FINANCIAL REPORT

**DECEMBER 31, 2015** 



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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

County Legislature County of Tompkins Ithaca, New York

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Tompkins, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County of Tompkins' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of Tompkins Cortland Community College, which represents 9.0 percent and 2.4 percent respectively, of the assets and revenues of the primary government. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Tompkins Cortland Community College, is based solely on the report of other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Tompkins, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Emphasis of a Matter

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27," and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date." Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of County of Tompkins as of December 31, 2014 were audited by Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, Mickelson & Company, LLP who merged with Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP as of January 1, 2016, and whose report dated July, 27 2015, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4-4m and 62-70 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County of Tompkins' basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and 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

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 25, 2016, on our consideration of the County of Tompkins' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County of Tompkins' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Ithaca, New York July 25, 2016

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Our discussion and analysis of the County of Tompkins' financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. Please read this information in conjunction with the County's financial statements, which begin on page 5.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- During the year ended December 31, 2015, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27," and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date." As a result, beginning net position decreased \$(1,816,790). Additionally, the County recorded its proportionate share of net pension (assets) and liabilities, as well as deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions. See note 3 for more detailed information.
- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the County exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$153,984,240 (net position). Of this amount, \$20,360,139 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The County's overall net position increased by \$10,809,126, or 7.5%, while unrestricted net position increased by \$7,450,592, or 57.7%, largely as a result of increases in the equity interest in joint ventures of \$4,601,634 and recognition of GASB Statement No. 68 in 2015.
- During the year, the County had revenues of \$188,639,136, as compared to \$175,703,161 in 2014. Expenses of \$177,830,010 decreased by \$(706,203), from \$178,536,213 in the prior year.
- The County invested nearly \$17.1 million in capital assets during the year.
- The General Fund recorded an increase of \$6,597,762 in 2015 and ended the year with a fund balance of \$38,327,048. Of this fund balance, \$29,394,852 was unassigned.
- The County's short-term and long-term obligations at year end totaled \$141,840,413, an increase of \$4,881,008 from 2014. This increase is primarily attributable to increases in OPEB payable of over \$9.1 million and \$6.0 million in bonds payable offset with decreases in the net pension liability of \$1.7 million and Bond Anticipation Notes payable of \$8.2 million.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of basic financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on pages 5-6a) provide information about the County as a whole and present a longer-term view of the County's finances. Governmental Fund financial statements start on page 7. For Governmental Activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending. Governmental Fund financial statements also report the County's operations in greater detail than the Government-wide statements by providing information about the County's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the County acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside the Government. Following these statements are notes that provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the County's Major Fund budgets for the year, a Schedule of Funding Progress related to the County's other postemployment benefits, a Schedule of County's Contributions, and a Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of Net Pension (Asset) Liability.

In addition to the basic financial statements, the annual report contains other information in the form of combining statements for those funds that are not considered Major Funds and, therefore, are not presented individually in the basic financial statements.

#### Reporting the County as a Whole

Analysis of the County as a whole begins on page 5, with the Government-wide financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the County as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer the question of whether the County, as a whole, is better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities. These statements include *all* assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the County's net resources and changes in them. The County's net position, the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is one way to measure the County's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

One needs to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the County's property tax base and the condition of the County's roads, to assess the overall health of the County.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the County reports:

**Governmental Activities:** Most of the County's services are reported in this category, including Public Safety, Public Health, Economic Assistance, Transportation, and General Administration. Property and sales taxes, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Component Units: The County includes four separate legal entities in its report - Tompkins County Public Library, Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency, Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Tompkins Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (TTASC). TTASC is reported as a blended component unit with the County's Governmental Activities. The other three component units are reported discretely. Although legally separate, these component units are important because the County is financially accountable for them. Complete financial statements for Tompkins County Public Library, Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency, Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District can be obtained from their administrative offices. See Note 1 to the basic financial statements.

**Joint Ventures:** The County reports its interest in the equity of two joint ventures - Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT), which was formed under a consolidation agreement between the City of Ithaca, Tompkins County and Cornell University, to provide public transportation in Tompkins County and surrounding areas, and Tompkins Cortland Community College, a joint venture between Tompkins and Cortland Counties. Complete financial statements for these entities can be obtained from their administrative offices. See Note 1 to the basic financial statements.

#### **Reporting the County's Most Significant Funds**

#### **Governmental Fund Financial Statements**

Analysis of the County's Major Funds begins on page 7. The Governmental Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the County as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, management establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes and grants. The County's three types of funds - Governmental, Fiduciary, and Proprietary - use different accounting approaches.

Governmental Funds: All of the County's services are reported in the Governmental Funds which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting* which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The Governmental Fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental Fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the County's programs. The relationship (or differences) between Governmental *Activities* (reported in the Government-wide statements) and Governmental *Funds* is explained in a reconciliation following the Governmental Fund financial statements.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

**Proprietary Funds:** When the County charges customers for the services it provides - whether to outside customers or to other units of the County - these services are generally reported in Proprietary Funds. Proprietary Funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. Internal Service Funds (a component of Proprietary Funds) are used to report activities that provide supplies and services for the County's other programs and activities such as the administration of workers' compensation obligations and self insurance program for general liability.

**The County as Trustee:** The County is the trustee, or fiduciary, for other assets that, because of a trust arrangement, can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. All of the County's Fiduciary Activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. We exclude these activities from the County's other financial statements because the County cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

#### THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

The County's net position for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 increased \$10,809,126, from \$143,175,114 to \$153,984,240. In contrast, net position decreased by \$(2,833,052) during 2014.

The largest portion of the County's net position of \$124,990,838, or 81.2%, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and 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 by other sources, as the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the County's net position of \$8,633,263, or 5.6%, represents resources subject to external restrictions on how they may be used and are reported as restricted.

The remaining category of total net position, unrestricted net position of \$20,360,139 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations and services to creditors and citizens. Of these net resources, the County has appropriated \$1,157,050 for 2016 expenses and designated an additional \$52,060,503 for specific purposes.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Figure 1), and changes in net position (Figure 2), of the County's Governmental Activities.

Figure 1 - Net Position

	Governmen	tal Activities	Percent Change
	2014		
	(Restated)	2015	2014-2015
Current assets - County	\$ 81,291,984	\$ 82,983,246	2.08%
Current assets - TTASC	771,849	1,189,137	54.06%
Capital assets, net	180,698,189	186,832,628	3.39%
Other noncurrent assets - County	31,038,791	35,300,136	13.73%
Other noncurrent assets - TTASC	649,779	649,779	0.00%
Total Assets	294,450,592	306,954,926	4.25%
Deferred charges on defeased debt	799,324	663,873	(16.95%)
Pensions	4,922,617	5,826,207	18.36%
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	5,721,941	6,490,080	13.42%
Current liabilities - County	38,368,309	27,990,101	(27.05%)
Current liabilities - TTASC	984,469	1,337,902	35.90%
Noncurrent liabilities - County	106,364,791	118,318,118	11.24%
Noncurrent liabilities - TTASC	11,279,850	11,278,709	(0.01%)
Total Liabilities	156,997,419	158,924,830	1.23%
Pensions	-	535,936	100.00%
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	535,936	100.00%
Net investment in capital assets	121,711,741	124,990,838	2.69%
Restricted	8,553,826	8,633,263	0.93%
Unrestricted	12,909,547	20,360,139	57.71%
Total Net Position	\$ 143,175,114	\$ 153,984,240	7.55%

Current assets of the County increased \$2,108,550 primarily as result of an increase in cash balances at year end of \$9,382,175, an increase of \$407,500 in TTASC accounts receivable, offset by a decrease of \$(8,073,863) in amounts due from state and federal governments. Capital assets, net increased \$6,134,439 largely as a result of capital additions of \$17,098,139 exceeding depreciation expense of \$(10,796,935). Other noncurrent assets increased \$4,261,345 primarily due to an increase in the equity interests of joint ventures of \$4,601,634 offset by a decrease in loans receivable of \$(440,698).

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources increased \$768,139 and \$535,936, respectively, due primarily to the decrease in pension expenses in the subsequent period, and the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Current liabilities of the County decreased \$(10,024,775) largely as a result of decreases in BAN's payable of \$(8,234,000) and refundable advances of \$(1,346,610). The County's noncurrent liabilities increased by \$11,952,186 primarily as a result of the recognition of additional other postemployment benefits payable of \$9,155,866, an increase of \$4,136,282 in the long-term portion of debt and other noncurrent obligations, offset by a decrease in long-term pension obligations of \$(1,698,642).

The County's total revenues increased by 7.4%, while the total cost of all programs and services decreased by 0.4%. Our analysis in Figure 2 separately considers the operations of Governmental Activities.

Figure 2 - Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities				Percent Change
	2014			2015	2014 - 2015
REVENUES					
<u>Program Revenues</u> :					
Charges for services	\$	19,071,097	\$	18,278,059	(4.16%)
Operating grants		45,468,121		45,900,684	0.95%
Capital grants		10,954,847		15,443,684	40.98%
General Revenues:					
Property taxes and tax items		44,287,237		45,026,029	1.67%
Sales and other taxes		54,041,714		53,965,783	(0.14%)
Tobacco settlement - County		801,272		985,050	22.94%
Tobacco settlement - TTASC		739,442		984,664	33.16%
Unrestricted grants		558,515		608,749	8.99%
Use of money and property		1,973,290		1,874,581	(5.00%)
Change in equity interest in joint ventures		(1,734,563)		4,601,634	365.29%
Other		(457,811)		970,219	311.93%
Total Revenues	1	75,703,161		188,639,136	7.36%
PROGRAM EXPENSES					
General Government		31,123,174		31,271,170	0.48%
Education		10,306,286		9,215,359	(10.59%)
Public Safety		22,437,664		21,898,942	(2.41%)
Public Health		19,009,771		20,011,658	5.27%
Transportation		23,870,590		25,063,600	5.00%
Economic Assistance and Opportunity		57,103,871		55,269,068	(3.21%)
Culture and Recreation		5,418,621		5,498,478	1.47%
Home and Community Services		7,186,604		7,495,828	4.30%
Interest on debt		2,079,632		2,105,907	1.26%
Total Expenses	1	78,536,213		177,830,010	(0.40%)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$	(2,833,052)	\$	10,809,126	481.54%

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

The increase in revenues of \$12,935,975 was primarily due to an increase in the equity interest in joint ventures over the prior year of \$6,336,197, increased grant revenue of \$4,971,634 primarily related to capital projects, and an increase in other revenues of \$1,428,030 which includes sale of property and compensation for loss.

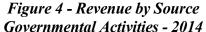
Expenses decreased by \$(706,203), or (0.4%), as a result of current year increases being offset by a reduction in employee benefits of \$2,047,131 related to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68.

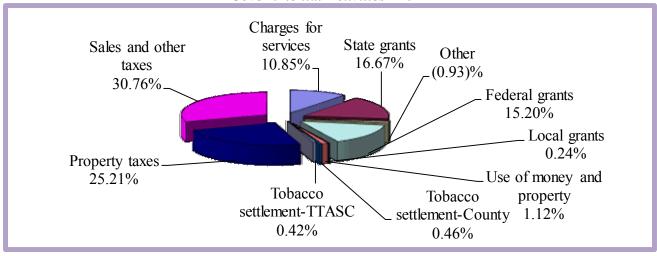
The effects of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 are not reflected in 2014 program expenses, as this information was not available.

Figures 3 and 4 show in percentages the sources of revenue for 2015 and 2014.

Charges for State grants services Sales and other\_ 16.99% 9.69%\_ taxes Other 28.61% 3.28% Federal grants 15.19% Property taxes. Local grants 23.87% 0.34% Tobacco. Tobacco Use of money and settlementsettlement-County property **TTASC** 0.52% 0.99% 0.52%

Figure 3 - Revenue by Source Governmental Activities - 2015





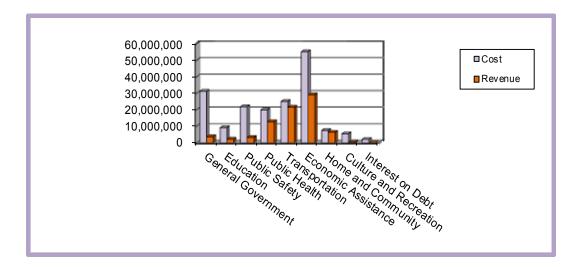
# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

The cost of all Governmental Activities this year was \$177,830,010. As shown in the Statement of Activities, the amount that our taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities through County property and other tax revenues was \$98,207,583, because some of the cost was paid by those who directly benefited from the programs or by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions. Overall, the County's governmental program revenues were \$79,622,427. The County paid for the remaining "public benefit" portion of Governmental Activities with \$109,016,709 in taxes and with other revenues, such as interest and general entitlements.

A comparison of program expenses, outlined in Figure 2, highlights the following: general government program activities reflected an increase of \$147,996, education program activities decreased \$(1,090,927) and public safety program expenses decreased \$(538,722). Public health expenses increased \$1,001,887. Transportation expenses increased \$1,193,010 largely as a result of increased costs related to public transportation, and economic assistance and opportunity program expenses decreased \$(1,834,803). Overall, program expenses of the County's Governmental Activities decreased \$(706,203).

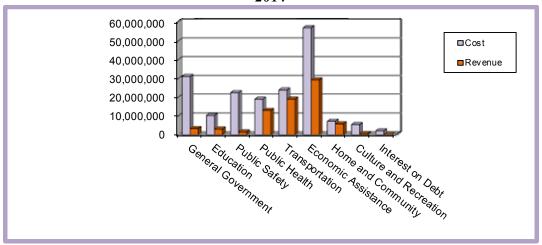
The total cost versus revenue generated by activities for the County's largest programs is presented below. The difference between the cost and revenue shows the relative financial burden placed on the County's taxpayers by each of these functions.

Figure 5 - Net Program Cost Governmental Activities 2015



# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Figure 6 - Net Program Cost Governmental Activities 2014



#### THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

At December 31, 2015, the County's Governmental Funds, as presented in the balance sheets on pages 7-7a, reported a combined fund balance of \$63,069,703, which is an increase of 26.7% from the prior year. Of this amount, \$1,864,765 was non-spendable, \$11,621,045 was restricted, \$4,918,492 was committed, and \$15,767,904 was assigned, leaving \$28,897,497 in unassigned fund balance. Figure 7 shows the changes in fund balance for the County's Governmental Funds.

Figure 7 - Governmental Funds Fund Balance at Years Ended

	2014		
	(restated)	2015	Dollar Change
Major Funds:			
General Fund	\$ 31,729,286	\$ 38,327,048	\$ 6,597,762
County Road Fund	2,790,055	2,851,818	61,763
Transportation (Airport) Fund	(306,505)	(160,614)	145,891
Solid Waste Fund	1,166,650	1,248,724	82,074
Special Grant Fund	1,171,353	1,515,260	343,907
Capital Projects Funds - Transportation	2,423,797	4,823,093	2,399,296
Debt Service Fund	1,721,364	1,842,182	120,818
<u>Non-Major Funds</u> :			
Road Machinery Fund	1,454,701	1,606,370	151,669
Capital Funds	6,228,988	9,176,906	2,947,918
TTASC Debt Service Fund	1,421,628	1,838,916	417,288
Totals	\$ 49,801,317	\$ 63,069,703	\$ 13,268,386

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Fund balance of the County's major funds increased by 24.0% primarily due to an increase in fund balances of the General Fund and the Capital Projects Funds - Transportation. The increase in General Fund is primarily related to favorable budget variances of \$7,925,484. The increase in Capital Projects Funds - Transportation is the result of federal receipts and BAN proceeds in excess of capital outlay.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of the year, the County Legislature revised the County budget several times. These budget amendments consist of budget transfers between functions, which do not increase the overall budget. Throughout the year, it was necessary to transfer approximately \$877,000 from the contingent fund in order to offset over-runs in mandated programs. In addition to these transfers, the County Legislature increased the overall budget to provide for unspent appropriations from the previous year (encumbrances) and various grants where the majority of the funding came from federal and state sources.

Figure 8 - Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual w/Encumbrances	Variance Fav.(Unfav.)
REVENUES				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 48,360,951	\$ 48,360,951	\$ 45,116,799	\$ (3,244,152)
Nonproperty tax items	49,779,745	50,397,787	53,965,783	3,567,996
Departmental income	9,733,114	9,433,196	8,150,312	(1,282,884)
Fines and forfeitures	329,331	343,729	213,750	(129,979)
Use of money and property	463,928	463,928	404,536	(59,392)
Miscellaneous local sources	1,634,217	1,680,678	2,033,864	353,186
Sale of property and compensation for loss	665,000	687,001	1,073,062	386,061
State sources	25,169,832	26,939,398	26,211,681	(727,717)
Federal sources	18,576,338	18,971,064	19,531,091	560,027
Other	468,578	525,586	1,476,042	950,456
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 155,181,034	\$ 157,803,318	\$ 158,176,920	\$ 373,602
Appropriated Fund Balances	\$ 659,881	\$ 2,386,032		
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	\$ 28,993,698	\$ 29,709,256	\$ 29,194,353	\$ 514,903
Education	8,503,478	8,503,478	8,335,473	168,005
Public Safety	16,809,729	18,253,889	17,955,304	298,585
Public Health	18,287,703	19,376,123	17,986,406	1,389,717
Transportation	9,117,589	9,469,455	9,022,110	447,345
Economic Assistance and Opportunity	54,977,616	56,326,979	52,015,445	4,311,534
Culture and Recreation	5,014,668	5,175,655	5,115,327	60,328
Home and Community Services	1,479,598	1,955,706	1,862,124	93,582
Employee Benefits	1,579,956	267,883		267,883
Other Financing Uses	11,076,880	11,150,926	11,150,926	
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 155,840,915	\$ 160,189,350	\$ 152,637,468	\$ 7,551,882
Excess of (Expenditures) and Other Financing (Uses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,539,452	\$ 7,925,484

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Capital Assets**

At the end of December 31, 2015, the County had \$186,832,628, net of accumulated depreciation of \$(161,861,238), invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings, machinery and equipment, roads and bridges. This amount represents a net increase (including additions, disposals and depreciation) of \$6,134,439 from the prior year.

