# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 & 2000

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 13, 2001

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County Officials

# County Commissioners

Jimmy Hodges James Coffey Sue Sweeting Patricia Wilkie

Vilas, North Carolina Boone, North Carolina Blowing Rock, North Carolina Deep Gap, North Carolina Jack D. Lawrence, Sr. Boone, North Carolina

Chairman Vice-Chairman

# County Officers

Jeff Hedrick Robert Nelson Doris Isaacs Larry McLean Kelvin Byrd Glenn D. Hodges Wanda Scott

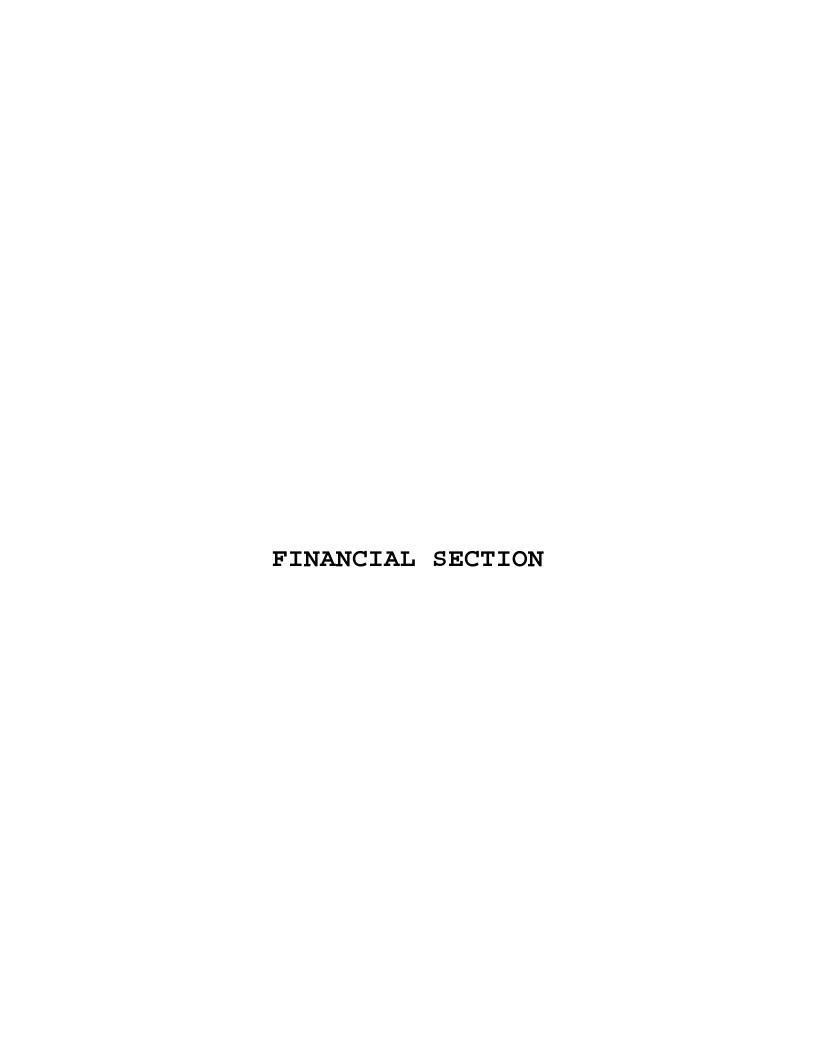
Boone, North Carolina Boone, North Carolina Boone, North Carolina Boone, North Carolina Zionville, North Carolina Blowing Rock, North Carolina Clerk of Court James C. (Red) Lyons Boone, North Carolina Boone, North Carolina

Attorney County Manager Finance Officer Tax Administrator (1) Tax Administrator (1)

Sheriff

Register of Deeds

(1) Larry McLean retired as Tax Administrator as of July 2, 2001. Kelvin Byrd became Tax Administrator as of that date.



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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, 2001, 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.

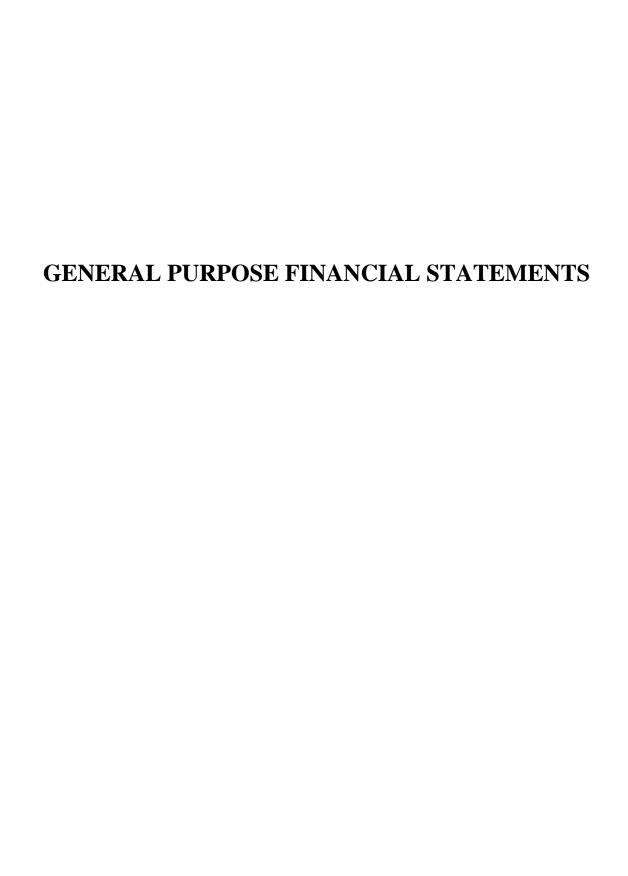
In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of another auditor, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Watauga County, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows 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 13, 2001 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 13, 2001



Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups and Discretely Presented Component Units June 30, 2001

			overnmental Fun	d Types		Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Accoun	t Groups	Total (Memorandum	Compon	ent Units
			overnmentai Fun	u rypes		runa Type	runa Types	General	t Groups	Only)	Watauga	ent Units
		General	Special Revenue	Capital Project		Enterprise	Agency	Fixed Assets	General L/T Debt	Primary Government	County EDC	AppalCART
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS		Conordi	rtovende	1 TOJOOL		Enterprise	/ tgeriey	7100010	DT DODE	COVERNICIE	LDO	прриотит
ASSETS:												
Cash and equivalents	\$	12,047,128	6,535,415			3,118,484	219,252			21,920,279	1,049	371,413
Receivables (net):												
Taxes		531,076	39,921							570,997		
Accounts		2,504,602	88,668			215,934				2,809,204		55,239
Tax refunds		64,127								64,127		
Due from other funds		60,425								60,425		
Other assets		264,567								264,567		82,948
Fixed assets		-				2,634,580		29,591,595	-	32,226,175	11,137	663,786
OTHER DEBITS:												
Amts. avail. for ret. of debt									6,807	6,807		
Provision for ret. of L/T debt									21,495,041	21,495,041		
TOTAL ASSETS AND												
OTHER DEBITS	\$	15,471,925	6,664,004		<u> </u>	5,968,998	219,252	29,591,595	21,501,848	79,417,622	12,186	1,173,386
LIABILITIES, EQUITY OTHER CREDITS LIABILITIES:												
Accounts payable	\$	629,594	44,856			154,885	219,252			1,048,587		25,529
Other liabilities												
Due to other funds			60,425							60,425		
Deferred revenue		715,116	50,585			104,559				870,260		18,819
General obligation bonds payable-												
current						75,000			1,467,000	1,542,000		
Compensated absences payable						33,213			542,872	576,085		39,033
General obligation bonds payable						635,000			15,871,200	16,506,200		
Installment purchase payable						71,948			3,620,776	3,692,724	-	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,344,710	155,866			1,074,605	219,252		21,501,848	24,296,281		83,381
EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS:												
Contributed Capital						954,967				954,967		2,485,741
Investment in fixed assets								29,591,595		29,591,595	11,137	
Retained Earnings <deficit>,unreserv</deficit>	/ed					3,939,426				3,939,426		-1,395,736
Fund balances												
Reserved by state statute		2,894,261	28,243							2,922,504		
Reserved for encumbrances		670,494	2,580							673,074		
Reserved for LEO spec.sep.all.		75,840								75,840		
Desig. for subseq.years exp.		3,451,396	6,477,315							9,928,711		
Undesignated		7,035,224								7,035,224	1,049	
TOTAL EQUITY AND												
OTHER CREDITS		14,127,215	6,508,138			4,894,393		29,591,595		55,121,341	12,186	1,090,005
TOTAL LIABILITIES , EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$	15,471,925	6,664,004			5,968,998	219,252	29,591,595	21,501,848	79,417,622	12,186	1,173,386

