



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners and Management
St. Joseph County, Michigan

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements*Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of St. Joseph County (the "County") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of December 31, 2024, 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.

We did not audit the financial statements of the St. Joseph County Road Commission, which represents 92.9%, 98.1%, and 96.6%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year the ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the St. Joseph County Road Commission, are based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Implementation of GASB Statement No. 101

As described in Note 16 to the financial statements, the County implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, during the year ended December 31, 2024. The implementation did not result in a restatement of beginning net position. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 10, 2025, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabridge & Company". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the firm.

Gabridge & Company, PLC
Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 10, 2025

Management's Discussion and Analysis

St. Joseph County Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2024

As management of St. Joseph County (the "County" or "government"), we offer readers of the County's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that is furnished in the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the County exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources on December 31, 2024 by \$52,887,316. Of this amount, \$17,150,079 is unrestricted and may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The County's total net position increased by \$8,375,015 during the year ended December 31, 2024. Revenues were \$39,913,088 and expenses were \$31,538,073.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$18,827,284, an increase of \$818,028 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 54.6% of this amount, or \$10,251,521, is available for spending at the County's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).
- On December 31, 2024, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$10,250,521, or 40.1% of the general fund's annualized expenditures and transfers out.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the County financial statements. The County's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

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

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the County's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the residual reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government'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 only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., depreciation or amortization of capital assets and changes in the County's net pension liability).

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 services (such as: administration, clerk, and treasurer); judicial activities (courts); public safety (sheriff, road patrol, marine safety); public works; health and welfare (such as: health, mental health, and childcare), and a variety of other services. The business-type activities of the County primarily represent the administration of the delinquent property tax system.

The County includes five other legally separate entities: the Economic Development Corporation, Board of Public Works, St. Joseph County Road Commission, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and St. Joseph County Drainage Districts. Although legally separate, these "component units" are important because the County is financially accountable for them. The St. Joseph County Road Commission issued a separate audited set of financial statements, and those statements can be obtained at their administrative offices or from the County Administrator's office.

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 of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. 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 this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The County maintains numerous individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of

revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general, central dispatch, commission on aging, and opioid settlement funds, each of which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general and major special revenue funds. Budgetary comparison statements or schedules have been provided herein to demonstrate compliance with those budgets.

Proprietary funds. The County maintains one type of proprietary fund: enterprise funds. 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 the tax payment fund, which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other nonmajor enterprise funds are combined into a single, aggregate presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor enterprise funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

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 the 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.

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 statement and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain information concerning the County's budget compliance and its progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. This information can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds, nonmajor enterprise funds, custodial funds, and the drainage district and board of public works component unit funds, are presented following the required supplemental information.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

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 and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$52,887,316 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. A large portion of the County's net position (54.2%, or \$28,649,316) represents its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this 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 (13.4%, or \$7,087,921) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. Restricted net position refers to amounts that have constraints placed on them by either: a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The remaining portion of the County’s net position (32.4%, or \$17,150,079) is comprised of unrestricted net position. These amounts may be used to meet the government’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

St. Joseph County's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
ASSETS						
<i>Current Assets</i>						
Cash and investments	\$ 17,136,878	\$ 21,014,730	\$ 11,920,025	\$ 11,582,843	\$ 29,056,903	\$ 32,597,573
Receivables, net	8,024,972	7,770,683	2,761,867	1,942,692	10,786,839	9,713,375
Due from other governmental units	1,151,190	1,269,087	1,000	3,200	1,152,190	1,272,287
Prepays	372,802	564,064	1,030	1,058	373,832	565,122
Other assets	632,374	566,227	-	-	632,374	566,227
Total Current Assets	27,318,216	31,184,791	14,683,922	13,529,793	42,002,138	44,714,584
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>						
Capital assets not being depreciated	14,932,255	5,671,306	-	44,004	14,932,255	5,715,310
Capital assets being depreciated, net	25,033,541	25,806,922	215,039	246,333	25,248,580	26,053,255
Advance to component unit	242,067	102,545	-	-	242,067	102,545
Total Assets	67,526,079	62,765,564	14,898,961	13,820,130	82,425,040	76,585,694
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Pension related	2,996,086	4,477,621	-	-	2,996,086	4,477,621
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,996,086	4,477,621	-	-	2,996,086	4,477,621
LIABILITIES						
<i>Current Liabilities</i>						
Accounts payable	633,253	1,267,494	5,186	21,547	638,439	1,289,041
Accrued liabilities	873,573	789,508	-	-	873,573	789,508
Accrued interest	149,356	126,908	-	-	149,356	126,908
Due to other governmental units	118,630	49,188	-	-	118,630	49,188
Unearned revenue	162,766	4,592,071	-	-	162,766	4,592,071
Current portion of long-term debt	1,056,545	896,186	9,649	7,166	1,066,194	903,352
Compensated absences, current	238,719	649,564	-	-	238,719	649,564
Total Current Liabilities	3,232,842	8,370,919	14,835	28,713	3,247,677	8,399,632
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>						
Compensated absences	459,727	-	-	-	459,727	-
Long-term debt	10,326,503	9,848,000	138,822	227,013	10,465,325	10,075,013
Net pension liability	12,599,718	13,000,708	-	-	12,599,718	13,000,708
Total Liabilities	26,618,790	31,219,627	153,657	255,726	26,772,447	31,475,353
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Pension related	518,845	186,448	-	-	518,845	186,448
Taxes levied for a subsequent period	5,242,518	4,889,213	-	-	5,242,518	4,889,213
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,761,363	5,075,661	-	-	5,761,363	5,075,661
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets	28,582,748	20,734,042	66,568	56,158	28,649,316	20,790,200
Restricted	7,087,921	7,782,468	-	-	7,087,921	7,782,468
Unrestricted	2,471,343	2,431,387	14,678,736	13,508,246	17,150,079	15,939,633
Total Net Position	\$ 38,142,012	\$ 30,947,897	\$ 14,745,304	\$ 13,564,404	\$ 52,887,316	\$ 44,512,301

Following is a summary of the significant changes from the prior year:

- Cash and investments show a significant decrease of \$3,540,670 due in most part to current year American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds of \$4,472,895 spent for funds received in a previous year.
- Receivables increased by \$1,073,464 primarily due to an increase in property taxes receivable.

- Net capital assets increased \$8,412,270 due to construction in progress relating to jail and court projects.
- Pension related deferred outflows of resources decreased by \$1,481,535 and pension related deferred inflows of resources increased by \$332,397 as a result of differences between expected and actual experience and net investment earnings being more than expected due to favorable investment returns.
- Unearned revenues decreased by \$4,429,305 mostly as a result of ARPA funds (received in prior years) being spent during the year.
- Long-term debt increased by \$553,154 as long-term debt issued in the current year was greater than routine long-term debt payments.
- Net pension liability decreased by \$400,990 as a result of differences between expected and actual experience and net investment earnings being more than expected due to favorable investment returns.

The County's total net position increased by \$8,375,015, from \$44,512,301 in the prior year to \$52,887,316 for the year ended December 31, 2024. A two-year comparison of revenues and expenses for the County is on the following page.

St. Joseph County's Changes in Net Position

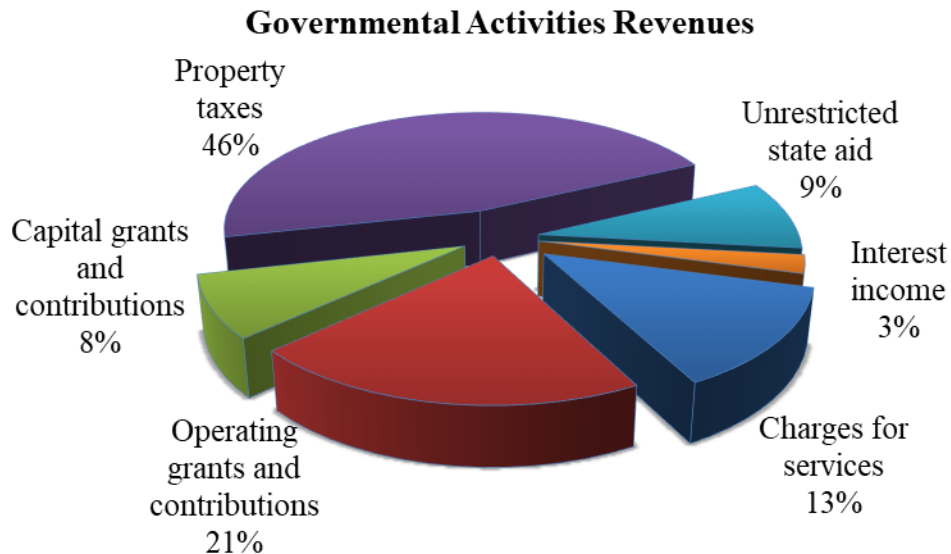
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues						
Program Revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 5,021,111	\$ 4,733,870	\$ 1,168,927	\$ 1,122,933	\$ 6,190,038	\$ 5,856,803
Operating grants and contributions	8,056,107	8,785,409	-	-	8,056,107	8,785,409
Capital grants and contributions	3,145,570	4,076,372	-	-	3,145,570	4,076,372
General Revenues						
Property taxes	17,790,698	16,916,765	-	-	17,790,698	16,916,765
Unrestricted state sources	3,430,637	3,525,713	-	-	3,430,637	3,525,713
Interest income	924,032	1,000,420	376,006	388,683	1,300,038	1,389,103
Total Revenues	38,368,155	39,038,549	1,544,933	1,511,616	39,913,088	40,550,165
Expenses						
General government	5,778,353	5,905,874	-	-	5,778,353	5,905,874
Judicial	3,665,212	6,225,047	-	-	3,665,212	6,225,047
Public safety	11,199,841	11,044,309	-	-	11,199,841	11,044,309
Public works	1,067,912	563,059	-	-	1,067,912	563,059
Health and social services	5,493,721	5,036,719	-	-	5,493,721	5,036,719
Community development	607,849	518,851	-	-	607,849	518,851
Recreation and culture	884,102	811,123	-	-	884,102	811,123
Unallocated depreciation	2,101,014	1,975,043	-	-	2,101,014	1,975,043
Interest on long-term debt	395,939	473,755	-	-	395,939	473,755
Forfeiture/foreclosure	-	-	182,135	144,085	182,135	144,085
Delinquent tax collection	-	-	64,905	50,045	64,905	50,045
Inmate store	-	-	17,230	17,998	17,230	17,998
Building authority	-	-	79,860	67,551	79,860	67,551
Total Expenses	31,193,943	32,553,780	344,130	279,679	31,538,073	32,833,459
Changes in Net Position before Transfers	7,174,212	6,484,769	1,200,803	1,231,937	8,375,015	7,716,706
Transfers, net	19,903	23,137	(19,903)	(23,137)	-	-
Changes in Net Position	7,194,115	6,507,906	1,180,900	1,208,800	8,375,015	7,716,706
<i>Net Position at the Beginning of Period</i>	<i>30,947,897</i>	<i>24,439,991</i>	<i>13,564,404</i>	<i>12,355,604</i>	<i>44,512,301</i>	<i>36,795,595</i>
Net Position at the End of Period	\$ 38,142,012	\$ 30,947,897	\$ 14,745,304	\$ 13,564,404	\$ 52,887,316	\$ 44,512,301

Governmental activities increased the County's net position by \$7,194,115 while business-type

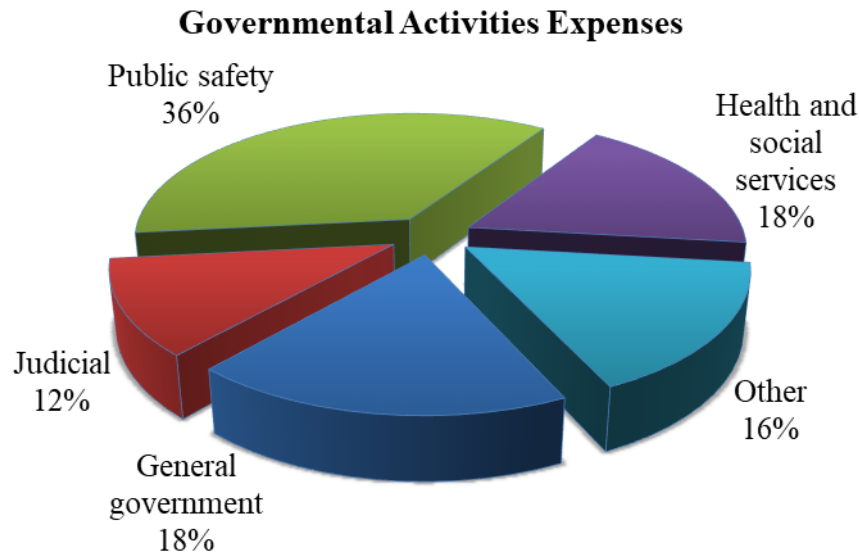
activities increased net position by \$1,180,900. Following is a summary of significant changes between the prior and current years:

- Charges for services increased by \$333,235, primarily due to an increase in foreclosed property revenues and judicial and public safety related revenues.
- Operating grants and contributions and capital grants and contributions decreased by \$729,302 and \$930,802, respectively, compared to the previous year. This is in part due to the County receiving \$7,756,768 of federal funds in the prior year compared to \$6,330,696 in the current year.
- Taxable value of County property increased by approximately 7.30% contributing to an increase of \$873,933 in property tax revenues.
- Judicial expenses decreased by \$2,559,835 largely due to pension changes and the greater expenses accounted for in the prior year for federal grant-related costs.
- Public works expenses increased by \$504,853 due to an increase in ARPA-related projects.
- The increase of \$457,002 to health and social services expenses is due to an increase in commission on aging expenses during the year.

The following chart summarizes the revenue sources for the governmental activities of the County for the most recent fiscal year-end:



The following chart summarizes the expenses for the governmental activities of the County for the most recent fiscal year-end:



Financial Analysis of the Government'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 *governmental fund statements* is to provide information on near term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County 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 the fiscal year. Unassigned fund balance of \$10,250,521 of the general fund represented 40.1% of total general fund expenditures and transfers out.

The **general fund** had an increase of \$1,378,959 in fund balance from \$11,305,353 in the prior fiscal year to \$12,684,312 in the current fiscal year. The increase in fund balance was largely a result of earned ARPA revenues and an increase in property tax revenues. The increase in fund balance was smaller than the prior year's increase in fund balance.

The **central dispatch fund**, a major fund, decreased by \$933,108 for an ending fund balance of \$1,897,178. The decrease is largely due to the significant purchase of public safety equipment.

The **commission on aging**, a major fund, increased by \$240,625 for an ending fund balance of \$1,415,028. The change is a result of a decrease of commission on aging expenses during the year.

The **opioid settlement**, a new major fund, increased by \$248,978 for an ending fund balance of \$433,099. Revenues and expenditures in the current year are similar in comparison to the previous year.

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

Unrestricted net position of the tax payment fund at the end of the year was \$12,650,636. The tax payment fund had an increase in net position of \$993,964, which is very similar to the prior year results of operations. The ending unrestricted net position for the other enterprise funds was \$2,028,100. Other enterprise funds had an increase in net position of \$186,936. Summarized explanations for the changes in net position were provided in an earlier section of this report.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The general fund’s original estimated revenues and original budgeted expenditures had significant amendments made during the year: intergovernmental revenue saw the original estimated amount of \$6,916,567 increase to \$10,924,532 mostly as a result of increased ARPA revenues. Budgeted interest and rents also saw the original estimated amount increase from \$50,200 to \$654,950. The original budgeted expenditures and transfers out of \$19,943,476 increased to \$26,668,224 after amendments, for a net positive variance of \$108,724 to the projected fund balance. Actual revenues and expenditures data, however, yielded a net increase to fund balance of \$1,378,959. See the detailed budgetary comparison schedules further on in this report for more information.