Figure 9 - Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation

	Government	Percent Change	
	2014	2015	2014 - 2015
Land	\$ 7,514,228	\$ 7,518,613	0.06%
Construction in progress	12,237,966	17,835,072	45.74%
Buildings and improvements	44,050,526	43,454,388	(1.35%)
Equipment	8,071,195	9,434,787	16.89%
Infrastructure	108,824,274	108,589,768	(0.22%)
Totals	\$ 180,698,189	\$ 186,832,628	3.39%

Land and construction in progress	\$ 11,513,043
Buildings and building improvements	406,374
Machinery and equipment	2,134,371
Infrastructure	3,044,351
Total Additions	17,098,139
Less net book value of disposals	(166,765)
Less depreciation expense	 (10,796,935)

Change in Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation \$\_\_\_\_\_6,134,439

#### **Debt Administration**

The County's total debt obligations and other long-term liabilities increased in 2015 by \$4,881,008, as shown in Figure 10. Of the total indebtedness of the County, \$52,210,000 was subject to the constitutional debt limit and represented approximately 11.31% of the County's statutory debt limit. Tobacco settlement pass-through bonds are debt of the Tompkins Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (TTASC), under which 50% of the County's future tobacco settlement proceeds were securitized. The County is not responsible for this debt in the event the TTASC were to default on repayment of the bonds.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Figure 10 - Outstanding Debt at Years Ended

	Governmenta	Dollar Change	
	2014		
	(restated)	2015	2014 - 2015
Serial bonds	\$ 44,601,430	\$ 50,575,223	\$ 5,973,793
Bond Anticipation Notes payable	12,824,000	4,590,000	(8,234,000)
Compensated absences	3,537,334	3,922,113	384,779
Installment purchase debt	3,709,814	2,513,923	(1,195,891)
Workers' compensation claims	913,180	1,055,991	142,811
Other postemployment benefits liability	52,369,921	61,525,787	9,155,866
Net pension liability - proportionate share	6,739,407	5,040,765	(1,698,642)
Tobacco settlement pass-through bonds	12,264,319	12,616,611	352,292
Totals	\$ 136,959,405	\$ 141,840,413	\$ 4,881,008

The County continues to maintain excellent financial credit as reflected by a Moody's bond rating of Aa1 on its 2014 and 2015 Bonds. More detailed information about the County's long-term liabilities is presented in Notes 3-6 to the basic financial statements.

#### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Tompkins County is benefiting from a growing tax base, particularly within the City of Ithaca, and is continuing to see monthly employment numbers that are at, or near, record levels. The County's unemployment rate is consistently the lowest in New York State. Importantly, the economy of the central city is robust, with significant taxable development occurring in Ithaca's central business district. Downtown has recently seen the development of a new, \$32 million, 160 room Marriott Hotel set to open in September 2016, several new upscale residential developments including the 7-story Lofts at Six Mile Creek, the completion of the Ithaca Commons pedestrian mall, plus the announcement of a \$30 million headquarters of Tompkins Trust, a \$30 million residential/commercial tower, and a \$14 million residential project on the site of the former County Library. According to City of Ithaca officials, development recently completed, underway, or in the approval stages totals \$371 million.

In the years following the 2008-09 recession, the County has stabilized its finances and has been able to sustain critical services with modest increases in the local property tax rate. The County has kept its workforce 8.5% smaller than its peak in July 2008 and negotiated restrained wage growth with nearly all of its labor unions. Like all counties in New York State, Tompkins has been affected by the rising cost of State-mandated programs. However, the budgeted local dollar cost of State-mandated human service programs has declined from \$22.6 million in 2013 to \$21.4 million in 2016 as human services caseloads peaked, State funding remained stable, and Medicaid savings associated with the introduction of the Affordable Care Act were shared by the State with the counties. Similarly, pension rates that soared immediately after the 2008-09 recession peaked in 2013 and declined in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

The 2016 County Budget was subject to a Tax Levy Limitation Law that restricts the growth of the property tax levy to 1.82%. The adopted budget required a levy increase of 1.01%, well within the State-imposed cap. The \$170.9 million adopted budget, which included \$85.0 million in local dollar spending, increases the County tax levy by 1.01% and decreases the countywide average tax rate by approximately 1.9% to \$6.73 per thousand, and the tax bill for the owner of a median-value \$170,000 county home rose by \$12.39.

The 2016 net tax levy of \$43.3 million (after applying sales tax credits as an offset to the County levy in several towns) reflects an increase of \$0.7 million, or 1.6%, over the 2015 levy of \$42.6 million. Property valuations and tax collections remain stable. Taxable values saw robust growth, rising from \$6,738,801,889 to \$6,936,747,730, or 2.9%.

The 2016 budget reflects modest reliance on General Fund Balance to support operations of \$1,141,750. This judicious use of reserves ensures the County's Unassigned Fund Balance will be kept safely above the County's Unassigned Fund Balance target of 10% of General Fund revenue. Sales tax receipts are estimated to increase by 1.3% or \$405,000 over 2015 (budget to budget).

The 2016-budgeted salary base is \$38.7 million, as compared to 2015's budgeted salary base of \$38.0 million. The 2016 budget included funds for restrained 2016 wage growth. While a few new positions were added to the County roster in the 2016 budget, total number of FTEs went down by 1.7. After four years of sharp increases, the County's pension contribution rate decreased from 20.9% of payroll in 2013 to 20.1% in 2014 to 18.2% in 2015, and is projected to decrease to 15.5% in 2016. This represents a total savings in 2016 of \$1,144,000 to the County (budget to budget).

As of this date, labor agreements are in place for nearly all County employees. The contract with the Correctional Officers union (43 members) expired at the end of 2014. Negotiations on a successor agreement are ongoing. The County, as a matter of fiscal policy, reserves funds for anticipated settlements. The adopted 2016 budget provided resources for future contracts consistent with settlements of other employee units.

Health insurance costs are projected to increase from \$9.6 million (2015 actual) to \$10.5 million (2016 budget), an increase of 9.4%.

The County continues to anticipate and fiscally plan for those areas outside of its control which could have a material effect on future tax levies. The most significant areas considered outside its control are mid-year funding cutbacks from state and federal government and/or unanticipated increases in mandated programs. The 2016 budget provides a Contingency Account of \$977,000 for such circumstances.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

The County will continue to invest in infrastructure replacements. As a matter of policy, the County increases its property tax levy by 0.5% annually, and dedicates the proceeds of that increase to infrastructure investment (including debt service support.) In 2016, the County committed \$5.7 million to its capital program—an increase of \$231,000 over the year before. A Capital Improvement Plan that provides both a programmatic and fiscal blueprint to address essential facilities and infrastructure needs while also providing guidance on the management of debt is in place. The County anticipates completing permanent financing on several projects during 2016, including \$6,000,000 in new bonds. It will also be necessary in 2016 to issue Bond Anticipation Notes to finance the cash flow needs of certain projects that are on a cost reimbursement basis. These Bond Anticipation Notes will be retired upon receipt of project cost reimbursements.

#### CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about the report or need any additional financial information, contact Richard C. Snyder, Director of Finance, Tompkins County, 125 East Court Street, Ithaca, New York 14850.

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Primary			<b>Component Units</b>				
	-	Governmental Activities	Pı	Tompkins County Iblic Library	Industrial Development Agency	Soil and Water Conservation District		
ASSETS	-			<u>,</u>	8- 1			
Current Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	46,395,759	\$	1,478,313 \$	912,945 \$	336,192		
Restricted cash	-	8,478,792		96,272		241,819		
Restricted cash - TTASC	-	118,274		<u> </u>				
Taxes receivable, net	-	5,354,732						
Accounts receivable, net	-	3,843,897		342,015	20,000	9,563		
Accounts receivable - TTASC, net	-	1,067,500	_					
Loans receivable - Current portion	-	243,172	_					
Due from state and federal governments	-	16,343,800				176,251		
Due from other governments	-	285,692	_					
Securities and mortgages	-	176,000	_					
Prepaid expenses	-	1,864,765		75,931		8,254		
Total Current Assets	-	84,172,383	_	1,992,531	932,945	772,079		
Noncurrent Assets:								
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		5,317,619		99,933				
Restricted investments - TTASC	-	649,779		,,,,,,		-		
Investments	-	0.5,775	_	1,636,554				
Accounts receivable in more than one year	-		_	71,314				
Loans receivable - Long-term portion	-	1,206,537	_	, 1,511				
Securities and mortgages	-	1,179,328	_					
Equity interest in joint ventures	-	27,596,652	_					
Capital assets - Land and construction in progress	-	25,353,685	_					
Capital assets - Depreciable,	-	20,000,000	_					
net of accumulated depreciation		161,478,943		860,593		46,059		
Total Noncurrent Assets	-	222,782,543	_	2,668,394		46,059		
Total Assets	-	306,954,926	_	4,660,925	932,945	818,138		
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Pensions		5,826,207		270,926		32,183		
Deferred charges on defeased debt	-	663,873	_			- ,		
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	_	6,490,080	_	270,926		32,183		

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Primary	<b>Component Units</b>			
	Governmental  Governmental	Tompkins County	Industrial Development	Soil and Water Conservation	
LIADILITIES	Activities	<b>Public Library</b>	Agency	District	
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	7 066 073	00.229		05 771	
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities	7,966,973 1,259,615	99,228 82,114		95,771	
Bond Anticipation Notes payable	4,590,000	62,114		92	
Interest payable	413,349				
Due to other governments	4,602,840			403,300	
Refundable advances	2,667,087			241,819	
Other	174,553			241,017	
Long-term obligations due within one year - County	6,315,684				
Long-term obligations due within one year - TTASC	1,337,902				
Total Current Liabilities	29,328,003	181,342		740,982	
Noncurrent Liabilities:					
Long-term obligations due after one year	113,277,353	4,143,166		4,064	
Long-term obligations due after one year - TTASC	11,278,709				
Net pension liability - proportionate share	5,040,765	209,698		36,068	
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	129,596,827	4,352,864		40,132	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	158,924,830	4,534,206		781,114	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pensions Pensions	535,936	22,295		35,821	
1 Chistoris	333,730	22,273		33,021	
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	535,936	22,295		35,821	
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets  Restricted for:	124,990,838	860,593		46,059	
Community Development	2,964,969				
Debt	5,033,063			-	
Public Safety	208,930			-	
Economic Assistance and Opportunity	201,504				
Home and Community Services	199,774				
Capital Projects	25,023				
Library - Expendable		500,713			
Library - Nonexpendable		652,214			
<b>Total Restricted Net Position</b>	8,633,263	1,152,927			
Unrestricted	20,360,139	(1,638,170)	932,945	(12,673)	
Total Net Position	§ <u>153,984,240</u> §	§ 375,350 §	932,945	33,386	

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Program Revenues				
	_	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS					
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:		21 251 152 0	<b>2</b> (21 00 c d)	1 000 000 0	
General Governmental Support	\$_	31,271,170 \$	2,631,886 \$	1,089,928 \$	
Education		9,215,359		2,206,373	
Public Safety		21,898,942	453,888	859,103	1,970,218
Health	_	20,011,658	4,146,584	8,016,204	636,756
Transportation		25,063,600	3,466,482	5,288,208	12,836,710
Economic Assistance					
and Opportunity		55,269,068	1,715,224	27,430,876	
Culture and Recreation		5,498,478	206,713	260,915	·
Home and Community Services		7,495,828	5,657,282	749,077	
Interest on Debt-County		1,244,371			
Interest on Debt-TASC	_	861,536			
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	\$_	177,830,010 \$	18,278,059 \$	45,900,684 \$	15,443,684
Component Units:					
Tompkins County Public Library	\$	4,828,532 \$	82,451 \$	4,282,469 \$	
Industrial Development Agency	_	359,675	624,631		
Soil and Water Conservation	_	1,136,092	24,215	1,195,536	
<b>Total Component Units</b>	\$_	6,324,299 \$	731,297 \$	5,478,005 \$	

Net (Expense) and Changes in Net Position

Program Revenues

#### **GENERAL REVENUES**

#### Taxes:

Property taxes, levied for general purposes
Property tax items
Sales and other taxes
Tobacco settlement payments - County
Tobacco settlement payments - TTASC
Grants and contributions not restricted to
specific programs
Use of money and property
Miscellaneous
Sale of property and compensation for loss
Change in equity in joint ventures

**Total General Revenues** 

Change in Net Position

Net Position - Beginning of Year, as restated

**Net Position - End of Year** 

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

_	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position						
	Primary						
_	Government		Component Units				
	Total	Tompkins	Industrial	Soil and Water			
	Governmental	County	Development	Conservation			
_	Activities	Public Library	Agency	District			
_	(27,549,356) \$		\$	\$			
	(7,008,986)						
	(18,615,733)						
	(7,212,114)						
	(3,472,200)						
	(26,122,968)						
_	(5,030,850)						
_	(1,089,469)						
_	(1,244,371)			-			
_	(861,536)						
_	(98,207,583)						
		(463,612)					
			264,956				
				83,659			
	<u>-</u>	(463,612)	264,956	83,659			
	(98,207,583)	(463,612)	264,956	83,659			
	42,623,496						
	2,402,533			-			
	53,965,783						
	985,050			-			
	984,664						
	608,749						
	1,874,581	43,306	459	387			
	857,958	110,336		9,980			
	112,261						
	4,601,634						
	109,016,709	153,642	459	10,367			
	10,809,126	(309,970)	265,415	94,026			
	143,175,114	685,320	667,530	(60,640			
	153,984,240 \$	375,350	\$ 932,945	\$ 33,386			

#### BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Major Funds			
			Special R	Revenue Funds
		General	County Road	Transportation
		Fund	Fund	Fund
ASSETS				
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted	\$	22,999,631	\$ 2,955,038	\$ 23,715
- Restricted		4,698,097		
Temporary investments - Restricted				
Taxes receivable, net		5,354,732		
Due from other funds		2,815,784	30,088	166,320
Due from state and federal governments		14,901,270	126,449	9,585
Due from other governments		285,692		·
Other receivables, net		3,071,838	7,278	531,728
Prepaid expenses		1,839,600	34	18,525
Securities and mortgages				
Loans receivable	<u> </u>			
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ <u></u>	55,966,644	\$3,118,887	\$ 749,873
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF				
RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	6,356,596	\$ 67,643	\$ 87,502
Accrued liabilities		1,131,640	51,368	27,220
Due to other funds		1,099,361	148,058	791,870
Due to Fiduciary Funds		8,285		· ———
Due to other governments		4,602,840		
Bond Anticipation Notes payable				
Other liabilities		174,553		· <del></del>
Refundable advances		2,663,192		3,895
Total Liabilities	_	16,036,467	267,069	910,487
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Unavailable tax revenue		1,603,129		
Unavailable securities and mortgages				
Unavailable loans				
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	_	1,603,129	_	-
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable		1,839,600	34	18,525
Restricted	_	435,457	-	·
Committed	_		-	-
Assigned	_	6,657,139	2,851,784	-
Unassigned		29,394,852		(179,139)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u> </u>	38,327,048	2,851,818	(160,614)
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources				
and Fund Balances	\$	55,966,644	\$ 3,118,887	\$ 749,873

-	C	Major Funds Revenue Funds Capital Projects Fund			Total	T 4 1
		Special Grant Fund	Transportation Fund	Debt Service Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$	1,156,055	\$ 138,823 \$	8,036,591 \$	\$	7,324,462 \$	42,634,315
•	199,774	1,263,539	1,216,189	1,842,182	4,694,904	13,914,685
-					649,779	649,779
-	_				<u> </u>	5,354,732
•		341	313,035		996,747	4,322,315
-	39,683	200,460	566,353		500,000	16,343,800
						285,692
	160,217	50,920	21,916		1,067,500	4,911,397
	3,243				3,363	1,864,765
				1,355,328		1,355,328
		1,449,709				1,449,709
\$	1,558,972	\$ 3,103,792 \$	10,154,084 \$	3,197,510 \$	15,236,755 \$	93,086,517
\$_	271,917		180,816 \$	\$	829,731 \$	7,912,097
	25,368	15,598			8,421	1,259,615
-	12,963	5,333	560,175		1,776,411	4,394,171
-						8,285
			4,590,000			4,602,840
-			4,390,000			4,590,000 174,553
-						2,667,087
-	310,248	138,823	5,330,991		2,614,563	25,608,648
	310,240	130,023	3,330,771		2,014,303	23,000,040
						1,603,129
-				1,355,328		1,355,328
		1,449,709				1,449,709
	-	1,449,709	-	1,355,328	-	4,408,166
					3,363	1 964 765
	2 2/2					
-	3,243	1 515 260	1 216 190	1 9/2 192	6/11/11/2	
-	3,243 199,774	1,515,260	1,216,189	1,842,182	6,412,183	11,621,045
	199,774	1,515,260		1,842,182	4,918,492	11,621,045 4,918,492
		1,515,260	1,216,189 3,606,904	1,842,182	4,918,492 1,606,370	11,621,045 4,918,492 15,767,904
	1,045,707		3,606,904		4,918,492 1,606,370 (318,216)	11,621,045 4,918,492 15,767,904 28,897,497
	199,774	1,515,260		1,842,182	4,918,492 1,606,370	1,864,765 11,621,045 4,918,492 15,767,904 28,897,497 63,069,703

# RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

Total Governmental Fund Balances			\$	63,069,703
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Posi	ition are dif	ferent because:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in Governmental resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	Activities	are not financial		
Historical cost of capital assets Less accumulated depreciation	\$	348,693,866 (161,861,238)		186,832,628
The County's proportion of the collective net pension asset (liability) is n	ot reported	in the funds.		(5,040,765)
Equity interest in joint ventures are not reported in the Governmental because they do not represent current resources. These are the investiventures:				
Tompkins Cortland Community College Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit	\$	23,504,334 4,092,318		27,596,652
Certain revenues are deferred in Governmental Funds due to applying the receivables for the modified accrual basis of accounting. However, resources are considered revenues in the Statement of Activities due to	these defe	erred inflows of		
basis of accounting.				4,408,166
Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the costs of health and workers' compensation insurance. The assets and liabilities of are included in Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position.	f the Intern			2,730,718
Certain accrued expenses, such as interest on debt, reported in the Staten require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are no				
Governmental Funds. Accrued interest payable	\$	(413,349)		(413,349)
Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position therefore, is not reported in the Governmental Funds. Deferred inflacquisition of net position that applies to future periods and, the Governmental Funds.	ows of res	sources represents an	1	
ERS deferred inflows - pensions	\$	(535,936)		
ERS deferred outflows - pensions		5,826,207		
Deferred charges on defeased debt		663,873		5,954,144
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable therefore, are not reported in the funds. See Notes 3-6.	e in the cui	rent period and,		
Serial Bonds payable	\$	(50,575,223)		
TTASC tobacco settlement pass-through bonds		(12,616,611)		
Installment purchase debt		(2,513,923)		
Other postemployment benefits liability Compensated absences		(61,525,787)		(121 152 657)
		(3,922,113)		(131,153,657)
Net Position of Governmental Activities			\$	153,984,240

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

		<b>Major Funds</b>	
		Special Re	venue Funds
	General Fund	County Road Fund	Transportation Fund
REVENUES			
Real property taxes	\$ 42,714,266 \$	\$	
Real property tax items	2,402,533		
Nonproperty tax items	53,965,783		
Departmental income	8,150,312		1,480,964
Intergovernmental charges	1,047,510		109,556
Use of money and property	404,536	1,932	1,360,153
Licenses and permits	5,071	7,620	
Fines and forfeitures	213,750		
Sale of property and compensation for loss	1,073,062	17,134	40,000
Miscellaneous local sources	2,033,864	34,531	16,976
Interfund revenues	423,461		
State sources	26,211,681	2,291,288	
Federal sources	19,531,091	162,363	
Total Revenues	158,176,920	2,514,868	3,007,649
EXPENDITURES			
General governmental support	28,974,955		
Education	8,335,473		
Public safety	17,845,075	261,322	
Health	17,949,366		
Transportation	9,022,110	5,758,357	2,283,503
Economic assistance and opportunity	51,621,702		, ,
Culture and recreation	5,114,714		
Home and community services	1,564,837		
Employee benefits		914,961	453,492
Debt service (principal and interest)			
Capital outlay			
Total Expenditures	140,428,232	6,934,640	2,736,995
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)	17,748,688	(4,419,772)	270,654
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Interfund transfers in		4,727,801	
Interfund transfers (out)	(11,150,926)	(246,266)	(124,763)
Proceeds of obligations			
Premium on obligations			
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	(11,150,926)	4,481,535	(124,763)
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)			
and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	6,597,762	61,763	145,891
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year, as restated	31,729,286	2,790,055	(306,505)
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 38,327,048 \$	2,851,818 \$	(160,614)

	Majo		Major Funds			
	pecial Reve Waste	nue Funds Special Grant	Capital Projects Fund Transportation	Debt Service	Non-Major Governmental	Total Governmental
	ınd	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	9	42,714,266
	Ψ,					2,402,533
						53,965,783
4.:	561,251	359,081				14,551,608
				679,970		1,837,036
	804	61	10,166	179,440	9,111	1,966,203
		<u> </u>				12,691
						213,750
	507,218				211,835	1,849,249
-	3,254	135,064	1,059,648	249,527	1,058,438	4,591,302
				<u> </u>	1,537,873	1,961,334
	53,629		341,478	-	3,155,509	32,053,585
-		1,600,577	4,160,114	-	3,199,243	28,653,388
5,	126,156	2,094,783	5,571,406	1,108,937	9,172,009	186,772,728
				1,740	57,482	29,034,177
						8,335,473
						18,106,397
						17,949,366
					1,447,442	18,511,412
		1,347,493				52,969,195
						5,114,714
	535,700	540,271			160.155	6,640,808
	412,530			6,000,045	162,475	1,943,458
			0.110.600	6,090,245	509,987	6,600,232
	0.40.000	1,007,774	8,112,633	6 001 005	9,642,491	17,755,124
4,	948,230	1,887,764	8,112,633	6,091,985	11,819,877	182,960,356
-	177,926	207,019	(2,541,227)	(4,983,048)	(2,647,868)	3,812,372
	20.000	127,000	200.522	5 047 953	1 004 742	11 217 007
	20,000	136,888	290,523	5,047,852	1,094,743	11,317,807
	115,852)		4,650,000		5,070,000	(11,637,807) 9,720,000
			4,030,000	56.014	3,070,000	
-	(95,852)	136,888	4,940,523	56,014 5,103,866	6,164,743	56,014 9,456,014
	(93,632)	130,888	4,940,323	3,103,800	0,104,743	9,430,014
	82,074	343,907	2,399,296	120,818	3,516,875	13,268,386
1,	166,650	1,171,353	2,423,797	1,721,364	9,105,317	49,801,317
\$	248,724 \$	1,515,260 \$	4,823,093 \$	1,842,182 \$	12,622,192	63,069,703

# RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 13,268,386
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental Funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense and net book value of disposed assets.  Capital outlay  \$ 17,098,139  Net book value of disposed assets  (166,765)  Depreciation expense  (10,796,935)	6.134.439
	 0,134,437
Equity interests in joint ventures are not reported in the Governmental Fund financial statements because they do not represent current resources. This is the change in the investments in the County's joint	4 (01 (24
ventures.	 4,601,634
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the change in certain deferred inflows of resources.	 (183,991)
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to Governmental Funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. This is the amount by which proceeds of debt exceeded the repayment of debt principal.	 (5,113,609)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. Changes in these expenses include the following	
include the following.  Compensated absences \$ (384,779)	
Other postemployment benefits liability (9,155,866)	
Accrued interest payable 39,970	
Accreted interest on Series 2005 TTASC bonds (483,340)	
Amortization of bond premiums, discounts, and deferred charges on defeased debt 331,304	(9,652,711)
<del></del>	 <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>
Cash outflows from the issuance of loans to qualified recipients under revolving loan programs are recorded as expenditures, whereas loan repayments and payments on long-term receivables are recorded as revenue in the Governmental Fund financial statements. In the Government-wide financial statements,	
these transactions affect only cash and loans receivable and are not recorded in the Statement of Activities.	 (554,408)
Changes in the County's proportionate share of net pension liabilities have no effect on current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds. In addition, changes in the County's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions do not effect current	
financial resources and are also not reported in the Governmental Funds.  ERS	 2,066,296
Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities, such as workers compensation and insurance, to individual funds. Net gain of the Internal Service Fund is reported with	
Governmental Activities.	 243,090
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 10,809,126

#### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,761,444
Due from other funds	72,906
Total Assets	3,834,350
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	46,591
Benefits and awards payable	1,055,991
Due to other funds	1,050
Total Liabilities	1,103,632
NET POSITION	Ø 2700.710
Total Net Position	\$ 2,730,718

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	 Activities ernal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES	 _
Charges for services - Governmental Funds	\$ 772,906
Charges for services - External participants	34,008
Charges for services - Interfund transfer	320,000
Other operating revenues	 131,022
Total Operating Revenues	 1,257,936
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administrative	195,875
Contractual	 72,905
Benefits and awards	 556,501
Claims and judgments	 193,774
Total Operating Expenses	 1,019,055
Gain from Operations	 238,881
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest income	4,209
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues</b>	4,209
Change in Net Position	 243,090
Total Net Position, Beginning of Year	 2,487,628
Total Net Position, End of Year	\$ 2,730,718

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>
	Internal Service Funds
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash received from providing services	\$1,122,028_
Cash received from insurance recoveries	131,022
Cash received from interfund transfer	1,022,320
Cash payments - Suppliers	(285,047)
Cash payments - Claims and benefits	(607,464)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,382,859
Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities	
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities: Interest income received	4,209
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	4,209
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,387,068
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1,	2,374,376
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31,	\$ 3,761,444
Reconciliation of Gain of Income from Operations	
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	222.004
Gain from operations	238,881
Decrease in interfund receivable	702,320
Decrease in other receivables	315,114
(Decrease) in accounts payable	(17,317)
Increase in accrued liabilities	142,811
Increase in interfund payable	1,050
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ <u>1,382,859</u>

# STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	_	Private Purpose Trust Fund		Agency Fund
ASSETS	•	4.4.	Φ.	60060-
Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted	\$	14,763	\$	6,926,975
Accounts receivable				103,070
Due from Governmental Funds	_			8,285
Total Assets	_	14,763	\$	7,038,330
LIABILITIES				
Agency liabilities	_		\$	7,038,330
Total Liabilities	_		<b>\$</b>	7,038,330
NET POSITION				
Held in trust for memorials	_	14,763		
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$_	14,763		

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

		Private Purpose Trust Fund
ADDITIONS		_
Investment earnings	\$	11
Total Additions	_	11
DEDUCTIONS Total Deductions		
Change in Net Position	_	11
Net Position - Beginning of Year	_	14,752
Net Position - End of Year	\$	14,763

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the County of Tompkins (the County) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant of the County's accounting policies are described below.

#### **Financial Reporting Entity**

The County, which was incorporated in 1817, is governed by its Charter, Administrative Code, the County Law, other general laws of the State of New York, and various local laws. The County Legislature is the legislative body responsible for overall operations; the County Administrator serves as Chief Executive Officer and Budget Officer, and the Finance Director serves as Chief Fiscal Officer.

The County provides the following basic services: General Governmental Support, Education, Public Safety, Health, Transportation, Economic Assistance and Opportunity, Culture and Recreation, Public Improvements, Planning and Zoning, and Home and Community Services.

All Governmental Activities and functions performed by the County are its direct responsibility. No other governmental organizations have been included or excluded from the reporting entity.

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government which is the County, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The decision to include a potential component unit in the County's reporting entity is based on several criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity," as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units" and GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus," including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following are included as component units:

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

## **Blended Component Unit**

Tompkins Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation - During 2000, in accordance with the laws of New York State and the securitization of 50% of its future tobacco settlement proceeds, the Tompkins Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (TTASC) was established. TTASC is one of 17 New York County TASC's in the New York Counties Tobacco Trust I, organized as not-for-profit local development corporations who purchased the rights to the tobacco settlement proceeds from each respective County. The TASC's, in turn, pledged and assigned all of their rights as security and as a source of payment to the New York Counties Tobacco Trust I, who issued in aggregate \$227,130,000 of Tobacco Settlement Pass Through Bonds. The proceeds from securitizing 50% of its future proceeds amounted to \$7,070,234 and were recognized in the 2000 financial statements of the County. During 2005, the TASC was able to restructure pledged revenues in order to raise additional revenues.

Participation in New York Counties' Tobacco Trust V resulted in \$3,659,502 of proceeds distributed to the County for capital improvements. TTASC is deemed to be a blended component unit of the County and is reported as a Debt Service Fund. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the Tompkins County Director of Finance located at 125 Court Street, Ithaca, New York 14850.

#### **Discretely Presented Component Units**

Tompkins County Public Library (the Library) - Established in 1968 by the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors and granted a charter by the State Board of Regents as provided in Article 5 of the Education Law. The Tompkins County Legislature appoints trustees; raises taxes for library purposes; has title to real property used by the library; and issues all library indebtedness which is supported by the full faith and credit of the County of Tompkins. The library is a discretely presented component unit of the County. Complete financial statements can be obtained from their administrative office at 101 East Green Street, Ithaca, New York 14850.

<u>Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA)</u> - A Public Benefit Corporation created by State Legislation to promote the economic welfare, recreational opportunities, and prosperity of Tompkins County residents. Members of TCIDA are appointed by the County but the County exercises no oversight responsibility. TCIDA members have complete responsibility for management of the agency and accountability for fiscal matters. The County is not liable for TCIDA bonds or notes.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

<u>Tompkins County Development Corporation (Corporation)</u> - Similar to the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency, the Corporation was formed for the purpose of encouraging economic growth in Tompkins County during 2010. Because New York State has legislated that industrial development agencies can no longer serve not for profit entities, the Corporation will serve that segment of the economy in Tompkins County. The Corporation is deemed to be a component unit of TCIDA.

TCIDA is a discretely presented component unit of the County. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency, 401 East State Street, Suite 402B, Ithaca, New York 14850.

<u>Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District (the District)</u> - Established under provisions of Article 3, Section 30 of the General Municipal Law to provide for the conservation of soil and water resources. Members of the District's Board of Directors are appointed by the County Legislature and the County provides 80.1% of the District's General Fund operational revenue. The Soil and Water Conservation District is a discretely presented component unit of the County. Complete financial statements can be obtained from their administrative office at 170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.

### **Joint Ventures**

The following organizations are related to the County of Tompkins, and are included in the reporting entity as equity interest in joint ventures:

Tompkins Cortland Community College was established in 1965 by joint action of the Legislative Boards of Tompkins and Cortland Counties as joint local sponsors under provisions of Article 126 of the Education Law. The College is administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of nine voting members; five of whom are appointed by the Legislative Boards of the two counties under an apportionment made between the two counties by the State University Trustee, and four by the Governor. The College's annual operating and capital budget is subject to approval by both County Boards and, in addition, the counties provide one-half of capital costs and one-third of operating costs for the College. Ownership of existing capital facilities is held in the ratio of 68% and 32% by the Counties of Tompkins and Cortland, respectively. Subsidies to meet operational expenses are shared in the ratio of resident students in attendance. The Tompkins Cortland Community College is an activity undertaken jointly with the County of Cortland and accordingly, the proportionate share of the College's equity is reported as an asset on the County's Statement of Net Position. See Note 9 for additional disclosures regarding this joint venture.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) was formed under a consolidation agreement between the City of Ithaca, the County of Tompkins, and Cornell University effective April 1, 1998. The agreement shall remain in force until October 9, 2021. TCAT began operations on January 1, 1999, with its purpose to provide public transportation in Tompkins County and surrounding areas. As of January 1, 2005 TCAT was reorganized as a 501(c)(3). However, the structure of the Board and interest of each party was not changed. TCAT is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine voting members with three members being appointed by each participant in the venture. The General Manager of TCAT is a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board. In addition, the nine voting members of the Board select five additional non-voting, ex-officio members. Interest of each party in surpluses, losses, property, and debt acquired by TCAT shall be shared equally. Each party makes an annual contribution of equal amounts to the venture. See Note 9 for additional disclosures regarding this joint venture.

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

The County's basic financial statements include both Government-wide (reporting the County as a whole) and Governmental Fund financial statements (reporting the County's Major Funds.) Both the Government-wide and Governmental Fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either Governmental or Proprietary. The County's General Governmental Support, Education, Public Safety, Health, Transportation, Highways and Streets, Economic Assistance and Opportunity, Culture and Recreation, and Home and Community Services are classified as Governmental Activities. Services relating to self-insurance and workers' compensation administration are presented in the Proprietary Activities.

#### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The Government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of activities for the primary government and for the County's discretely presented component units.

Government-wide financial statements do not include the activities reported in the Fiduciary Funds or fiduciary component units. This Government-wide financial statements focus is more on the sustainability of the County as an entity and the change in the County's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

In the Government-wide Statement of Net Position, the Governmental Activities are presented on a consolidated basis in one column, and are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The County's net position is reported in three parts - net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. The County first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

The Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost for each of the County's functions or programs. Gross expenses are direct expenses, including depreciation, that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. These expenses are offset by program revenues - charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants, and contributions that are restricted to meeting the prepared or capital requirements of a particular program. Depreciation on assets that are shared by essentially all of the County's programs has been reported in General Government Support. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. The net cost represents the extent to which each function or program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

The County does not allocate indirect costs. Indirect costs are reported in the function entitled "General Government."

#### **Governmental Fund Financial Statements**

The financial transactions of the County are reported in individual funds in the Governmental Fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. The County records its transactions in the fund types described below:

#### Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of expendable financial resources, and the related liabilities are accounted for through Governmental Funds. The measurement focus of the Governmental Funds is based upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position. The following are the County's Governmental Funds:

#### Major Funds:

<u>General Fund</u> - Principal operating fund, includes all operations not required to be recorded in other funds.

## Special Revenue Funds:

<u>County Road Fund</u> - Accounts for expenditures for highway purposes authorized by Section 114 of the Highway Law.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Transportation Fund - Accounts for the operations of the County-owned airport.

<u>Solid Waste Fund</u> - Accounts for County solid waste activities.

<u>Special Grant Fund</u> - Accounts for Community Development Block Grants and funds received under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Enacted July 22, 2014).

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> - Accounts for and reports financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or renovation of major capital transportation facilities, equipment or transportation system.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - Accounts for current payments of principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt (and for financial resources accumulated in a reserve for payment of future principal and interest on long-term indebtedness).