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

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, 2001

Total (Memorandum **Governmental Fund Types** Component Unit Only) Watauga Special Capital Primary County EDC General Revenue Project Government **REVENUES:** Ad valorem taxes \$ 14,080,416 680,130 14,760,546 Local Option Sales Taxes 7,759,738 7,759,738 Other taxes 449,504 449,504 Unrestricted intergovernmental 341,074 341,074 7,500 Restricted intergovernmental 4,122,857 381,871 4,504,728 Permits and fees 541,479 272,152 813.631 --Sales and service 453,329 453,329 Investment earnings 919,945 285,204 1,205,149 25 Miscellaneous 524,906 524,906 **Donations TOTAL REVENUES** 29,193,248 1,619,357 30,812,605 7,525 **EXPENDITURES:** Current: General government 4,533,765 4,533,765 3,942,873 924,611 4,867,484 Public safety Economic and physical development 669,877 317,262 987,139 74,920 Human services 6,637,311 6,637,311 Cultural and recreational 1,081,238 1,081,238 Intergovernmental: Education 8,111,873 8,111,873 Debt Service: Principal retirement 1,745,320 1,745,320 Interest and fees 1,195,552 1,195,552 Capital outlay 5,000 5,000 **TOTAL EXPENDITURES** 27,917,809 1,246,873 29,164,682 74,920 **REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES** 1,275,439 372,484 1,647,923 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Proceeds of installment purchases Proceeds from general obligation bonds Operating transfers to component units (119,864)(119,864)Operating transfers from primary government 67.364 (710, 376)Transfers (to) from other funds (364,730)(345,646)**TOTAL OTHER FINANCING** SOURCES (USES) (484,594)(345,646)(830,240) 67,364 **EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES** & OTHER USES 790,845 26,838 817,683 (31) FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 6,481,300 12,252 13,324,118 19,817,670 1,080 RESIDUAL EQUITY TRANSFERS IN (OUT) 12,252 (12,252)**FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR** 6,508,138 20,635,353 1,049

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

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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, 2001

Component unit
Watauga County EDC

		General Fund			S	pecial Revenu	<b>e</b>	Watauga County EDC General Fund			
	P.	Sudget	Actual	Variance Fav ( Unfav.)	Budget	Actual	Variance Fav ( Unfav.)	Budget	Actual	Variance Fav ( Unfav.)	
REVENUES:			Actual	Tav (Onlav.)		Actual	1 av ( Olliav.)	Duuget	Actual	Tav ( Olliav.)	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 13,	,586,479	14,080,416	493,937	693,416	680,130	(13,286)				
Local option sales tax	7,	,568,628	7,759,738	191,110							
Other taxes		801,500	449,504	(351,996)							
Unrestricted intergovernmental		336,632	341,074	4,442				7,500	7,500		
Restricted intergovernmental		,358,879	4,122,857	(236,022)	486,547	381,871	(104,676)				
Permits and fees		524,400	541,479	17,079	260,000	272,152	12,152				
Sales and service		456,945	453,329	(3,616)	2.000						
Investment earnings Miscellaneous		468,000 173,106	919,945 524,906	451,945 351,800	3,920	285,204	281,284		25	25	
Donations			524,900								
							<del></del>				
TOTAL REVENUES	28,	,274,569	29,193,248	918,679	1,443,883	1,619,357	175,474	7,500	7,525	25	
EXPENDITURES: Current:											
General government	5	,773,594	4,533,765	1,239,829							
Public safety		,093,495	3,942,873	150,622	1,104,502	924,611	179,891				
Economic and physical development		947,042	669,877	277,165	374,547	317,262	57,285	74,864	74,920	(56)	
Human services		,002,721	6,637,311	365,410						`	
Cultural and recreational	1,	,161,673	1,081,238	80,435							
Intergovernmental:											
Education	8,	,114,854	8,111,873	2,981							
Debt Service											
Principal Retirement		,745,346	1,745,320	26							
Interest and fees Capital projects	1,	,196,632	1,195,552	1,080	710,459	5,000	705,459				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	30	,035,357	27,917,809	2,117,548	2,189,508	1,246,873	942,635	74,864	74,920	(56)	
REVENUES OVER (UNDER)		,035,357	27,917,609	2,117,546	2,109,500	1,240,073	942,035	74,004	74,920	(56)	
EXPENDITURES	(1,	,760,788)	1,275,439	3,036,227	(745,625)	372,484	1,118,109	(67,364)	(67,395)	(31)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											
Proceeds from lease purchase											
Operating transfers to component units	(	(119,864)	(119,864)					67,364	67,364		
Operating transfers from primary											
government	,		(004 700)	(0.40,0.40)	(504.000)	(0.45.0.40)					
Transfers (to) from other funds TOTAL OTHER FINANCING		(118,690)	(364,730)	(246,040)	(591,686)	(345,646)	246,040				
SOURCES (USES)	(	(238,554)	(484,594)	(246,040)	(591,686)	(345,646)	246,040	67,364	67,364		
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES											
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	\$ (1.	,999,342)	790,845	2,790,187	(1,337,311)	26,838	1,364,149		(31)	(31)	
	φ (1,	,999,342)	7 50,043	2,790,107		20,030	1,304,149		(31)	(31)	
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,	,999,342		(1,999,342)	1,337,311		(1,337,311)				
REVENUES, OTHER SOURCES AND, APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES &									<b>(2.1)</b>	42.11	
OTHER USES			790,845	790,845		26,838	26,838		(31)	(31)	
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR			13,324,118			6,481,300			1,080		
RESIDUAL EQUITY TRANSFER IN (OUT)		_	12,252					=			
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$	_	14,127,215			6,508,138		-	1,049		

Combined 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, 2001

	-	Primary Government Enterprise Fund	Component Unit AppalCART
OPERATING REVENUES:	-		, .ppu.o,
Landfill revenues	\$	2,300,850	
Miscellaneous		5,368	7,536
Farebox and local route revenues			589,121
Garage service revenues			4,503
Elderly/handicapped revenue	-	<del></del>	33,531
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	_	2,306,218	634,691
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Administration			249,857
Operating			1,013,211
Education			1,491
Landfill operations		2,475,820	
Depreciation	=	154,407	260,688
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	_	2,630,227	1,525,247
OPERATING LOSS	=	(324,009)	(890,556)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):			
Interest earned on investments		125,163	22,092
Gain (loss) on disposition of fixed assets		(714)	1,615
Interest on long-term debt		(53,836)	
Section 18 grant revenues			556,966
Miscellaneous revenue	-		<u></u>
NET NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)	-	70,613	580,673
LOSS BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS			
AND OPERATING TRANSFERS	-	(253,396)	(309,883)
Capital Contributions			266,597
Operating transfers from other funds		710,376	
Operating transfers from primary government	_	<u> </u>	52,500
TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		710,376	319,097
NET INCOME (LOSS)	=	456,980	9,214
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT) - July 1	_	3,482,446	(1,404,950)
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT) - June 30	\$_	3,939,426	(1,395,736)

Combined Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund Type and Discretely Presented Component Unit
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

		Primary Government Enterprise Fund	Component Unit AppalCART
Cash flows from operating activities:	•	Zinterprise i dire	7.650.07.11.1
Cash received from customers and grants	\$	2,312,032	638,010
Cash paid for goods and services		(1,935,957)	(545,405)
Cash paid to employees for services		(559,234)	(723,862)
Net cash used by operating activities	,	(183,159)	(631,257)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Operating transfers from other funds		710,376	
Operating transfers from primary government			52,500
Section 18 grant revenues			556,966
Miscellaneous non-operating revenues			
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		710,376	609,466
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Proceeds on disposition of assets			1,615
Principal paid on long-term debt		(159,429)	1,013
Interest paid on long-term debt		(53,836)	
Acquisition of capital assets		(18,365)	(288,170)
Capital Grant Revenues			266,597
Net cash used by capital & related financing activities	•	(231,630)	(19,958)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest earned on investments		125,163	22,092
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		420,750	(19,657)
Cash and cash equivalents - July 1		2,697,734	391,070
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30	\$	3,118,484	371,413
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Operating (loss)	\$	(324,009)	(890,556)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash	·	(- ,,	(,,
provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation		154,407	260,688
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(5,003)	55,819
Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation		8,753	2,031
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		(28,124)	(5,898)
(Increase) decrease in inventories Increase (decrease) in deferred revenues		 10,817	(53,341)
Decrease in prepaid expenses		10,017	
Total adjustments	•	140,850	259,299
Net cash used by operating activities	\$	(183,159)	(631,257)
THE CASH USED BY OPERALING ACTIVITIES	Φ	(103,138)	(031,237)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

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 Watauga 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, 2001

# 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 130 Poplar Grove Connector, 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:

Governmental Funds 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 Watauga High School Athletic Complex.