The County had the following general fund expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated during the year ended December 31, 2024:

<u>Fund / Function / Department</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amount</u>	<u>Negative Variance</u>
General Fund			
<i>General government</i>			
Other	\$ 223,707	\$ 248,226	\$ (24,519)
<i>Health and social services</i>			
Veteran services	259,040	260,684	(1,644)

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. As of December 31, 2024, the County’s investment in capital assets amounted to \$40,180,835 (net of accumulated depreciation). The investment in capital assets includes land and land improvements, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, intangible right of use assets, and vehicles. The net increase in the County’s capital assets during the year was \$8,412,270, or 26.5%.

Additional information on the County’s capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Long-term Debt. The County (primary government) has \$11,531,519 of long-term debt. Additionally, the County uses its full faith and credit (as a secondary obligator), to back the Board of Public Works component unit debt. The Drain Commission administers debt for various local

drainage districts and water and sewer systems for local municipalities in St. Joseph County. All drain debt is payable out of assessments against the drainage districts or by contractual agreements with local units of government. The County Commission, by a majority vote of 2/3 of its members, may pledge the full faith and credit of the County for payment of a drainage district note. State statute limits the County's debt obligations to 10% of the current state equalized value (SEV). The County is well under its legal debt limit as of December 31, 2024.

Additional information on the County's long-term debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

Management estimates that \$22.3 million of revenues will be available for appropriation in the general fund in the upcoming budget. Expenditures are expected to change by small amounts compared to the prior year.

In 2025, the County plans again to use current revenues to provide essential services and to maintain the County's financial reserves at similar levels. The ongoing costs of providing essential services for the citizens of the County will again need to be monitored in order to maintain the financial condition of the County.

The taxable valuation is expected to increase in 2025, by approximately 7%. This increase in the property tax base provides additional revenue, which is crucial for funding County services and infrastructure projects.

Rising inflation has significantly impacted the cost of providing public services. For instance, the County has faced increased costs for maintaining infrastructure, such as roads and public buildings, due to higher prices for construction materials and labor. Public safety services, including sheriff and jail departments, have also seen budget increases to accommodate higher wages and equipment costs.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the County finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

St. Joseph County Finance Director
125 W. Main St
Centreville, Michigan 49032

or by phone at (269) 467-5534.

Basic Financial Statements

St. Joseph County
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

	Primary Government			Component Units
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
ASSETS				
<i>Current Assets</i>				
Cash and investments	\$ 17,136,878	\$ 11,920,025	\$ 29,056,903	\$ 5,209,808
Accounts receivable, net	1,382,207	3,200	1,385,407	273,740
Property taxes receivable	6,642,765	2,758,667	9,401,432	2,148,885
Due from other governmental units	1,151,190	1,000	1,152,190	1,870,719
Inventories	--	--	--	1,465,366
Prepays	372,802	1,030	373,832	--
Other assets	632,374	--	632,374	--
Total Current Assets	27,318,216	14,683,922	42,002,138	10,968,518
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>				
Long-term receivables	--	--	--	3,575,000
Capital assets not being depreciated	14,932,255	--	14,932,255	8,642,409
Capital assets being depreciated, net	25,033,541	215,039	25,248,580	57,480,035
Advance to component unit	242,067	--	242,067	--
Total Assets	67,526,079	14,898,961	82,425,040	80,665,962
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension related	2,996,086	--	2,996,086	--
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,996,086	--	2,996,086	--
LIABILITIES				
<i>Current Liabilities</i>				
Accounts payable	633,253	5,186	638,439	335,974
Accrued liabilities	873,573	--	873,573	269,077
Accrued interest	149,356	--	149,356	18,159
Due to other governmental units	118,630	--	118,630	--
Unearned revenue	162,766	--	162,766	--
Current portion of long-term debt	1,056,545	9,649	1,066,194	237,547
Compensated absences, current	238,719	--	238,719	--
Total Current Liabilities	3,232,842	14,835	3,247,677	860,757
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>				
Compensated absences	459,727	--	459,727	--
Advance from primary government	--	--	--	242,067
Long-term debt	10,326,503	138,822	10,465,325	3,944,298
Net pension liability	12,599,718	--	12,599,718	--
Net OPEB liability	--	--	--	29,675
Total Liabilities	26,618,790	153,657	26,772,447	5,076,797
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Pension related	518,845	--	518,845	--
Taxes levied but intended for subsequent period	5,242,518	--	5,242,518	2,148,885
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,761,363	--	5,761,363	2,148,885
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	28,582,748	66,568	28,649,316	66,122,444
<i>Restricted for:</i>				
General government	272,703	--	272,703	--
Public safety	2,971,722	--	2,971,722	--
Public works	422	--	422	5,259,704
Health and social services	3,253,292	--	3,253,292	--
Community and economic development	72,692	--	72,692	--
Recreation and culture	485,211	--	485,211	--
Capital projects	10,076	--	10,076	567,228
Debt service	21,803	--	21,803	6,299
<i>Unrestricted</i>	2,471,343	14,678,736	17,150,079	1,484,605
Total Net Position	\$ 38,142,012	\$ 14,745,304	\$ 52,887,316	\$ 73,440,280

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of these Financial Statements

**St. Joseph County
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue			Component Units
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government			
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Primary Government								
Governmental Activities:								
General government	\$ 5,778,353	\$ 785,183	\$ 1,638,336	\$ 72,482	\$ (3,282,352)	\$ --	\$ (3,282,352)	\$ --
Judicial	3,665,212	1,030,630	2,165,283	3,020,188	2,550,889	--	2,550,889	--
Public safety	11,199,841	1,437,026	2,075,734	--	(7,687,081)	--	(7,687,081)	--
Public works	1,067,912	264,582	5,534	--	(797,796)	--	(797,796)	--
Health and social services	5,493,721	722,376	2,019,147	--	(2,752,198)	--	(2,752,198)	--
Community and economic development	607,849	597,215	37,098	--	26,464	--	26,464	--
Recreation and culture	884,102	184,099	114,975	52,900	(532,128)	--	(532,128)	--
Unallocated depreciation and net disposal of capital assets	2,101,014	--	--	--	(2,101,014)	--	(2,101,014)	--
Interest on long-term debt	395,939	--	--	--	(395,939)	--	(395,939)	--
Total Governmental Activities	31,193,943	5,021,111	8,056,107	3,145,570	(14,971,155)	--	(14,971,155)	--
Business-type Activities:								
Forfeiture / Foreclosure	182,135	348,616	--	--	--	166,481	166,481	--
Tax Payment	64,905	691,170	--	--	--	626,265	626,265	--
Inmate Store	17,230	46,166	--	--	--	28,936	28,936	--
Building Authority	79,860	82,975	--	--	--	3,115	3,115	--
Total Business-type Activities	344,130	1,168,927	--	--	--	824,797	824,797	--
Total Primary Government	\$ 31,538,073	\$ 6,190,038	\$ 8,056,107	\$ 3,145,570	(14,971,155)	824,797	(14,146,358)	--
Component Units								
Economic Development Corporation	\$ 62,500	\$ --	\$ 62,500	\$ --	--	--	--	--
St. Joseph County Board of Public Works	102,735	--	114,956	--	--	--	--	12,221
St. Joseph County Drainage Districts	468,763	405,190	--	696	--	--	--	(62,877)
St. Joseph County Road Commission	11,599,028	116,544	13,199,978	4,158,841	--	--	--	5,876,335
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	86,345	--	94,595	--	--	--	--	8,250
Total Component Units	\$ 12,319,371	\$ 521,734	\$ 13,472,029	\$ 4,159,537	--	--	--	5,833,929
General Purpose Revenues and Transfers:								
Revenues								
Property taxes					17,790,698	--	17,790,698	1,922,245
Unrestricted state sources					3,430,637	--	3,430,637	--
Interest income					924,032	376,006	1,300,038	155,860
Transfers					19,903	(19,903)	--	--
Total General Revenues and Transfers					22,165,270	356,103	22,521,373	2,078,105
Change in Net Position					7,194,115	1,180,900	8,375,015	7,912,034
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Period</i>					30,947,897	13,564,404	44,512,301	65,528,246
Net Position at End of Period					\$ 38,142,012	\$ 14,745,304	\$ 52,887,316	\$ 73,440,280

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**St. Joseph County
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024**

	<u>Special Revenue</u>					
	<u>General</u>	<u>Central Dispatch Fund</u>	<u>Commission on Aging</u>	<u>Opioid Settlement</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 10,752,153	\$ 1,741,003	\$ 1,386,521	\$ 433,099	\$ 2,824,102	\$ 17,136,878
Accounts receivable, net	130,817	55,319	--	944,949	251,122	1,382,207
Property taxes receivable	1,400,247	2,613,655	1,974,013	--	654,850	6,642,765
Due from other governmental units	442,328	153,349	145,549	--	409,964	1,151,190
Prepays	335,024	23,737	2,341	--	11,700	372,802
Other assets	632,374	--	--	--	--	632,374
Due from other funds	455,040	--	--	--	--	455,040
Advance to component unit	242,067	--	--	--	--	242,067
Total Assets	\$ 14,390,050	\$ 4,587,063	\$ 3,508,424	\$ 1,378,048	\$ 4,151,738	\$ 28,015,323
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 283,565	\$ 9,702	\$ 77,269	\$ --	\$ 262,717	\$ 633,253
Accrued liabilities	624,863	66,528	42,114	--	140,068	873,573
Due to other governmental units	--	--	--	--	118,630	118,630
Unearned revenue	40,000	--	--	--	122,766	162,766
Due to other funds	--	--	--	--	455,040	455,040
Total Liabilities	948,428	76,230	119,383	--	1,099,221	2,243,262
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	757,310	--	--	--	--	757,310
Unavailable revenue - opioid settlement	--	--	--	944,949	--	944,949
Taxes levied but intended for subsequent period	--	2,613,655	1,974,013	--	654,850	5,242,518
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,705,738	2,689,885	2,093,396	944,949	1,754,071	9,188,039
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable	577,091	23,737	2,341	--	11,700	614,869
Restricted	--	1,873,441	1,412,687	433,099	2,385,967	6,105,194
Assigned	1,856,700	--	--	--	--	1,856,700
Unassigned	10,250,521	--	--	--	--	10,250,521
Total Fund Balance	12,684,312	1,897,178	1,415,028	433,099	2,397,667	18,827,284
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance	\$ 14,390,050	\$ 4,587,063	\$ 3,508,424	\$ 1,378,048	\$ 4,151,738	\$ 28,015,323

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St. Joseph County
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	18,827,284
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, the interest expenditure is reported when due.		(149,356)
General government capital assets of \$62,945,189, net of accumulated depreciation of \$22,979,393, are not financial resources and, accordingly, are not reported in the funds.		39,965,796
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the funds.		(10,122,477)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(11,383,048)
Unavailable revenues are not available to pay current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred inflows of resources in the funds.		1,702,259
Compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		(698,446)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	<u>38,142,012</u>

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St. Joseph County
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Special Revenue</u>					Total Governmental Funds
	General	Central Dispatch Fund	Commission on Aging	Formerly a Nonmajor Fund Opioid Settlement	Other Governmental Funds	
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ 12,748,288	\$ 2,447,861	\$ 1,835,931	\$ --	\$ 613,349	\$ 17,645,429
Licenses and permits	110,739	--	--	--	9,900	120,639
Intergovernmental	11,012,718	457,270	777,101	--	2,440,407	14,687,496
Charges for services	1,610,760	469,275	134,828	--	794,813	3,009,676
Fines and forfeitures	69,313	--	--	--	20,710	90,023
Interest and rents	928,827	--	444,826	--	--	1,373,653
Miscellaneous	388,768	109	133,030	248,978	658,701	1,429,586
Total Revenues	26,869,413	3,374,515	3,325,716	248,978	4,537,880	38,356,502
Expenditures						
General government	5,235,352	--	--	--	272,630	5,507,982
Judicial	7,323,016	--	--	--	1,766,887	9,089,903
Public safety	7,165,577	5,266,586	--	--	1,127,871	13,560,034
Public works	996,612	--	--	--	41,380	1,037,992
Health and social services	1,210,101	--	2,819,331	--	1,415,353	5,444,785
Community and economic development	546,532	--	--	--	39,979	586,511
Recreation and culture	--	--	--	--	854,472	854,472
Capital outlay	--	--	--	--	1,742,069	1,742,069
Debt service - principal	--	536,871	80,000	--	279,149	896,020
Debt service - interest	--	36,394	126,750	--	210,347	373,491
Total Expenditures	22,477,190	5,839,851	3,026,081	--	7,750,137	39,093,259
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	4,392,223	(2,465,336)	299,635	248,978	(3,212,257)	(736,757)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Proceeds from installment purchase	--	1,534,882	--	--	--	1,534,882
Transfers in	98,600	--	--	--	3,817,468	3,916,068
Transfers out	(3,111,864)	(2,654)	(59,010)	--	(722,637)	(3,896,165)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,013,264)	1,532,228	(59,010)	--	3,094,831	1,554,785
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,378,959	(933,108)	240,625	248,978	(117,426)	818,028
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	11,305,353	2,830,286	1,174,403	--	2,699,214	18,009,256
Change in Fund Classification (Nonmajor Fund to Major)	--	--	--	184,121	(184,121)	--
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period, as Restated</i>	11,305,353	2,830,286	1,174,403	184,121	2,515,093	18,009,256
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$ 12,684,312	\$ 1,897,178	\$ 1,415,028	\$ 433,099	\$ 2,397,667	\$ 18,827,284

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St. Joseph County
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance with Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	818,028
Changes to accrued interest are not shown in the fund financial statements. The net effect of the current year increase is to decrease net position.		(22,448)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as deferred inflows of resources.		11,653
The statement of activities reports changes to net pension liability and pension related deferrals as pension expense; however, the expenditures recorded on the governmental funds equals actual pension contributions.		(1,412,942)
Repayment of bond principal and payment of lease obligation is an expenditure in the governmental funds but the payment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		896,020
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay of \$11,013,762 is in excess of depreciation expense of \$2,086,142 and net loss on disposals of \$440,052.		8,487,568
Issuance of long-term debt is other financing sources in the governmental funds but the issuance increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		(1,534,882)
Change to compensated absences are not shown in the fund financial statements. The net effect of the current year increase is the decrease net position.		(48,882)
Changes in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	<u>7,194,115</u>

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St. Joseph County
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2024

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds

	<u>Tax Payment</u>	<u>Other Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>
ASSETS			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Cash and investments	\$ 9,891,969	\$ 2,028,056	\$ 11,920,025
Accounts receivable, net	--	3,200	3,200
Property taxes receivable	2,758,667	--	2,758,667
Due from other governmental units	--	1,000	1,000
Prepays	--	1,030	1,030
Total Current Assets	<u>12,650,636</u>	<u>2,033,286</u>	<u>14,683,922</u>
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>			
Capital assets being depreciated, net	--	215,039	215,039
Total Assets	<u>12,650,636</u>	<u>2,248,325</u>	<u>14,898,961</u>
LIABILITIES			
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
Accounts payable	--	5,186	5,186
Current portion of long-term debt	--	9,649	9,649
Total Current Liabilities	<u>--</u>	<u>14,835</u>	<u>14,835</u>
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>			
Long-term debt	--	138,822	138,822
Total Liabilities	<u>--</u>	<u>153,657</u>	<u>153,657</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	--	66,568	66,568
<i>Unrestricted</i>	12,650,636	2,028,100	14,678,736
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 12,650,636</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,668</u>	<u>\$ 14,745,304</u>

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St. Joseph County
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds

	Tax Payment	Other Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds
Operating Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 250,233	\$ 462,328	\$ 712,561
Interest on taxes	440,937	--	440,937
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	691,170	462,328	1,153,498
Operating Expenses			
Operations and administrative	64,905	270,220	335,125
Depreciation	--	9,005	9,005
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	64,905	279,225	344,130
<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	626,265	183,103	809,368
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)			
Interest income	367,699	8,307	376,006
Gain on sale of capital assets	--	15,429	15,429
<i>Net Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</i>	367,699	23,736	391,435
<i>Income Before Transfers</i>	993,964	206,839	1,200,803
Transfers in	--	5,097	5,097
Transfers out	--	(25,000)	(25,000)
<i>Change In Net Position</i>	993,964	186,936	1,180,900
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Period</i>	11,656,672	1,907,732	13,564,404
<i>Net Position at End of Period</i>	\$ 12,650,636	\$ 2,094,668	\$ 14,745,304

