is to provide a readable and understandable format regarding the County's finances. Both the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and PAFR are available on our website: https://wilco.mygovcenter.com/cms/cms?id=82. I invite you to share any questions, concerns, feedback or recommendations you may have by emailing jljones@wilco.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeni L Jones

County Auditor

Organizational Chart



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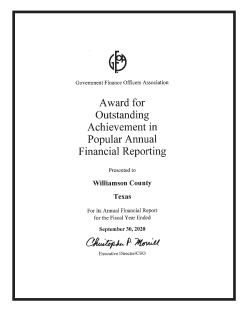
County Government

Williamson County Elected Officials *

Donna King Judge, 26th District Court Stacey Mathews Judge, 277th District Court Rick J. Kennon Judge, 368th District Court Rvan D. Larson Judge, 395th District Court Betsy Lambeth Judge, 425th District Court Bill Gravell, Jr. County Judge Terry Cook Commissioner, Precinct 1 Cynthia Long Commissioner, Precinct 2 Valerie Covey Commissioner, Precinct 3 Russ Boles Commissioner, Precinct 4 Mickey Chance Constable, Precinct 1 Jeff Anderson Constable, Precinct 2 Matthew Lindemann Constable, Precinct 3 Paul Leal Constable, Precinct 4 Nancy Rister County Clerk Brandy Hallford Judge, Cty Court at Law 1 Laura Barker Judge, Cty Court at Law 2 Doug Arnold Judge, Cty Court at Law 3 John B. McMaster Judge, Cty Court at Law 4 Shawn Dick District Attorney Lisa David District Clerk KT Musselman Justice of Peace, Precinct 1 Edna Staudt Justice of Peace, Precinct 2 Evelyn McLean Justice of Peace, Precinct 3 Justice of Peace, Precinct 4 Stacy Hackenberg Doyle "Dee" Hobbs County Attorney Mike Gleason County Sheriff Scott Heselmeyer County Treasurer Tax Assessor/Collector Larry Gaddes

For fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Williamson County for the 16th consecutive year.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a PAFR whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting the current year report to GFOA.



* As of January 1, 2022



About Williamson County

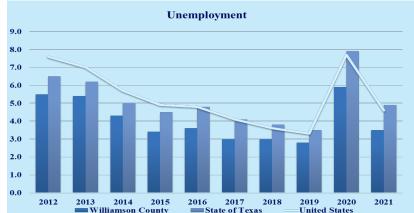
Established in 1848, Williamson County is centrally located in the State of Texas adjacent to Travis County. Williamson County continues to be one of the top growing areas in the State of Texas and in the country. Williamson County occupies a land area of 1,135 square miles and provides services to an estimated population of 609,017. The unemployment rate has been lower than the national average. The county unemployment rate decreased from 5.7% in September 2020 to 3.5% in September 2021; the rate was significantly lower than the national rate for September which decreased from 7.7% in 2020 to 4.6% in 2021. The unemployment rates for Williamson County are near pre-pandemic levels. Williamson County has a mild climate, affordable housing, a low cost of living, and beautiful scenic vistas. County taxes are among the lowest in the state compared to counties of similar size. Unlike most states, Texas does not have a state income tax. These reasons make Williamson County one of the most desirable places to live and work in the United States.

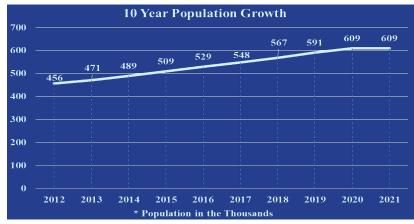
Low Tax Rate \$0.458719

Unemployment 3.5%

Population 609,017

Taxable Value Increased 7% School District Enrollment 107,096

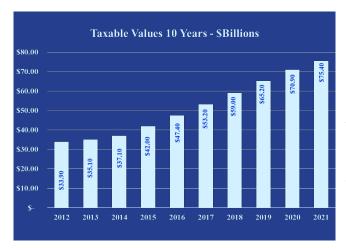


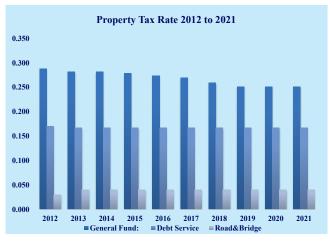




Property Tax Rate and Trends

Williamson County sets tax rates in three areas: the General Fund, Debt Service, and Road & Bridge. The 2021 tax rate is \$0.458719 per \$100 value and broken down as follows: \$0.251529 for General Fund, \$0.167190 for Debt Service, and \$0.04 for Road and Bridge. The graphs below reflect the taxable values and changes in tax rates by each source since 2012.







Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt, principal, interest and issuance costs. The table below provides the fund's revenues, expenditures, and ending fund balance over the past three years.

Debt Service Fund - \$M						
	2021	2020	2019			
Revenue	\$123.08	\$115.57	\$107.30			
Expenditures	\$123.79	\$133.41	\$111.08			
Excess (def) of Rev & Exp	(\$0.71)	(\$17.84)	(\$3.78)			
Other financing sources (uses)	(\$0.53)	\$19.76	\$3.87			
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$1.24)	\$1.92	\$0.09			
Beginning Fund Balance	\$8.84	\$6.92	\$6.83			
Ending Fund Balance	\$7.60	\$8.84	\$6.92			

Road & Bridge Fund

The Road and Bridge Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for money received from taxes, vehicle registration, and rebates from the State of Texas. Expenditures in the fund are utilized for maintenance and construction of county roads and bridges. The table below provides the fund's revenues, expenditures, and ending fund balance over the past three years.

Road & Bridge Special Revenue Fund - \$M							
	2021	2020	2019				
Revenue	\$38.39	\$35.12	\$33.74				
Expenditures	\$30.53	\$27.96	\$24.88				
Excess (def) of Rev & Exp	\$7.86	\$7.16	\$8.86				
Other financing sources (uses)	(\$5.90)	(\$7.78)	(\$7.94)				
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1.96	(\$0.62)	\$0.92				
Beginning Fund Balance	\$21.86	\$22.48	\$21.56				
Ending Fund Balance	\$23.82	\$21.86	\$22.48				

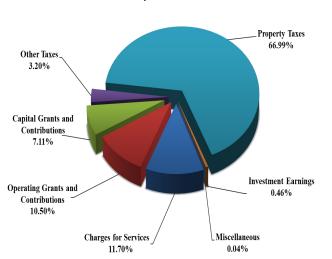
Financial Trend Summary

Where the Money Comes From:

Revenues = \$508,954,725

The graph below breaks down the categories of where the County collects revenue.

Revenues by Source - Governmental

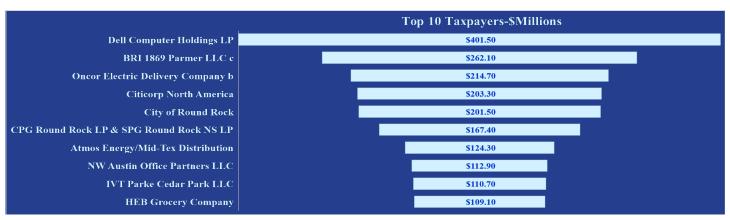


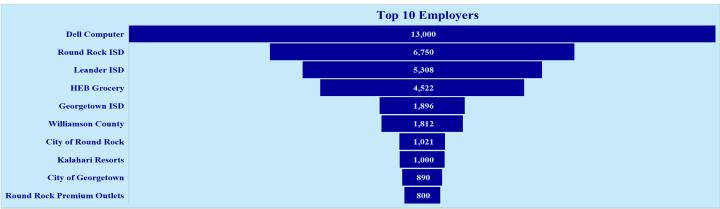
How Your Tax Dollars Are Spent:

Expenditures = \$366,126,433

The graph below represents a breakdown of the categories for which the County spends taxpayers' dollars on public services.







Government-Wide Statements

Government-Wide Statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of Williamson County's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business. Both the statement of activities and statement of net position are presented in the government-wide statements.

