WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 & 2001

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County Officials

County Commissioners

Jimmy Hodges

James Coffey

Boone, North Carolina

Blowing Rock, North Carolina

Patricia Wilkie

Deep Gap, North Carolina

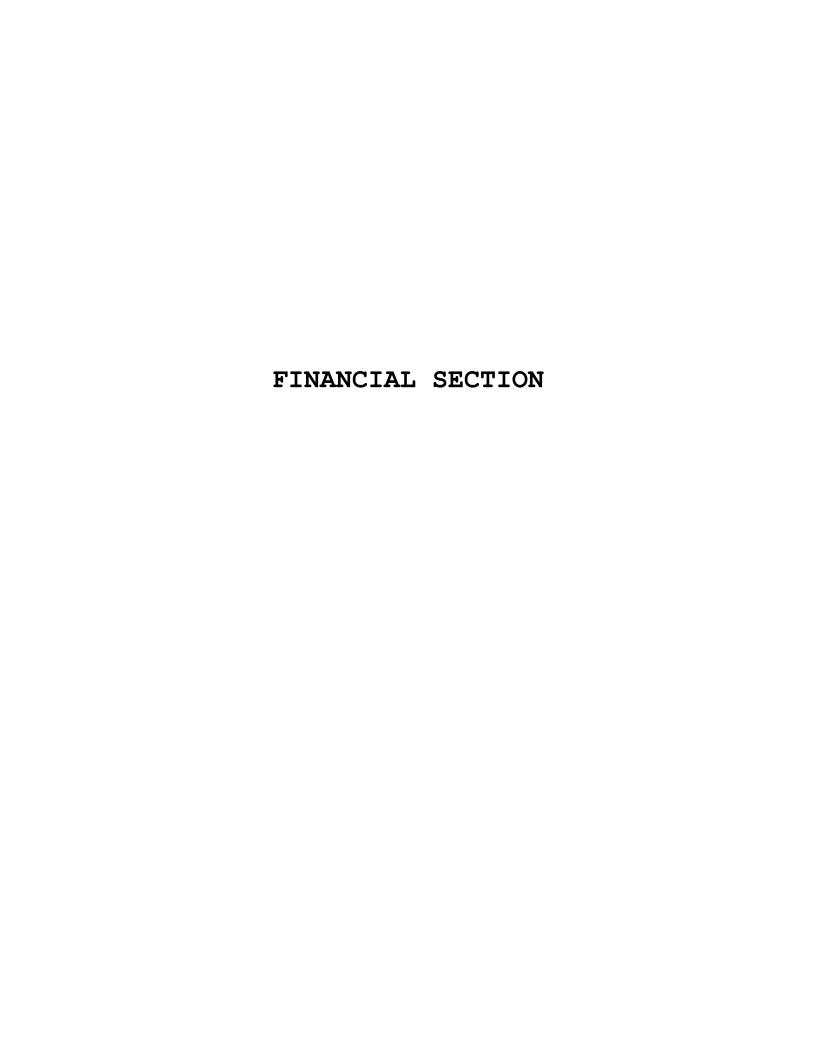
Jack D. Lawrence, Sr.

Boone, North Carolina

Chairman Vice-Chairman

County Officers

Jeff Hedrick
Robert Nelson
Boone, North Carolina
Boone, North Carolina
County Manager
Booris Isaacs
Boone, North Carolina
Finance Officer
Kelvin Byrd
Zionville, North Carolina
Glenn D. Hodges
Blowing Rock, North Carolina
James C. (Red) Lyons
Boone, North Carolina
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of County Commissioners Watauga County, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Watauga County, North Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Watauga County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of AppalCART. Those financial statements were audited by another auditor whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for AppalCART is based solely on the report of the other auditor.

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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of the other auditor provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of another auditor, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Watauga County, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

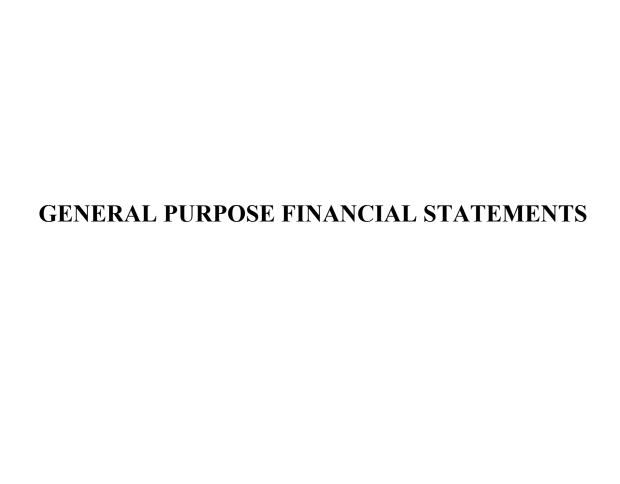
In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated September 19, 2002 on our consideration of Watauga County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Watauga County, North Carolina, taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, as well as the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and the State Single Audit

Implementation Act, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Holder, Copeland & Associates, P.A.

September 19, 2002



Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups and Discretely Presented Component Units
June 30, 2002

			overnmental Fun	d Types		Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Accoun	t Groups	Total (Memorandum	Compon	ent Units
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		General	Special Revenue	Capital Project		Enterprise	Agency	Fixed Assets	General L/T Debt	Primary Government	County EDC	AppalCART
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS												
ASSETS:												
Cash and equivalents	\$	12,423,497	6,174,440	248	,707,	3,424,616	219,674			22,490,934	1,049	366,319
Receivables (net):												
Taxes		609,165	47,008							656,173		
Accounts		2,492,452	29,067		14	209,685				2,731,218		83,954
Tax refunds		96,439								96,439		
Due from other funds												
Other assets		214,184	10,037						-	224,221		85,366
Fixed assets						2,712,062		31,698,199		34,410,261		562,887
OTHER DEBITS:												
Amts. avail. for ret. of debt									20,628	20,628		
Provision for ret. of L/T debt									20,856,592	20,856,592		
TOTAL ASSETS AND												
OTHER DEBITS	\$	15,835,737	6,260,552	248	,721	6,346,363	219,674	31,698,199	20,877,220	81,486,466	1,049	1,098,526
LIABILITIES, EQUITY OTHER CREDITS LIABILITIES:												
Accounts payable	\$	1,071,741	16,211			197,025	219,674			1,504,651		2,455
Other liabilities	Ψ	1,071,741	10,211			197,025	219,074			1,304,031		2,433
Due to other funds												
Deferred revenue		792,257	57,120			114,959				964,336		18,819
General obligation bonds payable-		102,201	07,120			114,000				004,000		10,010
current									296,200	296,200		
Compensated absences payable						33.601			564,201	597.802		40.675
General obligation bonds payable									16,715,000	16,715,000		
Installment purchase payable						147,878			3,301,819	3,449,697		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,863,998	73,331			493,463	219,674		20,877,220	23,527,686	_	61,949
EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS:												
Contributed Capital						954,967				954,967		2,485,741
Investment in fixed assets								31,698,199		31,698,199		
Retained Earnings <deficit>,unreserve</deficit>	ed					4,897,933				4,897,933		(1,449,164)
Fund balances												
Reserved by state statute		2,588,891	29,067						-	2,617,958		
Reserved for encumbrances		3,753,839	11,758							3,765,597		
Reserved for LEO spec.sep.all.		85,840								85,840		
Reserved for register of deeds		23,100								23,100		
Desig. for subseq.years exp.		344,959	6,146,396	248	,721					6,740,076		
Undesignated		7,175,110	-							7,175,110	1,049	
TOTAL EQUITY AND		,		-								
OTHER CREDITS		13,971,739	6,187,221	248	,721	5,852,900		31,698,199		57,958,780	1,049	1,036,577
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY							-					
AND OTHER CREDITS	\$	15,835,737	6,260,552	248	,721	6,346,363	219,674	31,698,199	20,877,220	81,486,466	1,049	1,098,526

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types
and Discretely Presented Component Unit
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Total (Memorandum **Governmental Fund Types** Only) Component Unit Watauga Primary County Special Capital EDC General Revenue Project Government REVENUES: Ad valorem taxes 14,886,651 714,792 15,601,443 Local Option Sales Taxes 8,020,817 8,020,817 Other taxes 894,376 894,376 Unrestricted intergovernmental 175,621 175,621 8,893 4,607,461 Restricted intergovernmental 181.032 250.000 5.038.493 650,930 Permits and fees 280,696 931,626 Sales and service 976,785 976,785 Investment earnings 366,601 149,915 516,516 Miscellaneous 653,137 653,137 Donations **TOTAL REVENUES** 31,232,379 1,326,435 250,000 32,808,814 8,893 **EXPENDITURES:** Current: General government 6,334,454 6,334,454 4,426,427 915,256 5,341,683 Public safety 639,272 696,238 Economic and physical development 56,966 62,347 Human services 6,735,376 6,735,376 1,092,358 1,092,358 Cultural and recreational Intergovernmental: Education 8,946,269 8,946,269 Debt Service: Principal retirement 1,805,957 1,805,957 Interest and fees 1,065,585 1,065,585 Capital projects 416,279 416,279 **TOTAL EXPENDITURES** 31,045,698 972,222 416,279 32,434,199 62,347 **REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES** 186,681 354,213 (166, 279)374,615 (53,454)OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Proceeds from refunding debt 6,425,000 6,425,000 Operating transfers to component units (107,529)(107,529)Operating transfers from primary government 53.454 Transfers (to) from other funds (869,628)(675, 130)415,000 (1,129,758)Payment to refunding debt escrow agent (5,790,000) (5,790,000) **TOTAL OTHER FINANCING** SOURCES (USES) (675, 130)415,000 (342,157)(602,287)53,454 **EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES** & OTHER USES (155,476)(320,917)248,721 (227,672)**FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR** 14,127,215 6,508,138 20,635,353 1,049 **FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR** 13,971,739 6,187,221 248,721 20,407,681 1,049

Component unit

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue Funds and Discretely Presented Component Unit For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Watauga County EDC General Fund Special Revenue General Fund Variance Variance Variance Budget Actual Fav (Unfav.) Budget Actual Fav (Unfav.) Budget Actual Fav (Unfav.) REVENUES: Ad valorem taxes 14,496,298 14,886,651 390 353 724 768 714 792 (9.976) (243,352) 39,876 Local option sales tax 8.264.169 8,020,817 854,500 Other taxes 894.376 Unrestricted intergovernmental 336,632 175,621 (161,011) (781,520) 8,893 8,893 101,637 181,032 79,395 Restricted intergovernmental 5,388,981 4,607,461 Permits and fees Sales and service 485.110 650.930 165.820 210.374 280,696 70.322 459,043 976,785 517,742 Investment earnings Miscellaneous (104,908) 453,881 5,000 144,915 471 509 366 601 149,915 199,256 653,137 Donations TOTAL REVENUES 30,955,498 31,232,379 276,881 1,041,779 1,326,435 284,656 8,893 8,893 EXPENDITURES: Current: General government 10,136,840 6.334.454 3,802,386 Public safety
Economic and physical development 229,758 51,010 4,656,185 4,426,427 1,022,634 915,256 107,378 62,347 62,347 690,282 639,272 56,966 (56,966) Human services Cultural and recreational 7,468,478 1,147,783 6,735,376 1,092,358 733,102 55.425 Intergovernmental: Education 9,809,709 8,946,269 863,440 Debt Service Principal Retirement (19,934) 1,786,023 Interest and fees 1,099,595 1,065,585 34,010 Capital projects 725,000 725,000 TOTAL EXPENDITURES
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) 5,749,197 1,747,634 972,222 36,794,895 31,045,698 775,412 62,347 62,347 (5,839,397) 186,681 6,026,078 (705,855) 354,213 1,060,068 (53,454) (53,454) OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Proceeds from refunding debt 6.425.000 6.425.000 1,511 53,454 53,454 Operating transfers to component units (109.040) (107.529) Operating transfers from primary government Transfers (to) from other funds 859 686 (869.628) (1,729,314) (2,404,445) (675,130) 1,729,315 Payment to refunding debt escrow agent (5.790.000) (5.790.000)TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 1,385,646 1,729,315 53,454 (342,157) (1,727,803) (2,404,445) (675,130) 53,454 REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES \$ (4,453,751) (155,476) (4,298,275) (3,110,300) (320,917) 2,789,383 APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE 4,453,751 4,453,751 3,110,300 3,110,300 REVENUES, OTHER SOURCES AND, APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES (155,476) (155.476) (320.917) (320.917) FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 14,127,215 6,508,138 1,049 FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR 13,971,739 6,187,221 1,049

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINACombined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings (Deficit) Proprietary Fund Type and Discretely Presented Component Unit For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