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St. Joseph County
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds

	Tax Payment	Other Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers and users	\$ (131,766)	\$ 468,289	\$ 336,523
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(64,905)	(286,553)	(351,458)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(196,671)	181,736	(14,935)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities			
Transfers in (out), net	-	(19,903)	(19,903)
Net Cash Used by Noncapital Financing Activities	-	(19,903)	(19,903)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Disposal of capital assets	-	81,722	81,722
Principal and interest paid on long-term debt	-	(85,708)	(85,708)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	-	(3,986)	(3,986)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Interest income received	367,699	8,307	376,006
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	367,699	8,307	376,006
<i>Net Increase in Cash and Investments</i>	171,028	166,154	337,182
Cash and Investments - Beginning of the Year	9,720,941	1,861,902	11,582,843
Cash and Investments - End of the Year	\$ 9,891,969	\$ 2,028,056	\$ 11,920,025
Reconciliation of Operating Income to			
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities			
Operating Income	\$ 626,265	\$ 183,103	\$ 809,368
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to			
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities			
Depreciation	-	9,005	9,005
Change in Assets and Liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net	-	3,761	3,761
Property taxes receivable	(822,936)	-	(822,936)
Due from other governmental units	-	2,200	2,200
Prepays	-	28	28
Accounts payable	-	(16,361)	(16,361)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ (196,671)	\$ 181,736	\$ (14,935)

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St. Joseph County
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2024

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 2,101,438
<i>Total Assets</i>	2,101,438
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	57,265
Due to other governmental units	431,430
Undistributed collections	1,147,870
Bonds and other payables	384,892
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	2,021,457
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	79,981
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$ 79,981

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St. Joseph County
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Taxes collected for other governments	\$ 46,653,534
Court collections	738,979
Clerk/register of deeds collections	2,621,841
Inmates' custodial collections	68,666
Library penal fines collections	122,603
Treasurer collections	35,575
<i>Total Additions</i>	50,241,198
DEDUCTIONS	
Payments of taxes to other governments	46,653,534
Court distributions	738,979
Clerk/register of deeds distributions	2,621,841
Inmates' custodial payouts	48,425
Library penal fines disbursements	121,051
Treasurer distributions	35,575
<i>Total Deductions</i>	50,219,405
<i>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</i>	21,793
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Period</i>	58,188
<i>Net Position at End of Period</i>	\$ 79,981

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**St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Net Position
Component Units
December 31, 2024**

	Economic Development Corporation	St. Joseph County Board of Public Works	St. Joseph County Road Commission	Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	St. Joseph County Drainage Districts	Total Component Units
ASSETS						
<i>Current Assets</i>						
Cash and investments	\$ 5,279	\$ --	\$ 4,365,532	\$ 24,283	\$ 814,714	\$ 5,209,808
Accounts receivable, net	--	160,000	92,903	--	20,837	273,740
Property taxes receivable	--	--	2,148,885	--	--	2,148,885
Due from other governmental units	--	--	1,869,086	1,633	--	1,870,719
Inventories	--	--	1,465,366	--	--	1,465,366
Total Current Assets	5,279	160,000	9,941,772	25,916	835,551	10,968,518
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>						
Long-term receivables	--	3,575,000	--	--	--	3,575,000
Capital assets not being depreciated	--	--	8,592,956	--	49,453	8,642,409
Capital assets being depreciated, net	--	--	56,405,045	--	1,074,990	57,480,035
Total Assets	5,279	3,735,000	74,939,773	25,916	1,959,994	80,665,962
LIABILITIES						
<i>Current Liabilities</i>						
Accounts payable	--	--	314,384	1,633	19,957	335,974
Accrued liabilities	--	--	269,077	--	--	269,077
Accrued interest	--	18,159	--	--	--	18,159
Current portion of long-term debt	--	160,000	77,547	--	--	237,547
Total Current Liabilities	--	178,159	661,008	1,633	19,957	860,757
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>						
Advance from primary government	--	--	--	--	242,067	242,067
Long-term debt	--	3,866,752	77,546	--	--	3,944,298
Net OPEB liability	--	--	29,675	--	--	29,675
Total Liabilities	--	4,044,911	768,229	1,633	262,024	5,076,797
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Taxes levied but intended for subsequent period	--	--	2,148,885	--	--	2,148,885
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	--	--	2,148,885	--	--	2,148,885
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets	--	--	64,998,001	--	1,124,443	66,122,444
<i>Restricted for:</i>						
Public works	--	--	5,259,704	--	--	5,259,704
Capital projects	--	--	--	--	567,228	567,228
Debt service	--	--	--	--	6,299	6,299
<i>Unrestricted</i>	5,279	(309,911)	1,764,954	24,283	--	1,484,605
Total Net Position	\$ 5,279	\$ (309,911)	\$ 72,022,659	\$ 24,283	\$ 1,697,970	\$ 73,440,280

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St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Activities
Component Units
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Economic Development Corporation	St. Joseph County Board of Public Works	St. Joseph County Road Commission	Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	St. Joseph County Drainage Districts	Total Component Units
Expenses						
Public works	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 11,599,028	\$ --	\$ 468,763	\$ 12,067,791
Community and economic development	62,500	--	--	86,345	--	148,845
Interest on long-term debt	--	102,735	--	--	--	102,735
Total Expenses	62,500	102,735	11,599,028	86,345	468,763	12,319,371
Program Revenues						
Charges for services	--	--	116,544	--	405,190	521,734
Operating grants and contributions	62,500	114,956	13,199,978	94,595	--	13,472,029
Capital grants and contributions	--	--	4,158,841	--	696	4,159,537
Total Program Revenues	62,500	114,956	17,475,363	94,595	405,886	18,153,300
Net Program Revenues (Expenses)	--	12,221	5,876,335	8,250	(62,877)	5,833,929
General Revenue						
Property taxes	--	--	1,922,245	--	--	1,922,245
Interest income	--	--	139,967	--	15,893	155,860
Total General Revenues	--	--	2,062,212	--	15,893	2,078,105
Change in Net Position	--	12,221	7,938,547	8,250	(46,984)	7,912,034
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Period</i>	5,279	(322,132)	64,084,112	16,033	1,744,954	65,528,246
Net Position at End of Period	\$ 5,279	\$ (309,911)	\$ 72,022,659	\$ 24,283	\$ 1,697,970	\$ 73,440,280

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of these Financial Statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of St. Joseph County, Michigan (the “County”) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing U.S. governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the County’s accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government’s operations and so data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. Discretely presented component units, on the other hand, are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the government.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the County (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County’s reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationship with the County. Each of the blended or discretely presented component units have December 31 year-ends.

Blended Component Unit

St. Joseph County Building Authority (BA) - The BA is governed by a five-member board appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The BA is reported as if it was part of the primary government because its sole purpose is to finance and construct the County’s public buildings.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) - The EDC is governed by a 15-person Board of Directors appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. The EDC may not issue debt or levy a tax without the County’s approval.

St. Joseph County Board of Public Works (BPW) - The BPW is governed by a seven-member board that consists of a county commissioner, five County Board of Commissioners appointees and the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner. The BPW Board oversees the operations of the BPW, while establishing policy and administering various public works construction projects and debt service funds under Act 185 of the Public Acts of 1957. The BPW is financially accountable to the County because all general obligation debt issuances require County authorization and are backed by the full faith and credit of the County. The BPW does not issue separate financial statements.

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St. Joseph County Road Commission (RC) - The RC is governed by a five-member Board of Road Commissioners that is appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. The RC maintains local roads and state trunklines in St. Joseph County with financing primarily from the distribution of gas and weight taxes, federal financial assistance, and contributions from other local governments. The County must authorize all long-term debt issuances of the RC, excluding capital lease purchase agreements. Complete financial statements for the RC may be obtained by contacting the St. Joseph County Road Commission at 20914 M-86, Centreville, Michigan 49032.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) - The BRA was established pursuant to Public Act 381 of 1996 and is governed by a five to nine-member Board of Directors appointed by the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners with the consent of the County Board of Commissions. The County Board of Commissioners has the ability to significantly influence operations of the BRA. The County Board of Commissioners has authority to approve or disapprove the rules and bylaws of the BRA. Financial statements are not separately issued for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

St. Joseph County Drainage Districts - The drainage districts are governed by the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, who is responsible for planning, developing, and maintaining surface water drainage systems, while maintaining a file for the financing, construction, and maintenance of each county drain. The Drain Commissioner has authority to spend up to \$2,500 per mile on drain maintenance and borrow up to \$300,000 from any source to provide for drain maintenance without Board of Commissioners' approval and without going through the Michigan Municipal Finance Authority. The Drain Commissioner has authority to levy special assessments on properties benefiting from maintenance. The drainage districts are financially accountable to the County because bond issuances greater than \$300,000 require County authorization and are backed by the full faith and credit of the County. Separate financial statements are not issued for the drainage districts.

Joint Venture

A joint venture is a legal entity or other organization that results from a contractual arrangement, or interlocal agreement, which is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants. The entity is subject to joint control with financial interest and responsibility by its participants.

Branch - Hillsdale - St. Joseph Community Health Agency (Agency) - The Agency is a joint venture between Branch, Hillsdale, and St. Joseph counties. The Agency was established to provide public health services with a current funding formula of 28%, 31%, and 41% from Branch, Hillsdale, and St. Joseph counties, respectively. Due to the treasury function resting with the Branch County Treasurer, the Agency is presented as a joint venture. Separate financial statements are available at the Agency's administrative offices.

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Basis of Presentation

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from the legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

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

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources of the general government, except those accounted for and reported in another fund.

The *central dispatch fund*, a special revenue fund, accounts for the operations of the countywide 911 dispatch center and the millage approved by county voters for the operation of the facility.

The *commission on aging fund*, a special revenue fund, accounts for the operations of the county-wide senior services programs and the millage approved by county voters for the operation of the facility.

The *opioid settlement fund*, a special revenue fund, accounts for the receipt and use of opioid remediation funds received through national settlement agreements. The fund is used to support approved programs and services that address opioid addiction prevention, treatment, recovery, and related public health initiatives.

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The government reports the following major proprietary fund:

The *tax payment fund* accounts for the annual purchase of delinquent real property taxes from each of the local taxing units within the county, and the ultimate collection from the property owners of the delinquent taxes with penalty and interest.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

Special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Debt service funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

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.

Enterprise funds account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the County has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

Custodial funds are custodial in nature. These funds are used to account for assets that the government holds for others in a fiduciary capacity (such as taxes collected for other governments).

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, 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.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered 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 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period, or within one year for reimbursement-based grants. Expenditures generally are recorded when liabilities are 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.

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Property taxes, intergovernmental revenue, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and as such have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments in lieu of taxes 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. The general fund provides certain central services to other funds of the County which are presented as program expenses in the funds receiving services. The related general fund revenue has been netted against program expense in the government-wide statement of activities.

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 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.

Assets, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, Liabilities, and Equity

Deposits and Investments

The government's cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposit accounts, certificates of deposit and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are stated at fair value with the exception of certain money market funds that are carried at amortized cost (which approximates fair value).

State statutes authorize the government to deposit in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions and savings and loan associations and to invest in obligations of the United States, certain commercial papers, repurchase agreements, banker acceptances, and mutual funds composed of otherwise legal investments.

The County pools cash resources of various funds in order to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the pooled cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements. Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing securities and disclosed as part of the County's investments.

Restricted cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts set-aside for repayment of general obligation bonds and related interest thereon, in accordance with terms of the debt agreements.

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Receivables and Payables

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either “due to/from other funds” (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or “advances to/from other funds” (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due to/from other funds.” Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances.”

Receivables consist of accounts receivable related to charges for services and amounts due from governmental units for various financial assistance programs and state shared revenues. The County utilizes the direct write-off method for uncollectible receivables for all other funds as past experience indicates the write-off of accounts receivable for these funds are immaterial and do not warrant the use of allowance accounts.

Prepaid Items

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

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, drains and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of \$10,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Amortization of intangible assets occurs on a straight-line basis over the life of the related right of use agreement or the life of the asset, whichever is shorter. The amount of amortization expense is presented in the depreciation line item on the financial statements for proprietary funds and in its natural governmental function category for governmental activities.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

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Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Land improvements	10 - 50
Buildings and improvements	10 - 50
Vehicles, equipment, and furniture	3 - 7
Infrastructure	40

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to one or more future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. The County reports deferred outflows of resources in relation to the pension plan for the difference between expected and actual experience, the changes of assumptions related to economic and demographic factors, and the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments.

Unearned Revenues

Unearned revenues are those where asset recognition criteria have been met but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

Compensated Absences

The County accrues a liability for compensated absences in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements for leave earned that is attributable to services already rendered and is more likely than not to result in a cash payment or other settlement, in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 101. These compensated absences include vacation, sick leave, and paid time off benefits. The amount accrued is based on leave policies and the individual employee's length of service and other established criteria.

In the governmental fund financial statements, a liability is reported only to the extent that the compensated absences have matured, such as when an employee resigns or retires. Amounts not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

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, if any, are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized

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over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payables 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 debt issued 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 when incurred.

Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plan and additions to/deductions from the plan fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report 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 that time. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, from property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. In addition, deferred inflows of resources are reported in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements for property taxes levied during the year that were intended to finance future periods and the difference between expected and actual experience of the County's pension plan.

Fund Equity

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. Governmental funds report *nonspendable fund balance* for amounts that cannot be spent because they are either: a) not in spendable form or b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance would be equal to inventory, prepaid items, interfund advances, and the nonspendable portion of endowments. *Restricted fund balance* is reported when externally imposed constraints are placed on the use of resources by grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The government itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

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The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. The Board of Commissioners is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of a resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another resolution) to remove or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Board of Commissioners, or management as delegated by the Board of Commissioners, may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the County's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications and is therefore available to be spent as determined by the Board of Commissioners. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit.

Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Net Position and Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied.

It is the government's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

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Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the County has numerous transactions between funds. Transactions that constitute reimbursement to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. Charges between enterprise funds and other functions of the County are not reimbursements because elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned. Remaining transactions are generally reflected as transfers.

Property Taxes

County operating property taxes are levied annually on July 1 (the lien date) to fund operations for the current year. The property taxes are due in full within nine months (prior to March 1), at which time uncollected taxes became delinquent.

Property taxes are levied on the assessed taxable value of the property as established by local units, accepted by the County, and equalized under State statute at approximately 50% of the current estimated market value. The assessed and taxable value of real and personal property for the 2024 levies was \$2,645,274,874. The general operating tax rate for these levies were 4.5162 mills with an additional 0.9930, .7500, and .2489 mills levied December 1st for central dispatch, the commission on aging, and parks, respectively.

By agreement with the various taxing authorities, the County purchases at face value the real property taxes returned delinquent each March 1 and records a corresponding delinquent taxes receivable.

Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

The County utilizes various investment instruments which are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

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Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general and special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end. The legal level of budgetary control is at the activity level for the general fund and the fund level for the special revenue funds. The Board made several supplemental budgetary appropriations throughout the year that were not considered material.

Prior to November 1 of each year, the County departments working in conjunction with the Administrator’s Office prepare and submit their proposed budgets, including expenditures and estimated revenues, for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. Following a public hearing to obtain taxpayer comments, the budgets are legally enacted prior to January 1 through passage of a budget resolution.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

State statutes provide that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. The County had the following expenditures in excess of the appropriated amounts during the year ended December 31, 2024:

<u>Fund / Function / Department</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amount</u>	<u>Negative Variance</u>
General Fund			
<i>General government</i>			
Other	\$ 223,707	\$ 248,226	\$ (24,519)
<i>Health and social services</i>			
Veteran services	259,040	260,684	(1,644)

As of December 31, 2024, the St. Joseph County Board of Public Works, a discretely presented component unit, reported a deficit unrestricted net position of \$309,911. The County anticipates addressing this deficit through future operating revenues or inter-entity support.