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

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.

<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 five 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 Library Trust 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.

<u>Account Groups</u> - 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

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. 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 yearend, 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 2000 through February 2001 apply to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. 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, 2001 because they are intended to finance the County's operations during the 2002 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, 2001

# 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. Budgetary Data:

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

# E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity:

# 1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the County, AppalCART and Watauga County Economic Development Commission are made in Board-designated official depositories and are secured as 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 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 and non-participating interest earnings and investment contracts are reported at amortized 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

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

# 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

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

# 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.

# 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  $\underline{not}$  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  $\underline{not}$  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 employees' retirement system - portion of total fund balance available for appropriation to pay retirement benefits when due.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

# Unreserved

Designated for subsequent year's expenditures - portion of total fund balance available for appropriation which has been designated for the adopted 2001 - 2002 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.

# 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, 2001 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

# G. Total (Memorandum Only) 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.

# 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

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, 2001, the County's deposits had a carrying amount of \$15,560,169 and a bank balance of \$16,212,880. Of the bank balance, \$221,675 was covered by federal depository insurance, and \$32,652 in non-interest bearing deposits and \$15,958,553 in interest bearing deposits were covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method.

At June 30, 2001, Watauga County had \$1,685 cash on hand.

At June 30, 2001, 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, 2001, the carrying amount of deposits for AppalCART was \$8,806 and the bank balance was \$238,879. Of the bank balance, \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$138,879 was covered by collateral held under the Pooling method.

# 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, 2001, the County's investments consisted of \$6,358,425 in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Cash Portfolio.

At June 30, 2001, AppalCART's investments consisted of \$362,607 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

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	Total
1998	\$ 296,821	83,852	380,673
1999	313,13	•	373,413
2000	292,183	29,949	322,132
2001	298,	150	298,150
Total	\$ <u>1,200,289</u>	<u>174,079</u>	1,374,368

# 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	06/30/01
General Fund:	
Property taxes	\$ 380,036
Special Revenue Fund Property taxes	6,148
Total	\$ <u>386,184</u>

# 5. Fixed Assets

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

By type:

	Balance								Ва	alan	ce
		July 1,	2000	Addit	ions	Retirements	Tran	sfers	June	30,	2001
Land	\$	1,814,338	339	,160				2,1	53,49	8	
Buildings		22,978,811	414	,001	59	,510		23,3	33,30	2	
Equipment		4,320	0,224	268	3,444	613,040			3	,975	,628
Leasehold improvemen	nts	36,95	3	-	_		-		36	,953	3
Construction in prog	gre	ss		92,21	<u>4</u>			<u> </u>	92	,214	<u> </u>
Total		\$ <u>29,150</u>	,326	1,113	.819	672,550			29,	591,	<u>595</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

# Detail Notes on All Funds and Account Groups (continued):

By function:

Balance Balance

	July 1, 2000	Additions	Retiremen	nts Tra	nsfers June	30, 200	1
General government	\$ 5,908,265	821,264	211	,114	157,393	6,675,	808
Public safety	3,046,276	164,706	271	,943	<40,862>	2,89	8,177
Environmental protec	tion 37,102	2		2,7	'79		34,323
Human service	13,872	,320	15,024	58,9	96	891	13,829,239
Economic and physica	.1						
development	457,966	2,621	25	,493		43	5,094
Cultural and recreat	ional 2,690,386	5	17,990	98,3	343 <1	17,422>	2,492,611
Education	3,138,011		3	,882		3,134,	129
Construction in prog	ress		92,214		<u> </u>		92,214
Total	\$ <u>29,150,</u>	326 <u>1,113</u>	<u>,819</u> <u>6</u>	72,550		29,5	91,59 <u>5</u>
Reconciliatio	n of additions:						

Capital outlay expenditures Special Revenue - public safety

\$1,113,819

\$1,094,276 19,543

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

	Datanee			
	July 1, 2000	Additions	Retirements	June 30, 2001
Equipment	\$ <u>11,137</u>			\$ <u>11,137</u>

Ralance

#### 6. Summary of Proprietary Fund Fixed Assets

The fixed assets for the proprietary fund of the County at June 30, 2001 are as follows:

		Fixed	Ac	ccumulated		
		Assets	Depr	reciation	Ne	<u>et</u>
Building	\$	866,320	\$	151,753	\$	714,567
Land and land improvements	1,5	40,108	86,	485	1,453,6	23
Leasehold improvements	2	80,255	142,	490	137,765	;
Equipment	1,1	06,020	899,	958	206,062	2
Furniture and fixtures		157		127	30	)
Vehicles		725,629	603,	096	122,533	<u> </u>
Total \$	4,518,4	<u>89</u> \$ <u>1,88</u>	3,909	\$ <u>2,63</u>	<u>4,580</u>	

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

The following is a summary of proprietary fund type fixed assets for AppalCART at June 30, 2001:

inpparenti de cuite 30,	2001		Fixed	Acc	umulated		
		Assets	De	epreciatio	on_	Net	
Office furnitur	е						
and equipment		\$	115,08	\$0 \$	74,846	\$	40,234
Shop equipment			141,01	.5	114,476		26,539
Vehicles		2,118,93	3	1,574,18	18	544,745	
Land improvement	121,047	6	8,779	52,	268		

\$2,496,075

\$1,832,289

\$ 663,786

- A. <u>Liabilities</u>:
- 1. Pension Plan Obligations
- a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Total

#### 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

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 4.63%, respectively, of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of members and of Watauga County are established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. The County's contributions to LGERS for the years ended June 30, 2001, 2000, and 1999 were \$653,821, \$610,258, and \$578,890, respectively. The contributions made by the County equaled the required contributions for each year.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

# 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, 2000, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	2	
Terminated plan members entitled to		
but not yet receiving benefits	0	
Active plan members	31	
Total		33

#### 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, 2000 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, 2000 was 30 years.

#### 3 Year Trend Information

Fiscal	Annual Pension	Percentage of	Net End of Year
Year Ended	Cost (APC)	APC Contributed	Obligation
06/30/01	\$14,139	43.71%	\$ 59,781
06/30/00	14,295	61.13	51,822
06/30/99	12,104	79.29	59,781

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

# 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, 2001 were \$47,888, which consisted of \$41,820 from the County and \$6,300 from the law enforcement officers.

# d. Deferred Compensation Plan

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, 2001, the County's required and actual contributions were \$12,853.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

#### f. Other Postemployment Benefits - Watauga County

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, 2001, the County made contributions to the State for death benefits of \$1,170. 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.

# 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. 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, 2001 amounted to \$54,337.

# Deferred Revenues

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

	Prepaid	Prepaid	Taxes		Total
	Taxes Not	Fees Not	Receivable	Fees	Deferred
<u>Y</u>	et Earned	Yet Earned	(net)	Receivable	Revenues
General Fund	\$184,04	0	531,076		715,116
Enterprise Fund		2,192		102,367	104,559
Fire Districts Fun	10,67	<u></u>	39,912		
Total	\$ <u>194,71</u>	<u>3</u> <u>2,192</u>	570,98	<u>8 102,36</u>	<u>870,260</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

The balance in deferred revenues for AppalCART at year end is composed of the following: 2001

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 had no significant commitments as of June 30, 2001.

# 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 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. 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

As of June 30,2001, the County had no claims or judgements outstanding.