	_	Primary Government	Component Unit
ODEDATING DEVENUES.		Interprise Fund	AppalCART
OPERATING REVENUES: Landfill revenues	\$	2,395,607	
Miscellaneous	Ψ	2,393,007	12,435
Farebox and local route revenues			652,300
Garage service revenues			4,991
Elderly/handicapped revenue			36,329
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TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		2,395,607	706,055
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Administration			261,538
Operating			1,133,279
Education			1,133,279
Landfill operations		2,487,681	1,433
Depreciation		134,583	284,300
Depresidion	_	104,000	204,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	_	2,622,264	1,680,616
OPERATING LOSS	_	(226,657)	(974,561)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):			
Interest earned on investments		71,434	6,526
Gain (loss) on disposition of fixed assets		10,001	3,626
Interest on long-term debt		(29,529)	
Section 18 grant revenues		(20,020)	678,713
Miscellaneous revenue			
Restricted intergovernmental revenues		3,500	
NET NONOREDATING DEVENUE (EVDENCE)		EE 406	600.065
NET NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)	_	55,406	688,865
LOSS BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OPERATING TRANSFERS	_	(171,251)	(285,696)
Capital Contributions			178,193
Operating transfers from other funds		1,129,758	
Operating transfers from primary government	_		54,075
TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS AND		4 400 750	222.200
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	_	1,129,758	232,268
NET INCOME (LOSS)		958,507	(53,428)
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT) - July 1		3,939,426	(1,395,736)
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT) - June 30	\$_	4,897,933	(1,449,164)

Combined Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund Type and Discretely Presented Component Unit
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		Primary Government Enterprise Fund	Component Unit AppalCART
Cash flows from operating activities:			, ,ppa.o
Cash received from customers and grants	\$	2,412,256	677,340
Cash paid for goods and services		(1,844,476)	(1,158,628)
Cash paid to employees for services		(600,677)	(261,538)
Net cash used by operating activities	•	(32,897)	(742,826)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Operating transfers from other funds		1,129,758	
Operating transfers from primary government			54,075
Section 18 grant revenues			678,713
Miscellaneous non-operating revenues		3,500	,
Not each provided by poposital financing activities		1 122 250	722 700
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		1,133,258	732,788
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Proceeds of lease purchase		147,261	
Proceeds on disposition of assets		10,001	3,626
Principal paid on long-term debt		(781,331)	
Interest paid on long-term debt		(29,529)	
Acquisition of capital assets		(212,065)	(183,401)
Capital Grant Revenues		<u></u>	178,193
Net cash used by capital & related financing activities		(865,663)	(1,582)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest earned on investments		71,434	6,526
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		306,132	(5,094)
Cash and cash equivalents - July 1		3,118,484	371,413
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30	\$	3,424,616	366,319
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Operating (loss)	\$	(226,657)	(974,561)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation		124 502	204 200
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		134,583 6,249	284,300 (28,715)
Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation		388	1,642
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		42,140	(23,074)
(Increase) decrease in inventories		72,170	(2,418)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenues		10,400	(2,410)
Decrease in prepaid expenses		10,400	
Total adjustments		193,760	231,735
		. 30,. 00	
Net cash used by operating activities	\$	(32,897)	(742,826)

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>:

The accounting policies of Watauga County and its discretely presented component units conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity:

The County, which is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, is one of the 100 counties established in North Carolina under North Carolina General Statute 153A-10. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the County and its component units, legally-separate entities for which the County is financially accountable. The two discretely presented component units presented below are reported in a separate column in the County's combined financial statements in order to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County.

Watauga County Economic Development Commission

The Watauga County Economic Development Commission is an association established pursuant to North Carolina G.S. 158 operating as an Economic Development Commission in Boone, North Carolina. The governing body consists of nine board members appointed by the participating governmental entities. Watauga County Board of Commissioners appoints a majority of the governing body of the Economic Development Commission. The County provides some financial support to the Economic Development Commission, but it is not responsible for the debts of the Economic Development Commission. The Economic Development Commission designates its own management, approves its own budget, and maintains its own accounting system. Watauga County Economic Development Commission, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a governmental fund. On September 16, 1997, the Economic Development Commission entered into a contractual agreement with the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce whereas the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce is now to provide all the economic development activities in the area. The Chamber of Commerce is also to provide a Director, staffing support, office space, equipment, and furniture.

AppalCART

AppalCART operates mainly in Watauga County in the northwest part of North Carolina, providing transportation services to the various areas and residents within Watauga County. Watauga County's Board of Commissioners appoints the seven-member governing board of AppalCART and AppalCART operates within the County's boundaries for the benefit of the County's residents. The County provides some financial support to AppalCART but it is not responsible for the debts of AppalCART except when such are expressly granted by statute or by the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Watauqa County. The Board of Commissioners of Watauga County has the authority to terminate the existence of AppalCART at any time, provided a 60-Day written notice is given to AppalCART, and all property and assets of AppalCART shall automatically become the property of Watauga County and the County shall succeed to all rights, obligations and liabilities of AppalCART. AppalCART designates its own management, approves its own budget, and maintains its own accounting system; however, AppalCART is fiscally accountable to Watauga County, and the County has the authority to examine all records and accounts at any time. AppalCART, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a proprietary fund.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Complete financial statements for each of the individual component units may be obtained at the administrative offices of those entities.

Watauga County Economic Development Commission 208 Howard Street, Boone, NC 28607

AppalCART

274 Winklers Creek Road, Boone, NC 28607

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting:

The accounts of the County are organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts comprised of assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses as appropriate. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. The account groups are not funds but are a reporting device used to account for certain assets and liabilities of the governmental funds that are not recorded directly in those funds.

The County has the following fund categories (further divided by fund type) and account groups:

<u>Governmental Funds</u> are used to account for Watauga County's general governmental activities. Governmental funds include the following fund types:

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds account for specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The County maintains six Special Revenue Funds: the Fire Districts Fund, the E-911 Telephone Surcharge Fund, the Revaluation Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, the Substance Abuse Tax Fund, and the Lynnhaven II LLC Project Fund.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - Capital Projects Funds account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds). The County has one Capital Project Fund within its governmental fund types: the Brookshire Park Capital Project Fund.

Proprietary Funds include the following fund type:

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise Funds account for those operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis, be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. Watauga County has one enterprise fund: the Solid Waste Fund.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u> account for the assets held by the County in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. Fiduciary funds include the following funds:

Agency Funds - Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of operating results. Agency funds are used to account for assets the County holds on behalf of others. The County maintains four Agency Funds: the Social Services Fund, which accounts for moneys deposited with the Social Services Department for the benefit of certain individuals; the Health Benefits Fund, the Surety Bond Fund and the Vehicle Tax- Towns Fund.

The laws governing the County=s Deferred Compensation plan have changed pursuant to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Formerly, the undistributed amounts which had been deferred by the plan participants were required to be reported as assets of the County. The law now requires all assets of the plan to be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries. Accordingly, the Deferred Compensation Plan is no longer reported within the County=s Agency Funds.

Account Groups - The General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets that are not accounted for in proprietary or trust funds. The General Long-Term Debt Account group is used to account for general long-term debt and certain other liabilities that are not specific liabilities of proprietary or trust funds.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund type fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Operating statements for these funds present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets. As required for periods after June 15, 2000 by Statement 33 of the Government Accounting Standards Board, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, the County has begun recognizing capital contributions as revenue in the current year, rather than as contributed capital. No adjustment to the balance of the contributed capital account is required.

Basis of accounting determines when the revenues and expenditures or expenses and the related assets and liabilities 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 applied.

All funds of the County are maintained on the cash basis during the year. At year-end, the accounting ledgers are adjusted in order to present the financial statements on the modified accrual basis. The governmental fund types and agency funds are presented in the financial statements on this same basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 1 -Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are "measurable" and "available") to pay the liabilities of the current period. In addition, expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgements, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

The County recognizes assets of nonexchange transactions in the period when the underlying transaction occurs, when an enforceable legal claim as arisen, or when all eligibility requirements are met. Revenues are recognized, on the modified accrual basis, when they are measurable and available. Nonexchange transactions occur when one government provides (or receives) value to (from) another party without receiving (or giving) equal or nearly equal value in return. State shared revenues, sales tax, property taxes, federal grants funding federal mandates, and most donations are examples of nonexchange transactions.

The County considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem property taxes are not accrued as a revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of January 1, 1993, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, Watauga County is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on all registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts in the county. For those motor vehicles registered under the staggered system and for vehicles newly-registered under the annual system, property taxes are due the first day of the fourth month after the vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they become due. Therefore, taxes for vehicles registered from March 2001 through February 2002 apply to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. Uncollected taxes which were billed during this period are shown as a receivable on these financial statements. For those motor vehicles which are renewed and billed under the annual system, taxes are due on May 1 of each year, and the uncollected taxes are reported as a receivable on the financial statements offset by deferred revenues because the due date and the date upon which the interest begins to accrue passed prior to June 30. The taxes for renewal vehicles registered annually that have already been collected as of year-end are also reflected as deferred revenues at June 30, 2002 because they are intended to finance the County's operations during the 2003 fiscal year.

Sales taxes collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the County are recognized as revenue. Intergovernmental revenues, and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been satisfied.

Proprietary funds are presented in the financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period when earned and expenses are recognized in the period they are incurred.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

As permitted by generally accepted accounting principles, the County has elected to apply only applicable FASB Statements and Interpretations issued before November 30, 1989 in its accounting and reporting practices for its proprietary operations.

D. <u>Budgetary Data</u>:

The County's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the general, the special revenue, and the enterprise funds. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end.

Project ordinances are adopted for the capital projects fund. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for the general fund, at the departmental level for the special revenue and enterprise funds, and at the object level for the capital projects funds. The balances in the Capital Reserve Fund will be appropriated when transferred to a capital projects fund in accordance with the project ordinance adopted for the reserve fund. The budget officer is authorized by the budget ordinance to transfer appropriations within a fund up to 10% of the total departmental appropriation; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the governing board.

During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary, the effects of which were not material.

A budget calendar is included in the North Carolina General Statutes which prescribes the last day on which certain steps of the budget procedure are to be performed. The following schedule lists the tasks to be performed and the date by which each is required to be completed.

- April 30 Each department head will transmit to the budget officer the budget requests and revenue estimates for their department for the budget year.
- June 1 The budget and the budget message shall be submitted to the governing board. The public hearing on the budget should be scheduled at this time.
- July 1 The budget ordinance shall be adopted by the governing board.

As required by State law [G.S. 159-26(d)], the County maintains encumbrance accounts which are considered to be "budgetary accounts". Encumbrances outstanding at year-end represent the estimated amounts of the expenditures ultimately to result if unperformed contracts in progress at year-end are completed. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. These encumbrances outstanding are reported as "reserved for encumbrances" in the fund balance section of the balance sheet and will be charged against the subsequent year's budget.

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity:

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the County, AppalCART and Watauga County Economic Development

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Commission are made in Board-designated official depositories and are secured as Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

required by G.S. 159-31. The County, AppalCART and Economic Development Commission may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the County, AppalCART and Economic Development Commission may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)] authorizes the County, AppalCART and the Economic Development Commission to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT).

The County, AppalCART, and the Economic Development Commission's investments with a maturity of more than one year at acquisition and non-money market investments are carried at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. The NCCMT Cash Portfolio's securities, an SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund, are valued at fair value, which is the NCCMT's share price. The NCCMT Term Portfolio's securities are valued at fair value. Money market investments that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. Non-participating interest earnings and investment contracts are reported at cost.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The County pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents. Watauga County Economic Development Commission and AppalCART consider demand deposits and investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less, which are not limited as to use, to be cash and cash equivalents.

3. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State Law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the County levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1 (lien date); however, penalties and interest do not accrue until the following January 6. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2001. As allowed by State law, the County has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes which are paid prior to the due date. In the County's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

4. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

All receivables that historically experience uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

5. Inventory

The inventories of AppalCART are maintained for fuel oil; valuation is at lower

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

of cost or market on a last-in, last-out basis.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

6. Fixed Assets

The County's and Economic Development Commission's general fixed assets are recorded at original cost. Donated assets are listed at the market value at the date of donation. Certain items acquired before July 1, 1976 are recorded at an estimated original cost. The total of such estimates is not considered large enough that the errors would be material when fixed assets are considered as a whole.

Public domain or infrastructure general fixed assets are not capitalized because such assets are immovable and of value only to the County.