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Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

Following is a reconciliation of deposit and investment balances as of December 31, 2024:

	<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Component Units</u>	<u>Total</u>
Statement of Net Position			
Cash and investments	\$ 29,056,903	\$ 5,209,808	\$ 34,266,711
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position			
Cash and investments - custodial funds	2,101,438	-	2,101,438
Total Deposits and Investments	<u>\$ 31,158,341</u>	<u>\$ 5,209,808</u>	<u>\$ 36,368,149</u>
<i>Less Units Separately Audited</i>			
St. Joseph County Road Commission	-	(4,365,532)	(4,365,532)
Deposits and Investments Managed by the County	<u>\$ 31,158,341</u>	<u>\$ 844,276</u>	<u>\$ 32,002,617</u>
			\$ 6,533
			11,555,600
			20,440,484
Total Deposits and Investments			<u>\$ 32,002,617</u>

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. State law does not require, and the County does not have a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of year-end, \$17,127,683 of the County’s bank balance of \$18,652,683 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

The County’s investment policy does not specifically address this risk, although the County believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all bank deposits. As a result, the County evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits County funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments. Following is a summary of the County’s investments as of December 31, 2024:

Bonds	\$ 242,235
Certificates of deposit	1,300,288
Fixed income	742,518
Michigan CLASS	10,268,071
U.S. Treasury money market	6,643,674
U.S. government bonds	1,243,698
Total	<u>\$ 20,440,484</u>

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Investments are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, unregistered or held by a counterparty or its agency but not in the government's name. In accordance with the County's investment policy, all investment are held in the name of the County and are evidenced by a safekeeping receipt confirmation, and thus not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to specific government securities, certificates of deposits and bank accounts with qualified financial institutions, commercial paper with specific maximum maturities and ratings when purchased, bankers' acceptances of specific financial institutions, qualified mutual funds and qualified external investment pools as identified in the list of authorized investments in the summary of significant accounting policies. The County's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment credit risk.

Credit risk ratings, where applicable, are summarized as follows:

Standards & Poor's AAAm	\$ 16,911,745
Standards & Poor's AA+	1,485,933
Standards & Poor's A+	742,518
Unavailable/not rated	1,300,288
Total	\$ 20,440,484

Interest Rate Risk. State law limits the allowable investments and the maturities of some of the allowable investments as identified in the summary of significant accounting policies. The County's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Maturity dates for investments held at year-end are summarized as follows:

No maturity	\$ 10,268,072
Less than 1 year	6,643,674
1-5 years	3,528,738
Total	\$ 20,440,484

Concentration of Credit Risk. State law limits allowable investments but does not limit concentration of credit risk as identified in the list of authorized investments in the summary of significant accounting policies.

Fair Value Measurement. The County categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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The County had the following recurring fair value measurements at year-end:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Carried at Net Asset Value	Total
Bonds	\$ -	\$ 242,235	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,235
Fixed income	-	742,518	-	-	742,518
Michigan CLASS	-	-	-	10,268,071	10,268,071
U.S. Treasury money market	6,643,674	-	-	-	6,643,674
U.S. government bonds	-	1,243,698	-	-	1,243,698
Totals	\$ 6,643,674	\$ 2,228,451	\$ -	\$ 10,268,071	19,140,196
Investment accounts not subject to fair value disclosure requirements:					
				Certificates of deposit	1,300,288
				Total Investments	\$ 20,440,484

The County holds shares in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool whereby the fair value of the investment is measured on a recurring basis using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the investment pool as a practical expedient.

At year-end, the net asset value of the County's investment in the Michigan CLASS government investment pool was \$10,268,071. The investment pool had no unfunded commitments, specific redemption frequency or redemption notice period required. The Michigan CLASS government investment pool invests in U.S. treasury obligations, federal agency obligations of the U.S. government, high-grade commercial paper (rated 'A-1' or better) collateralized bank deposits, repurchase agreements (collateralized at 102% by Treasuries and agencies), and approved money-market funds. The program seeks to provide safety, liquidity, convenience, and competitive rates of return, and is designed to meet the needs of Michigan public sector investors. It purchases securities that are legally permissible under state statutes and are available for investment by Michigan counties, cities, townships, school districts, authorities, and other public agencies.

Note 4 - Interfund Receivables and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2024 was as follows: the general fund had \$455,040 due from the nonmajor governmental funds.

These balances resulted 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 balance between the delinquent tax funds is to provide cash for the annual settlement with the County funds and other taxing units. The amount will be repaid as delinquent taxes are collected.

The composition of long-term interfund advances as of December 31, 2024 was as follows: the general fund had \$242,067 due from the St. Joseph County Drainage Districts, a discretely-presented component unit. This amount was advanced for the construction of drainage infrastructure.

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For the year ended December 31, 2024 interfund transfers consisted of the following:

<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 73,600
General	Nonmajor enterprise funds	25,000
Nonmajor enterprise funds	General	5,097
Nonmajor governmental funds	Nonmajor governmental funds	649,037
Nonmajor governmental funds	Central dispatch	2,654
Nonmajor governmental funds	General	3,106,767
Nonmajor governmental funds	Commission on aging	59,010

Transfers are used to: 1) move revenues from the fund that is required to collect them to the fund that is required or allowed to expend them, 2) move receipts restricted to or allowed for debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and 3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. At year-end, the Board of Commissioners can authorize any surplus in the general fund (excluding those funds collapsed into the general fund for external reporting purposes) to be transferred.

Note 5 - Capital Assets

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,533,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,533,221
Construction in progress	4,138,085	9,686,129	425,180	13,399,034
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>5,671,306</u>	<u>9,686,129</u>	<u>425,180</u>	<u>14,932,255</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Land improvements	2,013,097	-	57,505	1,955,592
Buildings and improvements	34,922,855	232,158	38,466	35,116,547
Vehicles and equipment	10,026,480	1,095,475	181,160	10,940,795
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>46,962,432</u>	<u>1,327,633</u>	<u>277,131</u>	<u>48,012,934</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Land improvements	1,185,111	56,582	55,563	1,186,130
Buildings and improvements	13,653,856	866,898	36,412	14,484,342
Vehicles and equipment	6,316,543	1,162,662	170,284	7,308,921
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>21,155,510</u>	<u>2,086,142</u>	<u>262,259</u>	<u>22,979,393</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>25,806,922</u>	<u>(758,509)</u>	<u>14,872</u>	<u>25,033,541</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 31,478,228</u>	<u>\$ 8,927,620</u>	<u>\$ 440,052</u>	<u>\$ 39,965,796</u>

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Depreciation expense in governmental activities was not allocated by function.

Capital asset activity for the business-type activities for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

Business-type Activities	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	\$ 334,384	\$ -	\$ (68,922)	\$ 265,462
Equipment and furniture	12,800	-	(12,800)	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>347,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(81,722)</u>	<u>265,462</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	53,263	7,929	(10,769)	50,423
Equipment and furniture	3,584	1,076	(4,660)	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>56,847</u>	<u>9,005</u>	<u>(15,429)</u>	<u>50,423</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>290,337</u>	<u>(9,005)</u>	<u>(66,293)</u>	<u>215,039</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 290,337</u>	<u>\$ (9,005)</u>	<u>\$ (66,293)</u>	<u>\$ 215,039</u>

Depreciation expense of \$9,005 was recorded in the building authority fund.

Discretely-Presented Component Units

Capital assets activity for the discretely-presented component units for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

St. Joseph County Drainage Districts	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated				
Construction in progress	\$ 22,620	\$49,453	\$ (22,620)	\$ 49,453
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Drain infrastructure	2,173,176	-	-	2,173,176
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Drain infrastructure	1,048,299	49,887	-	1,098,186
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>1,124,877</u>	<u>(49,887)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,074,990</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,147,497</u>	<u>\$ (434)</u>	<u>\$ (22,620)</u>	<u>\$ 1,124,443</u>

Capital asset information for the St. Joseph County Road Commission can be found in its separately audited annual financial report, as indicated in Note 1 of these notes to the financial statements.

Note 6 - Long-term Obligations

Primary Government

General Obligation Bonds and Other Debt. The County issues general obligation bonds to provide funds to construct major capital facilities and refund previously issued bonds. Such bonds are

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generally repaid from voter-approved property tax levies, interfund transfers, and contributions from local municipalities. The County has pledged its full faith and credit for payment on the general obligation bonds and other debt, including installment purchase agreements and other long-term financing arrangements. In certain cases, local units have also pledged their full faith and credit to repay the County.

The primary government's long-term obligations activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

Primary Government	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Direct Placement Debt					
2018 Installment Loan	\$ 1,093,051	\$ -	\$ 536,871	\$ 556,180	\$ 556,180
2019 Installment Loan	1,947,055	-	122,451	1,824,604	135,973
2024 Installment Loan	-	1,534,882	-	1,534,882	121,746
<i>Total Direct Placement Debt</i>	<u>3,040,106</u>	<u>1,534,882</u>	<u>659,322</u>	<u>3,915,666</u>	<u>813,899</u>
2018 GOLT Bonds	3,250,000	-	80,000	3,170,000	80,000
GOLT Energy Conservation Note, Series 2022	4,454,080	-	156,698	4,297,382	162,646
Compensated Absences	649,564	48,882	-	698,446	238,719
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>11,393,750</u>	<u>1,583,764</u>	<u>896,020</u>	<u>12,081,494</u>	<u>1,295,264</u>
Business-type Activities					
Installment Loan	234,179	-	85,708	148,471	9,649
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>234,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,708</u>	<u>148,471</u>	<u>9,649</u>
Total Long-term Obligations	<u>\$ 11,627,929</u>	<u>\$ 1,583,764</u>	<u>\$ 981,728</u>	<u>\$ 12,229,965</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,913</u>

The change in compensated absences above is a net change for the year.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the primary government's long-term obligations (excluding compensated absences), are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Governmental Activities			Business-type Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	1,056,544	411,325	\$ 954,183	\$ 9,649	\$ 4,090	\$ 13,739
2026	524,391	382,906	1,270,510	9,927	3,812	13,739
2027	549,029	362,998	1,278,446	10,212	3,527	13,739
2028	569,255	342,500	709,039	10,497	3,242	13,739
2029	596,059	320,523	713,769	10,808	2,931	13,739
2030-2034	3,400,421	1,241,862	3,614,816	58,880	9,815	68,695
2035-2039	1,993,852	703,734	3,134,121	38,498	2,719	41,217
2040-2044	1,943,497	334,024	2,592,206	-	-	-
2045-2048	750,000	74,685	1,346,652	-	-	-
Totals	<u>\$ 11,383,048</u>	<u>\$ 4,174,558</u>	<u>\$ 15,613,741</u>	<u>\$ 148,471</u>	<u>\$ 30,136</u>	<u>\$ 178,607</u>

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Significant details regarding the primary government's outstanding long-term debt are presented below:

Governmental Activities

\$3,600,000 general obligation limited tax bonds for COA TR inn project, dated October 19, 2018, due in annual installments ranging from \$60,000 to \$200,000 through October 1, 2048, with interest at 3.90% payable semi-annually.	\$ 3,170,000
\$2,347,176 installment loan, dated June 27, 2019, due in annual installments ranging from of \$18,173 to \$109,811 through June 15, 2035, with interest at 2.89% payable semi-annually.	1,824,604
\$3,488,395 central dispatch Motorola installment loan, dated May 9, 2018, due in annual installments of \$573,265 through June 1, 2025, with an interest rate at 3.306% payable annually.	556,180
\$1,534,882 central dispatch Motorola installment loan, dated June 1, 2024, due in annual installments of \$199,257 through June 1, 2034, with an interest rate at 5.050% payable annually.	1,534,882
\$4,454,080 general obligation limited tax energy conservation note series 2022, dated July 15, 2022, due in semi-annual installments of \$155,789 through July 15, 2043, with an interest rate of 3.45% payable semi-annually.	4,297,382
Total	<u>\$ 11,383,048</u>

Business-type Activities

\$264,073 installment loan, dated June 20, 2019, due in monthly installments of \$1,145, including principal and interest at 2.80%, through April 20, 2047.	<u>\$ 148,471</u>
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Discretely-presented Component Units

General Obligation Bonds. The County issues general obligation bonds to provide funds to construct major capital facilities and refund previously issued bonds. Such bonds are generally repaid from voter-approved property tax levies, interfund transfers, and contributions from local municipalities. The County has pledged its full faith and credit for payment on the general obligation bonds and other debt, including installment purchase agreements and other long-term financing arrangements. In certain cases, local units have also pledged their full faith and credit to repay the County.

Long-term debt information for the St. Joseph County Road Commission can be found in its separately audited annual financial report, as indicated in Note 1 of these notes to the financial statements.

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The discretely-presented component unit's long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

Discretely-Presented Component Unit - Board of Public Works	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Refunding Bonds, Series 2021	\$ 3,885,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 3,735,000	\$ 160,000
Bond Premium, Net	302,973	-	11,221	291,752	-
Total Board of Public Works	\$ 4,187,973	\$ -	\$ 161,221	\$ 4,026,752	\$ 160,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the discretely-presented component unit's long-term debt are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Board of Public Works - Component Unit		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 160,000	\$ 108,956	\$ 268,956
2026	170,000	102,556	272,556
2027	180,000	95,756	275,756
2028	185,000	88,556	273,556
2029	195,000	81,156	276,156
2030-2034	850,000	293,181	1,143,181
2035-2039	550,000	207,181	757,181
2040-2044	610,000	146,969	756,969
2045-2049	685,000	70,838	755,838
2050	150,000	3,750	153,750
Totals	\$ 3,735,000	\$ 1,198,900	\$ 3,267,344

Significant details regarding the discretely-presented component unit's outstanding long-term debt are presented below:

Component Unit - Board of Public Works

\$4,165,000 refunding bond series 2021, dated July 13, 2021, for White Pigeon sanitary system upgrade project and to refund 2012 general obligation bonds, due in annual installments ranging from \$135,000 to \$230,000 through November 1, 2050, with interest ranging from 2.00% to 4.00% payable semi-annually.

\$ 3,735,000

Note 7 - Pension Plan - Agent Multiple-Employer Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description

The employer's defined benefit pension plan provides certain retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The employer participates in the Municipal Employees

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Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan. MERS is an agent multiple employer, statewide public employee pension plan established by the Michigan Legislature under Public Act 135 of 1945 and administered by a nine-member Retirement Board. MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained accessing the MERS website at www.mersofmich.com.

Benefits Provided.

Retirement benefits for employees are calculated as follows:

Division	Benefit Multiplier	Benefit Maximum	Final Average Compensation (Years)	Normal Retirement Age	Unreduced Benefit (Age/Years of Service)	Reduced Benefit (Age/Years of Service)	Vesting (Years)
01 - General - Closed	2.00%	No Max	5	60	-	50/25 or 55/15	8
02 - Police Department - Closed	2.50%	80%	3	60	25 and Out	55/15	8
20 - Sheriff Admin - Closed	2.50%	80%	3	60	25 and Out	55/15	10
21 - Police Department after 01/01/16 - Open	2.00%	No Max	3	60	25 and Out	55/15	8
22 - Road div after 01/01/16 - Open	2.00%	No Max	3	60	25 and Out	55/15	8
HA - General and Sheriff Admin after 01/01/2013 - Open	1.00%	No Max	3	60	-	-	6

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms.

At the December 31, 2023 valuation date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	180
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	92
Active employees	171
<i>Total membership</i>	443

Contributions.

The employer is required to contribute amounts at least equal to the actuarially determined rate, as established by the MERS Retirement Board. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The employer may establish contribution rates to be paid by its covered employees.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the County had the following contribution rates:

Division	Employee Contributions	Employer Contributions*
01 - General - Closed	1.00%	\$ 44,335
02 - Police Department - Closed	12.00%	18.36%
20 - Sheriff Admin - Closed	10.00%	\$ 12,488
21 - Police Department after 01/01/16 - Open	12.00%	18.36%
22 - Road div after 01/01/16 - Open	11.00%	0.61%
HA - General and Sheriff Admin after 01/01/2013 - Open	0.00%	7.00%

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* For open divisions, a percent of pay contributions shown. For closed divisions, a monthly dollar contribution is shown.

Net Pension Liability.