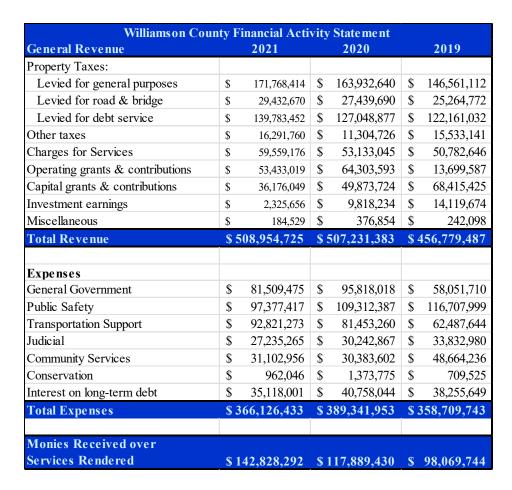
The *Statement of Activities* presents information demonstrating how the County's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported shortly after the underlying event occurs regardless of the timing of related cash flows.















Fund Accounting

Fund Accounting groups revenue received into related accounts to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities. The County, like other State and Local Governments, uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related requirements. All funds of the County can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. Williamson County maintains 55 governmental funds. *Governmental Funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions as governmentwide. However, the main function for governmental funds is to focus on near-term inflows and outflows of available resources as well as unencumbered balances at the end of the fiscal year. The *Proprietary Fund* is an accounting tool used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. The only type of proprietary fund maintained by the County is Internal Service Funds which include the Fleet Maintenance Fund and the Benefit Fund. *Fiduciary Funds* are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the County.



General Fund

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the County. In 2013, the county established a plan to reduce excess reserves to fund various county capital projects. At the end of the current fiscal year, total fund balance of the General Fund was \$167.8 million with \$36.5 million committed to capital projects.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund						
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		2021		2020		2019
Revenue						
Taxes	\$	187,802,861	\$	175,283,528	\$	162,188,959
Fees of Office	\$	16,951,289	\$	15,386,244	\$	14,634,754
Fines & Forfeitures	\$	1,601,140	\$	2,064,296	\$	2,507,416
Intergovernmental	\$	2,531,681	\$	3,349,657	\$	3,315,576
Charges for Services	\$	16,101,001	\$	14,437,429	\$	13,824,013
Investment Income & Other	\$	656,953	\$	3,624,757	\$	5,617,671
Miscellaneous	\$	2,460,088	\$	1,149,326	\$	805,469
Total Revenue	\$	228,105,013	\$	215,295,237	\$	202,893,858
Expenditures						
Current:						
General Government	\$	47,024,253	\$	44,441,416	\$	37,339,690
Public Safety	\$	93,094,932	\$	92,535,288	\$	90,851,679
Judicial	\$	27,620,713	\$	27,446,018	\$	27,836,770
Community Services	\$	12,645,115	\$	10,985,854	\$	14,147,352
Debt Service:	Ψ	12,043,113	Φ	10,965,654	Φ	14,147,332
Principal	\$		\$	1,031,224	\$	1,062,796
Interest and other charges	\$	-	\$	57,619	\$	116,065
Capital Outlay	\$	3,371,850	\$	6,150,277	\$	11,323,425
Total Expenditures	\$		\$		\$	
Excess of Revenues over	3	183,756,863	Э	182,647,696	Þ	182,677,777
Expenditures	\$	44,348,150	\$	32,647,541	\$	20,216,081
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers In	\$	163,903	\$	159,883	S	400,479
Transfers Out	\$	(16,440,396)	\$	(14,134,059)	\$	(14,272,822)
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	\$	-	\$	189,232	\$	211,783
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	(15,540,883)	\$	(13,784,944)	\$	(13,660,560)
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$	28,807,267	\$	18,862,597	\$	6,555,521
Fund Balance, Beginning	\$	139,019,641	\$	120,157,044	\$	113,601,523
Fund Balance, Beginning Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$</u>	167,826,908	\$	139,019,641	\$	120,157,044
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Statement of Net Position