## Non-Major Funds:

## Special Revenue Fund;

<u>Road Machinery Fund</u> - Accounts for the purchase, repair, maintenance, and storage of highway machinery, tools, and equipment pursuant to Section 133 of the Highway Law.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - Consist of general government, home and community services, public safety, education, TCAT, and public health funds, which are used to account for and report financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or renovation of major capital facilities or equipment.

<u>Debt Service Fund - TTASC Fund</u> - Accounts for accumulation of resources from tobacco settlement payments and for payment of principal and interest on Tobacco Settlement Pass through Bonds.

## **Proprietary Funds**

Proprietary Funds are used to account for ongoing organizations or activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. Measurement focus is upon determination of net income, financial position, and changes in financial position. The following Proprietary Funds are utilized:

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

<u>Internal Service Funds</u> - Accounts for the accumulation of resources for payment of unemployment insurance as authorized by Section 6M of the General Municipal Law and to account for the accumulation of resources for payment of compensation, assessments, and other obligations under Workers' Compensation Law, Article 5, and accumulation of resources for payment of self-insured risks as authorized by Section 6N of the General Municipal Law.

#### Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the local government in a trustee or custodial capacity. The following fiduciary funds are utilized:

Agency Fund - Accounts for money and/or property received and held in the capacity of trustee, custodian or agent.

<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u> - Reports all trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The County uses this fund to report funds provided for cemetery maintenance.

## **Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus**

Basis of accounting refers to <u>when</u> revenues and expenditures/expenses and the related assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus. Measurement focus is the determination of <u>what</u> is measured, i.e. expenditures or expenses.

Accrual Basis - The Government-wide financial statements and the Proprietary and Fiduciary Fund financial statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly all of the County's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, including capital assets, as well as infrastructure assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

<u>Modified Accrual Basis</u> - Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Material revenues that are accrued include real property taxes, state and federal aid, sales tax, and certain user charges.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

The County considers property tax receivables collected within 60 days after year end to be available and recognizes them as revenues of the current year. All other revenues that are deemed collectible within six months after year end are recognized as revenues in the current year. If expenditures are the prime factor for determining eligibility, revenues from federal and state grants are accrued when the expenditure is made, all other grant requirements have been met, and the resources are available.

Expenditures are recorded when incurred. The cost of capital assets is recognized as an expenditure when received. Exceptions to this general rule are that 1) principal and interest on indebtedness are not recognized as an expenditure until due, and 2) compensated absences, such as vacation and sick leave, which vests or accumulates, are charged as an expenditure when paid.

#### **Equity Classifications**

# **Government-wide Financial Statements**

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

<u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

<u>Restricted</u> - Consists of net resources with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted</u> - Consists of all other net resources that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

# **Governmental Fund Financial Statements**

The County complies with GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." Statement No. 54 changed the terminology and classification of fund balance to reflect spending constraints on resources, rather than availability for appropriation. This approach is intended to provide users more consistent and understandable information about a Fund's net resources.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Constraints are broken into five classifications: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. These classifications serve to inform readers of the financial statements of the extent to which the government is bound to honor any constraints on specific purposes for which resources in a fund can be spent.

## Nonspendable

Consists of assets inherently nonspendable in the current period either because of their form or because they must be maintained intact; including prepaid items, inventories, long-term portions of loans receivable, financial assets held for resale, and endowments principal.

#### • Restricted

Consists of amounts subject to legal purpose restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments and enforced externally; or through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

#### Committed

Consists of amounts subject to a purpose constraint imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority prior to the end of the fiscal year, which requires the same level of formal action to remove said constraint.

## Assigned

Consists of amounts subject to a purpose constraint representing an intended use established by the government's highest level of decision-making authority, or their designated body or official. The purpose of the assignment must be narrower than the purpose of the General Fund. In funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance.

#### Unassigned

Represents the residual classification of the government's General Fund, and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the General Fund, the unassigned classification should only be used to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for specific purposes.

The County has, by resolution, adopted a fiscal policy which states the County must maintain an unassigned fund balance of at least 10% of the General Fund operating budget. The County's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and then unassigned fund balance.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

## **Property Taxes**

The authority for levying taxes for the support of County and town government, inclusive of special districts, and for re-levying unpaid school taxes and village taxes, has been delegated by the New York State Legislature to the governing board of the County through various provisions of the Real Property Tax Law. For purposes of both County and town taxes, the value of real property is listed and established by the County Director of Assessment for each parcel of real property therein. Amounts to be raised by tax are determined from balanced budgets of the towns and the County and levied on or before December 31, each year. The lien date is January 1. Tax rates are established by the ratio of real property value to the taxes to be raised. In the instance of County taxes levied within the city and each of the towns, property values are equalized by the County Legislature through establishment of the ratio that assessed value of the real property in each town and the city bears to the full value therein. Except for city school district taxes levied within the city, unpaid school and village taxes are purchased from each school district and village and added to tax levies and, until paid, are counted among the assets of the County; the County thus acquires all rights, title, and interest in any unpaid taxes. Unpaid city school district taxes on properties outside of the city are also turned over to the County for collection. Taxes are collected in the towns and City of Ithaca from January 1, to a date no later than April 1, when settlement is made with the Finance Director, who makes collections thereafter. The towns' share of tax levies, which are guaranteed by the County, are paid to supervisors out of the first money received. A 5% penalty is added to unpaid items at the time of settlement; thereafter, unpaids, inclusive of this penalty, bear interest at an annual variable rate determined by the New York State Commission of Taxation and Finance.

Residential and farm property classes are now subject to foreclosure after a three year period of delinquency as compared to the former practice of four years; all other classes of property are now subject to foreclosure action after a two year period of delinquency. Article 11 also replaces the procedure of sending delinquent taxes to Tax Sale. The County is now required to file a list of delinquent taxes with the County Clerk and to maintain such listing on an annual basis. Delinquent taxes, which are not redeemed within times prescribed by statute, are subject to conversion to tax deeds vesting title in the County, which in turn may be conveyed by sale to third parties.

Real property taxes levied are recognized as revenue in the Governmental Fund financial statements only if they are "available" within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year. Tax revenue deemed not available is treated as a deferred inflow of resources. At December 31, 2015, the County had deferred \$1,603,129 of real property tax revenue in the General Fund.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

## **Budgetary Data**

**Budgeting Policies** - The budget policies are as follows:

No later than November 10, the County Administrator (as budget officer) submits a tentative budget to the County Legislature for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The tentative budget includes proposed expenditures and the proposed means of financing for all funds.

After public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments, no later than December 10, the governing board adopts the budget.

Budget modifications in excess of \$5,000 are authorized by resolution of the County Legislature. Unencumbered budgetary appropriations lapse at the close of each fiscal year with the exception of capital projects. There is an adopted Fiscal Plan which is reviewed annually. The Fiscal Plan allows County departments to apply for the reappropriation of unspent appropriations from the previous year.

Capital project budgets are established in the capital projects annual budget (which coincides with the operations budget) and through the County Legislature resolutions authorizing individual projects. These resolutions remain in effect for the life of the project.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For financial statement purposes, the County considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less as cash equivalents.

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at cost, which approximates market value.

#### Receivables

Receivables are stated net of estimated allowances for uncollectible amounts. Amounts due from state and federal governments represent amounts owed to the County to reimburse it for expenditures incurred pursuant to various state and federally funded programs.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

#### **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the Statements of Net Position report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County reports deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and debt in the Statements of Net Position. The types of deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and debt are described in Notes 3 and 5, respectively.

In addition to liabilities, the Statements of Net Position 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 will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County reports deferred inflows of resources related to pensions which are further described in Note 3.

#### Revenues

Substantially all Governmental Fund revenues are accrued. Property tax receivables expected to be received later than 60 days after year end are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the Governmental Fund financial statements. In applying GASB Statement No. 33 to grant revenues, the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements are met. Resources transmitted before time eligibility requirements are met are reported as deferred outflows of resources by the provider and deferred inflows of resources revenue by the recipient. Resources transmitted before all other eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and unearned revenue by the recipient.

#### **Self-Insurance**

The County of Tompkins assumes the liability for all general liability and substantially all of its vehicle risks. Judgments and claims are recorded when it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. As of December 31, 2015, the County had reserved \$1,646,686 in the Internal Service Fund to fund any settlements (See Note 10). Additionally, the County is self-insured for unemployment and reimburses New York State dollar for dollar for any unemployment claims. Unemployment charges for 2015 amounted to \$72,905.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Effective January 1, 1994, the County became self-insured for workers' compensation claims. Claims occurring prior to 1994 are insured under retrospective adjustment policies issued by the State Insurance Fund. During 2015, the County was not subject to retrospective premiums for claims incurred prior to the County becoming self-insured. The Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plan reflected the following balances and activity for claims incurred but not paid:

		Liability	C	laims and		Liability
	I	Beginning	C	Changes in	Claim	End of
Year		of Year	]	Estimates	Payments	Year
2015	\$	913,180	\$	699,312	\$ (556,501)	\$ 1,055,991
2014		840,319	\$	724,507	(651,646)	913,180

An additional \$2,730,718 is reserved in the Internal Service Fund to fund any workers' compensation claims.

# Property, Plant, and Equipment

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Equipment and furnishings over \$5,000; machinery and motor vehicles over \$25,000; land and buildings over \$100,000; and infrastructure assets over \$100,000, with a useful life greater than one year, are capitalized at cost in the Statement of Net Position. Contributed fixed assets are recorded at fair market value at the date received. The estimated useful lives for governmental capital assets are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	30 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 15 years
Infrastructure	25 - 50 years

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

#### **Vacation, Sick Leave and Compensatory Absences**

County of Tompkins' employees are granted vacation and sick leave and earn compensatory absences in varying amounts. Two to four weeks of vacation time, depending upon length of employment, are earned by each full time permanent and provisional employee. Benefits accrue upon commencement of employment. Sick/disability leave credits accumulate to a maximum of 120 days. Upon termination of employment, employees are compensated for unused vacation time up to a maximum of three years. Employees are eligible to receive unused sick benefits, unused holiday time, and unused compensatory time in cash or credit to be used to pay for health insurance during retirement. The value of these benefits at December 31, 2015, is approximately \$3,922,113, and is recorded as a long-term obligation in the Statement of Net Position In addition, component units of the County reported \$137,945 in compensated absences at December 31, 2015.

Payment of vacation and sick leave recorded in the Statement of Net Position is dependent upon many factors; therefore, timing of future payments is not readily determinable. However, management believes that sufficient resources will be made available for the payments of vacation and sick leave and compensatory absences when such payment becomes due.

#### **Postemployment Benefits**

In addition to providing pension benefits, the County of Tompkins provides health insurance coverage and survivor benefits for retired employees and their survivors. Substantially all of the County of Tompkins' employees may become eligible for these benefits if they elect to continue coverage. Health care benefits and survivors benefits are provided through an insurance company whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The County of Tompkins recognizes the cost of providing benefits by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure in the year paid.

During 2008, the County adopted GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions." The County's liability for other postemployment benefits has been recorded in the Statement of Net Position, in accordance with the statement. See Note 6 for additional information.

Certain retirees of the Tompkins County Library and Tompkins Cortland Community College are covered under health plans administered by the County. Both of these entities reimburse the County fully for their share of postemployment benefits.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

#### **Interfund Activity**

Interfund activity is reported as either loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate, and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements take place when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between Governmental Funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the Government-wide financial statements.

#### Reclassifications

To conform to the 2015 financial statement presentation, certain items reported in 2014 have been reclassified for comparative purposes. These reclassifications have no effect on net position.

#### *Note 2* Assets

#### **Cash and Investments**

The County of Tompkins' investment policies are governed by state statutes. In addition, the County has its own written investment policy. The County's monies must be deposited in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the state. The County Finance Director is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral (security) is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the state and its municipalities and school districts.

Deposits and investments are valued at cost or cost plus interest, and are categorized as either (1) insured and for which the collateral is held by the County's agent in the County's name, (2) collateralized, and for which the securities are held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the County's name, or (3) uncollateralized.

Deposits and investments at year end were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by collateral held by custodial banks in the County's name. Total financial institution (bank) balances at December 31, 2015, per the bank, were \$69,404,748 for the primary government.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 2** Assets - Continued

#### **Restricted Cash**

Restricted cash and cash equivalents, reported on the Primary Government's Government-wide financial statements consists of:

Governmental Activity	 Amount
Unspent bond proceeds	\$ 5,792,819
Debt service	1,842,182
Community development	1,465,043
Public safety	1,290,362
Repairs and replacements	224,797
Public health	789,441
General government	815,869
Economic assistance	1,066,086
Culture and recreation	31,117
Home and community	156,013
Transportation	322,682
TASC	 118,274
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	\$ 13,914,685

Restricted investments of \$649,779 represent amounts held in a mandated TASC liquidity reserve, which is held in trust and comprised of U.S. Treasury money market funds recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

## **Securities and Mortgages Receivable**

The County has recorded \$1,355,328 of Securities and Mortgages Receivable offset by Deferred Inflows of Resources of \$1,355,328 in the Debt Service Fund. In the Statement of Net Position, this receivable is not deferred. The receivable represents the portion of debt reflected in the Statement of Net Position for which third parties have contractual responsibility to reimburse the County for future debt service requirements. The following summarizes the parties and obligations involved:

	Original	Date				
Indebtedness	Amount	Issued	Party Involved	% Share		Balance 12/31/15
Serial Bonds	\$ 1,400,000	2005	Tompkins Community Action	100%	\$	427,188
Serial Bonds	330,000	2005	Food Net	100%		115,138
Serial Bonds	105,000	2002	Cooperative Extension of T.C.	100%		35,599
County Funds	180,000	2001	Cooperative Extension of T.C.	100%		66,308
Serial Bonds	350,000	2012	Cooperative Extension of T.C.	100%		350,000
Serial Bonds	389,566	2013	Cortland County	36%		97,865
Serial Bonds	734,063	2014	Cortland County	36%	-	263,230
Total					\$	1,355,328

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# **Note 2** Assets - Continued

## **Other Receivables**

Accounts receivable as of December 31, 2015, consisted of the following:

General Fund:		
Due from TC3	\$	1,126,590
Miscellaneous rents and fees		933,427
Tobacco Settlement Revenue Receivable		1,067,500
Allowance for uncollectibles		(55,679)
Total General Fund		3,071,838
Transportation Fund:		
Transportation fees due from airlines		456,220
Miscellaneous		75,508
Total Transportation Fund		531,728
Solid Waste Fund:		
Solid waste tipping fees		175,250
Allowance for uncollectibles		(15,033)
Total Solid Waste Fund		160,217
Special Grant Fund:		
Grants receivable		50,920
County Road Fund:		
Insurance Recoveries		7,278
Transportation Fund (Capital):		
Equipment Proceeds		21,916
TTASC Fund:		
Tobacco settlement revenue		
receivable and accrued interest		1,067,500
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$</b>	4,911,397

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

### **Note 2** Assets - Continued

## **Property Taxes**

At December 31, 2015, total real property tax assets of \$5,753,211 are offset by an allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$398,479. Current year returned village and school taxes of \$3,341,907 are offset by liabilities to the villages and school districts which will be paid no later than April 1, 2016. The remaining portion of tax assets is partially offset by deferred inflows of resources of \$1,603,129 (which represents an estimate of the taxes which will not be collected within the first sixty (60) days of the subsequent year).

## **Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2015, was as follows:

		<b>Balance at</b> 12/31/14	Additions	Deletions	Reclassifi- cations	<b>Balance at</b> 12/31/15
Governmental Activities	-	·	·			
Non-Depreciable Capital						
Assets:						
Land and land						
improvements	\$	7,514,228 \$	4,385 \$	\$	\$	7,518,613
Construction in progress	_	12,237,966	11,508,658		(5,911,552)	17,835,072
Total Non-depreciable	-	_		_	_	
Capital Assets		19,752,194	11,513,043	_	(5,911,552)	25,353,685
_	-				<u> </u>	
Depreciable Capital Assets:						
Buildings		92,660,837	406,374		2,301,438	95,368,649
Machinery and equipment		13,290,496	2,134,371	(592,224)		14,832,643
Infrastructure		206,484,424	3,044,351		3,610,114	213,138,889
Total Depreciable Capital	-					
Assets		312,435,757	5,585,096	(592,224)	5,911,552	323,340,181
Total Historical Cost	-	332,187,951	17,098,139	(592,224)	_	348,693,866
Less Accumulated						
Depreciation:						
Buildings		(48,610,311)	(3,303,950)			(51,914,261)
Machinery and equipment		(5,219,301)	(604,014)	425,459		(5,397,856)
Infrastructure		(97,660,150)	(6,888,971)			(104,549,121)
Total Accumulated	-	_		_	_	
Depreciation		(151,489,762)	(10,796,935)	425,459		(161,861,238)
Governmental Activities						
Capital Assets, Net	\$	180,698,189 \$	6_6,301,204_\$	(166,765)\$	-\$	186,832,628

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 2** Assets - Continued

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental Activities	
General governmental support	\$ 860,394
Education	15,167
Public safety	2,250,638
Public health	586,751
T	5 700 422

Transportation 5,780,433
Economic assistance and opportunity 420,621
Culture and recreation 327,996

Home and community services 554,935

Total Governmental Activities Depreciation Expense \$\, 10,796,935

Capital asset activity of the Tompkins County Public Library was as follows:

				20	<u>15</u>		
		Balance at					Balance at
Historical Cost:		12/31/14	_	Additions	_	Retirements	12/31/15
Equipment	\$	1,447,312	\$	130,608	\$	(20,103) \$	1,557,817
Collection		5,569,056	_	260,765		(167,072)	5,662,749
Total Historical Cost		7,016,368	_	391,373		(187,175)	7,220,566
Less Accumulated Depreciation:						_	_
Equipment		(1,279,623)		(58,456)		20,103	(1,317,976)
Collection		(4,963,553)	_	(245,516)		167,072	(5,041,997)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	_	(6,243,176)		(303,972)	_	187,175	(6,359,973)
<b>Total Capital Assets, Net</b>	\$ <u></u>	773,192	\$	87,401	\$ <u></u>	<u> </u>	860,593

The Tompkins County Public Library Foundation also had equipment with no net book value as of December 31, 2015.