The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an annual actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023.

Actuarial Assumptions.

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00%, plus merit and longevity: 3.00% in the long-term
Investment rate of return	6.93%, net of investment and administrative expense including inflation

Although no specific price inflation assumptions are needed for the valuation, the 3.00% long-term wage inflation assumption would be consistent with a price inflation of 3.00-4.00%.

Mortality rates used were based on a version of Pub-2010 and fully generational MP-2019. The actuarial assumptions used in valuation were based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study of 2014-2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a model method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment and administrative expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Target Allocation Gross Rate of Return	Long-term Expected Gross Rate of Return	Inflation Assumption	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global equity	60.00%	6.93%	4.16%	2.50%	2.66%
Global fixed income	20.00%	4.44%	0.89%	2.50%	0.39%
Private investments	20.00%	9.44%	1.89%	2.50%	1.39%
Totals	100.00%		6.93%		4.43%

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Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is 7.18%. The discount rate was 7.25% in the prior year. The current discount rate shown for GASB 68 purposes is higher than the MERS assumed rate of return. This is because, for GASB 68 purposes, the discount rate must be gross of administrative expenses, whereas for funding purposes, it is net of administrative expenses. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that employer and employee contributions will be made at the rates agreed upon for employees and the actuarially determined rates for employers. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to pay all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. 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.

Changes in Net Pension Liability

The components of the change in the net pension liability are summarized as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Plan Net Position	Net Pension Liability
Changes in Net Pension Liability			
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 60,525,013	\$ 47,524,305	\$ 13,000,708
<i>Changes for the year:</i>			
Service cost	925,912	-	925,912
Interest on the total pension liability	4,094,168	-	4,094,168
Difference between expected and actual experience	(596,198)	-	(596,198)
Changes of assumptions	469,736	-	469,736
Employer contributions	-	1,448,355	(1,448,355)
Employee contributions	-	423,288	(423,288)
Net investment income	-	3,527,481	(3,527,481)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(3,637,153)	(3,637,153)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(104,516)	104,516
<i>Net changes</i>	1,256,465	1,657,455	(400,990)
Balance at December 31, 2024	\$ 61,781,478	\$ 49,181,760	\$ 12,599,718

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.

The following presents the net pension liability of the County, calculated using the discount rate of 7.18%, as well as what the County's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.18%) or 1% higher (8.18%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.18%)	Current Discount Rate (7.18%)	1% Increase (8.18%)
County's net pension liability	\$ 19,914,091	\$ 12,599,718	\$ 6,529,655

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Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the County recognized pension expense of \$1,412,942. The County reported deferred outflows/deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Source	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 1,929,907	\$ -
Difference between expected and actual experience	160,978	518,845
Changes of assumptions related to economic and demographic factors	905,201	-
Totals	\$ 2,996,086	\$ 518,845

The amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2025	\$ 1,508,180
2026	1,403,418
2027	(404,406)
2028	(29,951)

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

As of December 31, 2024, the County had a payable of \$146,784 due to MERS for employer and employee contributions. Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MERS financial report.

Note 8 - Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

The County has adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definition*. GASB 54 establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

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Detailed information on fund balances of governmental funds was as follows:

	General Fund	Central Dispatch	Commission on Aging	Opioid Settlement	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable						
Prepays	\$ 335,024	\$ 23,737	\$ 2,341	\$ -	\$ 11,700	\$ 372,802
Advance to Component Unit	242,067	-	-	-	-	242,067
Total nonspendable fund balance	<u>577,091</u>	<u>23,737</u>	<u>2,341</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,700</u>	<u>614,869</u>
Restricted for						
General government	-	-	-	-	190,368	190,368
Judicial	-	-	-	-	207,727	207,727
Public safety	-	1,873,441	-	-	941,142	2,814,583
Public works	-	-	-	-	422	422
Health and social services	-	-	1,412,687	433,099	460,216	2,306,002
Community development	-	-	-	-	71,156	71,156
Recreation and culture	-	-	-	-	483,057	483,057
Debt service	-	-	-	-	21,803	21,803
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	10,076	10,076
Total restricted fund balance	<u>-</u>	<u>1,873,441</u>	<u>1,412,687</u>	<u>433,099</u>	<u>2,385,967</u>	<u>6,105,194</u>
Assigned fund balance						
Budget stabilization	1,856,700	-	-	-	-	1,856,700
Unassigned fund balance	<u>10,250,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,250,521</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 12,684,312</u>	<u>\$ 1,897,178</u>	<u>\$ 1,415,028</u>	<u>\$ 433,099</u>	<u>\$ 2,397,667</u>	<u>\$ 18,827,284</u>

Note 9 - Net Investment in Capital Assets

The composition of the County's net investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Component Unit - Drainage Districts
Capital assets:			
Capital assets not being depreciated	\$ 14,932,255	\$ -	\$ 49,453
Capital assets being depreciated, net	25,033,541	215,039	1,074,990
	<u>39,965,796</u>	<u>215,039</u>	<u>1,124,443</u>
Less:			
Related bonds, notes, mortgages, and installment leases	(11,383,048)	(148,471)	-
Net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 28,582,748</u>	<u>\$ 66,568</u>	<u>\$ 1,124,443</u>

Net investment in capital assets information for the St. Joseph County Road Commission can be found in its separately audited annual financial report, as indicated in Note 1 of these notes to the financial statements.

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Note 10 - Tax Abatement Disclosure

Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT)

Municipalities within the County have entered into tax abatement agreements with local businesses under the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act, (known as the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption, or “IFT”) PA 198 of 1974, as amended. The IFT on a new plant and non-industrial property, such as some high-tech personal property, is computed at half the local property tax millage rate. This amounts to a reduction in property taxes of approximately 50% for those businesses. For the year ended December 31, 2024, total IFT tax abatements for the County resulted in decreased operating tax revenues of \$66,624, decreased central dispatch revenues of \$14,649, and decreased commission on aging revenues of \$10,986.

Brownfield Redevelopment Tax (BRT)

Municipalities with the County have also entered into tax abatement agreements with local businesses under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of 1996 (as amended (Act 381)). For the year ended December 31, 2024, total Brownfield tax abatements for the County resulted in decreased operating tax revenues of \$29,896, decreased central dispatch revenues of \$6,573, and decreased commission on aging revenues of \$4,930.

Note 11 - Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries (workers’ compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The County has purchased commercial insurance for employee medical benefit claims and participates in the Michigan Municipal League Workers’ Compensation Fund for workers compensation claims. In the event the pool’s claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said years, all members of the specific pool’s policy year may be subject to a special assessment to make up the deficiency. The County has not been informed of any special assessments being required.

The County participates in the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for general and automobile liability, motor vehicle physical damage, and property damage coverages. The MMRMA provides risk management, underwriting, reinsurance and claim review and processing services for all member governments pursuant to its charter. Under most circumstances, the County’s maximum loss per occurrence is \$75,000 for general and automobile liability, \$15,000 for motor vehicle physical damage, and \$1,000 for property coverage. The County has funds on deposit with MMRMA, held in a retention fund, in the amount of \$825,661 to cover future losses. Other assets of \$632,374 are included on the financial statements and represent the balance held in the County’s retention fund, net of reported reserves.

The County is a voluntary member of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). The County makes annual contributions to MMRMA based on actuarial studies using

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historical data and insurance industry statistics. Such contributions as received by MMRMA are allocated between its general and member retention funds. Economic resources in the MMRMA's general fund are expended for reinsurance coverage, claim payments and certain general and administrative costs, whereas resources in the member retention fund are used for loss payments and defense costs up to the members' self-insured retention limits along with certain other member-specific costs.

MMRMA has reserved fund balance to pay losses incurred by members that exceed individual retention levels and are not covered under existing reinsurance agreements. Losses incurred within the established limits are general obligations of MMRMA. In the event that the County incurs loss in excess of the resources available, MMRMA as a whole (i.e., all constituent municipalities) is liable for the excess. In the event that MMRMA's claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said years, all members of the specific MMRMA's policy year may be subject to special assessments to make up the deficiency. The County has not been informed of any special assessments being required.

In addition, MMRMA has accumulated resources to create and fund an internal stop loss fund. The stop loss fund was initiated to eliminate the need to purchase aggregate reinsurance for aggregate losses paid in excess of \$250,000, net of reinsurance recoveries for any one member in any one year. Aggregate paid losses in excess of \$250,000 net of reinsurance recoveries are paid entirely from the internal stop loss fund. If at any time the stop loss fund is insufficient to fund the County's losses, the remaining liability shall become the responsibility of MMRMA as a whole.

Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage for any of the self-insured programs in the previous three years. The County has not recorded an estimate for claims incurred but not reported related to the workers' compensation and disability plans as these amounts are expected to be immaterial.

The changes in the claims' liability for the previous three fiscal years were as follows:

	MMRMA
	Liability
Liability, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 96,874</u>
Claims and changes in estimates	93,197
Claim payments	<u>(114,959)</u>
Liability, December 31, 2022	<u>75,112</u>
Claims and changes in estimates	269,207
Claim payments	<u>(137,100)</u>
Liability, December 31, 2023	<u>207,219</u>
Claims and changes in estimates	48,890
Claim payments	<u>(62,822)</u>
Liability, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 193,287</u>

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Note 12 - Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the County and its attorney, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

Amounts received or receivable from the grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Note 13 - Opioid Settlement

Janssen and Distributors Settlements

The County is part of a \$21 billion nationwide settlement reached in July 2021 to resolve all Opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors: McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen (Distributors), and a \$5 billion nationwide settlement with manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (Janssen).

Pharmacy and Manufacturer Settlements

In 2022, additional settlements with pharmacies and manufacturers were announced, including CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Allergan, and Teva. Sign-on for participation in settlements with CVS, Walmart, Allergan, and Teva are completed in Michigan, with payments anticipated by end of calendar year, 2023. These four settlements are expected to bring in over \$450 million to Michigan and are structured like Janssen and Distributors settlements with a 50/50 state/local split.

The Walgreens settlement is just beginning to move forward in Michigan and will bring about \$313 million into the State. Funds from Walgreens represent awards from both a national settlement (50/50 state/local split; payments received over 15 years) and an additional settlement (for state government, only; payments received over 18 years).

The term of the settlements varies by entity; however, the County expects to receive 18 installments from the Distributors with the first installments commencing in 2023 and the remaining 16 installments expected to be made annually beginning in 2024. Additionally, the County expects to receive annual installments from Janssen and the pharmacy and manufacturer settlements with the first installments being paid in 2023 and the remaining installments expected to be made annually through 2037. The County is currently allocated approximately 0.10% of the total State of Michigan local unit settlement and the total amount of the settlement is expected to be \$1,476,868.

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As a result of the payment terms issued to the Directing Administrator of the National Opioid Settlements, the receivable for the settlement agreements was recorded at the net present value, using a discount rate for payments to be received subsequent to 2024 of 3.00%. The net present value of the combined settlement payments to be received as of December 31, 2024 was \$944,949.

Note 14 - Subsequent Events

The County has evaluated subsequent events through June 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management is not aware of any subsequent events, meeting disclosure requirements, that would have an impact on the County's financial position.

Note 15 - Major Fund Determination and Reclassification (GASB 34 Criteria)

The financial statements classify individual governmental and enterprise funds as major funds when they meet the following criteria, in accordance with GASB 34:

1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all governmental or enterprise funds, as applicable; and
2. The same element is at least 5% of the total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

In addition to these criteria, the County may designate funds as major if management believes the fund is of significant importance to financial statement users.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the Opioid Settlement Fund met the criteria for major fund classification and is presented as a major governmental fund in the basic financial statements.

This reclassification has no impact on the total fund balances or changes in net position of the governmental or business-type activities.

Note 16 - Change in Accounting Principle - GASB Statement No. 101

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. GASB Statement No. 101 replaces GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, and establishes a unified recognition and measurement model for all types of compensated absence arrangements. The objective of the new standard is to enhance consistency and comparability in financial reporting for compensated absences.

These changes were incorporated into the County's 2024 financial statements and had no material effect on the beginning net position of the County.

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		Positive (Negative)
				Final to Actual
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 10,636,984	\$ 13,176,064	\$ 12,748,288	\$ (427,776)
Licenses and permits	140,325	127,025	110,739	(16,286)
Intergovernmental	6,916,567	10,924,532	11,012,718	88,186
Charges for services	1,560,284	1,595,915	1,610,760	14,845
Fines and forfeitures	73,000	70,000	69,313	(687)
Interest and rents	50,200	654,950	928,827	273,877
Reimbursements and Refunds	1,050	500	--	(500)
Miscellaneous	100,804	126,362	388,768	262,406
Total Revenues	19,479,214	26,675,348	26,869,413	194,065
Other Financing Sources				
Sale of capital assets	--	3,000	--	(3,000)
Transfers in	464,262	98,600	98,600	--
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	19,943,476	26,776,948	26,968,013	191,065
Expenditures				
General government				
Board of commissioners	172,727	281,644	272,926	8,718
Administrator	237,899	226,335	187,888	38,447
Elections	53,500	204,700	204,183	517
Finance	258,804	255,217	254,757	460
Clerk	694,909	721,885	713,898	7,987
Equalization	342,213	352,573	352,512	61
Human resources	122,345	229,242	210,004	19,238
Geographic information systems	121,719	68,200	67,717	483
Treasurer	340,522	348,859	319,573	29,286
Information technology	883,962	1,145,208	1,144,079	1,129
Building and grounds	585,782	606,849	594,713	12,136
Utilities	287,800	335,700	300,543	35,157
Insurance	339,175	377,664	364,333	13,331
Other	4,000	223,707	248,226	(24,519)
Total general government	4,445,357	5,377,783	5,235,352	142,431
Judicial				
Prosecuting attorney	892,995	896,163	809,189	86,974
Circuit court	399,307	408,914	403,878	5,036
District court	1,394,671	1,484,273	1,330,805	153,468
Friend of the court	1,207,836	1,317,007	1,277,503	39,504
Probate court	459,000	461,001	457,485	3,516
Appeals court	22,000	26,300	23,968	2,332
Public defender	450,485	--	--	--
Courts - ARPA	--	3,020,188	3,020,188	--
Total judicial	4,826,294	7,613,846	7,323,016	290,830

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		Positive (Negative)
				<u>Final to Actual</u>
Expenditures				
Public safety				
Court security	\$ 328,902	\$ 558,382	\$ 558,123	\$ 259
Sheriff - general	2,670,900	2,663,361	2,503,323	160,038
Sheriff - corrections	4,100	3,700	3,599	101
Jail	2,853,416	2,993,807	2,977,931	15,876
Juvenile branch	691,695	713,064	712,840	224
Emergency	118,158	120,922	120,836	86
Marine safety	30,880	32,330	24,779	7,551
Animal control	221,941	264,161	264,146	15
<i>Total public safety</i>	<u>6,919,992</u>	<u>7,349,727</u>	<u>7,165,577</u>	<u>184,150</u>
Public works				
General public works	7,125	625	380	245
Soil	75,000	75,000	75,000	--
County road bridge fund appropriation	200,000	700,000	700,000	--
Drain commission	218,552	225,099	221,232	3,867
<i>Total public works</i>	<u>500,677</u>	<u>1,000,724</u>	<u>996,612</u>	<u>4,112</u>
Health and social services				
Child care probate	11,299	13,005	12,938	67
District health	13,073	15,875	15,792	83
Community mental health	266,268	266,268	266,258	10
Tri-County District health appropriation	322,977	322,977	322,976	1
Medical examiner	188,241	210,569	210,345	224
Substance abuse	105,000	118,272	118,108	164
Veterans	7,000	7,000	3,000	4,000
Veterans services	253,607	259,040	260,684	(1,644)
<i>Total health and social services</i>	<u>1,167,465</u>	<u>1,213,006</u>	<u>1,210,101</u>	<u>2,905</u>
Community and economic development				
Planning	12,000	13,000	12,651	349
Economic development appropriation	97,500	101,629	101,626	3
Cooperative extension	241,157	270,071	261,051	9,020
Register of deeds	181,751	202,942	171,204	31,738
<i>Total community and economic development</i>	<u>532,408</u>	<u>587,642</u>	<u>546,532</u>	<u>41,110</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>18,392,193</u>	<u>23,142,728</u>	<u>22,477,190</u>	<u>665,538</u>
Other Financing Uses				
Transfers out	1,551,283	3,525,496	3,111,864	413,632
<i>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</i>	<u>19,943,476</u>	<u>26,668,224</u>	<u>25,589,054</u>	<u>1,079,170</u>
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</i>	--	108,724	1,378,959	1,270,235
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	--	108,724	1,378,959	1,270,235
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	9,448,653	9,448,653	9,448,653	--
<i>Fund Balance at End of Period</i>	<u>\$ 9,448,653</u>	<u>\$ 9,557,377</u>	<u>\$ 10,827,612</u>	<u>\$ 1,270,235</u>