On July 1, 1989, the County established the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to account for the operations of the landfill. At this time, all landfill assets were transferred to this fund at original cost less accumulated depreciation from date of purchase. Property, plant, and equipment acquired after July 1, 1989 are recorded at original cost at the time of acquisition. Property, plant, and equipment donated to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Plant assets of the County are depreciated on a composite straight-line basis for the entire plant, regardless of the year of acquisition, at a 2% annual rate. In the composite rate, gain or loss on dispositions is not calculated except in extraordinary circumstances. Other proprietary fund assets of the County are depreciated on a class life basis at the following rates:

Furniture and office equipment	10%
Maintenance and construction equipment	12%
Medium and heavy motor vehicles	16%
Automobiles and light trucks	30%

Fixed assets of AppalCART are recorded at original cost at the time of acquisition. Assets are depreciated on a straight-line class life basis using the following useful lives:

Office furniture and equipment	10	years
Maintenance and shop equipment	8	years
Vehicles	6	years
Land improvements	10	years

7. Long-term Debt

For governmental fund types, bond issuance costs are recognized during the current period. Bond proceeds are reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. For the proprietary fund types, material bond issuance costs are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. The County's long-term debt for solid waste purposes is carried in the Solid Waste Fund rather than in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. The debt service requirements for the solid waste debt are being met by solid waste revenues, but the taxing power is pledged to make these payments if solid waste revenues should ever be insufficient. Long-term debt for other purposes is included in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. The debt service requirements for all of the debt carried in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group are appropriated annually in the General Fund.

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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

8. Fund Equity

Reservations or restrictions of equity represent amounts that are not appropriable or are legally segregated for a specific purpose. Designations of equity represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

State law [G.S. 159-13(b)(16)] restricts the appropriation of fund balance or fund equity to an amount not to exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts as those amounts stand at the close of the fiscal year preceding the budget year.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Reserved

Reserved for inventories - portion of fund balance <u>not</u> available for appropriation because it represents the year-end fund balance of ending inventories, which are not expendable, available resources.

Reserved for encumbrances - portion of fund balance available to pay for any commitments related to purchase orders and contracts which remain unperformed at year-end.

Reserved by State statute - portion of fund balance, in addition to reserves for encumbrances and reserves for inventories, which is $\underline{\text{not}}$ available for appropriation under State law [G.S. 159-8(a)]. This amount is usually comprised of accounts receivable and interfund receivables which are not offset by deferred revenues.

Reserved for register of deeds - portion of fund balance constituting the Automation Enhancement and Preservation Fund, funded by 10% of the fees collected and maintained by the register of deeds' office. The funds are available for appropriation but are legally restricted for computer and imaging technology in the register of deeds office.

Reserved for employees' retirement system - portion of total fund balance available for appropriation to pay retirement benefits when due.

Unreserved

Designated for subsequent year's expenditures - portion of total fund balance available for appropriation which has been designated for the adopted 2002 - 2003 budget ordinance.

Undesignated - portion of total fund balance available for appropriation which is uncommitted at year-end.

F. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses:

1. Other Resources

The General Fund provides the basis of local resources for other governmental funds. These transactions are recorded as "Transfers-out" in the General Fund and "Transfers-in" in the receiving fund. The County's General Fund also transfers funds to AppalCART and the Economic Development Commission.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

2. Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the County provides for the accumulation of up to thirty (30) days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. The vacation policy of AppalCART provides for the accumulation of up to two hundred and forty (240) hours earned vacation leave. Any excess cannot be carried over to the next year. For the County, the current portion of the accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material; therefore, no expenditure or liability has been reported in the governmental funds. The County's liability for accumulated earned vacation and the salary related payments as of June 30, 2002 is recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. For the County's proprietary fund and AppalCART, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded within those funds as the leave is earned.

The sick leave policies of the County and AppalCART provide for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes for the County. Since neither entity has any obligation for accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made by the County or its component units.

The County adopted and implemented the Annual Vacation Leave Conversion Policy effective December 31, 1993. The policy states that at the end of each benefit year on January 1 any County employees with accrued annual vacation leave in excess of thirty (30) days or two hundred and forty (240) hours shall have this leave converted to sick leave. This converted sick leave shall be used in the same manner as accrued sick leave and may be used for authorized sick leave purposes. And, like regular sick leave, any unused converted sick leave may be counted toward creditable service at retirement up to a maximum of 12 total sick days per year of service.

G. <u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u> Columns

The total columns on the accompanying financial statements are captioned as, "Total (Memorandum Only) - Primary Government" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. The columns do not present information that reflects financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the primary government. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

H. Comparative Data/Reclassifications

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in selected sections of the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the County's financial position and operations. Comparative totals have not been included on the statements where their inclusion would not provide enhanced understanding of the County's financial position and operations or would cause the statements to be unduly complex or difficult to understand. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year's data have been reclassified to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability:

A. Material Violations of Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

Noncompliance with North Carolina General Statutes

There were no instances of noncompliance with North Carolina General Statutes.

Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups:

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All of the County's, AppalCART's and Economic Development Commission's deposits are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits exceeding the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the County's, AppalCART's or Economic Development Commission's agents in these units' names. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the County, AppalCART and the Economic Development Commission, these deposits are considered to be held by their agents in the entities' names. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits.

The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the County, AppalCART, or the Economic Development Commission or with the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the County, AppalCART or the Economic Development Commission under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for undercollateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method.

At June 30, 2002, the County's deposits had a carrying amount of \$14,892,238 and a bank balance of \$15,661,250. Of the bank balance, \$436,361 was covered by federal depository insurance, and \$37,163 in non-interest bearing deposits and \$15,187,726 in interest bearing deposits were covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method.

At June 30, 2002, Watauga County had \$1,710 cash on hand.

At June 30, 2002, the carrying amount of deposits for Watauga County Economic Development Commission was \$1,049 and the bank balance was \$1,049. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

At June 30, 2002, the carrying amount of deposits for AppalCART was \$41,237 and the bank balance was \$76,566. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance and \$0 covered by collateral held under the Pooling method.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

2. Investments

At year end, the County's investments consisted of investments with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust. AppalCART's investments consisted of its investment with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust. The County's and AppalCART's investments in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust are exempt from risk categorization because the County and AppalCART do not own any identifiable securities in these mutual funds.

At June 30, 2002, the County's investments consisted of \$7,596,986 in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Cash Portfolio.

At June 30, 2002, AppalCART's investments consisted of \$324,882 in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust.

These amounts reflect both the reported and fair value.

3. Property Tax-Use-Value Assessment on Certain Lands

In accordance with the general statutes, agriculture, horticulture, and forest land may be taxed by the County at the present-use value as opposed to market value. When the property loses its eligibility for use-value taxation, the preceding fiscal years, along with the accrued interest from the original due date.

This tax is immediately due and payable. The following are property taxes that could become due if present use-value eligibility is lost. These amounts have not been recorded in the financial statements.

Year Levied	Tax	Interest	<u>Total</u>
1999	\$ 313,135	88,461	401,596
2000	292,183	56,245	348,428
2001	298,150	30,560	328,710
2002	296,899		296,899
Total	\$1,200,367	175,266	1,375,633

4. Receivables - Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

For the County, the amounts presented in Exhibit A, the Combined Balance Sheet, are net of the following allowances for doubtful accounts:

Fund	06/30/02
General Fund: Property taxes	\$ 364,769
Special Revenue Fund Property taxes	5,713
Total	\$ 370,482

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

5. Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in the County's general fixed assets follows:

Ву	type:
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ву суре:	Balance July 1, 2001	Additions	Retirements	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2002
Land Buildings Equipment Leasehold	\$ 2,153,498 23,333,302 3,975,628	279,766 202,401 374,240	158,265 356,432 293,675	11,722 2,900	2,274,999 23,190,993 4,059,093
improvements Construction in	36 , 953	2,044			38,997
progress	92,214	2,056,525		<14 , 622>	2,134,117
Total	\$ <u>29,591,595</u>	2,914,976	<u>808,372</u>		31,698,199
By function:	D.1				D-1
	Balance July 1, 2001	Additions	Retirements	Transfers	Balance June 30, 2002
General government Public safety Environmental	\$ 6,675,808 2,898,177	631,259 205,071	793,494 14,878	42,490 <14,314>	6,556,063 3,074,056
protection Human service Economic and physical	34,323 13,829,239	1,632 3,045		 <10,778>	35,955 13,821,506
development Cultural and	435,094	4,732		<2,776>	437,050
recreational Education Construction in	2,492,611 3,134,129	12 , 712			2,505,323 3,134,129
progress	92,214	2,056,525		<14,622>	2,134,117
Total	\$ <u>29,591,595</u>	<u>2,914,976</u>	<u>808,372</u>		<u>31,698,199</u>
Special Reven	additions: y expenditures ue - public sa ct - capital o	fety		\$2,487, 9, 418, \$ <u>2,914,</u>	656 030

A summary of changes in the Economic Development Commission's general fixed assets follows:

		Balance			Balance		
	<u>Ju</u>	ly 1, 2001	Additions	Retirements	June	30, 2002	
Equipment	\$	<u>11,137</u>		< <u>11,137</u> >	\$		

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

6. Summary of Proprietary Fund Fixed Assets

The fixed assets for the proprietary fund of the County at June 30, 2002 are as follows:

	Fixed Assets	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Building	\$ 877 , 367	169,189	708,178
Land and land improvements	1,540,108	93 , 356	1,446,752
Leasehold improvements	298 , 185	154,437	143,748
Equipment	1,118,707	943,332	175 , 375
Furniture and fixtures	157	143	14
Vehicles	801,882	<u>563,887</u>	237,995
Total	\$ 4,636,406	1,924,344	2,712,062

The following is a summary of proprietary fund type fixed assets for AppalCART at June 30, 2002:

	Fixed Assets	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Office furniture and equipment	\$ 121,712	83 , 572	38,140
Shop equipment Vehicles Land improvement	147,492 2,199,513 144,780	121,975 1,764,389 80,674	25,517 435,124 64,106
Total	\$2,613,497	2,050,610	562,887

B. Liabilities:

1. Pension Plan Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description

Watauga County contributes to the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS provides retirement and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy

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Plan members are required to contribute six percent of their annual covered salary. The County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. For the County, the current rate for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers is 4.8% and 4.78%, respectively, of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of members and of Watauga County are

Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. The County's contributions to LGERS for the years ended June 30, 2002, 2001, and 2000 were \$715,183, \$653,821, and \$610,258, respectively. The contributions made by the County equaled the required contributions for each year.

b. Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description

Watauga County administers a public employee retirement system (the Separation Allowance), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the County's qualified sworn law enforcement officers.

The Separation Allowance is equal to .85 percent of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Separation Allowance is reported in the County's report as a reservation of general fund equity.

All full-time County law enforcement officers are covered by the Separation Allowance.

At December 31, 2001, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:
Retirees receiving benefits 3
Terminated plan members entitled to
but not yet receiving benefits 0
Active plan members 27
Total 30

Contributions

The County is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the amounts necessary to cover the benefits earned by reserving Fund Balance. There were no contributions made by employees. The County's obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. Administration costs of the Separation Allowance are paid by the County.

The annual required contribution for the current year was determined as part of the December 31, 2001 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 7.25% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) and (b) projected salary increases of 5.9 to 9.8% per year. Both (a) and (b) included an inflation component of 3.75%. The assumptions did not include postretirement benefit increases. The actuarial value of assets was determined using the market value of investments. The unreserved actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2001 was 29 years.

3 Year Trend Information

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Fiscal	Annual Pension	Percentage of	Net End of Year
Year Ended	Cost (APC)	APC Contributed	Obligation
06/30/02	\$24,192	115.23%	\$ <15 , 139>
06/30/01	15,422	104.91	<11,455>
06/30/00	15,284	122.60	<10,697>

Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

Plan Description

The County contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan (Plan), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the County. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Funding Policy

Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the County to contribute each month an amount equal to five percent of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2002 were \$49,950, which consisted of \$45,123 from the County and \$4,827 from the law enforcement officers.

d. <u>Deferred Compensation Plan</u>

The County offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, which is available to all full-time employees (other than those participating in the supplemental retirement income plans) permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

e. Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund

Plan Description

Watauga County also contributes to the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund (Fund), a noncontributory, defined contribution plan administered by the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer. The Fund provides supplemental pension benefits to any county register of deeds who is retired under the Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) or an equivalent locally sponsored plan. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 161 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Funding Policy

On a monthly basis, the County remits to the Department of State Treasurer an amount equal to four and one-half percent (4.5%) of the monthly receipts collected pursuant to Article 1 of G.S. 161. Immediately following January 1 of each year, the Department of State Treasurer divides ninety-three percent (93%) of the amount in the Fund at the end of the preceding calendar year into equal shares to be disbursed as monthly benefits. The remaining seven percent (7%) of the Fund's assets may be used by the State Treasurer in administering the Fund. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, the County's required and actual contributions were \$17,805.

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Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

f. Other Postemployment Benefits - Watauga County

1. Death Benefits

The County has elected to provide death benefits to law enforcement employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, State-administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the System, or who die within 180 days after retirement or termination of service and have at least one year of contributing membership service in the System at the time of death are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$20,000. All death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan. The County has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll, based upon rates established annually by the State.

Because the benefit payments are made by the Death Benefit Plan and not by the County, the County does not determine the number of eligible participants. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, the County made contributions to the State for death benefits of \$1,264. The County's required contributions for employees engaged in law enforcement represented .14% of covered payroll. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount.