Capital asset activity of Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District was as follows:

		Balance at				Balance at
		12/31/14	Additions	Retirements		12/31/15
Equipment	\$	186,638 \$	15,999	\$	\$	202,637
Less: accumulated depreciation	_	(144,615)	(11,963)		_	(156,578)
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$	42,023 \$	4,036	\$ <u> </u>	\$_	46,059

Depreciation on all capital assets is computed on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation expense amounted to \$11,963 for the year ended December 31, 2015.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 3** Pension Obligations - New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the County, the Library and the District (the Employers) implemented GASB Statement No. 68 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - Amendment to GASB Statement No. 27" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date." The implementation of the Statements requires employers to report as an asset and/or liability its portion of the collective net pension liability in the New York State Employees' Retirement System. Implementation of the Statements also requires employers to report a deferred outflow and/or inflow of resources for the effect of the net change in the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability and difference during the measurement period between the employer's contributions and its proportionate share of total contributions to the pension system not included in pension expense. Also included as a deferred outflow of resources is the employer's contributions to the pension system subsequent to the measurement date.

## Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The Employers participate in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all assets and record changes in fiduciary net position allocated to the System. Participating employers are required under the RSSL to contribute to the System at an actuarially determined rate adopted annually by the Comptroller.

The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Generally, members of the System are employees of the State and its municipalities, other than New York City.

ERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System is Included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. The Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP) provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. In these statements, GLIP amounts are apportioned to and included in ERS.

Separately issued financial statements for the System can be accessed on the Comptroller's website at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/pension/cafr.htm or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# Note 3 Pension Obligations - New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) - Continued

Members who joined the System prior to January 1, 2010 need five years of service to be 100% vested. Members who joined on or after January 1, 2010 require ten years of service credit to be 100% vested.

Generally, Tier 1 and 2 members are not required to contribute to the System; Tier 3, 4, and 5 members must contribute 3% of their salary to the System. As a result of Article 19 of the RSSL, eligible Tier 3 and 4 employees, with a membership date on or after July 27, 1976, who have ten or more years of membership or credited service with the System, are not required to contribute. Members cannot be required to begin making contributions or to make increased contributions beyond what was required when membership began. For Tier 6 members, the contribution rate varies from 3% to 6% depending on salary. Generally, Tier 5 and 6 members are required to contribute for all years of service.

## **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The System's financial statements from which the System's fiduciary net position is determined are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized when due and the employer has a legal requirement to provide the contributions.

Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Plan investments are reported at fair value. For detailed information on how investments are valued, please refer to the System's annual report.

#### **Contributions**

Contributions for the current year and two preceding Plan years were equal to 100% of the employees retirement system (ERS) contributions required, and were as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
County	\$ 6,563,490	\$ 7,383,294	\$ 6,256,722
Library	303,722	288,556	265,631
District	7,463	55,677	60,305

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

At December 31, 2015, the Employers reported the following liabilities for their proportionate share of the net pension liability for the System. The net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation. The Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Employer's long-term share of contributions to the System relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was derived from a report provided to the Employers by the ERS System.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# Note 3 Pension Obligations - New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) - Continued

	 ERS
Actuarial valuation date	04/01/2014
Net pension (asset) liability	\$ 3,378,245,000
County's proportionate share of the Plan's total net pension liability	5,040,765
Library's proportionate share of the Plan's total net pension liability	209,698
District's proportionate share of the Plan's total net pension liability	36,068

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the County, the Library and the District recognized pension expense of \$4,363,907, \$303,722 and \$23,686, respectively, for ERS in the financial statements. At December 31, 2015 the Employer's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the ERS pensions as follows:

<u> </u>	<u>ct                                    </u>
Resources:	
n expected and	
	155
ween projected and	265
pension plan investments 875,517 36,422 6,3 ons subsequent to the	265
•	763
1,707,550 227,771 21,	703
Outflows of Resources \$ 5,826,207 \$ 270,926 \$ 32,	183
Resources:	
on and differences	
ry's contributions	
share of contributions $ (535,936) $ $ (22,295) $ $ (35,$	821)
Inflows of Resources \$ <u>(535,936)</u> \$ <u>(22,295)</u> \$ <u>(35,</u>	<u>821)</u>
Resources: on and differences ry's contributions share of contributions  \$ (535,936) \$ (22,295) \$ (35)	5,5

Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, reported as deferred outflows of resources, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension (asset) liability in the year ended December 31, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to ERS pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	County	Library		District
Year ended:	 _	 _	_	_
2016	\$ 125,236	\$ 5,210	\$	(7,100)
2017	125,236	5,210		(7,100)
2018	125,236	5,210		(7,100)
2019	125,234	5,210		(7,100)

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# Note 3 Pension Obligations - New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) - Continued

## **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations were as follows:

	ERS
Measurement date	March 31, 2015
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2014
Interest rate	7.5%
Salary scale	4.9%
	April 1, 2005 -
Decrement tables	March 31, 2010 System's Experience
Inflation rate	2.7%

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2011 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2014.

The actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2014 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2010.

The long term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of investment expense 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 each target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

	ERS
Measurement date	March 31, 2015
Asset Type:	
Domestic equities	7.3%
International equities	8.5%
Real estate	8.3%
Private equity/Alternative investments	11.0%
Absolute return strategies	6.8%
Opportunistic portfolio	8.6%
Real assets	8.7%
Cash	2.3%
Inflation-indexed bonds	4.0%
Mortgages and bonds	4.0%

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# Note 3 Pension Obligations - New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) - Continued

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based on the assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension (Asset) Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or higher than the current rate:

		Current				
	1	% Decrease	Assumption	1% Increase		
ERS		(6.5%)	(7.5%)	(8.5%)		
County's proportionate share of the						
net pension liability	\$	33,598,883 \$	5,040,766 \$	(19,069,367)		
Library's proportionate share of the						
net pension liability		1,397,727	209,698	(793,293)		
District's proportionate share of the						
net pension liability		240,407	36,068	(136,445)		
net pension liability District's proportionate share of the		, ,	,			

## **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

The components of the current-year net pension (asset) liability of ERS employers as of the valuation date were as follows:

		Dollars in Thousands
	_	ERS
Valuation date	_	April 1, 2014
Employers' total pension liability	\$	164,591,504
Plan net position		(161,213,259)
<b>ERS Employers' Net Pension Liability</b>	\$	3,378,245
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Ratio of Plan Net Position to the Employers' Total Pension Liability

97.9%

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# Note 3 Pension Obligations - New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) - Continued

#### **Effect on Net Position**

Changes in the net pension liability and deferred outflows and inflows of resources for the year ended December 31, 2015 resulted in the following effect on net position:

	Beginning		Ending
	 Balance	 Change	 Balance
County:			
Net pension liability	\$ (6,739,407)	\$ 1,698,642	\$ (5,040,765)
Deferred outflows of resources	4,922,617	903,590	5,826,207
Deferred inflows of resources	 	 (535,936)	 (535,936)
County Total	\$ (1,816,790)	\$ 2,066,296	\$ 249,506
Library:			
Net pension liability	\$ (292,874)	\$ 83,176	\$ (209,698)
Deferred outflows of resources	216,417	54,509	270,926
Deferred inflows of resources		(22,295)	(22,295)
Library Total	\$ (76,457)	\$ 115,390	\$ 38,933
District:			
Net pension liability	\$ (48,246)	\$ 12,178	\$ (36,068)
Deferred outflows of resources		32,183	32,183
Deferred inflows of resources		(35,303)	(35,821)
District Total	\$ (48,764)	\$ 9,058	\$ (39,706)

#### **Restatement of Net Position**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the Employers implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - Amendment to GASB Statement No. 27," and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date." The implementation of these new accounting standards resulted in the reporting of deferred outflows of resources, a liability, and deferred inflows of resources related to the Employer's participation in the New York State Employees' retirement system. The employer's net position has been restated as follows:

		County		Library		District
Net Position (Deficit) Beginning of Year,						
as Previously Stated	\$	144,991,904	\$	761,777	\$	(11,876)
GASB Statement No. 68 implementation:						
Beginning system liability -						
Employees' Retirement System		(6,739,407)		(292,874)		(48,246)
Beginning deferred outflow (inflows) of resources						
for contributions subsequent to the measurement date	_	4,922,617	_	216,417	_	(518)
Net Position Beginning of Year, as Restated	\$	143,175,114	\$	685,320	\$	(60,640)

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### Note 4 Short-term Debt

#### **Bond Anticipation Notes**

The County may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

Outstanding balances of BAN's payable were comprised of the following at December 31, 2015:

	Interest Rate	Maturity Date		Outstanding December 31, 2015
BAN - dated 10/15/2015 - Road Construction	2.00%	10/14/2016	\$	3,240,000
BAN - dated 07/10/2015 - Road Construction	1.50%	07/08/2016	_	1,350,000
Total			\$_	4,590,000

The following is a summary of changes in BAN's payable for the period ended December 31, 2015:

		Balance			Balance
	_	12/31/14	Additions	Deletions	12/31/15
BAN - dated 7/14/2014 - Road Construction	\$	5,794,000 \$	\$	(5,794,000) \$	-
BAN - dated 7/14/2014 - Road Construction		3,790,000		(3,790,000)	-
BAN - dated 11/6//2014 - Road Construction		3,240,000		(3,240,000)	-
BAN - dated 10/15/2015 - Road Construction		-	3,240,000		3,240,000
BAN - dated 7/10/2015 - Road Construction	_	<u>-</u>	1,350,000		1,350,000
Total BAN Activity	\$	12,824,000 \$	4,590,000 \$	(12,824,000) \$	4,590,000

#### **Revenue Anticipation Notes**

The County may issue Revenue Anticipation Notes (RANs), in anticipation of the receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. RANs represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the County did not issue or redeem any RANs.

## Note 5 Long-term Debt

#### **Constitutional Debt Limit**

At December 31, 2015, the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the County of Tompkins (exclusive of TTASC bonds) aggregated \$52,210,000. Of this amount, \$52,210,000 was subject to the constitutional debt limit and represented approximately 11.31% of its statutory debt limit.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 5** Long-term Debt - Continued

#### **Serial Bonds**

The County of Tompkins borrows money in order to acquire land or equipment or construct buildings and improvements. This enables the cost of these capital assets to be borne by the present and future taxpayers receiving the benefit of the capital assets. These long-term liabilities, which are full faith and credit debt of the local government, are recorded in the Government-wide financial statements. The provision to be made in future budgets for capital indebtedness represents the amount, exclusive of interest, authorized to be collected in future years from taxpayers and others for liquidation of the long-term liabilities.

On November 26, 2013 the County issued \$8,935,000 of public improvement refunding (serial) bonds, with interest rates ranging between 2.00% and 5.00%, pursuant to a Refunding Bond Resolution duly adopted by the County Legislature on September 4, 2012. The County issued the bonds to advance refund \$9,495,000 of the outstanding balance of the 2004 refunding bonds with interest rates ranging from 2.50% to 5.00%. The County used the net proceeds along with other resources to purchase U.S. government securities. These securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service on the refunded portion of the bonds. As a result, the \$9,495,000 in bonds is considered defeased and the liability has been removed from the County's financial statements. The present value of the total debt service savings to the County was \$714,162 at the date of issuance. The outstanding principal of the defeased bonds was \$6,800,000 at December 31, 2015.

On November 6, 2014 the County issued \$18,690,000 of public improvement refunding (serial) bonds, with interest rates ranging between 2.00% and 5.00%, pursuant to a Refunding Bond Resolution duly adopted by the County Legislature on September 4, 2012. The County issued the bonds to advance refund \$20,685,000 of the outstanding balance of the 2005, 2007 and 2010 serial bonds with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 4.25%. The County used the net proceeds along with other resources to purchase U.S. government securities. These securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service on the refunded portion of the bonds. As a result, the \$20,685,000 in bonds is considered defeased and the liability has been removed from the County's financial statements. The present value of the total debt service savings to the County was \$1,965,867 at the date of issuance. The outstanding principal of the defeased bonds was \$20,045,000 at December 31, 2015.

On July 10, 2015 the County issued \$9,720,000 of public improvement (serial) bonds, with interest rates ranging between 2.00% and 3.00%. The County used the proceeds to provide long-term financing for road construction projects formerly financed with BAN's.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 5** Long-term Debt - Continued

#### **BANs**

BANs are reflected as current or long-term liabilities depending on the refinancing status. For Governmental Funds, if all legal steps have been taken to refinance the BANs, the intent is supported by an ability to consummate refinancing the short-term note on a long-term basis in the operating statement of the recipient fund. Such notes are recorded as liabilities in the Government-wide financial statements.

State law requires BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term obligations or paid off within five years after the original issue date. However, BANs issued for assessable improvement projects may be renewed for periods equivalent to the maximum life of the permanent financing, provided stipulated annual reductions of principal are made.

#### **Installment Purchase Debt**

Represents long-term lease commitments and is liquidated in the General Fund. The amount capitalized in relation to these lease commitments was \$16,512,501 for infrastructure and \$548,000 for buildings, with total lease commitments outstanding of \$2,513,923 at December 31, 2015. Net book value of the related assets was \$11,476,956 at yearend.

## **Summary of Long-term Debt**

The following is a schedule of long-term debt and with corresponding maturity schedules:

٥	Date	Interest	Maturity	Balance
Description	Issued	Rate	Date	Outstanding
Bonds:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
2013 Refunding Bonds	11/2013	2.00-5.00%	11/2020	\$ 6,235,000
2014 Refunding Bonds - Series A	11/2014	2.00-5.00%	03/2027	4,675,000
2014 Refunding Bonds - Series B	11/2014	2.00-5.00%	12/2032	13,265,000
Add unamortized premiums				2,955,223
Net Refunding Bonds				27,130,223
Public Improvement Bonds 2007	03/2007	3.60-4.00%	03/2027	265,000
Public Improvement Bonds 2012	07/2012	1.00-2.25%	07/2027	2,570,000
Public Improvement Bonds 2013	07/2013	3.00-4.00%	07/2030	3,635,000
Public Improvement Bonds 2014	11/2014	2.00-3.00%	10/2029	7,255,000
Public Improvement Bonds 2015	07/2015	2.00-3.00%	07/2030	9,720,000
<b>Total Bonds</b>			:	\$ 50,575,223
Installment Purchase Debt:				
Public Safety Communications	03/2006	3.760%	09/2016	\$ 957,522
Energy Performance Contract	09/2012	1.751%	03/2020	1,133,624
Human Services Annex	02/2011	4.035%	02/2025	422,777
Total Installment Purchase Debt				\$2,513,923_

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

**Note 5** Long-term Debt – Continued

Description	Date Issued	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance Outstanding
TTASC Bonds:				_
Series 2000 Tobacco Settlement Pass-through Bonds Less: Unamortized bond discount	12/2000	5.25% - 6.30%	06/2025 \$	5,525,000 (106,207)
Carrying Value of Series 2000 Tobacco Settlement Pass-through Bonds				5,418,793
Series 2005 Tobacco Settlement Pass-through Bonds Less: Unamortized bond discount Add: Addition to accreted value	11/2005	6.0% - 7.85%	06/2060	3,634,440 (54,843) 3,618,221
Carrying Value of Series 2005 Tobacco Settlement Pass-through Bonds				7,197,818
Total Carrying Value of Pass-through Bonds			\$	12,616,611

The County's Debt Service requirements at December 31, 2015 were as follows:

	Serial B	Sonds <u>'</u>	TTASC Series 2	2000 Bonds	<b>Installment Pu</b>	rchase Debt	
<u>Year</u>	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 3,870,000 \$	1,603,259 \$	1,155,000 \$	297,824 \$	1,236,401	63,207 \$	8,225,691
2017	3,955,000	1,496,170	365,000	274,604	284,600	30,473	6,405,847
2018	4,090,000	1,355,170	475,000	247,564	290,455	24,618	6,482,807
2019	3,850,000	1,206,920	490,000	216,551	296,448	18,625	6,078,544
2020	3,475,000	1,076,158	530,000	183,547	171,046	12,490	5,448,241
2021-2025	13,240,000	4,045,594	2,510,000	356,424	234,973	30,212	20,417,203
2026-2030	13,055,000	1,625,851					14,680,851
2031-2035	2,085,000	94,200					2,179,200
			_				_
Total	\$ <u>47,620,000</u> \$	12,503,322 \$	5,525,000 \$	1,576,514 \$	2,513,923	<u>179,625</u> \$	69,918,384

During 2005, the County sold its residual interest in the Securitized Tobacco Settlement Revenues through the issuance of Series 2005 TASC Bonds, as described above. The Series 2005 Bonds are capital appreciation bonds, upon which the investment return on the initial principal amount is reinvested at a compounded rate until maturity.