Notes to the Schedule:

The budgetary comparison schedules are presented as required supplementary information (RSI) and compare the original and final budget with actual amounts. The budget is prepared and adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual
Central Dispatch Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		Positive (Negative)
				Final to Actual
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 2,326,247	\$ 2,360,009	\$ 2,447,861	\$ 87,852
Intergovernmental	200,000	200,000	457,270	257,270
Charges for services	445,000	457,000	469,275	12,275
Miscellaneous	--	--	109	109
Total Revenues	<u>2,971,247</u>	<u>3,017,009</u>	<u>3,374,515</u>	<u>357,506</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Proceeds from installment purchase	--	1,534,882	1,534,882	--
Transfers in	50,000	--	--	--
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>3,021,247</u>	<u>4,551,891</u>	<u>4,909,397</u>	<u>357,506</u>
Expenditures				
Public safety	2,195,230	5,279,210	5,266,586	12,624
Debt service	573,265	573,265	573,265	0
Total Expenditures	<u>2,768,496</u>	<u>5,852,475</u>	<u>5,839,851</u>	<u>12,624</u>
Other Financing Uses				
Transfers out	52,500	2,654	2,654	--
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>2,820,996</u>	<u>5,855,129</u>	<u>5,842,505</u>	<u>12,624</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>200,251</u>	<u>(1,303,238)</u>	<u>(933,108)</u>	<u>370,130</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>200,251</u>	<u>(1,303,238)</u>	<u>(933,108)</u>	<u>370,130</u>
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	2,830,286	2,830,286	2,830,286	--
Fund Balance at End of Period	<u>\$ 3,030,537</u>	<u>\$ 1,527,048</u>	<u>\$ 1,897,178</u>	<u>\$ 370,130</u>

Notes to the Schedule:

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual
Commission on Aging
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		Positive (Negative)
				Final to Actual
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 1,733,820	\$ 1,774,220	\$ 1,835,931	\$ 61,711
Intergovernmental	644,823	722,027	777,101	55,074
Charges for services	91,787	119,000	134,828	15,828
Interest and rents	445,662	442,162	444,826	2,664
Miscellaneous	104,130	136,200	133,030	(3,170)
Total Revenues	<u>3,020,222</u>	<u>3,193,609</u>	<u>3,325,716</u>	<u>132,107</u>
Expenditures				
Health and social services	2,826,540	2,983,247	2,819,331	163,916
Debt service	206,750	206,750	206,750	--
Total Expenditures	<u>3,033,290</u>	<u>3,189,997</u>	<u>3,026,081</u>	<u>163,916</u>
Other Financing Uses				
Transfers out	189,000	244,000	59,010	184,990
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>3,222,290</u>	<u>3,433,997</u>	<u>3,085,091</u>	<u>348,906</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>(202,068)</u>	<u>(240,388)</u>	<u>240,625</u>	<u>481,013</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(202,068)</u>	<u>(240,388)</u>	<u>240,625</u>	<u>481,013</u>
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	1,174,403	1,174,403	1,174,403	--
Fund Balance at End of Period	<u>\$ 972,335</u>	<u>\$ 934,015</u>	<u>\$ 1,415,028</u>	<u>\$ 481,013</u>

Notes to the Schedule:

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual
Opioid Settlement
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		Positive
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Final to Actual</u>
Revenues				
Miscellaneous	\$ --	\$ 150,000	\$ 248,978	\$ 98,978
Total Revenues	<u>--</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>248,978</u>	<u>98,978</u>
Expenditures				
Total Expenditures	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over Expenditures	<u>--</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>248,978</u>	<u>98,978</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>--</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>248,978</u>	<u>98,978</u>
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	184,121	184,121	184,121	--
Fund Balance at End of Period	<u>\$ 184,121</u>	<u>\$ 334,121</u>	<u>\$ 433,099</u>	<u>\$ 98,978</u>

Notes to the Schedule:

The budgetary comparison schedules are presented as required supplementary information (RSI) and compare the original and final budget with actual amounts. The budget is prepared and adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

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Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
Last Ten Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Pension Liability										
Service cost	\$ 925,912	\$ 891,019	\$ 829,373	\$ 797,126	\$ 834,141	\$ 837,183	\$ 833,857	\$ 842,242	\$ 824,577	\$ 772,468
Interest on the total pension liability	4,094,168	4,047,030	4,080,326	3,840,777	3,600,308	3,664,826	3,562,079	3,485,416	3,215,355	3,069,296
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,633	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(596,198)	(143,393)	643,915	(315,611)	254,581	(130,658)	(398,632)	(913,375)	1,122,190	-
Changes of assumptions*	469,736	-	2,211,594	2,166,547	1,500,867	-	-	-	1,856,899	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(3,637,153)	(3,523,796)	(3,524,255)	(3,230,590)	(2,983,006)	(2,753,669)	(2,487,764)	(2,387,819)	(2,154,817)	(2,036,654)
Other changes	-	-	(22,747)	24,420	99,485	60,653	(93,914)	(14,014)	(214,460)	(1,674)
Net Change in Pension Liability	1,256,465	1,270,860	4,218,206	3,282,669	3,306,376	1,678,335	1,415,626	1,012,450	4,701,377	1,803,436
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	60,525,013	59,254,153	55,035,947	51,753,278	48,446,902	46,768,567	45,352,941	44,340,491	39,639,114	37,835,678
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	\$ 61,781,478	\$ 60,525,013	\$ 59,254,153	\$ 55,035,947	\$ 51,753,278	\$ 48,446,902	\$ 46,768,567	\$ 45,352,941	\$ 44,340,491	\$ 39,639,114
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Contributions - employer	\$ 1,448,355	\$ 1,297,145	\$ 1,391,284	\$ 1,234,793	\$ 892,561	\$ 733,114	\$ 827,851	\$ 809,964	\$ 550,250	\$ 3,327,340
Contributions - member	423,288	397,785	388,482	376,626	371,955	370,528	360,228	377,412	344,089	372,106
Net investment income (loss)	3,527,481	4,876,229	(5,353,498)	6,547,123	5,390,819	5,338,156	(1,650,046)	5,112,710	4,082,505	(497,964)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(3,637,153)	(3,523,796)	(3,524,255)	(3,230,590)	(2,983,006)	(2,753,669)	(2,487,764)	(2,387,819)	(2,154,817)	(2,036,654)
Administrative expenses	(104,516)	(103,550)	(94,467)	(75,113)	(86,277)	(91,949)	(82,386)	(80,988)	(80,607)	(77,293)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	1,657,455	2,943,813	(7,192,454)	4,852,839	3,586,052	3,596,180	(3,032,117)	3,831,279	2,741,420	1,087,535
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	47,524,305	44,580,492	51,772,946	46,920,107	43,334,055	39,737,875	42,769,992	38,938,713	36,197,293	35,109,758
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$ 49,181,760	\$ 47,524,305	\$ 44,580,492	\$ 51,772,946	\$ 46,920,107	\$ 43,334,055	\$ 39,737,875	\$ 42,769,992	\$ 38,938,713	\$ 36,197,293
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$ 12,599,718	\$ 13,000,708	\$ 14,673,661	\$ 3,263,001	\$ 4,833,171	\$ 5,112,847	\$ 7,030,692	\$ 2,582,949	\$ 5,401,778	\$ 3,441,821
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	79.6%	78.5%	75.2%	94.1%	90.7%	89.4%	85.0%	94.3%	87.8%	91.3%
Covered Payroll	\$ 9,944,831	\$ 9,549,371	\$ 9,068,826	\$ 8,610,415	\$ 8,891,603	\$ 8,613,842	\$ 8,624,679	\$ 8,588,069	\$ 8,216,846	\$ 8,247,910
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	126.7%	136.1%	161.8%	37.9%	54.4%	59.4%	81.5%	30.1%	65.7%	41.7%

Notes to Schedule:

*The following were significant changes to economic and demographic assumptions:

2016 valuation - The investment rate of return assumption was reduced from 8.25% to 8.0%, the wage inflation assumption was reduced from 4.50% to 3.75%, inflation rates changed from 3.0-4.0% to 3.25%, and the mortality assumption was updated to be based on the RP-2014 tables.

2020 valuation - The investment rate of return assumption was reduced from 8.00% to 7.60%, the wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.00%.

2021 valuation - Mortality rates were changed to the recently issued Pub-2010 mortality general rates as published by the Society of Actuaries along with a change to sex-distinct assumptions.

2022 valuation - The investment rate of return assumption was reduced from 7.60% to 7.25%.

2024 valuation - The investment rate of return assumption was reduced from 7.25% to 7.18%.

**St. Joseph County
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Contributions
Last Ten Years**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 1,448,355	\$ 1,297,145	\$ 1,391,284	\$ 1,234,793	\$ 892,561	\$ 733,114	\$ 827,851	\$ 635,270	\$ 326,878	\$ 426,170
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	1,448,355	1,297,145	1,391,284	1,234,793	892,561	733,114	827,851	809,964	550,250	3,327,340
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (174,694)	\$ (223,372)	\$ (2,901,170)
Covered Payroll	\$ 9,944,831	\$ 9,549,371	\$ 9,068,826	\$ 8,610,415	\$ 8,891,603	\$ 8,613,842	\$ 8,710,926	\$ 8,624,679	\$ 8,588,069	\$ 8,216,846
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.6%	13.6%	15.3%	14.3%	10.0%	8.5%	9.5%	9.4%	6.4%	40.5%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation date: Actuarially determined contribution amounts are calculated as of December 31 each year, which is 12 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which the contributions are required.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates

Actuarial cost method	Entry-age normal
Amortization method	Level percentage of pay, closed
Remaining amortization period	15 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed
Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.00% in the long-term
Investment rate of return	6.93%, net of administrative and investment expenses
Retirement Age	Experience-based tables of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition
Mortality	Rates used were based on the Pub-2010 Group Annuity Mortality Table of a 50% Male and 50% Female Blend

Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules

**St. Joseph County
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024**

	Special Revenue					
	Friend of the Court	Family Counseling	Waste Management	Traffic Safety Program	Animal Shelter Donation	Register of Deeds Automation
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 13,782	\$ 30,262	\$ 978	\$ 211,017	\$ 256,531	\$ 167,419
Accounts receivable, net	--	30	69,898	--	--	180
Property taxes receivable	--	--	--	--	--	--
Due from other governmental units	--	--	--	--	--	--
Prepays	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$ 13,782	\$ 30,292	\$ 70,876	\$ 211,017	\$ 256,531	\$ 167,599
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ --	\$ 255	\$ 454	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Accrued liabilities	--	--	--	--	--	180
Due to other governmental units	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unearned revenue	--	--	--	--	--	--
Due to other funds	--	--	70,000	--	--	--
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	--	255	70,454	--	--	180
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Taxes levied but intended for subsequent period	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	--	255	70,454	--	--	180
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable	--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted	13,782	30,037	422	211,017	256,531	167,419
Unassigned	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	13,782	30,037	422	211,017	256,531	167,419
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</i>	\$ 13,782	\$ 30,292	\$ 70,876	\$ 211,017	\$ 256,531	\$ 167,599

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**St. Joseph County
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024**

	Special Revenue					
	Indigent Defense	Community Correction Advisory Board	Community Correction Program	Concealed Pistol Licensing	Local Correction Officers Training	
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 215,331	\$ 15,375	\$ 6,919	\$ 66,689	\$ 47,864	\$ 84,536
Accounts receivable, net	--	--	--	149	10	--
Property taxes receivable	--	--	--	--	--	--
Due from other governmental units	--	9,090	--	--	--	--
Prepays	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$ 215,331	\$ 24,465	\$ 6,919	\$ 66,838	\$ 47,874	\$ 84,536
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 12,150	\$ 9,455	\$ 798	\$ --	\$ 202	\$ --
Accrued liabilities	5,363	1,657	3,305	--	27	--
Due to other governmental units	--	--	--	--	--	--
Unearned revenue	103,228	--	--	--	--	--
Due to other funds	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	120,741	11,112	4,103	--	229	--
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Taxes levied but intended for subsequent period	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	120,741	11,112	4,103	--	229	--
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable	--	--	--	--	--	--
Restricted	94,590	13,353	2,816	66,838	47,645	84,536
Unassigned	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	94,590	13,353	2,816	66,838	47,645	84,536
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</i>	\$ 215,331	\$ 24,465	\$ 6,919	\$ 66,838	\$ 47,874	\$ 84,536

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**St. Joseph County
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024**

	Special Revenue					
	Law Enforcement	Secondary Road Patrol	Homeland Security Grant	County Law Library	State Court Administrator's Office	Drug Court
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 36	\$ 104,077	\$ 139,257	\$ 31,366	\$ --	\$ 7,840
Accounts receivable, net	180,810	--	--	--	--	--
Property taxes receivable	--	--	--	--	--	--
Due from other governmental units	2,823	44,414	194,002	--	33,142	50,527
Prepays	7,163	2,383	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$ 190,832	\$ 150,874	\$ 333,259	\$ 31,366	\$ 33,142	\$ 58,367
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 2,901	\$ 9,389
Accrued liabilities	27,212	8,340	3,539	--	165	174
Due to other governmental units	--	--	37,709	--	--	--
Unearned revenue	--	--	--	--	--	19,538
Due to other funds	64,000	--	292,000	--	28,540	--
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	91,212	8,340	333,248	--	31,606	29,101
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Taxes levied but intended for subsequent period	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	91,212	8,340	333,248	--	31,606	29,101
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable	7,163	2,383	--	--	--	--
Restricted	92,457	140,151	11	31,366	1,536	29,266
Unassigned	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	99,620	142,534	11	31,366	1,536	29,266
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</i>	\$ 190,832	\$ 150,874	\$ 333,259	\$ 31,366	\$ 33,142	\$ 58,367

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**St. Joseph County
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024**

	Special Revenue					
	Sheriff Justice Training	Child Care Probate Court	County Survey and Remonumentation	Victims Rights Advocate	Parks and Recreation	Magic Program Rebate
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 39,590	\$ 577,024	\$ 169	\$ 3,364	\$ 475,360	\$ 5,486
Accounts receivable, net	--	--	--	--	45	--
Property taxes receivable	--	--	--	--	654,850	--
Due from other governmental units	--	3,003	27,199	7,326	38,438	--
Prepays	--	--	--	--	2,154	--
Total Assets	\$ 39,590	\$ 580,027	\$ 27,368	\$ 10,690	\$ 1,170,847	\$ 5,486
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 450	\$ 17,365	\$ 22,301	\$ 11	\$ 8,463	\$ 457
Accrued liabilities	--	21,525	--	3,529	22,323	--
Due to other governmental units	--	80,921	--	--	--	--
Unearned revenue	--	--	--	--	--	--
Due to other funds	--	--	500	--	--	--
Total Liabilities	450	119,811	22,801	3,540	30,786	457
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Taxes levied but intended for subsequent period	--	--	--	--	654,850	--
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	450	119,811	22,801	3,540	685,636	457
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable	--	--	--	--	2,154	--
Restricted	39,140	460,216	4,567	7,150	483,057	5,029
Unassigned	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Fund Balance	39,140	460,216	4,567	7,150	485,211	5,029
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance	\$ 39,590	\$ 580,027	\$ 27,368	\$ 10,690	\$ 1,170,847	\$ 5,486

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**St. Joseph County
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024**