# 6. Long-Term Obligations

# a. Capital Leases

The County has entered into agreements to lease certain equipment and vehicles. The lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

The following schedule provides information regarding the capital leases entered into by the County:

#### In the Enterprise Fund:

1996 Volvo EZ Pack

Trash Truck 02/13/96 20 Quarterly 7,274.83

1998 Volvo Trash

Truck 10/10/97 12 Quarterly 11,367.15

The following is an analysis of the assets recorded under capital leases at June 30:

# In the General Fixed Asset

# In the Enterprise Fund:

2001 2000

Classes of property:

Vehicles \$ <u>261,674</u> <u>261,674</u>

All of the capital leases were paid in full during the fiscal year, therefore, the County has no future minimum lease obligations as of June 30, 2001.

# b. Installment Purchase

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

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, 2001, including \$951,679 interest, are

Year Ending June 30	General Long-Term Debt	Solid Waste Fund
2002	\$ 494,148	50,469
2003	494,148	24,400
2004	494,148	
2005	494,148	
2006	494,148	
Next 5 years	1,954,156	
Thereafter	144,636	
Total	\$ <u>4,569,532</u>	<u>74,869</u>

# 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, 2001 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 semiannual installments through
June 1, 2003; interest at 8.22% \$ 563,200
\$7,500,000 1993 School Facility Serial
Bonds due in semiannual installments
through June 1, 2014; interest at 4.40% \$ 4,875,000
\$9,400,000 1994 School Facility Serial
Bonds due in semiannual installments
through June 1, 2015; interest at
5.70% - 5.90% \$ 6,550,000

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

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

\$ 5,350,000

# 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%

\$ 710,000

Total \$18,048,200

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the County's general obligation bonds, including interest of \$6,920,793 are as follows:

Year Ending	S	Solid	General I	Long-Term	
June 30	Waste	Fund	Debt Account	t Group	Total
2003		114,370		2,335,823	2,450,193
2004		109,720		1,953,375	2,063,095
2005		105,070		1,891,475	1,996,545
2006		100,420		1,829,575	1,929,995
Next 5 years		392,350		8,214,875	8,607,225
Thereafter			<u>-</u>	5,412,525	5,412,525
Total	Ġ	940,875	24,028,	118 24,968	3,993

At June 30, 2001 Watauga County had a legal debt margin of \$233,531,501.

# d. 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, 2001.

	Bala	ince			Balance
	July 1, 2000	Additions	Retirements	June 30	, 2001
By type:					
General obligation debt	\$ 18,7	779,800	1,44	1,600	17,338,200
Installment purchase					
contracts	3,924,496		303,720	3,620	,776
Compensated absences	463,320	479,039	399 487	54	2,872
Total	\$ <u>23,1</u>	<u>67,616</u> 4	79,039 <u>2,1</u> 4	4,807	21,501,848

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2000 Add	ditions	Retirements	June 30, 2001
By purpose:				
Hospital	\$ 804,800		241,600	563,200
Schools	17,975,000		1,200,000	16,775,000
Building and land	3,924,496		303,720	3,620,776
Compensated absences	<u>463,320</u> <u>479,039</u>	39	9,487 54	42,872
Total	\$ <u>23,167,616</u>	479,039	2,144,807	21,501,848

# C. Interfund Receivables and Payables:

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
Special Revenue		
Lynnhaven II		
LLC Project		60,425
General Fund	60,425	
Total:	\$ 60,425	60,425

# D. 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 - <u>Joint Ventures</u>:

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 no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2001. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$315,000 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

## Note 4 - Joint Ventures continued:

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, 2001. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$425,687 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, 2001. 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 - Jointly Governed Organizations:

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 \$540,003 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 \$713,746 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001.

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

# Local Government Sales and Use Taxes:

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, 2001 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

## 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 \$3,046,686 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 applicable fraction is five sixty-ninths (5/69) of the net collections of corporate taxes.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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

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, 2001, the balance of the County's ADM allocation account was \$149,941. 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 \$585,000 from the State for the boiler replacements at Watauga High School and Cove Creek 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, 2001, the County's disbursing account had a balance of \$589,158.

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, 2001, 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.

	Federal	State
Temporary Assistance for		
Needy Families	\$ 136,651	
Medicaid	11,976,806	6,135,918
Food Stamp Program	1,132,354	

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

## 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 activities). In February 1996, the Board of Commissioners approved the 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 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)	Lia	uarial Accrued ability (AAL) ojected 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)
12/31/95	\$ 21,120	\$	86,499	65,379	24.42	611,442	10.69 %
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

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Employer Contributions

	Year Ended	Annual Required	Percentage	
	June 30	Contribution	Reserved	
Ī	1992	\$ 8,459	63.00	%
	1993	7,649	71.90	
	1994	9,008	55.51	
	1995	9,024	58.63	
	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	

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	12/31/00
Actuarial cost method	Project unit created
Amortization method	Level dollar closed
Remaining amortization period	30 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**

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.

# General Fund Comparative Balance Sheets June 30, 2001 and 2000

	Ju	ıne 30, 2001	June 30, 2000
ASSETS:		_	
Cash and equivalents Taxes receivable	\$	12,047,128 531,076	11,220,757 504,694
Accounts receivable		2,504,602	2,901,910
Tax refunds receivable		64,127	85,398
Due from other funds		60,425	11,563
Other assets	_	264,567	22,513
TOTAL ASSETS	\$_	15,471,925	14,746,835
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	\$	629,594	762,247
Deferred revenue		715,116	629,693
Due to other funds			30,777
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	1,344,710	1,422,717
FUND BALANCES:			
Reserved by state statute		2,894,261	3,021,385
Reserved for encumbrances		670,494	509,250
Reserved for LEO special separation allowance		75,840	65,840
Designated for subsequent years expenditures		3,451,396	3,264,928
Undesignated		7,035,224	6,462,715
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		14,127,215	13,324,118
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$_	15,471,925	14,746,835

# 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, 2001

		2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes - ad valorem:				
Current year	\$	13,670,580		12,703,989
Prior years	Ψ	320,836		345,558
Advertising and interest		89,000		97,631
Advertising and interest		03,000	-	37,001
Total Taxes - ad valorem	13,586,479	14,080,416	493,937	13,147,178
Local Option Sales Taxes:				
Article 39 one percent		4,384,426		4,356,754
Article 40 one-half of one percent		1,694,875		1,673,036
Article 41 one-half of one percent		1,680,437		1,659,258
Total Taxes - Local Option Sales	7,568,628	7,759,738	191,110	7,689,048
Taxes - other:				
Intangibles				382,925
Real estate transfer tax		305,781		297,031
Animal tax		1,507		1,280
ABC05/bottle		15,177		15,456
		15,177		
Wireless 911 tax				77,762
Gross receipts tax - county		24,798		
Other		102,241	·-	96,846
Total Taxes - other	801,500	449,504	(351,996)	871,300
Unrestricted intergov. rev.:				
Payments in lieu of taxes		7,483		7,106
50% revenue loss - homestead		29,195		29,195
80% Retail/Wholesale Reimb.		148,597		147,981
Manufacturer's Invent. Reimb.		62,032		62,032
Food Stamp Pur. Tax Reimb.		22,839		22,793
Inventory Tax Reimb.		70,928		72,138
Total Unrestricted intergov. rev.	336,632	341,074	4,442	341,245
Restricted intergov. revenues:				
Grants-Federal & State		3,960,408		3,563,884
Public School Facility Funds		55,704		40,138
POA-Town of Boone		6,000		6,000
Court facilities fees	·	100,745		90,251
Total Restricted intergov. revenues	4,358,879	4,122,857	(236,022)	3,700,273

# 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, 2001

		2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Demoke and force				
Permits and fees:		40 505		42.055
Gun permits		10,525		13,955
Serving civil summons		15,023		15,754
Jail and officer fees		38,593		31,774
Drug fees awarded by court		4,258		781
Planning and inspection fees		213,127		158,997
Marriage license		8,160		10,109
Register of deeds fees		247,533		210,119
Fire inspection fees	·	4,260		4,228
Total Permits and fees	524,400	541,479	17,079	445,717
Sales and service:				
Land sales				60,525
POA income svc soc. serv.		14,043		15,000
Recreation department revenues		321,036		313,548
Sales of tax maps		1,067		2,478
Data processing fees		1,222		1,010
Rich Mtn. antenna rental		2,500		2,500
Copy revenue		16,309		15,236
Tax collection fees-Towns		53,616		52,013
Jail medical service				52,013
Other		2,046		C7 00F
Other		41,490		67,085
Total Sales and service	456,945	453,329	(3,616)	529,395
Investment earnings:				
Interest earned on investments	468,000	919,945	451,945	704,394
Miscellaneous:	173,106	524,906	351,800	431,003
TOTAL DEVENUES	00.074.500	00.400.040	040.070	07.050.550
TOTAL REVENUES	28,274,569	29,193,248	918,679	27,859,553
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government				
Governing body:				
Operating expenses	50,088	50,039	49	50,167
Administration:				
Salaries and benefits		145,929		133,035
Operating expenses		9,893		12,122
operating expenses				12,122
Total Administration	159,210	155,822	3,388	145,157
Finance:				
Salaries and benefits		215,907		205,146
Operating expenses Capital outlay		41,900		42,428 
Total Finance	293,730	257,807	35,923	247,574
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# 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, 2001