There are no scheduled principal and interest payments on the TASC Series 2005 Bonds other than on their respective maturity dates, at which time a single payment is made representing both the initial principal amount and the total investment return.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 5** Long-term Debt - Continued

However, the Series 2005 Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity through turbo redemption payments which are to be made from surplus collections on deposit, as provided in the Bond Indenture. The amounts and timing of the turbo redemption payments are based on projections of future tobacco settlement receipts less amounts needed to satisfy Debt Service on the Series 2000 Bonds and to satisfy operating requirements. Failure to make such turbo redemption payments will not, however, constitute an event of default.

The projected turbo redemption payments are presented in the following table. It is expected the County will make payments based on this amortization. No payments on this debt were made in 2015.

	_	Principal	ncipal Interest		_	Total
2015	\$	53,421	\$	40,285	\$	93,706
2016		143,433		123,490		266,923
2017		146,360		142,590		288,950
2018		160,996		176,209		337,205
2019		162,460		198,534		360,994
2020-2024		552,153		872,461		1,424,614
2025-2029		1,334,238		4,069,035		5,403,273
2030-2034		661,760		4,411,359		5,073,119
2035-2039	_	419,619	_	4,199,897	_	4,619,516
<b>Expected Total Debt Service</b>	\$_	3,634,440	\$_	14,233,860	\$_	17,868,300

The following is a summary of the amount of accretion on the TTASC Series 2005 capital appreciation bonds if held to maturity:

		Amount of Yearly Accretion and Amortization of Bond Discount
2015	\$	461,448
2016		482,083
2017		499,376
2018		515,594
2019		531,777
2020-2024		2,956,873
2025-2029		2,954,010
2030-2034		2,107,519
2035-2039		590,299
Total Accretion		11,098,979
Accumulated accretion		3,134,881
Principal	_	3,634,440
<b>Expected Total Debt Service</b>	\$	17,868,300

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

# **Note 5** Long-term Debt - Continued

## **Other Long-term Liabilities**

In addition to the above long-term debt, the County had the following non-current liabilities:

- 1) Compensated Absences: Represents the value of earned and unused portion of the liability for compensated absences and is liquidated in various funds.
- 2) Workers Compensation Claims: Represents estimated liabilities for claims for workers' compensation that have been incurred but not reported, and is liquidated in the Internal Service Fund.
- 3) Postemployment benefits: Represents the anticipated obligation for the postretirement health care benefits program.

## **Summary of Changes in Long-term Obligations**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the period ended December 31, 2015:

		Balance 12/31/14		Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/15		Amount Due Within One Year
Serial Bonds	\$	41,165,500	\$	9,720,000 \$	(3,265,500) \$	47,620,000	\$	3,870,000
Unamortized premiums	_	3,435,930	_		(480,707)	2,955,223	_	477,316
Total Serial Bonds	_	44,601,430		9,720,000	(3,746,207)	50,575,223	· ' <u>-</u>	4,347,316
Compensated absences		3,537,334			384,779	3,922,113		-
Workers' compensation claims		913,180		699,312	(556,501)	1,055,991		731,967
Other postemployment benefits		52,369,921		10,423,079	(1,267,213)	61,525,787		-
Installment purchase debt	_	3,709,814	_		(1,195,891)	2,513,923	· -	1,236,401
Total Primary Government								
Long-term Debt		105,131,679		20,842,391	(6,381,033)	119,593,037		6,315,684
TTASC Bonds		9,304,440			(145,000)	9,159,440		1,351,854
Add accreted interest on 2005 bonds		3,134,881		483,340		3,618,221		- · · · · · -
Less unamortized bond discount		(175,002)			13,952	(161,050)		(13,952)
Total TASC Bonds	-	12,264,319	_	483,340	13,952	12,616,611	-	1,337,902
Total Long-term Debt	<b>\$</b> _	117,395,998	\$_	21,325,731 \$	(6,512,081) \$	132,209,648	\$	7,653,586

Additions and deletions to compensated absences are shown net, as it is impractical to determine these amounts separately.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 5** Long-term Debt - Continued

The County expensed \$2,105,907 in interest on long term debt during the year.

Total	\$ 2,105,907
Add amortization of TTASC bond discount	 13,952
Less amortization of bond premiums	(480,707)
Add amortization of deferred charges on defeased debt	135,451
Add accreted interest on the Series 2005 TASC bonds	483,340
Add interest accrued in the current year	413,349
Less interest accrued in prior year	(453,319)
Cash paid	\$ 1,993,841

#### **Deferred Outflows of Resources**

The County reports deferred outflows of resources related to deferred charges on defeased debt in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. A deferred charge on defeased debt results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the life of the refunding debt.

The following is a summary of changes in deferred charges on defeased debt for the period ended December 31, 2015:

	Balance				Balance	Amount Due
	 12/31/14	Additions	_	Deletions	12/31/15	Within One Year
Deferred Charges on Defeased Debt	\$ 799,324 \$	-	\$	(135,451) \$	663,873 \$	129,019

#### **Note 6** Other Postemployment Benefits

## **Tompkins County**

In 2008, the County adopted GASB Statement No. 45 "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions." In the past, the County reported the cost of retiree health care on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Based on GASB Statement No. 45 guidelines, an employer with more than 200 participants must complete a full actuarial valuation at least biennially.

The actuarial accrued liability and the annual Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) cost for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 is based on an actuarial valuation of the County of Tompkins Postretirement Health Care Benefits Program (the Plan) which was performed as of January 1, 2014. The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the County. The Plan provides for continuation of medical and prescription drug insurance benefits for certain retirees and their spouses and can be amended by action of the County subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The Plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report as there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 6** Other Postemployment Benefits - Continued

The obligations of the Plan members, employers and other entities are established by action of the County pursuant to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements and varies depending on the applicable agreement. The expected employer contribution of \$1,267,213 represents an actuarially determined estimate of premiums and claims paid on behalf of 220 retirees for the year ended December 31, 2015. Plan members receiving benefits may be required to contribute to the Plan depending on their collective bargaining unit. The costs of administering the Plan are paid by the County.

The County's annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period of 30 years.

The following table shows the components of the County's annual OPEB cost for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015:

		2015
Normal cost	\$	5,283,047
Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability		6,434,629
Total Annual Required Contribution		11,717,676
Interest on net OPEB obligation		2,094,797
Adjustment to annual required contribution		(3,389,394)
Annual OPEB Cost (Expense)		10,423,079
Expected employer contribution		(1,267,213)
Increase in Net OPEB Obligation		9,155,866
Net OPEB Obligation - January 1	_	52,369,921
Net OPEB Obligation - December 31	<b>\$_</b>	61,525,787

The County's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the Plan, and the net OPEB obligation for the current year and two preceding years were:

Fiscal	Annual	Annual OPEB	Net OPEB
Year Ended	OPEB Cost	Cost Contributed	Obligation
12/31/2015	\$ 10,423,079	12.2%	\$ 61,525,787
12/31/2014	9,851,767	11.2%	52,369,921
12/31/2013	9,256,000	14.1%	43,620,353

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 6** Other Postemployment Benefits - Continued

As of December 31, 2015, the Plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$95,598,255; there are no assets legally segregated for the Plan. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the Plan) was \$38,299,679 and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 249.6%.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding funded status of the Plan and annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of Plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time, relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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

In the January 1, 2014 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. Actuarial assumptions included an annual medical cost trend rate of 5% initially, increased by increments to an ultimate rate of 6% after ten years. The rate included 2.9% inflation rate and 4% discount rate assumptions.

### **Tompkins County Public Library**

The Library complies with GASB Statement No. 45 "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employees for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions."

An actuarial valuation of the Library's Retiree Healthcare Plan (Plan) was performed as of January 1, 2014 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 by the County's contractor in conjunction with the overall evaluation for the County. The Library's actuarial evaluation is stated as a subcomponent of the total County liability. The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit Healthcare Plan administered by the County. The Plan provides medical, hospital, drug and Part B Premium Reimbursements to eligible retirees and their spouses. Authority to establish and amend the Plan rests with the County subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The Plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report as there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 6** Other Postemployment Benefits - Continued

Prescription co-payments and contribution requirements of Plan members and the Library are established and may be amended by the Library subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The Library has negotiated collective bargaining agreements which include obligations of Plan members and the Library. Required contribution is based on projected "pay-as-you-go" financing requirements. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Library's expected contributions were \$90,583 to the Plan for current premiums of 16 retirees, compared to \$86,880 in 2014. Plan members receiving benefits may be required to contribute to the Plan depending on their collective bargaining unit.

The Library's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period of 30 years.

The following table shows components of the Library's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the Plan and changes in the Library's net OPEB obligation to the Library's Healthcare Plan:

		2015
Normal cost	\$	324,270
Amortization of UAAL		391,494
Total Annual Required Contribution		715,764
Interest on net OPEB obligation		138,795
Adjustment to annual required contribution		(224,572)
Annual OPEB Cost (Expense)		629,987
Contributions expected on behalf of 16 employees		(90,583)
Increase in Net OPEB Obligation		539,404
Net OPEB Obligation - January 1		3,469,881
Net OPEB Obligation - December 31	<b>\$</b>	4,009,285

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## Note 6 Other Postemployment Benefits - Continued

The Library's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the Plan and the net OPEB obligation for the current and two preceding years were:

		Percentage of						
Fiscal		Annual	Annual OPEB		Net OPEB			
Year Ended	(	OPEB Cost	Cost Contributed	_	Obligation			
12/31/2015	\$	629,987	14.4%	\$	4,009,285			
12/31/2014		596,135	13.6%		3,469,881			
12/31/2013		610,357	13.8%		2,960,626			

As of December 31, 2015, the Plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$5,816,317. There are no assets legally segregated for the Plan. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the Plan) was \$1,846,332 and the ratio of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) to the covered payroll was 315% percent.

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

The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of Plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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

In the January 1, 2014 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. Actuarial assumptions included an annual medical cost trend rate of 5% initially, increased by increments to an ultimate rate of 6% after ten years. The rate included 2.9% inflation rate and 4% discount rate assumptions.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 7** Interfund Receivables and Payables

Interfund receivable and payable balances at December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	F	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables		Interfund Revenue		Interfund Expenditures
Major Funds:				-			
General Fund	\$	2,815,784 \$	1,099,361	\$		\$	11,150,926
County Road Fund		30,088	148,058		4,727,801		246,266
Transportation Fund		166,320	791,870		-		124,763
Solid Waste Fund			12,963		20,000		115,852
Special Grant Fund		341	5,333		136,888		
Capital Projects Fund -							
Transportation Fund		313,035	560,175		290,523		
Debt Service Fund		-			5,047,852		
Non-Major Funds		996,747	1,776,411		1,094,743		
Internal Service Fund		72,906	1,050	-	320,000		
Total	\$_	4,395,221 \$	4,395,221	\$	11,637,807	\$	11,637,807

## **Note 8** Deferred Compensation Plan

Employees of the County of Tompkins may elect to participate in the ICMA-RC Deferred Compensation Plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The Plan, available to all employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years, usually after retirement. GASB Statement No. 32, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code 457 Deferred Plans," requires Plan assets to be held by an outside trustee, and are not reported in the County's financial statements.

At the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Legislature, with a unanimous vote, the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan (NYSDCP) was approved to be the new deferred compensation provider. The decision to change providers was based on the NYS Plan's lower costs/fees to employees and retirees who participate, along with the consistently strong performance of the plan. The transition from ICMA-RC, the current provider, to the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan took place on June 1, 2015.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 9** Joint Ventures

## **Tompkins Cortland Community College**

The following is the activity undertaken jointly with another municipality. The County's share of this activity is included in the County's financial statements. Separate financial statements are issued for this joint venture and may be obtained from their administrative office at 170 North Street, Dryden, New York 13053.

The County of Tompkins and the County of Cortland jointly own the Tompkins Cortland Community College. The venture operates under the terms of an agreement dated 1965 under provisions of Article 126 of the Education Law. The agreement is for an indefinite period of time. Significant provisions of the agreement are as follows:

- The College is administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of nine voting members; five of whom are appointed by the Legislative Boards of the two counties under an apportionment made between the two counties by the State University Trustee, and four by the Governor.
- Ownership of existing capital facilities and capital expenses are shared in the following ratios:

County of Tompkins 68% County of Cortland 32%

- Subsidies to meet operational expenses are shared in the ratio of residents in attendance. The County's share of operations for the current year and the two preceding years was: \$2,872,284, \$2,788,625, \$2,707,400.
- The governing body has established that the County of Tompkins and the County of Cortland will each provide 30% of the operational costs of the College. Subsidies to meet operational expenses are shared in the ratio of resident students in attendance.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 9 Joint Ventures - Continued**

- All monies incidental to college operations are received and expended by the College except for those monies relating to Debt Service for which the counties, as sponsors, are responsible. During 1994 the sponsors authorized a Campus Master Plan Improvement Program in the amount of \$8,689,572. The sponsors are responsible for approximately 50% of the cost associated with the Master Plan improvements. Tompkins County is the lead agency in financing the sponsor's share, and has issued \$6,860,000 of debt to provide for the sponsor's share of program cost. The Cortland County Legislature has executed an inter-municipal agreement with Tompkins County, which provides for reimbursement of 36% of the net Debt Service cost associated with the project. As of December 31, 2015, outstanding debt related to the 1994 Master Plan was \$1,003,041 in bonds. Cortland County is responsible for 36% or \$361,095 of the bonds payable. Tompkins County reports 100% of the debt in its Statement of Net Position and also reports a receivable for the 36% in "securities and mortgages" in its Debt Service Fund.
- In 2005, the College began another campus expansion program estimated at a cost of approximately \$34,000,000. The sponsoring counties have committed \$13,500,000 to match New York State participation in the expansion, with the College required to raise funds over and above the amount of approved by New York State. Under the 2005 Campus Expansion, each County became responsible for issuing debt to finance the project. At December 31, 2015, the County has contributed \$12,971,037 for the Campus Expansion, consisting of \$3,665,537 from tobacco securitization, a \$620,000 budget contribution, and \$8,685,500 of bonds and notes. At December 31, 2015, outstanding debt related to the 2005 Campus Expansion was \$4,403,339.
- In 2014, the College began another Master Plan improvement project estimated at a cost of approximately \$7 million. The sponsoring counties have committed \$3,525,000 to match the NYS participation in the expansion, with the College required to raise funds over and above the amount approved by New York State. Under the 2014 Campus Expansion, each County became responsible for issuing debt to finance the project. Tompkins County bonded \$2,185,500 on November 6, 2014 for this project; the outstanding debt related to the 2014 Master Plan improvement project was \$2,055,000.
- The financial statements of the College are independently audited annually. The following is an audited summary of financial information included in financial statements for the joint venture, (combined funds) as of August 31, 2015:

Total Assets	\$ 56,332,854
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,101,962
Total Liabilities	20,702,578
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,167,041
Total Equity	34,565,197
Total Revenues	45,044,235
Total Expenses	49,565,788

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 9** Joint Ventures - Continued

• The County's share of the College's equity is comprised of the following at December 31, 2015:

68% of the College's total equity \$\frac{23,504,334}{23,504,334}\$ **Equity Interest in the College** \$\frac{23,504,334}{334}\$

#### **Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit**

The following is the activity undertaken jointly with another municipality and a university. This activity is excluded from the financial statements of the participating municipalities. Separate financial statements for this joint venture can be obtained from the Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit's administrative office at 737 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, New York 14850.

TCAT was formed under a consolidation agreement between the City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, and Cornell University effective April 1, 1998. The agreement shall remain in force until October 9, 2021. TCAT began operations on January 1, 1999, with its purpose to provide public transportation in Tompkins County and surrounding areas. As of January 1, 2005 TCAT was reorganized as a 501(c)(3). However, the structure of the Board, and the interest of each party was not changed. Significant provisions of the agreement are as follows:

- TCAT is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine voting members with three members being appointed by each participant in the venture. The General Manager of TCAT is a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board. In addition, the nine voting members of the Board select five additional non-voting, ex-officio members.
- Interest of each party in surpluses, losses, property, and in debt acquired by TCAT shall be shared equally.
- Each party makes an annual contribution of equal amounts to the venture for TCAT's operating budget. The County's contribution for 2015 was \$829,432. Its contribution for TCAT's operating budget for 2016 will be \$837,432.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 9 Joint Ventures - Continued**

• The financial statements of TCAT are independently audited annually and may be obtained from their administrative office. The following is a summary of audited financial information included in financial statements for the joint venture as of December 31, 2015:

\$ 14,941,196
2,664,242
12,276,954
15,549,412
14,527,244
\$

• The County's share of the TCAT's equity amounted to \$4,092,318 at December 31, 2015.

## **Note 10** Contingencies

As described in Note 8, the County is a partner in TCAT, a joint venture, and shares equally in surpluses or losses. The County may, in the future, be required to provide additional resources to finance its share of any operating deficits of TCAT.

The County of Tompkins is a defendant in several tax certiorari claims brought by taxpayers in an attempt to reduce their real property value assessments. These lawsuits result from the continuing adjustments to property valuations required to maintain assessments at a uniform level of market value. The County's attorney, in the defense of these cases, has expressed the opinion that the impact of the settlement of these cases has the potential to be substantial but not predictable.

The County of Tompkins is a defendant in several tort claims. The County is self-insured for the amounts claimed, and is paying for the defense of these cases. It maintains reserves, in amounts recommended by its insurance administrator, which it considers adequate to cover potential settlements or damages awarded. As of December 31, 2015, the County has reserved \$1,646,686 for unreported claims which is included in the net position of the Internal Service Fund.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 10** Contingencies - Continued

As of this date, labor agreements are in place for nearly all County employees. The contract with the Correctional Officers union (43 members) expired at the end of 2014. Negotiations on a successor agreement are ongoing. The County, as a matter of fiscal policy, reserves funds for anticipated settlements. The adopted 2016 budget provided resources for future contracts consistent with settlements of other employee units.