	<u>Special Revenue</u>		<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>		<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>Community and economic development</u>	<u>District Court</u>	<u>Energy Savings Project</u>	<u>Energy Savings Project</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Program</u>	
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 80,529	\$ 42,729	\$ 21,803	\$ 30,289	\$ 148,480	\$ 2,824,102
Accounts receivable, net	--	--	--	--	--	251,122
Property taxes receivable	--	--	--	--	--	654,850
Due from other governmental units	--	--	--	--	--	409,964
Prepays	--	--	--	--	--	11,700
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 80,529</u>	<u>\$ 42,729</u>	<u>\$ 21,803</u>	<u>\$ 30,289</u>	<u>\$ 148,480</u>	<u>\$ 4,151,738</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 9,373	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 30,161	\$ 138,532	\$ 262,717
Accrued liabilities	--	42,729	--	--	--	140,068
Due to other governmental units	--	--	--	--	--	118,630
Unearned revenue	--	--	--	--	--	122,766
Due to other funds	--	--	--	--	--	455,040
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>9,373</u>	<u>42,729</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>30,161</u>	<u>138,532</u>	<u>1,099,221</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Taxes levied but intended for subsequent period	--	--	--	--	--	654,850
<i>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>9,373</u>	<u>42,729</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>30,161</u>	<u>138,532</u>	<u>1,754,071</u>
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable	--	--	--	--	--	11,700
Restricted	71,156	--	21,803	128	9,948	2,385,967
Unassigned	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>71,156</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>21,803</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>9,948</u>	<u>2,397,667</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</i>	<u>\$ 80,529</u>	<u>\$ 42,729</u>	<u>\$ 21,803</u>	<u>\$ 30,289</u>	<u>\$ 148,480</u>	<u>\$ 4,151,738</u>

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St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Special Revenue					
	Friend of the Court	Family Counseling	Waste Management	Traffic Safety Program	Animal Shelter Donation	Register of Deeds Automation
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Licenses and permits	--	9,900	--	--	--	--
Intergovernmental	--	--	--	--	--	--
Charges for services	15,985	--	261,598	18,641	--	45,865
Fines and forfeitures	--	--	--	--	7,697	--
Miscellaneous	--	--	--	--	32,913	--
Total Revenues	15,985	9,900	261,598	18,641	40,610	45,865
Expenditures						
General government	--	--	--	--	--	15,653
Judicial	--	2,720	--	--	--	--
Public safety	--	--	--	--	394	--
Public works	--	--	41,380	--	--	--
Health and social services	--	--	--	--	--	--
Community and economic development	--	--	--	--	--	--
Recreation and culture	--	--	--	--	--	--
Capital outlay	--	--	--	--	--	--
Debt service - principal	--	--	--	--	--	--
Debt service - interest	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	2,720	41,380	--	394	15,653
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	15,985	7,180	220,218	18,641	40,216	30,212
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	--	--	--	--	--	--
Transfers out	(19,000)	--	(234,000)	--	(25,000)	(15,000)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(19,000)	--	(234,000)	--	(25,000)	(15,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(3,015)	7,180	(13,782)	18,641	15,216	15,212
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	16,797	22,857	14,204	192,376	241,315	152,207
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$ 13,782	\$ 30,037	\$ 422	\$ 211,017	\$ 256,531	\$ 167,419

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St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Special Revenue					
	Indigent Defense	Community Correction Advisory Board	Community Correction Program	Concealed Pistol Licensing	Local Correction Officers Training	Drug Law Enforcement
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Licenses and permits	--	--	--	--	--	--
Intergovernmental	560,517	106,803	--	--	--	--
Charges for services	--	--	4,644	27,562	7,780	--
Fines and forfeitures	--	--	--	--	--	13,013
Miscellaneous	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Revenues	560,517	106,803	4,644	27,562	7,780	13,013
Expenditures						
General government	--	109,543	--	--	--	--
Judicial	1,026,487	--	--	--	--	--
Public safety	--	--	31,977	2,940	10,267	2,311
Public works	--	--	--	--	--	--
Health and social services	--	--	--	--	--	--
Community and economic development	--	--	--	--	--	--
Recreation and culture	--	--	--	--	--	--
Capital outlay	--	--	--	--	--	--
Debt service - principal	--	--	--	--	--	--
Debt service - interest	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	1,026,487	109,543	31,977	2,940	10,267	2,311
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(465,970)	(2,740)	(27,333)	24,622	(2,487)	10,702
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	426,536	--	27,500	--	--	--
Transfers out	--	--	--	(20,000)	(10,000)	--
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	426,536	--	27,500	(20,000)	(10,000)	--
Net Change in Fund Balance	(39,434)	(2,740)	167	4,622	(12,487)	10,702
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	134,024	16,093	2,649	62,216	60,132	73,834
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$ 94,590	\$ 13,353	\$ 2,816	\$ 66,838	\$ 47,645	\$ 84,536

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St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Special Revenue					
	Law Enforcement	Secondary Road Patrol	Homeland Security Grant	County Law Library	State Court Administrator's Office	
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Licenses and permits	--	--	--	--	--	--
Intergovernmental	139,673	103,075	215,916	--	136,316	268,310
Charges for services	3,722	--	--	--	--	--
Fines and forfeitures	--	--	--	--	--	--
Miscellaneous	532,629	--	--	6,500	--	5,947
Total Revenues	676,024	103,075	215,916	6,500	136,316	274,257
Expenditures						
General government	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judicial	--	--	--	3,469	139,654	273,714
Public safety	664,043	197,515	215,911	--	--	--
Public works	--	--	--	--	--	--
Health and social services	--	--	--	--	--	--
Community and economic development	--	--	--	--	--	--
Recreation and culture	--	--	--	--	--	--
Capital outlay	--	--	--	--	--	--
Debt service - principal	--	--	--	--	--	--
Debt service - interest	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	664,043	197,515	215,911	3,469	139,654	273,714
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	11,981	(94,440)	5	3,031	(3,338)	543
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	--	137,000	--	--	3,000	--
Transfers out	(9,600)	--	--	--	--	--
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(9,600)	137,000	--	--	3,000	--
Net Change in Fund Balance	2,381	42,560	5	3,031	(338)	543
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	97,239	99,974	6	28,335	1,874	28,723
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$ 99,620	\$ 142,534	\$ 11	\$ 31,366	\$ 1,536	\$ 29,266

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St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Special Revenue					
	Sheriff Justice Training	Child Care Probate Court	County Survey and Remonumentation	Victims Rights Advocate	Parks and Recreation	Magic Program Rebate
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 613,349	\$ --
Licenses and permits	--	--	--	--	--	--
Intergovernmental	9,876	611,085	45,331	91,790	114,617	--
Charges for services	--	--	--	--	183,258	--
Fines and forfeitures	--	--	--	--	--	--
Miscellaneous	--	873	--	--	54,099	12,239
Total Revenues	9,876	611,958	45,331	91,790	965,323	12,239
Expenditures						
General government	--	--	49,400	--	--	17,560
Judicial	--	--	--	95,085	--	--
Public safety	2,513	--	--	--	--	--
Public works	--	--	--	--	--	--
Health and social services	--	1,405,562	--	--	--	--
Community and economic development	--	--	--	--	--	--
Recreation and culture	--	--	--	--	799,270	--
Capital outlay	--	--	--	--	--	--
Debt service - principal	--	--	--	--	--	--
Debt service - interest	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	2,513	1,405,562	49,400	95,085	799,270	17,560
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	7,363	(793,604)	(4,069)	(3,295)	166,053	(5,321)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	--	844,670	6,000	--	--	--
Transfers out	--	--	--	--	(390,037)	--
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	--	844,670	6,000	--	(390,037)	--
Net Change in Fund Balance	7,363	51,066	1,931	(3,295)	(223,984)	(5,321)
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	<i>31,777</i>	<i>409,150</i>	<i>2,636</i>	<i>10,445</i>	<i>709,195</i>	<i>10,350</i>
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$ 39,140	\$ 460,216	\$ 4,567	\$ 7,150	\$ 485,211	\$ 5,029

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St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Special Revenue			Debt Service	Capital Projects		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Community and economic development Block Grant	District Court	Formerly a Nonmajor Fund Opioid Settlement	Energy Savings Project	Energy Savings Project	Capital Improvement Program	
Revenues							
Property taxes	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 613,349
Licenses and permits	--	--	--	--	--	--	9,900
Intergovernmental	37,098	--	--	--	--	--	2,440,407
Charges for services	--	225,758	--	--	--	--	794,813
Fines and forfeitures	--	--	--	--	--	--	20,710
Miscellaneous	--	--	--	--	--	13,501	658,701
Total Revenues	<u>37,098</u>	<u>225,758</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>13,501</u>	<u>4,537,880</u>
Expenditures							
General government	--	--	--	--	--	80,474	272,630
Judicial	--	225,758	--	--	--	--	1,766,887
Public safety	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,127,871
Public works	--	--	--	--	--	--	41,380
Health and social services	--	--	--	--	--	9,791	1,415,353
Community and economic development	39,979	--	--	--	--	--	39,979
Recreation and culture	--	--	--	--	--	55,202	854,472
Capital outlay	--	--	--	--	261,372	1,480,697	1,742,069
Debt service - principal	--	--	--	279,149	--	--	279,149
Debt service - interest	--	--	--	210,347	--	--	210,347
Total Expenditures	<u>39,979</u>	<u>225,758</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>489,496</u>	<u>261,372</u>	<u>1,626,164</u>	<u>7,750,137</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(2,881)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(489,496)</u>	<u>(261,372)</u>	<u>(1,612,663)</u>	<u>(3,212,257)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers in	--	--	--	489,496	261,500	1,621,766	3,817,468
Transfers out	--	--	--	--	--	--	(722,637)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>489,496</u>	<u>261,500</u>	<u>1,621,766</u>	<u>3,094,831</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(2,881)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>9,103</u>	<u>(117,426)</u>
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	74,037	--	184,121	21,803	--	845	2,699,214
Change in Fund Classification (Nonmajor Fund to Major)	--	--	(184,121)	--	--	--	(184,121)
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period, as Restated</i>	74,037	--	--	21,803	--	845	2,515,093
Fund Balance at End of Period	<u>\$ 71,156</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 21,803</u>	<u>\$ 128</u>	<u>\$ 9,948</u>	<u>\$ 2,397,667</u>

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St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Net Position
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
December 31, 2024

	Enterprise			Total Enterprise Funds
	Forfeiture / Foreclosure	Inmate Store	Building Authority	
ASSETS				
<i>Current Assets</i>				
Cash and investments	\$ 1,784,237	\$ 197,284	\$ 46,535	\$ 2,028,056
Accounts receivable, net	--	--	3,200	3,200
Due from other governmental units	--	--	1,000	1,000
Prepays	--	--	1,030	1,030
Total Current Assets	1,784,237	197,284	51,765	2,033,286
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>				
Capital assets being depreciated, net	--	--	215,039	215,039
Total Assets	1,784,237	197,284	266,804	2,248,325
LIABILITIES				
<i>Current Liabilities</i>				
Accounts payable	--	856	4,330	5,186
Current portion of long-term debt	--	--	9,649	9,649
Total Current Liabilities	--	856	13,979	14,835
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>				
Long-term debt	--	--	138,822	138,822
Total Liabilities	--	856	152,801	153,657
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	--	--	66,568	66,568
<i>Unrestricted</i>	1,784,237	196,428	47,435	2,028,100
Total Net Position	\$ 1,784,237	\$ 196,428	\$ 114,003	\$ 2,094,668

St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Enterprise</u>			<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>
	<u>Forfeiture / Foreclosure</u>	<u>Inmate Store</u>	<u>Building Authority</u>	
Operating Revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 348,616	\$ 46,166	\$ 67,546	\$ 462,328
Total Operating Revenues	<u>348,616</u>	<u>46,166</u>	<u>67,546</u>	<u>462,328</u>
Operating Expenses				
Operations and administrative	182,135	17,230	70,855	270,220
Depreciation	--	--	9,005	9,005
Total Operating Expenses	<u>182,135</u>	<u>17,230</u>	<u>79,860</u>	<u>279,225</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>166,481</u>	<u>28,936</u>	<u>(12,314)</u>	<u>183,103</u>
Non-Operating Revenues				
Interest income	8,307	--	--	8,307
Gain on sale of capital assets	--	--	15,429	15,429
Net Non-Operating Revenues	<u>8,307</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>15,429</u>	<u>23,736</u>
Income Before Transfers	<u>174,788</u>	<u>28,936</u>	<u>3,115</u>	<u>206,839</u>
Transfers in	--	--	5,097	5,097
Transfers out	(25,000)	--	--	(25,000)
Change In Net Position	<u>149,788</u>	<u>28,936</u>	<u>8,212</u>	<u>186,936</u>
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Period</i>	1,634,449	167,492	105,791	1,907,732
Net Position at End of Period	<u>\$ 1,784,237</u>	<u>\$ 196,428</u>	<u>\$ 114,003</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,668</u>

St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Enterprise			Total Enterprise Funds
	Forfeiture/ Foreclosure	Inmate Store	Building Authority	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 348,616	\$ 53,084	\$ 66,589	\$ 468,289
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(195,639)	(18,109)	(72,805)	(286,553)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	152,977	34,975	(6,216)	181,736
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities				
Transfers in (out)	(25,000)	--	5,097	(19,903)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	(25,000)	--	5,097	(19,903)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Disposal of capital assets	--	--	81,722	81,722
Principal and interest paid on long-term debt	--	--	(85,708)	(85,708)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	--	--	(3,986)	(3,986)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Interest income received	8,307	--	--	8,307
Net Cash Provided by Investing Assets	8,307	--	--	8,307
<i>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Investments</i>	136,284	34,975	(5,105)	166,154
Cash and Investments - Beginning of the Year	1,647,953	162,309	51,640	1,861,902
Cash and Investments - End of the Year	\$ 1,784,237	\$ 197,284	\$ 46,535	\$ 2,028,056

St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Enterprise			Total Enterprise Funds
	Forfeiture/ Foreclosure	Inmate Store	Building Authority	
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to				
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities				
Operating income (loss)	\$ 166,481	\$ 28,936	\$ (12,314)	\$ 183,103
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to				
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities				
Depreciation	--	--	9,005	9,005
Change in Assets and Liabilities:				
Accounts receivable, net	--	6,918	(3,157)	3,761
Due from other governmental units	--	--	2,200	2,200
Prepays	500	--	(472)	28
Accounts payable	(14,004)	(879)	(1,478)	(16,361)
<i>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</i>	\$ 152,977	\$ 34,975	\$ (6,216)	\$ 181,736

St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Custodial Funds
December 31, 2024

	Custodial Funds				Total
	Library	General Custodial	Human Services	Inmates' Custodial	
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$ 62,279	\$ 1,921,449	\$ 89,855	\$ 27,855	\$ 2,101,438
<i>Total Assets</i>	62,279	1,921,449	89,855	27,855	2,101,438
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	--	57,265	--	--	57,265
Due to other governmental units	--	431,430	--	--	431,430
Undistributed collections	10,153	1,137,717	--	--	1,147,870
Bonds and other payables	--	295,037	89,855	--	384,892
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	10,153	1,921,449	89,855	--	2,021,457
NET POSITION					
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	52,126	--	--	27,855	79,981
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$ 52,126	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 27,855	\$ 79,981

St. Joseph County
Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Custodial Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Custodial Funds				Total
	Library	General Custodial	Human Services	Inmates' Custodial	
ADDITIONS					
Taxes collected for other governments	\$ --	\$ 46,653,534	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 46,653,534
Court collections	--	738,979	--	--	738,979
Clerk/register of deeds collections	--	2,621,841	--	--	2,621,841
Inmates' custodial collections	--	--	--	68,666	68,666
Library penal fines collections	122,603	--	--	--	122,603
Treasurer collections	--	35,575	--	--	35,575
Total Additions	122,603	50,049,929	--	68,666	50,241,198
DEDUCTIONS					
Payments of taxes to other governments	--	46,653,534	--	--	46,653,534
Court distributions	--	738,979	--	--	738,979
Clerk/register of deeds distributions	--	2,621,841	--	--	2,621,841
Inmates' custodial payouts	--	--	--	48,425	48,425
Library penal fines disbursements	121,051	--	--	--	121,051
Treasurer distributions	--	35,575	--	--	35,575
Total Deductions	121,051	50,049,929	--	48,425	50,219,405
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	1,552	--	--	20,241	21,793
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Period</i>	50,574	--	--	7,614	58,188
Net Position at End of Period	\$ 52,126	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 27,855	\$ 79,981