		2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Tax Supervisor:				
Salaries and benefits		677,158		656,320
Operating expenses		132,097		169,249
Capital outlay	<del></del>	25,180		9,983
Total Tax Supervisor	851,307	834,435	16,872	835,552
Tax Revaluation:				
Salaries and benefits		69,554		25,743
Operating expenses		83,607		13,255
Capital outlay				9,913
Total Tax Revaluation	255,125	153,161	101,964	48,911
Legal Services:				
Operating expenses	37,200	22,467	14,733	30,267
Court facilities:				
Operating expenses		1,516		13,629
Capital outlay		15,092		24,448
Total Court facilities	18,800	16,608	2,192	38,077
Elections:				
Salaries and benefits		106,860		91,188
Operating expenses		58,695		68,831
Capital outlay				10,816
Total Elections	236,421	165,555	70,866	170,835
Register of Deeds:				
Salaries and benefits		259,984		241,005
Operating expenses		65,392		89,513
Capital outlay		2,128		
Total Register of Deeds	368,751	327,504	41,247	330,518
General administration:				
Operating expenses		222,279		194,009
Capital outlay	<del></del>	666,022		1,665
Total General administration	1,199,113	888,301	310,812	195,674

# 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, 2001

		2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Data processing:				
Salaries and benefits		132,534		90,033
Operating expenses		109,615		105,317
Capital outlay		73,606		114,998
Total Data processing	506,795	315,755	191,040	310,348
Maintenance:				
Salaries and benefits		681,154		541,564
Operating expenses		43,160		34,718
Capital outlay		1_		38,624
Total Maintenance	785,613	724,315	61,298	614,906
Public Buildings				
Courthouse:				
Operating expenses		136,418		88,091
Capital outlay		1,003		5,805
Total Courthouse	233,642	137,421	96,221	93,896
East Courthouse Annex:				
Operating expenses		21,332		30,351
Capital outlay		14,768		76,164
Total East Courthouse Annex	67,273	36,100	31,173	106,515
Ginn House:				
Operating expenses	13,725	13,375	350	
Emergency Management:				
Operating expenses	5,800	31_	5,769	297
Hannah:				
Operating expenses		33,575		48,250
Capital outlay		26,365		16,782
Total Hannah	72,421	59,940	12,481	65,032
Animal Shelter:				
Operating expenses	6,925	4,082	2,843	2,808
Old Cove Creek School				
Operating expenses	14,533	11,408	3,125	<u></u>
New Health December and				_
New Health Department Operating expenses				11,857
Capital Outlay		78,921		
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Total New Health Department	246,040	78,921	167,119	11,857
Public Building-APPALCART:				
Operating expenses	2,291	1,199	1,092	1,336

# 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, 2001

		2001			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual	
New Library:					
Operating expenses	30,551	24,824	5,727	24,016	
Caldwell College & Tech. Inst: Operating expenses	3,900	1,135	2,765	5,423	
Watauga Comm. Center: Operating expenses	18,992	15,013	3,979	10,117	
Law Enforcement Center: Operating expenses Capital outlay		29,008		42,566 	
Total Law Enforcement Center	39,321	29,008	10,313	42,566	
West Courthouse Annex: Operating expenses Capital outlay		20,717		43,659 	
Total West Courthouse Annex	37,314	20,717	16,597	43,659	
Human Services Center: Operating expenses Capital Outlay		54,813 		58,790 6,227	
Total Human Services Center	62,041	54,813	7,228	65,017	
Appalachian Enterprise Center: Operating expenses	11,000	7,460	3,540	253	
Prison Camp Site Operating expenses	28,293	15,589	12,704	15,250	
Recreation Administration Center: Operating expenses	2,140	1,333	807	<u></u>	
Aquatics Center: Operating expenses	79,713	79,713		<u></u>	
Opt./Maintenance Facility: Operating expenses	19,561	18,490	1,071	<u></u>	
Recreation Fields/Parks: Operating expenses	15,965	11,424	4,541		
Total Public Buildings	1,011,441	621,996	389,445	488,042	
Total General Government	5,773,594	4,533,765	1,239,829	3,506,028	
Public Safety Sheriff's department: Salaries and benefits Operating expenses Capital outlay		1,138,969 138,954 87,832		1,086,115 139,210 180,158	
Total Sheriff's department	1,399,574	1,365,755	33,819	1,405,483	

# 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, 2001

	2001			2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Communications:		204.000		000 000
Salaries and benefits		264,966		239,639
Operating expenses		23,516		19,893
Total Communications	311,728	288,482	23,246	259,532
Jail:				
Salaries and benefits		294,130		280,830
Operating expenses		163,653		142,099
Capital outlay		1,544		
Total Jail	470,677	459,327	11,350	422,929
Emerg. Mgt. & Fire Protect.:				
Salaries and benefits		139,553		127,692
Operating expenses		351,924		351,175
Capital outlay		16,505		
	-		-	
Total Emerg. Mgt. & Fire Protect.	523,598	507,982	15,616	478,867
Planning and Inspections:				
Salaries and benefits		317,328		307,687
Operating expenses		32,986		30,865
Capital outlay		3,668		19,498
Total Planning and Inspections	375,376	353,982	21,394	358,050
Medical examiner:				
Operating expenses	22,000	11,700	10,300	19,225
Ambulance and rescue squad:				
Operating expenses	794,900	776,038	18,862	818,809
Animal control:				
Salaries and benefits		79,829		61,746
Operating expenses		19,190		18,059
Capital outlay		46,006		
Total Animal control	161,060	145,025	16,035	79,805
Forestry:				
Operating expenses	34,582	34,582	<del></del> _	32,651
Total Public Safety	4,093,495	3,942,873	150,622	3,875,351

# 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, 2001

		2000		
	Budget	2001 Actual	Variance	Actual
Formania & Blassical Baselanasas				
Economic & Physical Development Elderly & Disabled Transportation:				
Operating expenses	33,353	29,630	3,723	25,750
Special Appropriations:	612,489	379,548	232,941	372,775
Cooperative extension:				
Salaries and benefits		141,769		134,690
Operating expenses		19,068		18,343
Capital outlay				5,789
Total Cooperative extension	163,753	160,837	2,916	158,822
Soil conservation:				
Salaries and benefits		67,233		63,904
Operating expenses		9,378		8,864
Capital outlay				
Total Soil conservation	87,447	76,611	10,836	72,768
Golden Leaf Grant				
Salaries and benefits		3,795		
Operating expenses		16,835		
Capital outlay		2,621		
Total Golden Leaf Grant	50,000	23,251	26,749	<u></u>
Total Economic & Physical Development	947,042	669,877	277,165	630,115
Human Services				
Public health:				
Operating expenses	425,687	425,687	<del></del> -	405,687
Mental health:				
Operating expenses	392,549	375,057	17,492	345,613
Social services - admin.:				
Salaries and benefits		1,740,138		1,545,574
Operating expenses		221,419		180,094
Capital outlay		6,666		4,186
Total Social services - admin.	1,992,630	1,968,223	24,407	1,729,854
Beneficiary payments:	1,738,731	1,674,553	64,178	1,562,047
State foster care and daycare				
Room & Board		6,000		6,705
Other		70		150
Purchase-daycare XX		605,904		539,494
Total State foster care and daycare	700,843	611,974	88,869	546,349