There have been two New York State Office of Medicaid Inspector General audits which may require the County to pay certain funds as repayment of claims. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the New York State Office of Medicaid Inspector General presented to the Tompkins County Mental Health Department a draft audit of Medicaid billings for the period 2004-2007. This draft audit indicated the County was subject to repayment of claims of approximately \$750,000 based upon statistical sampling of case files. The County has vigorously contested the draft audit findings and the statistical sampling methodology employed. Since then the New York State Office of Medicaid Inspector General has issued its final audit report dated March 3, 2016; this audit report is basically identical to OMIG's original draft report. Additionally, the New York State Office of Medicaid Inspector General performed another recertification audit of the County's Mental Health Department. During 2012, the County self-reported to the NYS Office of Medicaid Inspector General certain case file deficiencies within the Mental Health Department associated with the Medicaid billings. During 2016, the Tompkins County Mental Health Department made a Statement of Self-Disclosure to OMIG of Medicaid overpayments totaling \$261,803.15 covering dates February 12, 2010 through February 12, 2016. No liability has been recorded on the County's financial statements, but the County, as a matter of fiscal policy, has assigned or reserved \$1.0 million of its fund balance for anticipated settlement of these claims.

#### Note 11 Sales Tax

The County, under the general authority of Article 29 of the Tax Law, imposes a 3.0% sales tax in the towns outside the City of Ithaca, and a 1.5% sales tax within its boundaries. Both the County and City-imposed taxes are administered and collected by the New York State Tax Commission in the same manner as that relating to the State's imposed 4.0% sales and compensating use tax. Net collections, meaning monies collected after deducting expenses and amounts refunded or to be refunded, but inclusive to any applicable penalties and interest, are paid by the State to the County and City, respectively.

Of the total sales tax received by the County, an amount equal to 50% of total collections, excluding the amount paid directly to the City is retained by the County. The balance is divided among the towns based upon population as determined by the 2000 census. The towns' share is divided and allocated between incorporated villages (located wholly or partially within the town) and the area of the towns outside said villages, on the basis of population. All the villages and five townships are paid their share in cash. The town outside villages' share are retained by the County and applied in the first instance to the taxes to be relevied for county purposes in the respective towns' levy.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 11** Sales Tax - Continued

During 1992, the State Legislature granted authority to increase the County sales tax rate from 3% to 4%. The new taxing authority became effective December 1, 1992, with an initial expiration of November 30, 1995. The State Legislature has subsequently renewed the additional tax to November 30, 2017.

For the past five year period, sales tax proceeds have been distributed to the jurisdictions within the County in the following amounts:

Year	 County Share	 City Share	_	Town/Village Share
2015	\$ 33,385,002	\$ 12,419,075	\$	13,546,566
2014	34,002,586	12,600,667		13,845,767
2013	32,466,433	12,042,881		13,208,830
2012	31,668,817	11,791,806		12,839,399
2011	31,048,271	11,677,280		12,471,772

The 2016 County Budget includes \$34,060,266 in sales tax to support operations.

## **Note 12** Transactions with Discretely Presented Component Units

The County of Tompkins contributed \$3,087,217 and \$214,330 to the Tompkins County Public Library and the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District, respectively. Additionally, the Library's facilities are owned by the County and provided to the Library at no charge. The County provided \$483,950 worth of debt service on the building occupied by the Library.

#### Note 13 Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability - Deficit Fund Balance

The Transportation Fund had a deficit unassigned fund balance of \$(179,139) and \$(337,894) at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The reduction in the deficit was due to an increase in revenues of \$215,418, or 7.7% outpacing an increase in expenses of \$139,241, or 4.6%. Overall, the net operating income at the airport (which makes up the Transportation Fund) was \$145,891 in 2015 compared to a loss of (\$208,768) in 2014. The airport still relies on borrowings from other funds to maintain cash stability. Management believes that the airport will be successful in negotiating more favorable fees and airfares with the provider airlines. The airport is also looking to add more airport hubs as destination points. The deficit fund balance will decrease as monies are paid back to other funds and air traffic picks up in subsequent years.

The Capital Projects Fund - Public Safety had a deficit fund balance at December 31, 2015 of \$(318,216). This deficit will be eliminated when interoperable grant funding is received in 2016.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Note 14** Fund Balance Detail

At December 31, 2015, fund balance in the governmental funds was comprised of the following:

ionowing.		General Fund	F	County Road Fund	1	Fund	_	Solid Waste Fund
<u>Nonspendable</u>								
Prepaid expenses	\$	1,839,600	\$	34	\$	18,525	\$_	3,243
<b>Total Nonspendable Fund Balance</b>	\$	1,839,600	\$	34	<b>\$</b>	18,525	\$_	3,243
Restricted								
Economic assistance and opportunity	\$	201,504	\$		\$		\$	
Public safety		208,930						
Capital reserve	_	25,023	_				_	199,774
<b>Total Restricted Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	435,457	\$_		<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b> _	199,774
Assigned								
Appropriated for next year's budget	\$	1,157,050	\$		\$		\$	-
Encumbered for:								
General government		219,398						
Public safety		110,229						
Public health		37,040						
Economic assistance		393,743						
Transportation				133,245				
Culture and recreation		613						
Home and community services		297,287						
Assigned for Employee Benefits:								
General government		335,180						
Public safety		475,496						
Public health		347,110						
Transportation		141,880						
Economic assistance and opportunity		468,749						
Culture and recreation		13,682						
Home and community services		68,597						
Assigned for:								
Public safety RAA reserve		1,399,945						
Medicaid audit		1,012,000						
Rollovers								
Transportation Fund deficit		179,139						
County Road Fund				2,718,539				
Solid Waste Fund	_		_		_		_	1,045,707
<b>Total Assigned Fund Balance</b>	\$	6,657,139	\$	2,851,784	\$		\$_	1,045,707
Unassigned								
Unassigned fund balance (deficit)	\$	29,394,852	\$		\$	(179,139)	\$_	
<b>Total Unassigned Fund Balance</b>	\$	29,394,852	\$		\$	(179,139)	\$	_

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

## Note 14 Fund Balance Detail - Continued

		Special Grant Fund	Capital Projects Fund - Transportation		Debt Service Fund	Non-Major Funds	•
Nonspendable	-		•	_			_
Prepaid expenses	\$		<u> </u>	\$_	\$	3,363	3_
<b>Total Nonspendable Fund Balance</b>	\$	<u> </u>	S <u> </u>	<b>\$</b> _	<u> </u>	3,363	<u>}</u>
Restricted	Φ	1 515 260 4		Ф	Ф		
Community development Capital projects - Unspent debt proceeds	\$	1,515,260 \$	1,216,189	\$	\$	4,576,630	)
Debt Service			1,210,169		1,842,182	1,835,553	
Debt Service	-			_	1,042,102	1,033,333	<u>,</u>
<b>Total Restricted Fund Balance</b>	\$	1,515,260	1,216,149	\$_	1,842,182 \$	6,412,183	<u>}</u>
Committed							
Capital projects	\$		S	\$_	\$	4,918,492	<u> </u>
	\$	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	\$_	<u> </u>	4,918,492	2_
Assigned	¢	đ	2 (0( 004	<b>c</b>	ø	1 (0( 270	`
Assigned for transportation	\$_	<b>\$</b>	3,606,904	<b>7</b> _	\$	1,606,370	<u>)</u>
<b>Total Assigned Fund Balance</b>	\$	<u> </u>	3,606,904	\$_	<u>-</u>	1,606,370	<u>)                                    </u>
<u>Unassigned</u> Unassigned fund balance (deficit)	\$	9		\$	\$	(219 216	<i>(</i> )
Onassigned fund varance (deficit)	Φ	1	)	Φ_		(318,216	<u>')</u>
<b>Total Unassigned Fund</b>							_
Balance (Deficit)	\$	<u> </u>	-	<b>\$</b> _	\$	(318,216	<u>)</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 14** Fund Balance Detail - Continued

Of the \$20,360,139 reported as unrestricted net position of the Governmental Activities in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position, the County has designated funds to be set aside for certain purposes or contingencies, as follows:

Unrestricted Net Position	\$ 20,360,139
Designated for:	
Ensuing year's budget	1,157,050
Carry-over of prior year's commitments	
(encumbrances and rollovers)	1,191,555
Prepaid expenses	1,864,765
Medicaid audit	1,012,000
Employee benefits	1,850,695
Capital projects	5,257,514
Self Insurance	1,646,686
Workers' Compensation	1,084,032
Equity interest in joint venture, net of related debt	27,596,652
Public safety	1,399,945
Transportation	8,110,952
Home and community services	1,045,707
Total Designated Net Position	53,217,553
<b>Unrestricted, Undesignated Net Position (Deficit)</b>	\$ (32,857,414)

## **Note 15** Restatement of Prior Year Fund Balance

During the year it was determined that certain Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) totaling \$12,824,000 previously reported as long-term debt should be reported as short-term debt and included in the governmental funds balance sheets.

The County's fund balance has been restated as follows:

Fund Balance Beginning of Year, as Previously Stated	\$ 62,625,317
Inclusion of BAN's Payable	 (12,824,000)
Fund Balance Beginning of Year, as Restated	\$ 49,801,317

The above restatement has no effect on total net position.

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (NON-GAAP) GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES		
Real property taxes	\$48,360,951_	\$ 48,360,951
Real property tax items		
Nonproperty tax items	49,779,745	50,397,787
Departmental income	9,733,114	9,433,196
Intergovernmental charges	48,590	70,590
Use of money and property	463,928	463,928
Licenses and permits	2,500	2,500
Fines and forfeitures	329,331	343,729
Sale of property and compensation for loss	665,000	687,001
Miscellaneous local sources	1,634,217	1,680,678
Interfund revenues	417,488	452,496
State sources	25,169,832	26,939,398
Federal sources	18,576,338	18,971,064
Total Revenues	155,181,034	157,803,318
EXPENDITURES Current:		
General governmental support	28,993,698	29,709,256
Education	8,503,478	8,503,478
Public safety	16,809,729	18,253,889
Health	18,287,703	19,376,123
Transportation	9,117,589	9,469,455
Economic assistance and opportunity	54,977,616	56,326,979
Culture and recreation		5,175,655
Home and community services	5,014,668	1,955,706
Employee benefits	1,479,598	
	1,579,956 144,764,035	267,883 149,038,424
Total Expenditures	144,764,033	149,038,424
Excess of Revenues	10,416,999	8,764,894
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Interfund transfers (out)	(11,076,880)	(11,150,926)
<b>Total Other Financing (Uses) Sources</b>	(11,076,880)	(11,150,926)
Excess of (Expenditures) Revenues		
and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(659,881)	(2,386,032)
Appropriated Fund Balance	659,881	2,386,032
Net Increase	<b>\$</b>	\$ -

Fund Balance, Beginning of Year

Fund Balance, End of Year

Actual	Encumbrances	_	Variance Favorable Favorable-
\$ 42,714,266	\$	\$	(5,646,685)
2,402,533	Ψ	Ψ-	2,402,533
53,965,783		-	3,567,996
8,150,312		_	(1,282,884)
1,047,510		-	976,920
404,536		-	(59,392)
5,071		-	2,571
213,750		_	(129,979)
1,073,062		-	386,061
2,033,864		-	353,186
423,461		_	(29,035)
26,211,681		-	(727,717)
19,531,091		_	560,027
158,176,920		-	373,602
28,974,955	219,398	_	514,903
8,335,473		_	168,005
17,845,075	110,229		298,585
17,949,366	37,040	_	1,389,717
9,022,110		_	447,345
51,621,702	393,743	_	4,311,534
5,114,714	613	_	60,328
1,564,837	297,287	_	93,582
		_	267,883
140,428,232	1,058,310	_	7,551,882
17,748,688	(1,058,310)	-	7,925,484
(11,150,926)			_
(11,150,926)	<del>-</del>	-	
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6,597,762	\$ (1,058,310)	\$_	7,925,484
6,597,762			
31,729,286			
\$ 38,327,048			

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (NON-GAAP) COUNTY ROAD FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES	Ф	Ф
Use of money and property	\$	\$
Licenses and permits	4,000	6,800
Sale of property and compensation for loss	2,500	16,966
Miscellaneous local sources	2.022.001	15,315
State sources	2,023,981	2,251,400
Federal sources Total Revenues	2,030,481	2,290,481
EXPENDITURES		
Current:		
Public safety	245,941	274,682
Transportation	5,518,292	6,429,205
Employee benefits	917,371	937,900
Total Expenditures	6,681,604	7,641,787
Excess of (Expenditures)	(4,651,123)	(5,351,306)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Interfund transfers in	4,651,123	4,727,801
Interfund transfers (out)		
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	4,651,123	4,727,801
Excess of (Expenditures) Revenues		
and Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(623,505)
Appropriated Fund Balance		623,505
Net Increase	\$	\$

Fund Balance, Beginning of Year

## Fund Balance, End of Year

	Actual	Encumbrances		Variance Favorable Favorable-
Φ.	1.022	Φ.	Φ	1.022
\$	1,932	\$	\$_	1,932
	7,620		_	820
	17,134		_	168
	34,531		-	19,216
	2,291,288		-	39,888
	162,363		-	162,363
	2,514,868		-	224,387
	261,322			13,360
•	5,758,357	133,245	_	537,603
•	914,961		_	22,939
	6,934,640	133,245	_	573,902
-	(4,419,772)	(133,245)	_	798,289
	4,727,801			-
	(246,266)		_	(246,266)
	4,481,535			(246,266)
	61,763	\$ (133,245)	\$_	552,023
-	61,763			
-	2,790,055			
\$	2,851,818			

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (NON-GAAP) TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

		Original Budget		Final Budget
REVENUES	_		_	
Departmental income	\$	1,410,334	\$	1,410,334
Intergovernmental charges	_	109,500	_	109,500
Use of money and property	_	1,228,635		1,354,627
Sale of property and compensation for loss	_	40,000	_	40,000
Miscellaneous local sources		10,658		10,658
Total Revenues		2,799,127	_	2,925,119
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Transportation		2,277,191		2,376,317
Employee benefits	_	397,173	_	466,095
Total Expenditures	_	2,674,364	_	2,842,412
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)		124,763		82,707
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Interfund transfers in				
Interfund transfers (out)	_	(124,763)	_	(124,763)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>		(124,763)	_	(124,763)
Excess of (Expenditures) Revenues				
and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_		_	(42,056)
Appropriated Fund Balance		_		42,056
Net (Decrease)	<b>\$</b> _		\$_	

Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year

Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year

	Actual	Encumbrances		Variance Favorable Favorable-
•			_	
\$	1,480,964	\$	\$_	
-	109,556		_	56
-	1,360,153		_	5,526
-	40,000		_	-
-	16,976		_	6,318
-	3,007,649		_	82,530
-	2,283,503		_	92,814
-	453,492		_	12,603
-	2,736,995		_	105,417
-	270,654		_	187,947
-	(124,763)		-	
-	(124,763)		_	
-	(121,700)		-	
-	145,891	\$	\$_	187,947
-				
-	145,891			
-	(306,505)			
\$	(160,614)			

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (NON-GAAP) SOLID WASTE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

REVENUES	Original Budget	Final Budget
	\$ 5,455,311 \$	5 455 211
Departmental income	Ψ	5,455,311
Use of money and property	10,000	10,000
Licenses and permits Fines and forfeitures	84,000 1,750	84,000
		1,750
Sale of property and compensation for loss	7,000	7,000
Miscellaneous local sources	2,775	2,775
State sources	263,916	278,908
Total Revenues	5,824,752	5,839,744
EXPENDITURES Current: Home and community services	5,250,142	5,377,351
Employee benefits	433,756	447,522
Total Expenditures	5,683,898	5,824,873
Excess of Revenues	140,854	14,871
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Interfund transfers in		20,000
Interfund transfers (out)	(140,854)	(140,854)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	(140,854)	(120,854)
Excess of (Expenditures) and Other Financing (Uses)	<u> </u>	(105,983)
Appropriated Fund Balance		105,983
Net (Decrease)	\$\$	

Fund Balance, Beginning of Year

## Fund Balance, End of Year

Actual	Encumbrances		Variance Favorable Favorable-
		-	
\$ 4,561,251	\$	\$	(894,060)
804		-	(9,196)
		-	(84,000)
		_	(1,750)
507,218		_	500,218
3,254		_	479
53,629		_	(225,279)
5,126,156		_	(713,588)
4.525.700			041 (51
4,535,700		_	841,651
412,530		_	34,992
4,948,230		-	876,643
177,926		-	163,055
20,000		_	<u>-</u> _
(115,852)		_	25,002
(95,852)		_	25,002
82,074	\$	\$_	138,053
82,074			
1,166,650			
\$ 1,248,724			

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (NON-GAAP) SPECIAL GRANT FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Origina Budge		Final Budget
REVENUES			
Departmental income	\$	\$	200,000
Use of money and property			
Miscellaneous local sources	28,9	950	28,950
Interfund revenues	122,7	732	136,888
Federal sources	1,196,5		1,196,555
Total Revenues	1,348,2	237	1,562,393
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Economic Assistance and Opportunity	1,348,2	237	1,432,393
Home and Community Services			230,000
Total Expenditures	1,348,2	237	1,662,393
Excess of Revenues			(100,000)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Interfund transfers in			
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)			
and Other Financing Sources (Uses)			(100,000)
Appropriated Fund Balance			100,000
Net Increase	\$	\$_	