2. Health Benefits

The County has elected to allow retiring employees to extend their health insurance coverage up to the time when they become eligible for Medicare coverage. This policy came into effect September 1, 2001. For employees retiring with a minimum of 10 years of service under the Local Government Retirement System with at least the last 5 years with the County, the employee may extend his/her health insurance coverage, but is fully responsible for the premium. With a minimum of 20 years of service, the employee can maintain the health insurance coverage, and the County will pay the lesser of \$300 or 75% of the monthly premium. With a minimum of 25 years of service, the employee can maintain coverage, and the County will pay the lesser of \$400 or 100% of the monthly premium. If the employee chooses to make this election, it must be made before the employee's actual retirement date. The employee is expected to enroll for Medicare when eligible, and has the option to remain with the health insurance plan for 30 days after becoming eligible for Medicare.

g. Retirement System - AppalCART

The AppalCART retirement plan is a money purchase plan through Jefferson Pilot Pension Life. Each employee who works 1,000 hours in the fiscal year will be eligible for an 8.25% of gross pay contribution in the retirement system.

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Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

The vesting schedule after working 1,000 hours in each plan year is as follows:

Years of Service	Percent Vested
	·
2	40%
3	60%
4	80%
5 or more	100%

This rate of contribution is subject to change due to funding constraints. The contribution requirement for June 30, 2002 amounted to \$60,250.

2. Deferred Revenues

The balance in deferred revenues for Watauga County at year-end is composed of the following elements:

	Prepaid Taxes Not Yet Earned	Prepaid Fees Not Yet Earned	Taxes Receivable (net)	Fees Receivable	Total Deferred Revenues
General Fund Enterprise Fund Fire Districts Fu	\$183,093 nd <u>10,112</u>	2,192 	609,164 47,008	112,767 	792,257 114,959 57,120
Total	\$ <u>193,205</u>	<u>2,192</u>	<u>656,172</u>	<u>112,767</u>	964,336

The balance in deferred revenues for AppalCART at year end is composed of the following:

2002

Z. Smith Reynolds Grant \$ 18,819

The grant is to be used for a restricted purpose and, accordingly, is not reflected as income until such expenditure is made. Management does not anticipate spending these revenues in the current period.

3. Summary Disclosure of Significant Commitments

The County has commitments of approximately \$250,000 for park construction and \$2,800,000 in building construction. These projects are being funded mainly by grants, debt proceeds, and appropriations from fund balances.

4. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County participates in three self-funded risk financing pools administered by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Through these pools, the County obtains property coverage equal

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

to replacement cost values of owned property subject to a limit of \$125.5 million for any one occurrence, general, auto, professional, and employment practices liability coverage of \$2 million per occurrence, auto physical damage coverage for owned autos at actual cash value, crime coverage of \$250,000 per occurrence, workers' compensation coverage up to the statutory limits, and health and dental insurance for county employees. The pools are audited annually by Certified Public Accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the County upon request.

Note 3- Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

Two of the pools are reinsured through multi-state public entity captive commercial companies for single occurrence losses in excess of \$500,000 up to a \$2 million limit for liability coverage, \$600,000 of aggregate annual losses in excess of \$50,000 per occurrence for property auto physical damage, and crime coverage, and single occurrence losses of \$350,000 for workers' compensation. For health and dental insurance, the county is reinsured through the pool for individual losses in excess of 115% of expected claims. The pool is reinsured through commercial carrier for individual losses in excess of \$100,000. The County carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

AppalCART is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. AppalCART carries commercial insurance for these risks of loss. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years.

5. Claims and Judgements

At June 30, 2002, the County was a defendant in various lawsuits. One of these lawsuits is a tax exemption appeal for the year 1999. The taxpayer contends that some of its properties should be exempt from taxation as educational properties. In December 2000, the Property Tax Commission unanimously ruled that the taxpayer was not entitled to the exemption; however, in August 2002, the North Carolina Court of Appeals reversed the Property Tax Commission, by a vote of 2 to 1.

Due to the dissent, the County has filed a notice of appeal with the North Carolina Supreme Court. If the Court of Appeal's decision is upheld by the Supreme Court, the 1999 tax year will likely become precedent for subsequent years, therefore most or all of the property taxes paid for the 1999 thru 2001 years (approximately \$237,000 per year) will have to be refunded, including interest as required by law. The County's attorneys have not expressed an opinion on the likely outcome of this appeal.

In regards to the other lawsuits in which the County was a defendant, the attorney also expresses no opinion on the outcome of the litigations, and the amount of damages sought by the plaintiffs has not been determined. The County plans to vigorously contest these litigations.

6. <u>Long-Term Obligations</u>

a. Capital Leases

The County had no capital lease agreements.

b. <u>Installment Purchase</u>

As authorized by State law [G.S. 160A-20 and 153A-158.1], the County has financed

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various property acquisitions in the current and previous years. The installment purchases were issued pursuant to security agreements, which require that legal title remain with the County as long as the debt is outstanding.

The County executed an installment purchase on November 14, 2001, for the acquisition of a 2002 Freightliner Refuse Truck. This installment purchase is serviced by the Solid Waste Fund, and requires twelve quarterly payments of \$13,065 which includes interest at 3.91% compounded quarterly.

Note 3- Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

The County has another installment purchase serviced by the Solid Waste Fund. This installment purchase was executed on February 3, 2000 for the acquisition of a John Deere Front Loader and requires twelve quarterly principal payments of \$11,991\$ and interest at 4.64% compounded quarterly.

The County also has two installment purchases serviced by the General Fund. The first installment purchase was executed on November 1, 1997 for construction and renovation of the Human Services Center and requires sixty quarterly principal and interest payments of \$72,318.

The second installment purchase was executed on December 1, 1998 for the renovation of the East Annex Building and the Watauga County Health Department and requires forty quarterly principal and interest payments of \$51,219. For Watauga County, the future minimum payments as of June 30, 2002, including \$774,254 in interest, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	General Long-Term Debt	Solid Waste Fund
2003	\$ 494 , 148	76 , 661
2004	494,148	52 , 262
2005	494,148	26,131
2006	494,148	·
2007	494,148	
Next 5 years	1,605,333	
Total	\$4,076,073	155,054

c. General Obligation Indebtedness

The County's general obligation bonds financed by the governmental funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. Those general obligation bonds issued to finance the construction of solid waste disposal facilities utilized in the operations of the Solid Waste Fund and which are being retired by its resources are reported as long-term debt in the Solid Waste Fund. All general obligation bonds are collateralized by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County. Principal and interest payments are appropriated when due.

Bonds payable at June 30, 2002 consist of the following individual issues:

General Obligation Bonds Serviced by the General Fund:

\$2,411,400 1988 Farmers Home Administration Loan Discount Purchase Program bonds due in semi-annual installments through June 1, 2003; interest at 8.22%

\$ 296,200

\$7,500,000 1993 School Facility Serial Bonds due in semi-annual installments through June 1, 2014; interest at 4.40%

\$ 4,500,000

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\$9,400,000 1994 School Facility Serial Bonds due in semi-annual installments through June 1, 2003; interest at 5.70% - 5.90%

\$ 950,000

Note 3- Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

\$7,100,000 1996 School Facility Serial Bonds due in semi-annual installments through June 1, 2015; interest at 5.10% - 5.20%

\$ 5,000,000

\$6,425,000 2001 General Obligation Bonds Refunding due in semi-annual installments through June 1, 2015; interest at 3.00% to 4.25%

\$ 6,265,000

Serviced by the Solid Waste Fund:

\$1,385,000 1991 Solid Waste Disposal Bonds due in semiannual installments through June 1, 2011; interest at 6.10%

\$____

Total

\$17,011,200

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the County's general obligation bonds, including interest of \$5,199,153 are as follows:

Year Ending (General Long-Term
June 30	Debt Account Group
2002	\$ 2,432,693
2003	2,045,445
2004	1,978,745
2005	1,910,345
2006	1,841,775
Next 5 years	8,102,825
Thereafter	3,898,525
	
Total	\$ <u>22,210,353</u>

At June 30, 2002 Watauga County had a legal debt margin of \$247,290,061.

d. Advance Refunding Bonds

In December 2001, the County issued \$6,425,000 of general obligation refunding bonds to provide resources to purchase U.S. government securities that were placed into an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments on \$5,900,000 of refunded debt. The refunded debt consists of \$5,265,000 1994 School Facility Serial Bonds (partially refunded for maturities in the years 2004-2015) and \$635,000 1991 Solid Waste Disposal Bonds (completely refunded).

As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased and the liability has been removed from the General Long-Term Debt Account Group and the Solid Waste Fund. The amount of defeased debt, which remains outstanding as of June 30, 2002, is \$5,125,000. This advance refunding was undertaken to reduce total

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debt service payments over the following 13 years by \$282,135 and resulted in an economic gain of \$231,604.

Note 3- Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

e. Changes in General Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in the County's long-term debt for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

By type:	<u>J</u> ı	Balance uly 1, 2001	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2002
General obligation debt Installment purchase contracts Compensated absences Total	\$	17,338,200 3,620,776 542,872 21,501,848	6,425,000 486,122 6,911,122	6,752,000 318,957 464,793 7,535,750	17,011,200 3,301,819 564,201 20,877,220
By purpose:	<u>J</u> 1	Balance uly 1, 2001	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2002

C. Fund Equity

Enterprise Fund - Contributed Capital

On July 1, 1989, the County established the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to account for the operations of the landfill. At this time, all landfill assets were transferred to this fund at original cost less accumulated depreciation from date of purchase, as well as landfill long-term debts. The net difference between the net asset value and the long-term debts was considered as contributed capital from the General Fund. As required by GASB Statement 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, the County is recognizing capital contributions from external sources as revenue rather than as contributed capital.

Note 4 - Joint Ventures:

The County participates in a joint venture to operate Appalachian Regional Library with two other local governments. Each participating government appoints four board members to the twelve-member Board of the Library. The County has an ongoing financial responsibility for the joint venture because the Library's continued existence depends on the participating governments' continued funding. None of the participating governments have any equity interest in the Library, so

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no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2002. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$324,450 to the Library to supplement its activities. Complete financial statements for the Library can be obtained from the Library's offices at 148 Library Drive, West Jefferson, NC 28694.

Note 4 - <u>Joint Ventures (continued):</u>

The County, in conjunction with Ashe and Alleghany Counties, participates in a joint venture to operate the Appalachian District Health Department. Each participating government appoints one board member to the Governing Board and they in turn appoint the other members of the Governing Board. None of the participating governments have any equity interest in the Health Department, so no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2002.

In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$438,578 to the Health Department to supplement its activities. Complete financial statements for the Health Department can be obtained from the Health Department's offices at 141 Health Center Drive, Boone, NC 28607.

The County also participates in a joint venture to operate New River Behavioral Health Care with four other local governments. Each participating government appoints one County Commissioner to the Governing Board and they in turn appoint the other members. None of the participating governments have any equity interest in the Behavioral Health Care Department, so no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2002. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$206,492 to the Behavioral Health Care Department to supplement its activities. Complete financial statements for the Behavioral Health Care Department can be obtained at 895 State Farm Road, Suite 508, Boone, NC 28607.

Note 5 - <u>Jointly Governed Organizations</u>:

The County communally governs Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute with one other local government and the community college system of the State of North Carolina. The County appoints two members of its fourteen member Board of Trustees. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$258,975 to Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute to supplement its activities. Complete financial statements for the College can be obtained at 2855 Hickory Boulevard, Hudson, NC, 28638.

Note 6 - Contracts:

The County contracts with Watauga Medics, Inc. for ambulance service. The contract requires the County to provide the physical plant for Watauga Medics, Inc. The yearly subsidy amounted to \$833,127 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

Note 7 - Supplemental and Additional Supplemental One-Half of One Percent

Local Government Sales and Use Taxes:

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State law (Chapter 105, Articles 40 and 42, of the North Carolina General Statutes) requires the County to use a portion of the proceeds of its supplemental and additional supplemental sales taxes, or local option sales taxes, for public school capital outlays or to retire public school indebtedness.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 the County reported these local option sales taxes within its General Fund. The County expended the restricted portion of these taxes for public school capital outlays.

Note 8 - Public School Building Bond Act of 1997:

The General Assembly passed the Public School Building Bond Act of 1997 to provide for the issuance of \$1.8 billion in State bonds to be used for making grants to counties for qualified public school capital outlay projects. The Department of Public Instruction is responsible for project approval and the distribution of funds. The principal amounts of bonds or notes issued by the State in any twelve month period may not exceed \$450 million.

Of the total \$1.8 billion authorized, \$30 million will be allocated as grants to counties that have small county school systems, after considering whether the counties demonstrate both greater than average school construction needs and high property tax rates. The primary allocation of \$1.77 billion will be distributed to all counties based on the average daily membership, the ability to pay, and the growth rate of the school administrative units located within each county.

The distribution of the primary allocation is subject to the satisfaction of certain match requirements by the counties. Match requirements may be satisfied by non-State expenditures for public school facilities made on or after January 1, 1992. Watauga County's matching requirements of \$.50 for each dollar of allocated bond proceeds has been fulfilled.