# 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, 2001

			2000	
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Project on aging:				
Salaries and benefits		1,236,266		1,168,720
Operating expenses		247,549		255,917
Capital outlay		8,358		6,628
Total Project on aging	1,660,939	1,492,173	168,766	1,431,265
Veterans service officer:				
Salaries and benefits		85,642		80,592
Operating expenses		4,002		6,457
Capital outlay		<u></u>		<u> </u>
Total Veterans service officer	91,342	89,644	1,698	87,049
Total Human Services	7,002,721	6,637,311	365,410	6,107,864
Education				
Public Schools - current		6,449,244		5,650,183
Public Schools - capital outlay		1,121,127		672,121
Community College - current		501,502		549,332
Community College - capital outlay		40,000		22,000
Total Education	8,114,854	8,111,873	2,981	6,893,636
Cultural and recreational				
Library:				
Operating expenses	315,000	315,000	<del></del> -	300,000
Sesquicentennial Activities:				
Operating expenses			<del></del>	17,014
Recreation:				
Salaries and benefits		385,881		398,844
Operating expenses		183,344		160,718
Capital outlay		15,057		16,310
Total Recreation	645,598	584,282	61,316	575,872
Aquatics:				
Salaries and benefits		142,267		146,131
Operating expenses		20,350		81,398
Capital outlay		<u></u>		<u></u>
Total Aquatics	180,570	162,617	17,953	227,529

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# 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, 2001

		2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Actual
Recreation - Maintenance: Salaries and benefits				151 215
Operating expenses		6,168		151,215 55,719
Capital outlay		13,171		4,919
Total December - Maintenance	00.505	40.000	4.400	044.050
Total Recreation - Maintenance	20,505	19,339	1,166	211,853
Total Cultural and recreational	1,161,673	1,081,238	80,435	1,332,268
Debt Service				
Principal retirement		1,745,320		1,727,650
Interest & fees		1,195,552		1,290,916
Total Debt Service	2,941,978	2,940,872	1,106	3,018,566
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	30,035,357	27,917,809	2,117,548	25,363,828
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
expenditures	(1,760,788)	1,275,439	3,036,227	2,495,725
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers from other funds	1,595,116	1,349,076	(246,040)	611,903
Fund balance appropriated	1,999,342		(1,999,342)	
Operating transfers to other funds	(1,713,806)	(1,713,806)		(1,824,010)
Operating transfers to component units	(119,864)	(119,864)	<del></del> -	(116,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	1,760,788	(484,594)	(2,245,382)	(1,328,107)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
expenditures & other sources (uses) \$		790,845	790,845	1,167,618
Fund balances at beginning of year		13,324,118		12,109,321
Residual equity transfer		12,252	-	47,179
Fund balances at end of year		\$ <u>14,127,215</u>	=	13,324,118

# 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, 2001

(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2000)

								Combining	Totals
		Fire		Capital	E-911 Telephone	Substance Abuse	Lynnhaven II		
		Districts	Revaluation	Reserve	Surcharge	Tax	LLC Project	2001	2000
ASSETS:									
Cash and equivalents Other assets	\$	54,086	74,069	5,935,108	425,483	46,669		6,535,415	6,476,295
Accounts receivable Taxes receivable Due from other funds	-	39,921 	  	   	28,243  		60,425	88,668 39,921 	50,091 43,244 30,777
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	94,007	74,069	5,935,108	453,726	46,669	60,425	6,664,004	6,600,407
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:									
LIABILITIES:									
Accounts payable Deferred revenue Due to other funds	\$	43,422 50,585 	  	  	655  	779  	  60,425	44,856 50,585 60,425	57,181 50,363 11,563
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	94,007			655	779	60,425	155,866	119,107
FUND BALANCES: Reserved by state statue Reserved for encumbrances Designated for subsequent years expenditures		  	  74,069	  5,935,108	28,243 2,580 422,248	  45,890	 	28,243 2,580 6,477,315	38,528 1,736 6,441,036
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	-		74,069	5,935,108	453,071	45,890		6,508,138	6,481,300
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$	94,007	74,069	5,935,108	453,726	46,669	60,425	6,664,004	6,600,407

Special Revenue Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001
(With Comparative Totals For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000)

	(with Comparative Totals For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000)					Combinin	a Totale	
	Fire Districts	Revaluation	Capital Reserve	E-911 Telephone Surcharge	Substance Abuse Tax	Lynnhaven II LLC Project	2001	2000
Revenues:								
Ad valorem taxes \$	680,130						680,130	643,406
Permits and fees				272,152			272,152	261,279
Donations				<del></del>				
Investment earnings	4,841	4,907	261,572	13,368	516		285,204	316,271
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues Restricted intergovernmental revenues				61,160	 3,449	 317,262	 381,871	81,354
restricted intergovernmental revenues				01,100	3,443	317,202	301,071	01,004
Total revenues	684,971	4,907	261,572	346,680	3,965	317,262	1,619,357	1,302,310
Expenditures:								
Economic and physical development						317,262	317,262	55,520
General government			5,000				5,000	
Education								
Public safety	684,971			222,919	16,721		924,611	864,574
Debt service			<del>-</del> _					22,128
Total expenditures	684,971		5,000	222,919	16,721	317,262	1,246,873	942,222
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		4,907	256,572	123,761	(12,756)		372,484	360,088
Other financing sources (uses):								
Proceeds of capital leases		<del></del>		<del></del>	<del></del>	<del></del>		
Operating transfers in (out)		(76,946)	(347,130)	78,430		<u></u>	(345,646)	351,261
Total other financing sources(uses)		(76,946)	(347,130)	78,430	<u></u>		(345,646)	351,261
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and		(70,000)	(00.550)	000.404	(40.750)		00.000	744.040
other sources over expenditures		(72,039)	(90,558)	202,191	(12,756)		26,838	711,349
Fund balance at beginning of year		146,108	6,025,666	250,880	58,646		6,481,300	5,770,183
Residual Equity Transfer								(232)
Fund balance at end of year \$		74,069	5,935,108	453,071	45,890		6,508,138	6,481,300

Fire Districts Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	_		2001		2000
	_	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$	693,416	680,130	(13,286)	643,406
Investment earnings	Ψ		4,841	4,841	5,446
	_			(2.447)	
Total revenues	_	693,416	684,971	(8,445)	648,852
Expenditures:					
Public safety:					
Beaver Dam Fire District		43,849	41,658	2,191	39,531
Blowing Rock Fire District		86,374	85,907	467	81,339
Boone Fire District		122,909	122,373	536	114,795
Cove Creek Fire District		85,957	85,101	856	81,189
Deep Gap Fire District		42,652	42,484	168	37,671
Foscoe Fire District		151,249	149,759	1,490	143,901
Meat Camp Fire District		48,683	48,453	230	46,500
Meat Camp/Creston Fire District		1,464	1,192	272	1,169
Shawneehaw Fire District		29,511	29,246	265	27,489
Stewart Simmons Fire District		23,243	22,326	917	21,191
Todd Fire District		12,712	12,502	210	12,242
Zionville Fire District		44,813	43,970	843	41,835
Total expenditures	_	693,416	684,971	8,445	648,852
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over					
expenditures	\$_	693,416			-
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, 2001
(With Comparative Actual Amounts For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000)

		2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues: Investment earnings	\$	4,907	4,907	10,907
Expenditures: General government			<u></u>	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		4,907	4,907	10,907
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers: From General Fund To General Fund Total Operating Transfers	(79,946) 	76,946 		100,000 (187,258) (87,258)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources (uses) over expenditures  Appropriated fund balance	(79,946) 79,946	72,039	4,907 (76,946)	(76,351)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, other sources (uses), and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$	(72,039)	(72,039)	(76,351)
Fund balance at beginning of year		146,108		222,459
Fund balance at end of year		\$74,069_		146,108

Capital Reserve Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

		2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Donations	\$			
Investment earnings Restricted intergovernmental	45,000	261,572 	261,572 (45,000)	285,829
Total revenues	45,000	261,572	216,572	285,829
Expenditures:				
Capital projects Education	710,459 	5,000	705,459	
Total expenditures	710,459	5,000	705,459	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(665,459)	256,572	922,031	285,829
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers - in (out):				
From general fund	925,000	925,000		863,164
To general fund To capital projects	(1,518,170)	(1,272,130)	246,040	(413,312)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(593,170)	(347,130)	246,040	449,852
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other				
sources (uses) over expenditures	(1,258,629)	(90,558)	1,168,071	735,681
Appropriated fund balance	1,258,629	<del></del>	(1,258,629)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, other sources (uses), and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$	(90,558)	(90,558)	735,681
balance over expenditures	\$ <u></u>	(90,000)	(90,330)	7 33,00 1
Fund balance at beginning of year		6,025,666		5,243,038
Residual Equity Transfer				46,947
Fund balance at end of year		\$5,935,108_		6,025,666