The **Statement of Net Position** presents information on all of the County's assets and liabilities. The difference between the assets and liabilities are reported as the net position. Capital Assets represent the value of assets less depreciation and the associated outstanding debt incurred to purchase an asset. Restricted Assets include Debt Service, Road and Bridge, Capital Projects, Tobacco Fund, and other purposes that limit the use of certain assets. Unrestricted Net Assets are items that do not have to be held for specific reasons. Deferred Outflows of Resources are the consumption of nets assets applied to a future reporting period. Deferred Inflows of resources are the purchase of net assets by government that is applied to a future reporting period. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Williamson County is improving or deteriorating. In 2021, total net position increased by \$142.8 million compared to 2020. Capital assets increased by \$70.7 million because of ongoing county road improvements, right of way purchases, improvements to county buildings, and equipment purchases. Cash and investments increased \$208.9 million. The increase was related to the County receiving bond proceeds of \$200 million for the sale of limited tax notes. Also, the county received \$57 million in ARPA funds. Non current liabilities increased by \$110.4 million. This is due to the issuance of the debt related to the Limited Tax Notes and issuance of road bonds for the Somerset Hills Road District. Current liabilities increased \$39.8 million. The increase is due to the unspent CARES and ARPA funds that will be utilized in fiscal year 2022. The County's net pension liability increased to \$58.2 million. This is primarily a result of the effects of the changes in the actuarial assumptions of inputs and a reduction in the discount rate.

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		2021	Ť	2020		2019
Assets						
Current Assets	\$	1,063,098,141	\$	854,155,714	\$	530,009,076
Capital Assets	\$	1,108,359,273	\$	1,037,647,828	\$	940,622,105
Total Assets	\$ 2	2,171,457,414	\$ 1	1,891,803,542	\$	1,470,631,181
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	62,801,834	\$	42,865,912	\$	73,678,993
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	62,801,834	\$	42,865,912	\$	73,678,993
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities	\$	132,579,328	\$	92,763,816	\$	41,107,742
Noncurrent Liabilities	\$	1,370,385,613	\$	1,260,030,927	\$	1,048,429,626
Total Liabilities	\$ 1	,502,964,941	\$ 1	1,352,794,743	\$	1,089,537,368
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	22,807,822	\$	16,216,518	\$	7,004,043
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	22,807,822	\$	16,216,518	\$	7,004,043
Net Position						
Invested in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt	\$	270,544,977	\$	716,022,842	\$	637,304,132
Restricted	\$	606,279,506	\$	70,967,293	\$	60,512,370
Unrestricted	\$	(168,337,998)	\$	(221,331,942)	\$	(250,047,739)
Total Net Position	\$	708,486,485	\$	565,658,193	\$	447,768,763



Debt and Bond Activity

Pass-Through Toll Revenue

This program represents 9% of the County's outstanding bonds payable. Debt payments for this type of bond are backed by a revenue source other than tax revenues. Tax revenues will only be used should the primary revenue source default on payments. Currently, Williamson County has two Pass-Through agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). In 2006, TxDOT and Williamson County signed an agreement for the County to build US 183A, US 79 (3 Sections), IH-35 Turnaround Bridges (Georgetown), RM 2338 and FM 1660. A maximum of \$151,942,000 will be reimbursed to Williamson County from TxDOT. The reimbursement is paid semi-annually based on \$0.10 per vehicle mile traveled to allow no more than \$15,194,200 annually compensated on the projects. The traffic counts are taken before each reimbursement in March and September. In 2011, Williamson County signed a second Pass-Through agreement with TxDOT for the construction of northbound frontage roads and ramps on IH-35 in Georgetown. TxDOT will reimburse a maximum of \$12,096,700. The reimbursement from TxDOT to Williamson County is based on a calculation of \$0.07 per vehicle mile traveled to allow no more than \$1,099,700 compensated annually on the completed project. All projects under the Pass-Through agreements are open and are being billed to TxDOT.

Refunding Bonds and Limited Tax Notes

In February 2021, Williamson County issued two refunding bonds for a combined total of \$193,430,000 with a cost savings of \$25,266,879 over the next twelve years.

Over the course of the bond program since 2004, refinancing debt has saved more than \$103.4 million and the county has defeased \$122.9 million.

On August 25, 2021, Williamson County issued \$200 million in Limited Tax Notes to build and improve County facilities. These notes were sold at a premium resulting in \$200.6 million of bond proceeds.