Because the County has met its matching requirement, the County recognizes revenues equal to the liabilities incurred for approved project expenditures. Watauga County requests bond funds by project to be transferred to an account established by Watauga County Board of Education for payment of invoices. To date, the County has expended \$3,645,557 of their total allocation of \$3,858,443.

Note 9 - School Facilities Finance Act of 1987:

The General Assembly passed the School Facilities Finance Act of 1987 (Act) to assist county governments in meeting their public school facility capital needs. The Act created two State-funded programs for the construction and renewal of school facilities: the Public School Building Capital Fund administered by the Office of State Budget and Management and the Critical School Facilities Fund administered by the State Board of Education. The Public School Building Capital Fund may also be used to finance equipment needs under the local school unit's technology plan.

Public School Building Capital Fund

This program is funded using a portion of the corporate income taxes, which are imposed on corporations doing business in the State. Each calendar quarter, the Department of Revenue shall remit to the State Treasurer for credit in the fund, an amount equal to the applicable fraction of the net collections of corporate income taxes received during the previous quarter minus \$2.5 million, which it deposits into the Critical School Facilities Needs Fund.

For the period from 10/1/99 to 9/30/2000, the applicable fraction was one-fourteenth (1/14) of the net collections; for periods after 9/30/2000 the

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

applicable fraction is five sixty-ninths (5/69) of the net collections of corporate taxes.

Monies in the fund are allocated to Watauga County on the basis of the average daily membership (ADM) for Watauga County Board of Education as determined by the State Board of Education. The Office of State Budget and Management establishes and maintains an ADM allocation account for the County. At June 30, 2002, the balance of the County's ADM allocation account was \$7,342.

Note 9 - School Facilities Finance Act of 1987 (continued):

The County must match this balance on the basis of one dollar for every three dollars of State funds for financing the school unit's facilities capital needs. The local school technology plan does not require a county match.

After approving a school capital project authorized by the Act, the Office of State Budget and Management will transfer funds from the County's ADM allocation account to its disbursing account maintained with the State Treasurer.

The County received approval for an allocation of \$350,323 from the State for the roof replacement at Hardin Park Elementary School. The County must match this balance on the basis of one dollar for every three dollars of State funds. As of June 30, 2002, the County's disbursing account had a balance of \$737,343.

Funds in the allocation and disbursing accounts are considered State moneys until the County issues warrants to disburse them. At that time, they are recognized in the County's General Fund as a restricted intergovernmental revenue.

Critical School Facilities Needs Fund

This program is funded by the net collections of State income taxes imposed on corporations and received by the Department of Revenue. Each quarter, the Department of Revenue deposits \$2.5 million into the fund.

The Commission on School Facility Needs established a priority list of the counties receiving grants. The Commission on School Facility Needs has since been abolished.

Grants are awarded by the State Board of Education based on the grant priority list. A joint application must be made by the Watauga County Board of Commissioners and the Watauga County Board of Education. At June 30, 2002, the Boards had not submitted a grant application.

Note 10 - Benefit Payments Issued by the State:

The amounts listed below were paid directly to individual recipients by the State from federal and State monies. County personnel are involved with certain functions, primarily eligibility determinations, that cause benefit payments to be issued by the State.

These amounts disclose this additional aid to County recipients which do not appear in the general purpose financial statements because they are not revenues and expenditures of the County.

1	Federal	State
Temporary Assistance for		
Needy Families	\$ 110 , 903	
Medicaid	12,805,064	6,793,225
Food Stamp Program	1,375,760	
Low Income Home Energy Assistance		

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Block Grant	44,781	
Child - Welfare - Adoption Subsidy		7,684
Foster Care	75 , 063	8 , 974
Adoption Assistance	79 , 321	24,720

Note 11 - Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies:

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The County and AppalCART have received proceeds from several federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies.

Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

Groundwater Contamination/Landfill Closure

In March 1993, the County's engineers found groundwater contamination at the County's landfill site which exceeded State and Federal maximum contaminant levels for some constituents. On April 8, 1994, the County stopped accepting municipal solid waste at the County's landfill, and closure procedures were initiated. The County's engineers developed an assessment plan, which was approved by the NCDEHNR Solid Waste Management Division, to determine the extent, nature, and source of the contamination. The County installed groundwater monitoring wells in and around the landfill property to test for the presence of possible contaminants. On January 12, 1996, the County's engineers issued a Remedial Investigation and Alternative Report which proposed a remedial cap with some supplemental steps (including some continued assessment monitoring In February 1996, the Board of Commissioners approved the activities). engineer's proposal with some adjustments based on public comment. The County, after advertisement and bidding, awarded a contract for construction of the cap in May 1996. The approximate cost to date of the assessment and remedial cap is \$2,700,000. The capping project is complete and groundwater conditions remain stable. Groundwater testing continues, although on a reduced scope. Further remedial actions are not anticipated unless groundwater conditions change.

Note 12 - Additional Information:

Watauga Hospital Incorporated, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation that operates Watauga Medical Center and the County have borrowed \$8,300,000 primarily for the purpose of financing or reimbursing Watauga Hospital Incorporated for all or a portion of the (1) constructing and equipping a three-story addition to the existing Medical Center facilities, (2) renovating certain portions of the existing Medical Center facilities and (3) acquiring certain capital equipment. Should Watauga Hospital Incorporated default on the bonds, the County is obligated to make payments with respect to the borrowing of bond proceeds. These payments would be made only from revenues of the Medical Center, or any Medical Center facility owned by the County replacing the Medical Center whether in whole or in part and whether or not located on the site of the Medical Center. These bonds are not collateralized by the faith, credit, and taxing power of the

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County.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA

This section contains additional information required by generally accepted accounting principles.

- Schedule of Funding Progress for the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance.
- Schedule of Employer Contributions for the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance.
- Notes to the Required Schedules for the Law Enforcement Officers' special Separation Allowance

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Reserved Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Projected Unit Credit (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll for Year Ending on Val Date (c)	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
12/31/96	\$ 35,840	91,799	55,959	39.04 %	638,974	8.76 %
12/31/97	35,840	101,057	65,217	35.47	703,831	9.26
12/31/98	45,840	131,268	85,428	34.92	758,755	11.26
12/31/99	55,840	135,027	79,187	41.35	777,266	10.19
12/31/2000	65,840	237,850	172,010	27.68	809,782	21.24
12/31/2001	75,840	282,522	206,682	26.84	832,870	24.82

^{*} The County has not established a pension trust fund. It has elected to reserve a portion of general fund balance to pay benefits when due. However, this reservation of general fund balance is not legally binding.

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Employer Contributions

	Year Ended	Annual Required		Percentage	
_	June 30		Contribution	Reserved	_
	1996	\$	12,168	43.47	%
	1997		11,537	81.74	
	1998		12,835	77.91	
	1999		15,150	66.01	
	2000		15,203	65.78	
	2001		27,067	36.95	

Reservations of general fund balance were not made in accordance with the actuarially determined contribution requirements.

Watauga County Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Schedule 3 Required Supplementary Information Notes to the Required Schedules

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

Valuation date 12/31/01

Actuarial cost method Project unit created

Amortization method Level percent of pay closed

Remaining amortization period 29 years

Asset valuation method Market value

Actuarial assumptions:

Investment rate of return 7.25%

Projected salary increases 5.9 - 9.8%

Includes inflation at 3.75%

Cost of living adjustments N/A

General Fund Comparative Balance Sheets June 30, 2002 and 2001

	Jun	e 30, 2002	June 30, 2001
ASSETS:			
Cash and equivalents	\$	12,423,497	12,047,128
Taxes receivable		609,165	531,076
Accounts receivable		2,492,452	2,504,602
Tax refunds receivable		96,439	64,127
Due from other funds			60,425
Other assets		214,184	264,567
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	15,835,737	15,471,925
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	\$	1,071,741	629,594
Deferred revenue		792,257	715,116
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,863,998	1,344,710
FUND BALANCES:			
Reserved by state statute		2,588,891	2,894,261
Reserved for encumbrances		3,753,839	670,494
Reserved for LEO special separation allowance		85,840	75,840
Reserved for register of deeds		23,100	
Designated for subsequent years expenditures		344,959	3,451,396
Undesignated		7,175,110	7,035,224
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		13,971,739	14,127,215
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	15,835,737	15,471,925

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund Accounts for resources traditionally associated with government that are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in other funds.

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes - ad valorem:				
Current year	\$	14,472,625		13,670,580
Prior years	·	327,558		320,836
Advertising and interest		86,468		89,000
Total Taxes - ad valorem	14,496,298	14,886,651	390,353	14,080,416
Local Option Sales Taxes:				
Article 39 one percent		4,694,874		4,384,426
Article 40 one-half of one percent		1,665,843		1,694,875
Article 41 one-half of one percent		1,660,100		1,680,437
Total Taxes - Local Option Sales	8,264,169	8,020,817	(243,352)	7,759,738
Taxes - other:				
Intangibles - current year				
Intangibles - prior year		386,851		
Real estate transfer tax		330,306		305,781
Animal tax		1,221		1,507
ABC05/bottle		15,170		15,177
Gross receipts tax - county		29,083		24,798
Other		131,745		102,241
Total Taxes - other	854,500	894,376	39,876	449,504
Unrestricted intergov. rev.:				
Payments in lieu of taxes		10,723		7,483
50% revenue loss - homestead				29,195
80% Retail/Wholesale Reimb.		75,025		148,597
Manufacturer's Invent. Reimb.		31,016		62,032
Food Stamp Pur. Tax Reimb.		22,845		22,839
Inventory Tax Reimb.		36,012		70,928
Total Unrestricted intergov. rev.	336,632	175,621	(161,011)	341,074
Restricted intergov. revenues:				
Grants-Federal & State		4,295,818		3,960,408
Public School Facility Funds		202,139		55,704
POA-Town of Boone		6,000		6,000
Court facilities fees		103,504	- <u></u>	100,745
Total Restricted intergov. revenues	5,388,981	4,607,461	(781,520)	4,122,857

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Permits and fees:				
Gun permits		10,200		10,525
Serving civil summons		14,543		15,023
Jail and officer fees		46,910		38,593
Drug fees awarded by court		1,499		4,258
Planning and inspection fees		207,702		213.127
Marriage license		8,298		8,160
Register of deeds fees		359,289		247,533
Fire inspection fees		2,489		4,260
Total Permits and fees	485,110	650,930	165,820	541,479
Sales and service:				
Land sales				
POA income svc soc. serv.		16,636		14,043
Recreation department revenues		331,972		321,036
Sales of tax maps		1,046		1,067
Data processing fees		744		1,007
Rich Mtn. antenna rental		2,400		2,500
		16,567		16,309
Copy revenue Tax collection fees-Towns		58,230		53,616
Jail medical service		4,894		2,046
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Other		544,296		41,490
Total Sales and service	459,043	976,785	517,742	453,329
Investment earnings:				
Interest earned on investments	471,509	366,601	(104,908)	919,945
Miscellaneous:	199,256	653,137	453,881	524,906
TOTAL REVENUES	30,955,498	31,232,379	276,881	29,193,248
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government				
Governing body:				
Operating expenses	52,610	45,434	7,176	50,039
Administration:				
Salaries and benefits		199,234		145,929
Operating expenses		12,540		9,893
Total Administration	230,560	211,774	18,786	155,822
Finance:				
Salaries and benefits		264,139		215,907
Operating expenses		41,398		41,900
Total Finance	330,448	305,537	24,911	257,807

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

	2002			2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Tax Supervisor:		740.070		077.450
Salaries and benefits		718,278		677,158
Operating expenses		141,470		132,097
Capital outlay				25,180
Total Tax Supervisor	929,623	859,748	69,875	834,435
Tax Revaluation:				
Salaries and benefits		54,018		69,554
Operating expenses		159,886		83,607
Capital outlay		1,635		
Total Tax Revaluation	230,640	215,539	15,101	153,161
Legal Services:				
Operating expenses	36,400	31,072	5,328	22,467
Court facilities:				
Operating expenses		4,809		1,516
Capital outlay		6,215		15,092
Total Court facilities	11,489	11,024	465	16,608
Elections:				
Salaries and benefits		111,640		106,860
Operating expenses		48,215		58,695
Total Elections	308,912	159,855	149,057	165,555
Register of Deeds:				
Salaries and benefits		289,129		259,984
Operating expenses		78,945		65,392
Capital outlay		20,405	·	2,128
Total Register of Deeds	416,078	388,479	27,599	327,504
General administration:				
Operating expenses		246,443		222,279
Capital outlay		472,436	·	666,022
Total General administration	1,171,145	718,879	452,266	888,301