Fund Balance, Beginning of Year

## Fund Balance, End of Year

					Variance
	A satural		E		Favorable Favorable-
	Actual		Encumbrances	-	ravorable-
\$	359,081	\$		\$_	159,081
ı	61			_	61
	135,064			_	106,114
				_	(136,888)
	1,600,577			_	404,022
	2,094,783			_	532,390
	1,347,493				84,900
	540,271			_	(310,271)
	1,887,764				(225,371)
	207,019			_	307,019
	136,888			_	136,888
	136,888				136,888
	242 007	<b>C</b>		•	442.007
į	343,907	\$		\$	443,907
,	_				
ı	343,907				
,	1,171,353				
\$	1,515,260				

# SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Fiscal Year Ended	Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age	Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
County of Tom	<u>pkins</u>						
12/31/2015 12/31/2014 12/31/2013 12/31/2012 12/31/2011 12/31/2010 12/31/2009 12/31/2008	1/1/2008	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc	95,598,255 88,096,730 82,905,337 76,402,949 81,482,313 75,009,186 59,022,702 53,963,705	0.0% \$ = 0.0	38,299,679 38,009,373 37,785,616 36,449,633 36,040,953 38,020,577 38,195,389 37,580,168	249.6% 231.8% 219.4% 209.6% 226.1% 197.3% 154.5% 143.6%
Tompkins Cour	nty Public Lib	<u>orary</u>					
12/31/2015 12/31/2014 12/31/2013 12/31/2012 12/31/2011 12/31/2010	1/1/2014 S 1/1/2014 S 1/1/2012 S 1/1/2010 S 1/1/2010 S	\$ \$ \$ \$	5,816,371 \$ 5,376,397 \$ 5,484,063 \$ 5,043,968 \$ 5,381,385 \$ 4,947,753 \$	5,816,371 5,376,397 5,484,063 5,043,968 5,381,385 4,947,753	0.0% \$ = 0.0	1,846,332 1,856,968 1,666,666 1,686,350 1,740,164 1,766,247	315.0% 289.5% 329.0% 299.1% 309.2% 280.1%

## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS NYSLRS PENSION PLAN FOR THE LAST 2 FISCAL YEARS

	2015	2014
County: Contractually required contribution	\$ 6,563,490	7,383,294
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(6,563,490)	(7,383,294)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-
County's covered - employee payroll	34,194,313	33,948,487
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	19.2%	21.7%
Library: Contractually required contribution	288,556	320,152
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(288,556)	(320,152)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-
Library's covered - employee payroll	1,685,339	1,489,640
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	17.1%	21.5%
<b>District:</b> Contractually required contribution	7,463	55,677
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(7,463)	(55,677)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-
District's covered - employee payroll	162,338	183,540
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	4.6%	30.3%

# SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION (ASSET) LIABILITY NYSLRS PENSION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Proportion of the net pension (asset) liability	_	County 0.1492680%	Library 0.0062000%	District 0.0010680%
1 roportion of the net pension (asset) hability		0.149200070	0.000200070	0.001008070
Proportionate share of the net pension (asset) liability	\$	5,040,765 \$	(209,698) \$	36,068
Covered-employee payroll during the measurement period		33,949,328	1,465,228	154,433
Proportionate share of the net pension (asset) liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		14.85%	-14.31%	23.36%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension (asset) liability		97.9%	97.9%	97.9%

# NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 1** Budget Basis of Accounting

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General, County Road, Road Machinery, Transportation, Special Grant, Solid Waste, and Debt Service Funds. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year. Encumbrances are not considered a disbursement in the financial plan or an expenditure in the GAAP based financial statement, but reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation, thereby ensuring that the appropriations are not exceeded. The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules for the General, County Road, Transportation, Special Grant, and Solid Waste Funds present comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data.

## **Note 2** Reconciliation of Budget Basis to GAAP

No adjustment is necessary to convert excess of expenditures and other uses over revenues and other sources on the GAAP basis to the budget basis as there were no encumbrances added to the actual expenditures recorded in the budgetary comparison schedules.

## **Note 3** Schedule of Funding Progress

The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as required supplementary information, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of the Plan's assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial liabilities for benefits.

## COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

		Special Revenue Fund		Ca	pital Project	s F	unds
	-	Road Machinery Fund	TCAT Fund		General Government Fund		Home and Community Services Fund
ASSETS				-		-	_
Assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted	\$	1,634,979 \$	81,075	\$	2,009,302	\$	741,725
- Restricted	_				3,172,624		946,683
Temporary investments - Restricted	_						
Due from other funds	_	17,376			811,276		77,255
Due from state and federal governments	_						
Other receivables, net	_						
Prepaid expenses	-						
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$_	1,652,355 \$	81,075	\$	5,993,202	\$	1,765,663
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$	32,227 \$		\$	160,636	\$	81,631
Accrued liabilities	_	8,421					
Due to other funds	-	5,337		-			
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-	45,985	-		160,636		81,631
Fund Balances:							
Nonspendable							
Restricted	_				3,172,624		946,683
Committed	_		81,075	_	2,659,942	_	737,349
Assigned	_	1,606,370		_			
Unassigned	_						
<b>Total Fund (Deficit) Balances</b>	-	1,606,370	81,075		5,832,566	-	1,684,032
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	\$	1,652,355 \$	81,075	\$	5,993,202	\$	1,765,663

	Cap Public	oital	Projects Fu Public	nd	s	<u>-</u>	Debt Service Fund		Total Non-Major
	Health Fund		Safety Fund	-	Education Fund	-	TTASC Fund		Governmental Funds
\$	947,921	\$_	1,338,915	\$	570,545	\$_		\$	7,324,462
	338,925			-	118,398	-	118,274		4,694,904
	81,503		9,337	-		=	649,779	•	649,779 996,747
	01,303	-	500,000	-		-			500,000
		_	200,000	-		-	1,067,500		1,067,500
				-		-	3,363		3,363
\$	1,368,349	\$_	1,848,252	\$	688,943	\$	1,838,916	\$	15,236,755
\$	59,911	\$_	404,731	\$_	90,595	\$_		\$	829,731
	9,337	-	1,761,737	-		-			8,421 1,776,411
	69,248		2,166,468	-	90,595	-	-		2,614,563
							3,363		3,363
	338,925	-		-	118,398	-	1,835,553		6,412,183
	960,176	_		-	479,950	-			4,918,492
									1,606,370
_	1,299,101	. <u>-</u>	(318,216) (318,216)	-	598,348	-	1,838,916		(318,216) 12,622,192
\$	1,368,349	\$	1,848,252	\$	688,943	\$	1,838,916	\$	15,236,755

## COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Special Revenue		* ID	
	Fund Road Machinery Fund	TCAT Fund	pital Projects Fr General Government Fund	Home and Community Services Fund
REVENUES Use of money and property Sale of property and compensation for loss	\$\$\$\$	209_\$	4,933 \$	890
Miscellaneous local sources Interfund revenues	100 1,537,873	7(0,000	574	
State sources Federal sources Total Revenues	1,750,886	769,092 2,978,686 3,747,987	362,753	890
EXPENDITURES General governmental support Transportation Employee benefits Debt service (principal and interest)	1,447,442 162,475			
Capital outlay  Total Expenditures	1,609,917	4,038,759 4,038,759	2,509,207 2,509,207	236,988 236,988
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)	140,969	(290,772)	(2,140,947)	(236,098)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Interfund transfers in Proceeds of obligations Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	10,700	<u> </u>	937,897 3,390,000 4,327,897	77,255 1,105,000 1,182,255
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures) and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	151,669	(290,772)	2,186,950	946,157
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year, as restated	1,454,701	371,847	3,645,616	737,875
Fund Balances (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 1,606,370 \$	81,075 \$	5,832,566 \$	1,684,032

	Ca	. <b> :</b> 4.	al Ducients Ev		dla.		Debt Service		Total
-	Public Health Fund	. <u>-</u>	al Projects Fu Public Safety Fund	<u>um</u>	Education Fund	_	Fund TTASC Fund		Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
\$_	934	\$_	164	\$	810	\$ _	93	\$	9,111
-	73,100	-				_	984,664		211,835 1,058,438
-	75,100	-				_	701,001	•	1,537,873
-	274,003		1,749,661					•	3,155,509
_			220,557						3,199,243
_	348,037		1,970,382		810	_	984,757		9,172,009
-		· _		. ,		_	57,482		57,482 1,447,442
_						_			162,475
-	226.075		1.756.742		064710	_	509,987		509,987
-	236,075	-	1,756,743		864,719	_	567.460		9,642,491
-	236,075	-	1,756,743		864,719		567,469		11,819,877
-	111,962	-	213,639	, ,	(863,909)		417,288		(2,647,868)
	68,891								1,094,743
-	575,000								5,070,000
-	643,891	-	-	, ,	-		-		6,164,743
-	755,853		213,639		(863,909)		417,288		3,516,875
-	543,248		(531,855)		1,462,257		1,421,628		9,105,317
\$	1,299,101	\$	(318,216)	\$	598,348	\$	1,838,916	\$	12,622,192



# 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

County Legislature County of Tompkins Ithaca, New York

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 the County of Tompkins, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County of Tompkins' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 25, 2016.

## **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County of Tompkins' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County of Tompkins' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County of Tompkins' 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 may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County of Tompkins' 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP

Certified Public Accountants

nseror G. CPA, LUP

Ithaca, New York July 25, 2016



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

County Legislature County of Tompkins Ithaca, New York

## Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the County of Tompkins' 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 of Tompkins' major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2015. The County of Tompkins' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

## Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County of Tompkins' major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County of Tompkins' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County of Tompkins' compliance.

## Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the County of Tompkins 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, 2015.

## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the County of Tompkins is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the County of Tompkins' internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County of Tompkins' 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 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP Certified Public Accountants

Inseror Co. CPA, CCP

Ithaca, New York July 25, 2016

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Federal Grantor/				
Pass-Through Grantor/	Federal	Pass-Through	Passed Through	
Program Title	Catalog #	Grantor #	to Subrecipients	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Passed Through NYS Department of Health:				
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,				
Infants and Children - Administration	10.557	C025804	\$	470,573
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,				
Infants and Children - Food Instruments	10.557	(1)		870,113
Total Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Chi	ldren			1,340,686
Passed Through NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance:				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition				
Assistance Program	10.561	(1)		1,383,361
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				2,724,047
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Passed Through NYS Homes and Community Renewal:				
Community Development Block Grants - State's Program	14.228	1144HO17-13	390,027	399,027
Community Development Block Grants - State's Program	14.228	1144CRFHR99-14	79,613	84,881
Total Community Development Block Grants - State's Program			469,640	483,908
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING				
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			469,640	483,908
U.S. Department of Justice				
Direct Program:				
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	N/A		5,513
Equitable Sharing Program	16.922	N/A		14,398
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				19,911
U.S. Department of Labor				
Passed Through NYS Office for the Aging:				
Senior Community Service Employment Program	17.235	(1)		9,649
Passed Through NYS Department of Labor:				
Trade Adjustment Assistance Workers	17.245	(1)		24,295
Passed Through Tompkins Cortland Community College:				
Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant	17.282	(1)		19,389
WIA Cluster:				
WIA Adult Program	17.258	(1)		202,614
WIA Youth Activities	17.259	(1)		388,615
WIA Dislocated Workers	17.278	(1)		106,147
Total WIA Cluster				697,376
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR				750,709
Subtotal Expenditures of Federal Awards			469,640	3,978,575

N/A - Denotes Not Applicable (Direct Program)

(1) - Denotes unable to obtain from Pass-Through Entity

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Federal Grantor/	E. J l	Danie Thanas	Description of	
Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal <u>Catalog #</u>	Pass-Through Grantor #	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
Subtotal Expenditures of Federal Awards Brought Forward			\$\$	3,978,575
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Direct Programs:				
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	N/A		3,470,905
Technical Assistance Grant	20.710	N/A		1,900
Federal Transit - Formula Grants	20.507	N/A	4,434,263	4,550,152
Passed Through NYS Department of Transportation:				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	D022373		582,166
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	D022374		86,327
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	D033680		179,230
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	D032212		47,209
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	D022376	_	3,925
Total Highway Planning and Construction				898,857
Federal Transit - Metropolitan Planning Grants	20.505	C033460		312,205
Passed Through NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee:				
Highway Safety Cluster:				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	SO-00093		8,325
Occupant Protection Incentive Grants	20.602	(1)	_	7,000
Total Highway Safety Cluster				15,325
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			4,434,263	9,249,344
U.S. Department of Education				
Passed through NYS Department of Health:				
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families with Disabilities	84.181	C027514	_	24,840
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			-	24,840
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Direct:				
Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grants	93.276	B4358P1	-	46,542
Subtotal U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			-	46,542
Subtotal Expenditures of Federal Awards			4,903,903	13,299,301

N/A - Denotes Not Applicable (Direct Program)

(1) - Denotes unable to obtain from Pass-Through Entity

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal Catalog #	Pass-Through Grantor #	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Expenditures
Subtotal Expenditures of Federal Awards Brought Forward			\$ 4,903,903 \$	
Subtotal Experiatures of Federal Awards Brought Forward			Ф <u>,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,</u>	13,277,301
Subtotal U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Brought Forward				46,542
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (con't.)				
Passed Through NYS Office for the Aging:				
Title VII, Chapter 2 - Long-term Care Ombudsman Services for				
Older Individuals	93.042	(1)		12,727
Title III-D, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043	(1)		3,844
Aging Cluster:				
Title III-B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	(1)		63,906
Title III-C, Nutrition Services	93.045	(1)		119,517
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	93.053	(1)		119,022
Total Aging Cluster				302,445
Title III-E, National Family Caregiver Support	93.052	(1)		31,688
Medical Enrollment Assistance Program	93.071	(1)		10,254
Centers for Medicare and Medical Services Research,				
Demonstrations and Evaluations	93.779	(1)		33,741
Passed Through NYS Department of Health:				
Immunization Grants	93.268	C028325		47,823
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States:				
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	C024648		17,679
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	C026542		25,717
Total Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States				43,396
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	(1)		156,812
Passed Through Health Research, Inc.:				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	HRI-1626-10		85,378
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.074	HRI-1626-10		13,414
Total Public Health Emergency Preparedness				98,792
Passed Through NYS Office of Mental Health:				
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness	93.150	(1)	16,640	33,280
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	(1)		342,302
Passed Through NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance:				
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	93.558	(1)	260,212	7,751,382
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	(1)		458,669
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	93.568	(1)		2,138,314
Passed Through NYS Office of Children and Family Services:				
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	(1)		1,507,192
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658	(1)		1,845,575
Adoption Assistance	93.659	(1)		1,587,659
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	(1)		2,869,878
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	(1)		71,694
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	(1)		1,569,844
Passed Through NYS State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Servi		. ,		, ,
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	(1)	1,190,677	1,190,677
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	(1)		25,038
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV	TICES		1,467,529	22,179,568
Subtotal Expenditures of Federal Awards			6,371,432	35,432,327

N/A - Denotes Not Applicable (Direct Program)

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## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Federal Grantor/			
Pass-Through Grantor/	Federal	Pass-Through	Passed Through
Program Title	Catalog #	Grantor #	to Subrecipients Expenditures
Subtotal Expenditures of Federal Awards Brought Forward			\$6,371,432_\$35,432,327
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed Through NYS Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services:			
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	T836245	43,215
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	T974032	27,500
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	C974012	79,500
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	C836200	113,557
Total Homeland Security Grant Program			220,557
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			263,772
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ <u>6,371,432</u> \$ <u>35,696,099</u>

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# NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **Note 1** Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal awards programs administered by the County of Tompkins, an entity as defined in Note 1 to the County's basic financial statements. Federal awards received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards passed through from other government agencies, are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

## **Note 2** Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting varies by federal program consistent with the underlying regulations pertaining to each program. The amounts reported as federal expenditures generally were obtained from the appropriate federal financial reports for the applicable program and periods. The amounts reported in these federal financial reports are prepared from records maintained for each program. These records are periodically reconciled to the general ledger which is the source of the basic financial statements.

#### **Note 3** Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are included in the reported expenditures to the extent they are included in the federal financial reports used as the source for the data presented. The County has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under Uniform Guidance.

## **Note 4** Matching Costs

Matching costs, i.e., the County's share of certain program costs, are not included in the reported expenditures.

## **Note 5** Low-Income Home Energy Assistance

Differences between the amounts reflected in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and the Department of Social Services' Federal Financial Reports (RF-8 claims) are due to payments distributed by the State of New York directly to recipients. The difference amounted to \$1,944,160 for the year ending December 31, 2015.

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results:**

	Financial Statements	,		
	Type of auditor's repo	rt issued:	Unmodified	
	Internal control over f	inancial reporting:		
	Material weakness	s(es) identified?	yes	X no
	_	ency(ies) identified that ed to be material weakness(es)?	yes	X none reported
	Noncompliance m noted?	aterial to financial statements	yes	X no
	Federal Awards			
	Internal control over r	najor programs:		
	Material weakness	s(es) identified?	yes	X no
	_	ency(ies) identified that ed to be material weakness(es)?	yes	X none reported
	Type of auditor's repo for major programs:	rt issued on compliance	Unmodified	
		sclosed that are required cordance with Section 510(a)	yes	X no
	Identification of major			
	CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster		
	20.507	Federal Transit Formula Grants		
93.558 Temporary Adsistance for Needy Fa			nilies	
	Dollar threshold used Programs:	pe B \$1,070,883		
	Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee:			no
Section II -	<b>Financial Statement</b>	Findings:	None	
Section III -	Federal Award Find	ings and Questioned Costs:	None	