Voter Approved Bonds

On November 5, 2019, Williamson County voters approved \$412 million in road bonds and \$35 million in park bonds. As of February 19, 2020, \$300,000,000 of the 2019 Road Bonds and \$35,000,000 of the Park Bonds were issued.

As of September 30, 2021, our total outstanding bonds payable debt is \$1,116,790,000 of which \$94,746,750 is reimbursable Pass-Through revenue bonds. As of September 30, 2021, \$120,001,890 has been reimbursed from TxDOT.



Wilco Credit Rating AAA Bond Rating

Since 2010, Williamson County has maintained a bond rating of AAA. This rating was reaffirmed in July 2021 by both Standard & Poor and Fitch ratings.





Major Capital Projects		
Annual Expenditures FY 2021		
Project Name	\$M	Type
Southeast Loop	\$17.9	Road
CR 101	\$7.0	Road
CR 401/404 Improvement	\$3.9	Road
Hairy Man Road/Brushy Creek	\$3.8	Road
Forest North	\$3.2	Road
CR 110 Middle	\$2.2	Road
Seward Junction Southeast and Southwest	\$2.1	Road
North Mays	\$1.8	Road
Great Oaks Drive	\$0.8	Road
CR 200	\$0.2	Road

Williamson County Stats







Wilco Servi	ices Stats			
	2021	2020	2019	
County Employees	1812	1811	1752	
Judicial				
Hot Check Cases				
Number of Checks Processed	61	418	478	
Number of Theft by Check Cases Filed	12	51	81	
Public Safety				
Number of 911 Calls Received	111,941	79,825	95,578	
Number of EMS Runs	29,839	25,804	25,465	
Average EMS Response Time in Mins.	9:06	8:31	7:51	
Violations Report by Sheriff's Office	17,784	17,094	22,198	
Jail Bookings	6,938	8,109	13,055	
Jail Releases	6,862	8,291	13,076	
Jail Inmates at 9/30	578	500	558	
Average Jail Daily Population	575	493	572	
Transportation				
Roadway Resurfacing (CL Miles)	133	104	88	
Asphalt Patches Applied (Tons)	18,700	19,800	18,100	
Culvert Replacement & Maintenance	164	114	135	
Mowing/Vegetation Control (Miles)	5,165			
Signage Replacement (Each)	2,645	2,487	2,562	
Community				
Participants Sports Field Usage	99,575	8,077	113,008	
Parks Dept Reservations	4,196	3,582	4,526	
Rides of Miniature Train	39,040	23,741	26,178	

Williamson County Employees 1,812





County Auditor's Office



County Auditor's Office

Jerri Jones, County Auditor Julie Kiley, First Assistant County Auditor Jayln Morris, Internal Audit Director Melanie Denny, Financial Director

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Accounting Terminology

Assets-What the County owns (cash, investments, property, equipment, vehicles, etc.).

Bonds-A debt security in which the issuer is obligated to repay the principal and interest at a later date (maturity date). **Capital Assets-**Long-term assets that are held or used such as land, road, buildings, vehicles, and improvements net of depreciation.

Capital Outlay-Funds spent to purchase or construct buildings, machinery, vehicles, etc.

Debt Service-Cash required to repay interest and principal on issued debt of a bond to be paid back over a period of time. **Deferred Inflow of Resources-**An acquisition of net assets by the County that is applicable to a future reporting period. **Deferred Outflow of Resources-**A consumption of net assets by the County that is applicable to a future reporting period. **Expenditures-**Acquisition of goods and services intended to create future benefits, such as infrastructure improvement. **Fund-**Grouping of revenue received by resources into related accounts to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities and objectives.

Fund Balance-Fund equity for government funds which reflects the accumulated excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses.

General Fund-The chief operating fund of the County.

Liabilities-Future spending of revenue as a result of past transaction and other past events.

Net Position-The difference between assets and liabilities distinguishing the net worth of the County.

Revenue-Money received by the government through collection of property taxes, fees of offices, charges for services, payments from other governmental entities, donations, and investment earnings.