Watauga County, North Carolina General Fund

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -- BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Data processing:				
Salaries and benefits		147,244		132,534
Operating expenses		191,917		109,615
Capital outlay		114,989		73,606
Total Data processing	613,623	454,150	159,473	315,755
Maintenance:				
Salaries and benefits		742,176		681,154
Operating expenses		47,770		43,160
Capital outlay				1
Total Maintenance	829,429	789,946	39,483	724,315
Public Buildings				
Courthouse:		400.075		400 440
Operating expenses		139,675		136,418
Capital outlay		10,580		1,003
Total Courthouse	203,590	150,255	53,335	137,421
East Courthouse Annex:				
Operating expenses		23,796		21,332
Capital outlay				14,768
Total East Courthouse Annex	51,667	23,796	27,871	36,100
Ginn House:				
Operating expenses	32,573	1,482	31,091	13,375
Emergency Management:				
Operating expenses	7,050	1,508	5,542	31
Hannah:				
Operating expenses		35,220		33,578
Capital outlay				26,365
Total Hannah	42,186	35,220	6,966	59,940
Animal Shelter:				
Operating expenses	7,323	4,020	3,303	4,082
Old Cove Creek School				
Operating expenses	17,030	8,101	8,929	11,408
New Health Department				
Operating expenses		9,006		
Capital Outlay		1,628,159		78,921
Total New Health Department	4,174,777	1,637,166	2,537,611	78,921
Public Building-APPALCART:				
Operating expenses	4,249	3,251	998	1,199

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
New Library: Operating expenses	41,296	28,336	12,960	24,824
Caldwell College & Tech. Inst: Operating expenses	10,000	1,015	8,985	1,135
Watauga Comm. Center: Operating expenses	17,072	10,621	6,451	15,013
Law Enforcement Center: Operating expenses	54,607	36,090	18,517	29,008
West Courthouse Annex: Operating expenses	47,062	24,732	22,330	20,717
Human Services Center: Operating expenses	66,831	52,508	14,323	54,813
Appalachian Enterprise Center: Operating expenses	14,440	7,217	7,223	7,460
Prison Camp Site Operating expenses	14,026	5,815	8,211	15,589
Recreation Administration Center: Operating expenses	5,466	3,303	2,163	1,333
Aquatics Center: Operating expenses	114,342	70,855	43,487	79,713
Opt./Maintenance Facility: Operating expenses	25,950	19,621	6,329	18,490
Recreation Fields/Parks: Operating expenses	24,346	18,105	6,241	11,424
Total Public Buildings	4,975,883	2,143,017	2,832,866	621,996
Total General Government	10,136,840	6,334,454	3,802,386	4,533,765
Public Safety Sheriff's department: Salaries and benefits Operating expenses Capital outlay		1,255,960 143,929 97,247		1,138,969 138,954 87,832
Total Sheriff's department	1,572,631	1,497,136	75,495	1,365,755

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

	2002			2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Communications: Salaries and benefits		204 205		204.000
Operating expenses		294,295 19,878		264,966 23,516
Operating expenses		19,070		23,310
Total Communications	345,264	314,173	31,091	288,482
Jail:				
Salaries and benefits		329,135		294,130
Operating expenses		220,135		163,653
Capital outlay				1,544
Total Jail	559,344	549,270	10,074	459,327
Emerg. Mgt. & Fire Protect.:				
Salaries and benefits		144,709		139,553
Operating expenses		349,586		351,924
Capital outlay		45,641		16,505
Total Emerg. Mgt. & Fire Protect.	574,337	539,936	34,401	507,982
Planning and Inspections:				
Salaries and benefits		384,019		317,328
Operating expenses		38,268		32,986
Capital outlay		21,218		3,668
Total Planning and Inspections	493,940	443,505	50,435	353,982
Medical examiner:				
Operating expenses	22,000	19,375	2,625	11,700
Ambulance and rescue squad:				
Operating expenses	888,027	884,591	3,436	776,038
Animal control:				
Salaries and benefits		89,883		79,829
Operating expenses		20,296		19,190
Capital outlay		32,638		46,006
Total Animal control	165,018	142,817	22,201	145,025
Forestry:				
Operating expenses	35,624	35,624	 -	34,582
Total Public Safety	4,656,185	4,426,427	229,758	3,942,873

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Economic & Physical Development				
Elderly & Disabled Transportation: Operating expenses	42,302	38,579	3,723	29,630
Special Appropriations:	352,617	343,304	9,313	379,548
Cooperative extension:				
Salaries and benefits		138,979		141,769
Operating expenses		19,005		19,068
Total Cooperative extension	176,074	157,984	18,090	160,837
Soil conservation:				
Salaries and benefits		63,975		67,233
Operating expenses		10,488		9,378
Total Soil conservation	92,540	74,463	18,077	76,611
Golden Leaf Grant				
Salaries and benefits		6,586		3,795
Operating expenses		13,625		16,835
Capital outlay		4,731		2,621
Total Golden Leaf Grant	26,749	24,942	1,807	23,251
Total Economic & Physical Development	690,282	639,272	51,010	669,877
Human Services Public health:				
Operating expenses	438,578	438,578		425,687
Mental health:				
Operating expenses	297,857	294,144	3,713	375,057
Social services - admin.:				
Salaries and benefits		1,844,637		1,740,138
Operating expenses		219,260		221,419
Capital outlay				6,666
Total Social services - admin.	2,105,472	2,063,897	41,575	1,968,223
Beneficiary payments:	1,998,219	1,720,163	278,056	1,674,553
State foster care and daycare				
Room & Board		13,260		6,000
Other		667		70
Purchase-daycare XX		629,825		605,904
Total State foster care and daycare	829,563	643,752	185,811	611,974

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Project on aging:				
Salaries and benefits		1,226,016		1,236,266
Operating expenses		250,517		247,549
Capital outlay		3,045		8,358
Total Project on aging	1,701,579	1,479,578	222,001	1,492,173
Veterans service officer:				
Salaries and benefits		92,091		85,642
Operating expenses		3,173		4,002
Total Veterans service officer	97,210	95,264	1,946	89,644
Total Human Services	7,468,478	6,735,376	733,102	6,637,311
Total Human dervices	7,400,470	0,733,370	733,102	0,007,011
Education				
Public Schools - current		6,836,285		6,449,244
Public Schools - capital outlay		1,551,009		1,121,127
Community College - current		531,675		501,502
Community College - capital outlay		27,300		40,000
Total Education	9,809,709	8,946,269	863,440	8,111,873
Cultural and recreational Library:				
Operating expenses	324,450	324,450	<u></u> _	315,000
Recreation:				
Salaries and benefits		408,841		385,881
Operating expenses		121,832		183,344
Capital outlay		9,213		15,057
Total Recreation	587,639	539,886	47,753	584,282
Aquatics:				
Salaries and benefits		155,126		142,267
Operating expenses		21,020		20,350
Total Aquatics	186,691	176,146	10,545	162,617

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Budget Actual Variance	Actual
Recreation - Maintenance:	
Operating expenses 48,376	6,168
Capital outlay 3,500	13,171
Total Recreation - Maintenance 49,003 51,876 (2,873)	19,339
Total Cultural and recreational 1,147,783 1,092,358 55,425	1,081,238
Debt Service	
Principal retirement 1,805,957	1,745,320
Interest & fees	1,195,552
Total Debt Service 2,885,618 2,871,542 14,076	2,940,872
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 36,794,895 31,045,698 5,749,197	27,917,809
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over	
expenditures (5,839,397) 186,681 6,026,078	1,275,439
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	
Operating transfers from other funds 2,969,444 1,240,130 1,729,314	1,349,076
Fund balance appropriated 4,453,751 (4,453,751)	
Operating transfers to other funds (2,109,758) (2,109,758)	(1,713,806)
Operating transfers to component units (109,040) (107,529) 1,511	(119,864)
Proceeds from refunding debt 6,425,000 6,425,000	
Payment to refunding debt escrow agent (5,790,000) (5,790,000)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 5,839,397 (342,157) (6,181,554)	(484,594)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over	
expenditures & other sources (uses) \$ (155,476) (155,476)	790,845
Fund balances at beginning of year 14,127,215	13,324,118
Residual equity transfer	12,252
Fund balances at end of yea \$ 13,971,739	14,127,215

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditure for particular purposes.

Fire District Fund – This fund accounts for the ad valorem tax levies of twelve fire districts in Watauga County.

Revaluation Fund – This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources to be used for the octennial revaluation of real property.

Capital Reserve Fund – This fund was established in accordance with North Carolina law to account for the accumulation of resources to be used for various construction projects. When a construction project begins, a fund will be transferred to a Capital Projects Fund based on the Capital project ordinance.

E-911 Telephone Surcharge Fund – This fund was established in accordance with North Carolina law to account for the accumulation of telephone surcharges to be used for emergency telephone systems.

Substance Abuse Tax Fund – This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources to be used for the prevention of substance abuse and related crimes.

Lynnhaven II LLC Project Fund – This fund accounts for the accumulation of loan funds to help finance the construction of a nursing care facility.

Special Revenue Funds Combining Balance Sheet June 30, 2002

(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2001)

								Combining	Totals
		Fire		Capital	E-911 Telephone	Substance Abuse	Lynnhaven II		
	_	Districts	Revaluation	Reserve	Surcharge	Tax	LLC Project	2002	2001
ASSETS:									
Cash and equivalents	\$	20,437		5,518,780	591,730	43,493		6,174,440	6,535,415
Other assets Accounts receivable					 29,067			 29,067	88,668
Taxes receivable		47,008			29,007			47,008	39,921
Prepaid expenses	_				10,037			10,037	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ _	67,445		5,518,780	630,834	43,493		6,260,552	6,664,004
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:									
LIABILITIES:									
Accounts payable	\$	10,325			5,702	184		16,211	44,856
Deferred revenue		57,120						57,120	50,585
Due to other funds	-								60,425
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	67,445		<u></u>	5,702	184		73,331	155,866
FUND BALANCES:									
Reserved by state statue					29,067			29,067	28,243
Reserved for encumbrances					11,758			11,758	2,580
Designated for subsequent years expenditures				5,518,780	584,307	43,309		6,146,396	6,477,315
	-	-	-					<u> </u>	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	_			5,518,780	625,132	43,309		6,187,221	6,508,138
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$_	67,445		5,518,780	630,834	43,493		6,260,552	6,664,004
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Special Revenue Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

	(with Comparative Totals For the Fiscal Fed Effect Julie 30, 2001)						Combining Totals	
	Fire Districts	Revaluation	Capital Reserve	E-911 Telephone Surcharge	Substance Abuse Tax	Lynnhaven II LLC Project	2002	2001
Revenues:	744.700						744.700	202.402
Ad valorem taxes \$ Permits and fees	714,792 			 280,696			714,792 280,696	680,130 272,152
Donations				200,030			200,030	272,102
Investment earnings	260	756	138,978	9,734	187		149,915	285,204
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues								
Restricted intergovernmental revenues			45,000	72,751	6,315	56,966	181,032	381,871
Total revenues	715,052	756	183,978	363,181	6,502	56,966	1,326,435	1,619,357
Expenditures:								
Economic and physical development						56,966	56,966	317,262
General government								5,000
Education								
Public safety	715,052			191,120	9,084		915,256	924,611
Debt service								
Total expenditures	715,052			191,120	9,084	56,966	972,222	1,246,873
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		756	183,978	172,061	(2,582)		354,213	372,484
Other financing sources (uses):								
Operating transfers in (out)		(74,825)	(600,305)	 _	<u></u>		(675,130)	(345,646)
Total other financing sources(uses)		(74,825)	(600,305)				(675,130)	(345,646)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures		(74,069)	(416,327)	172,061	(2,582)		(320,917)	26,838
Fund balance at beginning of year		74,069	5,935,108	453,071	45,890		6,508,138	6,481,300
Fund balance at end of year \$			5,518,781	625,132	43,308		6,187,221	6,508,138

Fire Districts Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

	_		2002		2001
	-	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$	724,768	714,792	(9,976)	680,130
Investment earnings	_		260	260	4,841
Total revenues	_	724,768	715,052	(9,716)	684,971
Expenditures:					
Public safety:					
Beaver Dam Fire District		44,994	41,892	3,102	41,658
Blowing Rock Fire District		92,343	91,645	698	85,907
Boone Fire District		130,568	129,013	1,555	122,373
Cove Creek Fire District		86,328	86,799	(471)	85,101
Deep Gap Fire District		47,934	47,902	32	42,484
Foscoe Fire District		154,180	155,163	(983)	149,759
Meat Camp Fire District		50,843	49,466	1,377	48,453
Meat Camp/Creston Fire District		2,356	1,459	897	1,192
Shawneehaw Fire District		31,379	30,242	1,137	29,246
Stewart Simmons Fire District		24,862	23,045	1,817	22,326
Todd Fire District		13,662	12,946	716	12,502
Zionville Fire District		45,319	45,480	(161)	43,970
Total expenditures	_	724,768	715,052	9,716	684,971
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over					
expenditures	\$_				
Fund balance at beginning of year					
Fund balance at end of year			\$		

Revaluation Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002
(With Comparative Actual Amounts For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001)