St. Joseph County Drainage Districts
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
<i>Current Assets</i>	
Cash and investments	\$ 814,714
Special assessments receivable	20,837
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	835,551
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>	
Capital assets not being depreciated	49,453
Capital assets being depreciated, net	1,074,990
<i>Total Assets</i>	1,959,994
LIABILITIES	
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accounts payable	19,957
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	19,957
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>	
Advance from primary government	242,067
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	262,024
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets	1,124,443
<i>Restricted for:</i>	
Debt service	6,299
Capital projects	567,228
<i>Unrestricted</i>	
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$ 1,697,970

**St. Joseph County Drainage Districts
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:					
Public works	\$ 468,763	\$ 405,190	\$ --	\$ 696	\$ (62,877)
Total	\$ 468,763	\$ 405,190	\$ --	\$ 696	(62,877)

General Purpose Revenues:

Interest income	15,893
Total General Revenues	15,893
Change in Net Position	(46,984)
<i>Net Position at Beginning of Period</i>	1,744,954
Net Position at End of Period	\$ 1,697,970

**St. Joseph County Drainage Districts
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024**

	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>			<u>Capital Projects</u>	
	<u>Lake Improvement - Lake Templene</u>	<u>Fish Lake Drain</u>	<u>Lamberson Dam Drain</u>	<u>Regular Drain</u>	<u>Klinger Lake Level</u>	<u>Revolving Drain</u>
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 209,513	\$ 6,501	\$ 95	\$ 307,132	\$ 20,493	\$ 169,674
Special assessments receivable	--	--	--	20,837	--	--
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>209,513</u>	<u>6,501</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>327,969</u>	<u>20,493</u>	<u>169,674</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Aggregated deferred outflows	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>\$ 209,513</u>	<u>\$ 6,501</u>	<u>\$ 95</u>	<u>\$ 327,969</u>	<u>\$ 20,493</u>	<u>\$ 169,674</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 14,600	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 5,034	\$ --	\$ --
Advance from primary government	--	297	--	235,662	1,237	--
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>14,600</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>240,696</u>	<u>1,237</u>	<u>--</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - special assessments	--	--	--	20,837	--	--
<i>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>14,600</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>261,533</u>	<u>1,237</u>	<u>--</u>
FUND BALANCE						
Restricted	194,913	6,204	95	66,436	19,256	169,674
Unassigned	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>194,913</u>	<u>6,204</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>66,436</u>	<u>19,256</u>	<u>169,674</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</i>	<u>\$ 209,513</u>	<u>\$ 6,501</u>	<u>\$ 95</u>	<u>\$ 327,969</u>	<u>\$ 20,493</u>	<u>\$ 169,674</u>

**St. Joseph County Drainage Districts
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024**

	Capital Projects					Total Governmental Funds
	Revolving Drain Fabius	Omena Lake Proposed Assessment	Grey Lake Level Study	Pleasant/Clear Lake Proposed Assessment	Eberhard Lake Level	
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 4,337	\$ 15,973	\$ 839	\$ 78,795	\$ 1,362	\$ 814,714
Special assessments receivable	--	--	--	--	--	20,837
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>4,337</u>	<u>15,973</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>78,795</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>835,551</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Aggregated deferred outflows	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>\$ 4,337</u>	<u>\$ 15,973</u>	<u>\$ 839</u>	<u>\$ 78,795</u>	<u>\$ 1,362</u>	<u>\$ 835,551</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 23	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 300	\$ --	\$ 19,957
Advance from primary government	--	297	--	4,574	--	242,067
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>23</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>4,874</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>262,024</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - special assessments	--	--	--	--	--	20,837
<i>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>23</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>4,874</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>282,861</u>
FUND BALANCE						
Restricted	4,314	15,676	839	73,921	1,362	552,690
Unassigned	--	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>4,314</u>	<u>15,676</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>73,921</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>552,690</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance</i>	<u>\$ 4,337</u>	<u>\$ 15,973</u>	<u>\$ 839</u>	<u>\$ 78,795</u>	<u>\$ 1,362</u>	<u>\$ 835,551</u>

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St. Joseph County Drainage Districts
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 552,690
General government capital assets of \$2,222,629, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,098,186, are not financial resources and, accordingly, are not reported in the funds.	1,124,443
Long-term receivables are not available to pay for current period expenditures and are, therefore, reported as deferred inflows of resources in the funds.	20,837
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ <u>1,697,970</u>

St. Joseph County Drainage Districts
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Special Revenue	Debt Service			Capital Projects	
	Lake Improvement - Lake Templene	Fish Lake Drain	Lamberson Dam Drain	Regular Drain	Klinger Lake Level	Revolving Drain
Revenues						
Charges for services	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 300	\$ --	\$ --
Special assessments	235,655	--	--	189,688	--	--
Interest income	10,146	73	1	2,026	229	2,227
Total Revenues	245,801	73	1	192,014	229	2,227
Expenditures						
Public works	259,962	297	--	142,828	937	25,644
Total Expenditures	259,962	297	--	142,828	937	25,644
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(14,161)	(224)	1	49,186	(708)	(23,417)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	--	--	--	8,486	--	--
Transfers out	--	--	--	--	--	(8,486)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	--	--	--	8,486	--	(8,486)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(14,161)	(224)	1	57,672	(708)	(31,903)
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	209,074	6,428	94	8,764	19,964	201,577
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$ 194,913	\$ 6,204	\$ 95	\$ 66,436	\$ 19,256	\$ 169,674

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St. Joseph County Drainage Districts
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Capital Projects					Total Governmental Funds
	Revolving Drain Fabius	Omena Lake Proposed Assessment	Grey Lake Level Study	Pleasant/Clear Lake Proposed Assessment	Eberhard Lake Level	
Revenues						
Charges for services	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 300
Special assessments	696	--	--	--	--	426,039
Interest income	83	178	9	902	19	15,893
Total Revenues	779	178	9	902	19	442,232
Expenditures						
Public works	8,112	297	--	7,335	297	445,709
Total Expenditures	8,112	297	--	7,335	297	445,709
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(7,333)	(119)	9	(6,433)	(278)	(3,477)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	--	--	--	--	--	8,486
Transfers out	--	--	--	--	--	(8,486)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	--	--	--	--	--	--
Net Change in Fund Balance	(7,333)	(119)	9	(6,433)	(278)	(3,477)
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	11,647	15,795	830	80,354	1,640	556,167
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$ 4,314	\$ 15,676	\$ 839	\$ 73,921	\$ 1,362	\$ 552,690

St. Joseph County Drainage Districts
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance with Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	(3,477)
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay of \$26,833 is exceeded by depreciation expense of \$49,887.</p>		
		(23,054)
<p>Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.</p>		
		(20,453)
Changes in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	<u>(46,984)</u>

**St. Joseph County Board of Public Works
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
<i>Current Assets</i>	
Leases receivable	\$ 160,000
Total Current Assets	160,000
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>	
Leases receivable, long-term	3,575,000
Total Assets	3,735,000
LIABILITIES	
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accrued interest	18,159
Current portion of long-term debt	160,000
Total Current Liabilities	178,159
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>	
Long-term debt	3,866,752
Total Liabilities	4,044,911
NET POSITION	
<i>Unrestricted</i>	(309,911)
Total Net Position	\$ (309,911)

**St. Joseph County Board of Public Works
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:					
Public works	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 114,956	\$ --	\$ 114,956
Interest on long-term debt	102,735	--	--	--	(102,735)
Total	\$ 102,735	\$ --	\$ 114,956	\$ --	12,221
					12,221
					(322,132)
					\$ (309,911)

Change in Net Position
Net Position at Beginning of Period
Net Position at End of Period

**St. Joseph County Board of Public Works
Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund
December 31, 2024**

	<u>Debt Service</u>	
	<u>White Pigeon Sanitary Sewer</u>	
ASSETS		
Leases receivable	\$ 3,735,000	
<i>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>\$ 3,735,000</u>	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred lease revenue	\$ 3,735,000	
<i>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>3,735,000</u>	
FUND BALANCE		
Unassigned	--	
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>--</u>	
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance</i>	<u>\$ 3,735,000</u>	

St. Joseph County Board of Public Works
Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$	--
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund statements. This amount represents long-term debt payable.		(4,026,752)
Long-term receivables are not available to pay for the current period expenditures and are, therefore, reported as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund statements.		3,735,000
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, the interest expenditure is reported when due.		(18,159)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	<u>(309,911)</u>

**St. Joseph County Board of Public Works
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	Debt Service
	White Pigeon Sanitary Sewer
Revenues	
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 264,956
<i>Total Revenues</i>	264,956
Expenditures	
Debt service - principal	150,000
Debt service - interest	114,956
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	264,956
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	--
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	--
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Period</i>	--
<i>Fund Balance at End of Period</i>	\$ --

**St. Joseph County Board of Public Works
 Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
 Changes in Fund Balance with Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Total Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$	--
Repayment of long-term debt is reported as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position in the current period.		162,221
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. In the current period these amounts consist of long-term receivables (not collected within 60 days of year-end).		(150,000)
Changes in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	<u>12,221</u>



**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
SINGLE AUDIT ACT COMPLIANCE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

St. Joseph County
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Federal Agency / Cluster / Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Passed Through</u>	<u>Pass-through / Grantor Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Justice				
Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	Direct	N/A	\$ 920
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	16.738	MSP	2020-MU-BX-0011	83,803
COSSAP	16.838	Direct	2020-AR-BX-0113	166,334
Total U.S. Department of Justice				<u>251,057</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Highway Safety Cluster:				
Michigan Office Of Highway Safety (OHSP)	20.600	MSP	2024-PT-00-75	32,457
<i>Total Highway Safety Cluster</i>				<u>32,457</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				<u>32,457</u>
U.S. Department of Treasury				
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act	21.027	Direct	N/A	4,472,895
Total U.S. Department of Treasury				<u>4,472,895</u>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
Brownfield Assessment Grant	66.818	Direct	N/A	85,446
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				<u>\$ 85,446</u>

See Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Continued...

St. Joseph County
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Federal Agency / Cluster / Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Passed Through</u>	<u>Pass-through / Grantor Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Title III-D Special Programs for the Aging				
Disease Prevention	93.043	MOSAR3C	N/A	6,919
Aging Cluster:				
Title III-B Special Programs for the Aging				
Supportive Services (HM & PC)	93.044	MOSAR3C	N/A	\$ 13,059
Title III B Grant (Chore)	93.044	MOSAR3C	N/A	4,426
Title III B Grant (FR)	93.044	MOSAR3C	N/A	2,320
COVID-19 ARPA Federal Direct Care Worker	93.044	MOSAR3C	N/A	25,902
COVID-19 ARPA Federal CARES Act HUD funding	93.044	MOSAR3C	N/A	2,964
Title III-C Special Programs for the Aging				
Nutrition Congregate	93.045	MOSAR3C	N/A	127,364
Nutrition Home Delivered Meals	93.045	MOSAR3C	N/A	39,157
Nutrition Services Incentive Program				
Elderly Congregate	93.053	MOSAR3C	N/A	11,902
Elderly Feeding (Home Delivered Meals)	93.053	MOSAR3C	N/A	19,944
Total Aging Cluster				<u>247,038</u>
Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support				
Title III E Kinship (Care Est)	93.052	MOSAR3C	N/A	9,991
Title III E Grant Case Coord.	93.052	MOSAR3C	N/A	4,054
Child Support Enforcement:				
Title IV-D - Incentive Payments	93.563	MDHHS	CSCOM-24-75003	129,364
Title IV-D - Friend of the Court	93.563	MDHHS	CSCOM-24-75003	863,960
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				<u>\$ 1,254,407</u>

See Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Continued...

St. Joseph County
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Federal Agency / Cluster / Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Passed Through</u>	<u>Pass-through / Grantor Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	MSP	EMC-2024-EP-00005	\$ 11,600
State Domestic Preparedness	97.067	MSP	EMW-2021-SS-00011-S01	97,202
State Domestic Preparedness	97.067	MSP	EMW-2022-SS-00031-S01	89,985
State Domestic Preparedness	97.067	MSP	EMW-2023-SS-00022-S01	28,728
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				<u>227,515</u>
<i>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</i>				<u>\$ 6,330,696</u>

See Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Concluded.

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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of St. Joseph County, Michigan (the "County") under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the County.

The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 of the County's Audited Financial Statements. The County's financial statements include the operations of the St. Joseph County Road Commission, which received federal awards that are not included in the Schedule for the year ended December 31, 2024, as the entity was separately audited from the County.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the County's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

For purposes of charging indirect costs to federal awards, the County has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate as permitted by §200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE C - PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES

The County received certain federal grants as subawards from non-federal entities. Pass-through entities, where applicable, have been identified in the Schedule with an abbreviation, defined as follows:

Pass-through Entity Abbreviation	Pass-through Entity Name
MSP	Michigan Department of State Police
MDHHS	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
MOSAR3C	Michigan Office of Services to the Aging - Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency of Aging (Region 3C)

St. Joseph County

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

NOTE D - RECONCILIATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A reconciliation of the amounts presented in the Schedule to the amounts presented in the financial statements is as follows:

Intergovernmental revenues reported in the financial statements:	
Governmental funds	\$ 14,687,496
Component units	<u>17,631,566</u>
Total intergovernmental revenue:	<u>32,319,062</u>
<i>Subtract separately audited entities:</i>	
St. Joseph County Road Commission	(17,358,819)
<i>Subtract state and local sources:</i>	<u>(8,629,547)</u>
<i>Total expenditures of federal awards:</i>	<u>\$ 6,330,696</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Commissioners and Management
St. Joseph County, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of St. Joseph County, Michigan (the "County"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2025. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the St. Joseph County Road Commission, a discretely presented component unit, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Gabridge & Company, PLC
Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 10, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE
UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Commissioners and Management
St. Joseph County, Michigan

Report on Compliance for Each Major Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited St. Joseph County, Michigan's (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

The County's basic financial statements include the operations of St. Joseph County Road Commission, which received certain federal awards, and which are not included in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards for the year ended December 31, 2024. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of St. Joseph County Road Commission because it arranged for a separate financial statement audit and did not meet the criteria for a single audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

Independent Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing

their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Gabridge & Company, PLC
Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 10, 2025

St. Joseph County
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued	Unmodified
Internal controls over financial reporting	
Material weaknesses identified?	No
Significant deficiencies identified?	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs	
Material weaknesses identified?	No
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	No
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No

Identification of Major Programs

<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027
Child Support Services	93.563

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs?	\$ 750,000
Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?	Yes

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No findings were reported.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No findings or questioned costs were reported.

SECTION IV - SUMMARY OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no prior audit findings reported.

June 10, 2025

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Joseph County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of St. Joseph County (the “County”) for the year ended December 31, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 7, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the County are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. During the year, the County adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The adoption of this standard did not result in a restatement of beginning net position. We noted no other new accounting policies adopted and no changes to the application of existing policies during the fiscal year. We also noted no transactions entered into by the County during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the County’s financial statements were:

- Management’s estimate of the useful lives of depreciable capital assets is based on the length of time it is believed that those assets will provide some economic benefit in the future.
- Management’s estimate of the accrued compensated absences is based on the current hourly rates and policies regarding payment of sick and vacation banks.
- Managements assumptions used to calculate the actuarial report of pension benefits is based on historical trends and industry standards.

- Management’s estimate of the allowance for uncollectible receivable balances is based on past experience and future expectation for the collection of various account balances.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the above estimates in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit’s financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor’s report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 10, 2025.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the County’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the County’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedules, and the schedules for the defined benefit pension plan, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of Board of Commissioners and management of the County and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabridge & Company". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the company.

Gabridge & Company, PLC
Grand Rapids, MI