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
E-911 Telephone Surcharge Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	-	2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Permits and fees: 911 subscriber fees	\$ 260,000	272,152	12,152	261,279
Restricted intergovernmental: Wireless 911 funds	40,030	61,160	21,130	
Investment earnings	3,170	13,368	10,198	13,401
Total revenues	303,200	346,680	43,480	274,680
Expenditures:				
Public safety:				
911 system subscriber fees:				
Salaries and wages	45,249	44,940	309	31,442
Operating expenses	212,962	161,366	51,596	103,936
Capital outlay	6,695	3,030	3,665	72,223
Total 911 system subscriber fees	264,906	209,336	55,570	207,601
Wireless 911:				
Operating expenses	106,660	1,316	105,344	
Capital outlay	11,770	12,267	(497)	
Total wireless 911	118,430	13,583	104,847	
Total Public Safety	383,336	222,919	160,417	207,601
Debt service		<u></u>	<u></u>	22,128
Total expenditures	383,336	222,919	160,417	229,729
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(80,136)	123,761	203,897	44,951
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfer from General Fund	78,430	78,430	<del></del>	(11,333)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and				
other sources (uses) over expenditures	(1,736)	202,191	203,927	33,618
Appropriated fund balance	1,736		(1,736)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$	202,191	202,191	33,618
Fund balance at beginning of year		250,880		217,262
Fund balance at end of year		\$ <u>453,071</u>		250,880

Substance Abuse Tax Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

		2001			
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual	
Revenues:					
Investment earnings	\$ 750	516	(234)	688	
Restricted intergovernmental	27,000	3,449	(23,551)	25,834	
Total revenues	27,750	3,965	(23,785)	26,522	
Expenditures:					
Public Safety	27,750	16,721	11,029	8,121	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u></u>	(12,756)	(12,756)	18,401	
Appropriated fund Balance			<del></del>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, other sources (uses), and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$	(12,756)	(12,756)	18,401	
Fund balance at beginning of year		58,646		40,245	
Fund balance at end of year		\$45,890_		58,646	

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Lynnhaven II LLC Project
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

		2001			
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual	
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental	\$374,547_	317,262	(57,285)	25,933	
Total revenues	374,547	317,262	(57,285)	25,933	
Expenditures: Capital Outlay  Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 374,547	317,262	57,285	25,933	
Appropriated fund Balance  Excess (deficiency) of revenues, other	<del></del>	<del></del>			
sources (uses), and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$ <u></u>		<del></del>		
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.

# Statement 11

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Capital Projects Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2001

(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2000)

	Parks and		Combining Totals	
	Hig	creation h School c Complex	June 30 2001	June 30 2000
Assets:				
Cash and equivalents Accounts receivable Tax refunds receivable Due from other funds	\$	   	   	12,252   
Total Assets	\$	<u></u>		12,252
Liabilities and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities: Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds		 		
Total Liabilities	\$			
Fund Balance: Reserved by state statute Reserved for encumbrances Designated for future expenditures		  	  	  12,252
Total Fund Balance		<u></u>		12,252
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$		<u></u>	12,252

Capital Projects Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

(With Comparative Totals for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000)

			Combining Totals		
		arks & Rec igh School Athletic	June 30 2001	June 30 2000	
Revenues:					
Donations Restricted intergovernmental revenues Investment earnings	\$	  	  	20,302 3,717	
Total Revenues		<u></u>		24,019	
Expenditures:					
Capital Projects Debt Service	_	<u></u>		109,453	
Total Expenditures		<u></u>		109,453	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	_		<del></del> _	(85,434)	
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers - in (out):					
From capital reserve fund					
From general fund From enterprise fund					
From enterprise rund					
Installment purchase proceeds Proceeds from general obligation bonds	_	 	<u></u>	 	
Total other financing sources (uses)		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Increase (decrease) in fund balance				(85,434)	
Fund balance at beginning of year Residual equity transfer		12,252 (12,252)	12,252 (12,252)	144,633 (46,947)	
Fund balance at end of year	\$			12,252	

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Parks and Recreation - High School Athletic Complex
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
From Inception and For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	_	Budget	Prior Years	Actual Current Year	Total-to Date	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues: Restricted intergovernmental revenues Investment earnings	\$_	250,000 13,992	250,000 14,876		250,000 14,876	 884
Total revenues		263,992	264,876		264,876	884
Expenditures: Construction	-	263,992	252,624		252,624	11,368
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	_	<u></u>	12,252		12,252	12,252
Increase (decrease) in fund balance	\$ _		12,252		12,252	12,252
Fund balance at beginning of year				12,252		
Residual Equity Transfer				(12,252)		
Fund balance at end of year			\$			

# **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, 2001

(With Comparative Actual Amounts For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000)

		2001		2000
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
REVENUES:				
Operating revenues: Landfill revenues Miscellaneous	\$ 2,266,664 7,000	2,300,850 5,368	34,186 (1,632)	2,519,076 550
Total operating revenues	2,273,664	2,306,218	32,554	2,519,626
Non-operating revenues: Interest earned on investments Sale of fixed assets Total non-operating revenues	90,000	125,163  125,163	35,163  35,163	128,501 6,106 134,607
rotal hon-operating revenues	90,000	125,165	35,165	134,007
TOTAL REVENUES	2,363,664	2,431,381	67,717	2,654,233
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES: Operating transfers from other funds Proceeds of lease purchase Fund balance appropriated	710,376  73,044	710,376  	  (73,044)	860,845 143,895 
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	783,420	710,376	(73,044)	1,004,740
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,147,084	3,141,757	(5,327)	3,658,973
EXPENDITURES:  Landfill operations:  Salaries and wages  Operating expenses	574,986 2,323,082	559,234 1,907,833	15,752 415,249	564,483 1,965,548
Total landfill operations	2,898,068	2,467,067	431,001	2,530,031
Budgetary appropriations Interest paid Debt principal Capital outlay	53,848 159,418 35,750	53,836 159,429 18,365	12 (11) 17,385	58,149 170,026 181,595
Total budgetary appropriations	249,016	231,630	17,386	409,770
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,147,084	2,698,697	448,387	2,939,801
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$	443,060	443,060	719,172

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

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# Budget and Actual (NON-GAAP) For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001 (With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000)

Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:	 2001	 2000
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	\$ 443,060	\$ 719,172
Reconciling items: Capital outlays Depreciation Payment of debt principal Lease purchase proceeds	18,365 (154,407) 159,429	181,595 (147,873) 170,026 (143,895)
Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets (Increase) decrease in accrued vacation pay	 (714) (8,753)	 (5,393) 13,846
Total reconciling items  Net income (loss)	\$ 13,920 456,980	\$ 68,306 787,478

# **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, 2001
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2000)

							Tota	als
	_	Social Services Fund	Surety Bonds Fund	Vehicle Tax-Towns Fund	Health Benefits Fund	Library Trust Fund	June 30 2001	June 30 2000
ASSETS:								
Cash and investments	\$ _	29,031	21,675	7,566	160,980		219,252	300,927
LIABILITIES:								
Accounts payable	\$	29,031	21,675	7,566	160,980		219,252	300,927

# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Agency Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

		Balance July 1, 2000	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2001
Social Services:	_				
Assets: Cash and Investments	\$ _	19,116	125,745	115,830	29,031
Liabilities: Accounts Payable		19,116	125,745	115,830	29,031
	_	_			
Surety Bond Funds: Assets:					
Cash and Investments	=	67,729	40,432	86,486	21,675
Liabilities: Accounts Payable	=	67,729	40,432	86,486	21,675
Health Benefits: Assets:					
Cash and Investments	=	148,446	12,534		160,980
Liabilities: Accounts Payable	=	148,446	12,534		160,980
Library Trust: Assets:			4= 000		
Cash and Investments	=	54,830	17,933	72,763	0
Liabilities: Accounts Payable	=	54,830	17,933	72,763	0
Vehicle Tax-Towns: Assets:					
Cash and Investments	=	10,806	125,804	129,044	7,566
Liabilities: Accounts Payable		10,806	125,804	129,044	7,566
	_	,			- 1,000
Total - All Agency Funds Assets:					
Cash and Investments	\$ _	300,927	322,448	408,941	219,252
Liabilites: Accounts Payable	\$	300,927	322,448	408,941	219,252
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# **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

(380,036)