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues: Investment earnings	\$	756	756	4,907
Expenditures: General government				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		756_	756	4,907
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers: From General Fund				
To General Fund	(150,028)	(74,825)	75,203	(76,946)
Total Operating Transfers	(150,028)	(74,825)	75,203	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources (uses) over expenditures	(150,028)	(74,069)	75,959	(72,039)
Appropriated fund balance	150,028	<u></u>	(150,028)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, other sources (uses), and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$	(74,069)	<u>(74,069)</u>	(72,039)
Fund balance at beginning of year		74,069		146,108
Fund balance at end of year		\$ <u></u>		74,069

Capital Reserve Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in

Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002				
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual		
Revenues:						
Donations	\$					
Investment earnings		138,978	138,978	261,572		
Restricted intergovernmental	45,000	45,000				
Total revenues	45,000	183,978	138,978	261,572		
Expenditures:						
Capital projects	725,000		725,000	5,000		
Education						
Total expenditures	725,000		725,000	5,000		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over						
expenditures	(680,000)	183,978	863,978	256,572		
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers - in (out): From general fund To general fund	980,000 (2,819,417)	980,000 (1,165,305)	 1,654,112	925,000 (1,272,130)		
To capital projects	(415,000)	(415,000)				
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,254,417)	(600,305)	1,654,112	(347,130)		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other						
sources (uses) over expenditures	(2,934,417)	(416,327)	2,518,090	(90,558)		
Appropriated fund balance	2,934,417		(2,934,417)			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, other sources (uses), and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$	(416,327)	(416,327)	(90,558)		
Fund balance at beginning of year		5,935,108		6,025,666		
Fund balance at end of year		\$ <u>5,518,781</u>		5,935,108		

E-911 Telephone Surcharge Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
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Revenues:				
Permits and fees: 911 subscriber fees	\$ 210,374	280,696	70,322	272,152
Restricted intergovernmental: Wireless 911 funds	50,000 5,000	72,751 9,734	22,751 4,734	61,160 13,368
Investment earnings	5,000	9,734	4,734	13,300
Total revenues	265,374	363,181	97,807	346,680
Expenditures:				
Public safety:				
911 system subscriber fees: Salaries and wages	49,180	47,850	1,330	44,940
Operating expenses	152,645	74,020	78,625	161,366
Capital outlay	26,880	6,727	20,153	3,030
Total 911 system subscriber fees	228,705	128,597	100,108	209,336
Wireless 911:				
Operating expenses	62,524	62,523	1	1,316
Capital outlay			' 	12,267
Total wireless 911	62,524	62,523	1	13,583
Total expenditures	291,229	191,120	100,109	222,919
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
expenditures	(25,855)	172,061	197,916	123,761
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfer from General Func				78,430
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and				
other sources (uses) over expenditures	(25,855)	172,061	197,916	202,191
Appropriated fund balance	25,855		(25,855)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
and appropriated fund balance				
over expenditures	\$	172,061	172,061	202,191
Fund balance at beginning of year		453,071		250,880
. and balance at beginning of year		400,011		200,000
Fund balance at end of year		\$ 625,132		453,071

Substance Abuse Tax Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		2002				
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual		
Revenues: Investment earnings Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 6,637	187 6,315	187 (322)	516 3,449		
Total revenues	6,637	6,502	(135)	3,965		
Expenditures: Public Safety	6,637	9,084	(2,447)	16,721		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(2,582)	(2,582)	(12,756)		
Appropriated fund Balance						
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, other sources (uses), and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$	(2,582)	(2,582)	(12,756)		
Fund balance at beginning of year		45,890		58,646		
Fund balance at end of year		\$ 43,308		45,890		

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLIN/
Lynnhaven II LLC Project
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002 (With Comparative Actual Amounts For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001)

		2002		2001
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental	\$	56,966	56,966	317,262
Total revenues		56,966	56,966	317,262
Expenditures: Capital Outlay	\$	56,966	(56,966)	317,262
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures				
Appropriated fund Balance				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, other sources (uses), and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$			
Fund balance at beginning of year				
Fund balance at end of year		\$		

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital projects Funds are used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds.

Parks and Recreation – High School Athletic Complex Fund – This fund is used to account for the construction of the athletic complex. The project is being financed through State grants.

Capital Projects Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2002
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2001)

	Brookshire		Combining Totals		
	_	Park Capital Project	June 30 2002	June 30 2001	
Assets:					
Cash and equivalents Accounts receivable Tax refunds receivable Due from other funds	\$ 	248,707 14 	248,707 14 	 	
Total Assets	\$	248,721	248,721	<u></u>	
Liabilities and Fund Balance:					
Liabilities: Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds		 	 	<u></u>	
Total Liabilities	\$				
Fund Balance: Reserved by state statute Reserved for encumbrances Designated for future expenditures		 248,721	 248,721	 	
Total Fund Balance		248,721	248,721		
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	248,721	248,721		

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Capital Projects Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002
(With Comparative Totals for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001)

		Combining	Totals
	Brookshire Park Capital Project	June 30 2002	June 30 2001
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental revenues Investment earnings	\$ 250,000	250,000	
Total Revenues	250,000	250,000	
Expenditures:			
Capital Projects	416,279	416,279	
Total Expenditures	416,279	416,279	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(166,279)	(166,279)	
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers - in (out): From capital reserve fund	415,000	415,000	
From general fund From enterprise fund	 	 	
Installment purchase proceeds Proceeds from general obligation bonds			
Total other financing sources (uses)	415,000	415,000	
Increase (decrease) in fund balance	248,721	248,721	
Fund balance at beginning of year Residual equity transfer	 		12,252 (12,252)
Fund balance at end of year	\$248,721_	248,721	

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Brookshire Park Capital Project
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
From Inception and For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

	•	Budget	Prior Years	Actual Current Year	Total-to Date	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental revenues Investment earnings	\$	250,000	 	250,000	250,000	
Total revenues	-	250,000		250,000	250,000	
Expenditures: Capital Projects	•	665,000		416,279	416,279	248,721
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(415,000)		(166,279)	(166,279)	248,721
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers - in (out): From capital reserve fund		415,000		415,000	415,000	
Total other financing sources (uses)		415,000		415,000	415,000	
Increase (decrease) in fund balance	\$			248,721	248,721	248,721
Fund balance at beginning of year						
Fund balance at end of year			\$	248,721		

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the government's council is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the government's council has decided that the periodic determination of net income is appropriate for accountability purposes.

Solid Waste Fund

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (NON-GAAP)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002
(With Comparative Actual Amounts For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001)

		2002		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
REVENUES:				
Operating revenues: Landfill revenues Miscellaneous	\$ 2,439,927 2,000	2,395,607	(44,320) (2,000)	2,300,850 5,368
Total operating revenues	2,441,927	2,395,607	(46,320)	2,306,218
Non-operating revenues: Interest earned on investments Sale of fixed assets Restricted intergovernmental revenues Total non-operating revenues	98,000 3,500 101,500	71,434 10,001 3,500 84,935	(26,566) 10,001 (16,565)	125,163 125,163
TOTAL REVENUES	2,543,427	2,480,542	(62,885)	2,431,381
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES: Operating transfers from other funds Proceeds of lease purchase Fund balance appropriated	1,129,758 150,000 104,491	1,129,758 147,261 	(2,739) (104,491)	710,376
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,384,249	1,277,019	(107,230)	710,376
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,927,676	3,757,561	(170,115)	3,141,757
EXPENDITURES: Landfill operations: Salaries and wages Operating expenses	610,173 2,234,557	600,677 1,886,616	9,496 	559,234 1,907,833
Total landfill operations	2,844,730	2,487,293	357,437	2,467,067
Budgetary appropriations Interest paid Debt principal Capital outlay Total budgetary appropriations	49,215 781,331 252,400 1,082,946	29,529 781,331 212,065 1,022,925	19,686 40,335 60,021	53,836 159,429 18,365 231,630
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,927,676	3,510,218_	417,458	2,698,697
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$	247,343	247,343	443,060

Note: Prepared on the budgetary basis which is modified accrual.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (NON-GAAP) For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002 (With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001)

Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:	_	2002		2001	
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	\$	247,343	\$	443,060	
Reconciling items: Capital outlays Depreciation Payment of debt principal Lease purchase proceeds Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets (Increase) decrease in accrued vacation pay		212,065 (134,583) 781,331 (147,261) (388)		18,365 (154,407) 159,429 (714) (8,753)	
Total reconciling items	_	711,164		13,920	
Net income (loss)	\$	958,507	\$	456,980	

AGENCY FUNDS

Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the county as an agent for individuals and/or other governments.

Social Services Fund – This fund accounts for the Social Services Department for the benefit of certain individuals in the county.

Surety Bonds Fund – This fund accounts for moneys held by the county for bonds on subdivisions within the county as determined by the Planning and Inspections Department.

Vehicle Tax - Towns Fund – This fund accounts for the proceeds of the motor vehicle taxes that are collected by the county on behalf of the municipalities within the county.

Health Benefits Fund – This fund accounts for moneys collected by the county for the self-funded long-term disability insurance for county employees to pay administrative costs and claims.

Library Trust Fund – This fund is used to account for moneys donated by individuals to help finance the construction of the new public library.

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Agency Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2002
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2001)

						Tota	ıls
	_	Social Services Fund	Surety Bonds Fund	Vehicle Tax-Towns Fund	Health Benefits Fund	June 30 2002	June 30 2001
ASSETS:							
Cash and investments	\$_	31,008	18,119	8,585	161,962	219,674	219,252
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts payable	\$	31,008	18,119	8,585	161,962	219,674	219,252

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Agency Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		Balance July 1, 2001	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2002
Social Services:	•				
Assets: Cash and Investments	\$	29,031	178,369	176,392	31,008
Liabilities: Accounts Payable	\$	29,031	178,369	176,392	31,008
Surety Bond Funds: Assets:					
Cash and Investments	;	21,675		3,556	18,119
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	;	21,675		3,556	18,119
Health Benefits: Assets:					
Cash and Investments	;	160,980	9,982	9,000	161,962
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	:	160,980	9,982	9,000	161,962
Vehicle Tax-Towns:					
Assets: Cash and Investments	:	7,566	127,750	126,731	8,585
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	;	7,566	127,750	126,731	8,585
Total - All Agency Funds Assets:					
Cash and Investments	\$	219,252	316,101	315,679	219,674
Liabilites:					
Accounts Payable	\$	219,252	316,101	315,679	219,674

OTHER SCHEDULES

This section contains additional information required on property taxes, transfers, and cash and investments.

- Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
- Analysis of Current Tax Levy County-wide Levy
- Schedule of Ten Largest Taxpayers
- Analysis of Current Tax Levy Fire Districts
- Schedule of Transfers
- Schedule of Cash and Investment Balances

Watauga County, North Carolina General Fund Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable June 30, 2002

-	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2001	Additions	Collections and Credits	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2002
Fiscal year:				
2001 - 2002	\$	14,866,296	14,472,625	393,671
2000 - 2001	375,327		245,789	129,538
1999 - 2000	123,101		49,149	73,952
1998 - 1999	68,776		14,221	54,555
1997 - 1998	49,880		9,038	40,842
1996 - 1997	36,478		6,761	29,717
1995 - 1996	30,703		3,628	27,075
1994 - 1995	32,112		2,288	29,824
1993 - 1994	28,067		1,295	26,772
1992 - 1993	35,463		1,789	33,674
1991 - 1992	48,564		48,564	
	\$ 828,471	14,866,296	14,855,147	839,620
Plus: uncollected 20	001 - 2002 ad valorem ta	xes receivable		
on annually re	egistered vehicles			134,314
Less: allowance for	uncollectible accounts G	eneral Fund		(364,769)
Ad valorem taxes re	ceivable - net General Fu	ınd	:	\$ 609,165

Reconcilement with revenues:

Ad valorem taxes - General Fund	\$	14,886,651
Reconciling items:		
Advertising and interest collected	(86,468)	
Taxes written off	54,964	
Total reconciling items		(31,504)
Total collections and credits	\$	14 855 147

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Analysis of Current Tax Levy County-Wide Levy For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

						Total	Levy
		Cou	ınty-Wide		-	Property excluding Registered	Registered
	_	Property	Dete	Amount		Motor	Motor
Original levy:	_	Valuation	Rate	of Levy	-	Vehicles	Vehicles
Property taxed at current year's rate	\$	3,257,836,220	0.445	14,497,595	\$	13,039,000	1,458,595
Penalties	_			4,165	-	4,165	
Total	_	3,257,836,220		14,501,760	-	13,043,165	1,458,595
Discoveries:							
Current year taxes Prior year taxes Penalties	_	56,687,995 	0.445	342,210 43,546 26,655	<u>-</u>	342,210 43,546 26,655	
Total	_	56,687,995		412,411	_	412,411	
Abatements:	_	(10,758,455)		(47,875)	-	(20,818)	(27,057)
Total property	\$_	3,303,765,760					
Net levy				14,866,296		13,434,758	1,431,538
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2002				393,671	-	255,681	137,990
Current year's taxes collected			;	\$ 14,472,625	-	13,179,077	1,293,548
Current levy collection Percentage				97.35%	=	98.10%	90.36%

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Analysis of Current Tax Levy County-wide Levy For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

Statement 18-A

\$ 715,760

Secondary Market Disclosures:

Fire Protection Districts

Assessed Valuation:	
Assessment Ratio	100%
Real Property	\$ 2,801,797,064
Personal Property	455,588,782
Public Service Companies	46,379,914
Total Assessed Valuation	3,303,765,760
Tax Rate per \$100	0.445
Levy (includes discoveries, releases and abatements)	\$ <u>14,866,296</u>
In addition to the County-wide rate, the following table lists the levies by the County on behalf of fire protection districts for the fiscal year ended June 30:	

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Ten Largest Taxpayers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

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Taxpayer	Type of Business	2002 Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation
Spiritual Center of			
America	Resort/Real Estate	\$ 33,188,720	1.00%
Blue Ridge Electric	Electric Utility	26,831,026	.81
University Courtyard	•		
Boone LLC	Student Housing	18,659,200	.56
Maharishi Spiritual	_		
Center of America	Resort/ Real Estate	18,630,300	.56
Bell South	Telephone Utility	15,919,375	.48
Appalachian South Inc.	Rental Properties	9,161,900	.28
Templeton Properties	Rental Properties	8,599,800	.26
Heavenly Mtn.			
Resort, Inc.	Resort	8,437,400	.25
Beech Mtn. Resort	Resort/Real Estate	8,228,274	.25
David Kaplan	Residential	7,854,300	.24
		\$ <u>155,510,295</u>	<u>4.69</u> %

Analysis of Current Tax Levy Fire Districts For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Beaver Dam Fire District	Blowing Rock Fire District	Boone Fire District	Cove Creek Fire District	Deep Gap Fire District	Foscoe Fire District	Meat Camp Fire District	Meat Camp/ Creston Fire District	Shawneehaw Fire District	Stewart Simmons Fire District	Todd Fire District	Zionville Fire District
Tax rate	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Net levy \$	42,050	91,432	128,660	88,181	47,698	154,830	49,293	1,371	30,198	23,131	13,051	45,865
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2002	1,910	1,905	3,472	4,093	1,786	3,488	2,196	188	1,081	898	518	2,386
Current year's taxes collected \$	40,140	89,527	125,188	84,088	45,912	151,342	47,097	1,183	29,117	22,233	12,533	43,479
Current levy collection percentage	95.46%	97.92%	97.30%	95.36%	96.26%	97.75%	95.55%	86.29%	96.42%	96.12%	96.03%	94.80%

Schedule of Transfers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

		Tran	sfers
Operating Transfers From/To other Funds:	_	From	То
General Fund: Capital Reserve Fund Solid Waste Fund Revaluation Fund	\$	1,165,305 74,825	980,000 1,129,758
Special Revenue Funds: Capital Reserve Fund General Fund Brookshire Park Capital Project Fund Revaluation Fund General Fund		980,000	1,165,305 415,000 74,825
Capital Projects Funds: Brookshire Park Capital Project Fund Capital Reserve Fund		415,000	
Proprietary: Solid Waste General Fund	_	1,129,758	
Total operating transfers - other funds	\$_	3,764,888	3,764,888
Operating Transfers From/To Component Units:			
General Fund: Component units - discretely presented Watauga County Economic Development Commission AppalCART	\$	53,454 54,075	
Component Units - discretely presented: Watauga County Economic Development Commission General Fund AppalCART			53,454
General Fund	_		54,075
Total operating transfers - component units	\$_	107,529	107,529

Schedule of Cash and Investment Balances
June 30, 2002

		Cost	Market Value
Cash and investments in the form of:			
Cash: On hand In demand deposits Certificates of deposit Total cash	\$ -	1,710 1,725,163 13,167,075 14,893,948	1,710 1,725,163 13,167,075 14,893,948
Investments: N.C. Capital Management Trust	_	7,596,986	7,596,986
Total Cash and Investments	\$ <u>-</u>	22,490,934	22,490,934
Distribution by funds:			
General fund Special revenue funds Fire districts Revaluation fund Capital Reserve E-911 Telephone Surcharge Substance Abuse Tax Fund Capital projects fund Fiduciary fund Proprietary fund	\$	12,423,497 20,437 5,518,780 591,730 43,493 248,707 219,674 3,424,616	
Total	\$ _	22,490,934	

COMPLIANCE SECTION

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Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of County Commissioners Watauga County, North Carolina

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Watauga County, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2002. We did not audit the financial statements of AppalCART. Those financial statements were audited by another auditor whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for AppalCART is based solely on the report of the other auditor. 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Watauga County=s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 test disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Watauga County=s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information of management, others within the organization, members of the Board of County Commissioners, and federal and State awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specific parties.

Holder, Copeland & Associates, P.A.

September 19, 2002

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Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With OMB Circular A-133 and the State Single Audit Implementation Act

To the Board of County Commissioners Watauga County, North Carolina

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Watauga County, North Carolina, with the types of compliance requirements described in the <u>U.S. Office of Management and Budget</u> (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement and the Audit Manual for Governmental <u>Auditors in North Carolina</u>, issued by the Local Government Commission, that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2002. Watauga County=s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor=s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Watauga County=s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Watauga County=s compliance based on our audit.

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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, <u>Audits of States</u>, <u>Local Governments</u>, <u>and Non-Profit Organizations</u>, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, OMB Circular A-133, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act 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 Watauga County=s 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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Watauga County=s compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Watauga County complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2002.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Watauga County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Watauga County=s internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and the State Single Audit Implementation Act.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information of the management, others within the organization, members of the Board of County Commissioners, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specific parties.

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September 19, 2002

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To the Board of County Commissioners Watauga County, North Carolina

Compliance

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We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; applicable sections of OMB Circular A-133 as described in the Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, applicable sections of OMB Circular A-133, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act 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 State program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Watauga County=s 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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Watauga County=s compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Watauga County complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major State programs for the year ended June 30, 2002.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Watauga County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to State programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Watauga County=s internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major State program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and the State Single Audit Implementation Act.

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Holder, Copeland & Associates, P.A.

September 19, 2002

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

I. Summary of Auditor=s Results

- A. An unqualified opinion was issued on the financial statements of Watauga County.
- B. Our audit of the general purpose financial statements disclosed no reportable conditions in internal controls.
- C. Our audit of the general purpose financial statements disclosed no instances of noncompliance with laws, regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are material to the general purpose financial statements.
- D. Our audit of compliance with the types of compliance requirements applicable to the County=s major programs disclosed no reportable conditions in internal controls over major programs.
- E. An unqualified opinion was issued on Watauga County=s compliance with the types of compliance requirements applicable to its major federal programs.
- F. An unqualified opinion was issued on Watauga County=s compliance with the types of compliance requirements applicable to its major State programs.
- G. Major federal programs for Watauga County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 are:

Program Name	CFDA#
Title XIX Medicaid	93.778
Food Stamp Program	10.551

H. Major State programs for Watauga County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 are:

CF	FDA#
93	3.778
Fund	N/A

- I. The threshold for determining Type A programs for Watauga County is \$489,565.
- J. Watauga County qualified as a low risk auditee under Section .530 of Circular No. A-133.

II. Findings Related to the Audit of the General Purpose Financial Statements of Watauga County

There were no findings or questioned costs.

III. Findings and Questioned Costs Related to the Audit of Federal and State Awards

There were no findings or questioned costs.

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

The prior year audit report disclosed no audit findings.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

Federal Pass-Through (Direct & Pass-Federal Grantor/Pass-Through **CFDA** Grantor's Through) State Local Expenditures Grantor/Program Title Number Number Expenditures Expenditures **Federal Grants:** U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services: Division of Social Services: Administration: Food Stamp Cluster: Food Stamp Program-Noncash 10.551 1,375,760 State Administrative Matching Grants for the Food Stamp Program 10.561 199.086 199.086 Total Food Stamp Cluster 1,574,846 199,086 Golden Leaf Grant 8,193 40,000 Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services: Nutrition Program for the Elderly 10.570 28,627 Total U.S. Dept. of Agriculture 1,611,666 239,086 U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services: Community Development Block Grant 14.228 56,966 U.S. Dept of Justice's Office of the Inspector General Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program 16.607 516 516 **Federal Emergency Management Agency** Passed-through N.C. Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety Emergency Management-State and Local Assistance 85.534 8,588 108,706 U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Administration on Aging Aging Cluster: Passed-through High Country Council of Governments Special Programs for the Aging - Title III F Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services 93.043 4,139 245 453 Special Programs for the Aging - Title III B Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers 93.044 16,944 10,938 3,237 Special Programs for the Aging - Title III C **Nutritional Services** 93.045 72,343 23,593 10,660 In Home Services - State Funds 66,747 7,900 Senior Center 12,818 352 Family Caregiver Support Program 93.052 4,320 276 1,173 Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) In-home Services 93.667 23,636 731 2.422 Total Aging Cluster 115,348 26,197 121,382 Administration for Children and Families Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and **Human Services:** Division of Social Services: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 93.558 226.947 Administration 163.588 Direct Benefit Payments 93.558 110,903 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant: Administration 93.568 50,219 **Direct Benefit Payments** 93.568 44,781 Childcare Development Fund-Administration 93.596 60,000

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Federal (Direct & Pass- Through) Expenditures	State Expenditures	Local Expenditures
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (cont.)					
Child Welfare Services Child Welfare Services:	93.645		15,225	3,848	1,227
Adoption Subsidy - Direct Benefit Payments	93.645			7,684	2,561
Title IV-E Foster Care	93.658		112,708	12,201	100,507
Foster Care - Direct Benefit Payments	93.658		75,063	8,974	53,593
Adoption Assistance - Direct Benefit Payments Social Services Block Grant	93.659 93.667		79,321 152,054	24,720 22,048	24,720 49,529
DCD Smart Start	33.007			37,000	
Division of Child Development: Subsidized Child Care Cluster: Child Care and Development					
Fund Discretionary Child Care and Develpoment	93.575		208,455		
Fund Mandatory	93.596		101,777		
Child Care and Development			,		
Fund Match	93.596		73,795	882	
Social Services Block Grant TANF	93.667 93.558		2,702 48,976		
Smart Start	93.556		40,970	125,857	
TANF - Maintenance of Effort				70,917	
Total Subsidized Child Care Cluster			435,705	197,656	
Health Care Financing Administration Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services: Division of Medical Assistance: Direct Benefit Payments: Medical Assistance Program	93.778		12,805,064	6,793,225	1,132,489
Division of Social Services:	93.116		12,003,004	0,793,223	1,132,469
Medical Assistance Program					
Administration Health Choice	93.778 93.767		383,745 24,933	41,796 1,569	321,353 7,575
Links	93.767		2,400	600	7,575
Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Serv	vicos		14,700,450	7,266,669	1,883,339
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Total Federal Awards			16,378,186	7,266,669	2,231,647
State Awards:					
N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services State/County Special Assistance for Adults-					
Direct Benefit Payments				161,605	161,605
State Foster Care Benefits Program Program Integrity				13,647 1,114	13,647
State Aid to Counties				24,513	
State Adult Protective Service				26,273	
Foster Care at Risk				6,679	3,294
Total N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services				233,831	178,546
N.C. Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety Reaching Adolescent Program		095-1-99-013-D-378		12,690	4,311

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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Community Programs - 123,419 33,746 Total Office of the Governor - 325,558 101,126 N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction - 598,870 - Public School Bond Fund - 598,870 - Public School National Forest Service - 599,156 - Total N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction - 599,156 - N.C. Dept. of Transportation - 599,156 - N.C. Dept. of Transportation - 3,539 - Operating Assistance - 2,359 - Program (EADTAP) - 13,434 - Program (EADTAP) - 13,434 - Rural Operating Assistance Program - 2,7018 - Rural Operating Assistance Program - 2,6045 - Soil Conservation Assistance - 4,000 54,093 Soil Conservation Assistance - 4,000 54,093 Soil Conservation Assistance Grant - 2,000 7,538	Tubile School Building Capital Fund				202,133	07,300
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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Financial Awards:

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards includes the federal and State grant activity of Watauga County and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations". Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in or used in the preparation of the general purpose financial statements. Benefit payments are paid directly to recipients and are not included in the county's general purpose financial statements. However, due to the county's involvement in determining eligibility, they are considered federal awards to the county and are included on this schedule.

Subrecipients

Of the federal and State expenditures presented in the schedule, Watauga County provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

	CFDA	rederai	State
Program Title	Number	Expenditures	Expenditures
Food Stamp Program-noncash	10.551	\$ 1,375,760	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	110,903	
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	12,805,064	6,793,225
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant	93.568	44,781	
Child Welfare - Adoption Subsidy	93.645		7,684
Foster Care	93.658	75,063	8,974
Adoption Assistance	93.659	79,321	24,720