# Watauga County, North Carolina

# General Fund Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable June 30, 2001

	L	Incollected		Collections	Uncollected
		Balance		and	Balance
-	Ju	ne 30, 2000	Additions	Credits	June 30, 2001
Fiscal year:					
2000 - 2001	\$		14,045,907	13,670,580	375,327
1999 - 2000		345,756		222,655	123,101
1998 - 1999		112,211		43,435	68,776
1997 - 1998		72,964		23,084	49,880
1996 - 1997		48,907		12,429	36,478
1995 - 1996		38,923		8,220	30,703
1994 - 1995		37,617		5,505	32,112
1993 - 1994		31,835		3,768	28,067
1992 - 1993		38,194		2,731	35,463
1991 - 1992		51,117		2,553	48,564
1990 - 1991		35,025		35,025	
	\$	812,549	14,045,907	14,029,985	828,471
Plus: uncollected 200	0 - 2001 ad	valorem taxes	receivable		
on annually reg	gistered veh	icles			82,641

Ad valorem taxes receivable - net General Fund \$\_\_\_\_531,076

Reconcilement with revenues:

Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts General Fund

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Analysis of Current Tax Levy
County-Wide Levy
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

						_	Total	Levy
							Property excluding	
	-		ount	y-Wide			Registered	Registered
		Property Valuation		Rate	Amount of Levy		Motor Vehicles	Motor Vehicles
Original levy:	-	valdation	_	rate	Oi Lovy	-	VOTIIOICO	VOITIOICS
Property taxed at current year's rate	\$	2,998,620,642	\$	0.445	13,282,294	\$	12,439,425	842,869
Motor vehicles taxes at prior year's rate		108,402,539		0.435	544,059			544,059
Penalties	-	<u></u>			4,683	_	4,683	
Total	_	3,107,023,181			13,831,036	_	12,444,108	1,386,928
Discoveries:								
Current year taxes		52,202,825		0.445	245,636		245,636	
Prior year taxes Penalties					34,777 2,850		34,777 2,850	<b></b>
renames	-				2,030	-	2,030	
Total	-	52,202,825			283,263	_	283,263	
Abatements:	-	(10,729,748)			(68,392)	_	(57,323)	(11,069)
Total property v	\$_	3,148,496,258						
Net levy					14,045,907		12,670,048	1,375,859
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2001					375,327	_	244,692	130,635
Current year's taxes collected					\$ 13,670,580	=	12,425,356	1,245,224
Current levy collection Percentage					97.33%	=	98.07%	90.51%

# Statement 18-A

# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Analysis of Current Tax Levy County-wide Levy

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

# Secondary Market Disclosures:

Nacacce4	Valuation:
ASSESSEU	valuation.

Assessment Ratio	100%
Real Property	\$ 2,669,637,660
Personal Property	434,604,163
Public Service Companies	44,254,435
Total Assessed Valuation	3,148,496,258
Tax Rate per \$100	0.445
Levy (includes discoveries, releases and abatements)	\$ 14,045,907

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:

Fire Protection Districts \$ 678,550

# Statement 18-B

# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Ten Largest Taxpayers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

Taxpayer	Type of Business	2001 Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation
Spiritual Center of			
America	Resort/Real Estate	\$ 30,299,480	.96%
Blue Ridge Electric	Electric Utility	24,730,523	.76
Maharishi Spiritual			
Center of America	Resort/ Real Estate	18,630,300	.59
Bell South	Telephone Utility	15,777,783	.50
Frank Petersilie/PSI	Real Estate	13,026,370	.41
Heavenly Mtn.			
Resort, Inc.	Resort	9,652,840	.31
Beech Mtn. Resort	Resort/Real Estate	9,060,513	.29
Boone Mall	Shopping Center	7,705,600	.24
David Kaplan	Residential	6,911,600	.22
Walmart	Shopping Center	6,785,100	.22
		\$ <u>142,580,109</u>	<u>4.50</u> %

# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Analysis of Current Tax Levy Fire Districts For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Beaver Da Fire Distric	. 3	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	0.0	5 0.03	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Net levy	\$ 40,93	9 85,323	121,472	84,297	42,121	147,972	48,306	1,305	28,536	22,114	12,510	43,655
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2001	1,64	6 1,851	3,536	2,947	1,699	3,414	2,262	205	918	876	488	2,167
Current year's taxes collected	\$ 39,29	3 83,472	117,936	81,350	40,422	144,558	46,044	1,100	27,618	21,238	12,022	41,488
Current levy collection percentage	95.98	% 97.83%	97.09%	96.50%	95.97%	97.69%	95.32%	84.29%	96.78%	96.04%	96.10%	95.04%

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Schedule of Transfers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

		Tra	nsfers
Operating Transfers From/To other Funds:	_	From	То
General Fund: Capital Reserve Fund Solid Waste Fund Revaluation Fund E-911 Telephone Surcharge Fund	\$	1,272,130 76,946	925,000 710,376 78,430
Special Revenue Funds: Capital Reserve Fund General Fund Revaluation Fund General Fund E-911 Telephone Surcharge Fund Proprietary: Solid Waste		925,000 78,430	1,272,130 76,946
General Fund		710,376	
Total operating transfers - other funds	\$_	3,062,882	3,062,882
Operating Transfers From/To Component Units:			
General Fund: Component units - discretely presented Watauga County Economic Development Commission AppalCART	\$	67,364 52,500	
Component Units - discretely presented: Watauga County Economic Development Commission General Fund AppalCART General Fund	_		67,364 52,500
Total operating transfers - component units	\$	119,864	119,864
Residual Equity Transfers From/To Other Funds	· <del>-</del>	,	<u> </u>
General Fund:	\$		12,252
Capital Projects Funds: Parks and Recreation - High School Athletic Complex		12,252	
Total residual equity transfers	\$_	12,252	12,252

# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Schedule of Cash and Investment Balances
June 30, 2001

		Cost	Market Value
Cash and investments in the form of:			
Cash:			
On hand	\$	1,685	1,685
In demand deposits	•	15,538,494	15,538,494
Certificates of deposit		21,675	21,675
Total cash	•	15,561,854	15,561,854
Investments:			
		6 250 425	6 250 425
N.C. Capital Management Trust		6,358,425	6,358,425
Total Cash and Investments	\$	21,920,279	21,920,279
Distribution by funds:			
General fund	\$	12,047,128	
Special revenue funds	Ψ	12,047,120	
Fire districts		54,086	
Revaluation fund		74,069	
Capital Reserve		5,935,108	
E-911 Telephone Surcharge		425,483	
Substance Abuse Tax Fund		46,669	
Capital projects fund			
Fiduciary fund		219,252	
Proprietary fund	,	3,118,484	
Total	\$	21,920,279	

# **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, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated September 13, 2001. 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 Countys 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 13, 2001

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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 (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement</u> and the <u>Audit Manual for Governmental 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, 2001. 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 Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, 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, 2001.

# 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 Countys 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 13, 2001

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Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major State

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

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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, 2001.

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# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

# 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, 2001 are:

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

- H. The only major State program for Watauga County is the Title XIX Medicaid program, which is a State match on the federal program. Therefore, this program has been included in the list of major federal programs above.
- I. The threshold for determining Type A programs for Watauga County is \$455,278.
- 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, 2001

The prior year audit report disclosed no audit findings.

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

	TOT THE FISCAL LEAL ET	ueu Julie 30, 2001	Federal	Federal			
	Federal	Pass-Through	(Direct & Pass-				
Grantor/Pass-Through	CFDA	Grantor's	Through)	State	Local		
Grantor/Program Title	Number	Number	Expenditures	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		\$ 1,132,354				
State Administrative Matching Grants	10.551		Ψ 1,102,004				
for the Food Stamp Program	10.561		181,634		181,634		
Total Food Stamp Cluster			1,313,988		181,634		
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Golden Leaf Grant			23,251				
Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and							
Human Services:							
Nutrition Program for the Elderly	10.570		27,099				
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Total U.S. Dept. of Agriculture			1,364,338		181,364		
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development							
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Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and							
Human Services:							
Community Development Block Grant	14.228		317,262				
Federal Emergency Management Agency							
Passed-through N.C. Dept. of Crime Control							
and Public Safety							
Emergency Management-State and Local Assistance	85.534		12,378		119,871		
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services							
Administration on Aging							
Aging Cluster:							
Passed-through Region D Council of Governments							
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III F							
Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043		2,904	171	342		
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III B							
Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044		23,619	43,785	7,489		
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III C							
Nutritional Services	93.045		37,424	56,742	10,463		
Senior Center				15,160	330		
Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)	02.667		45 057	25 470	E 704		
In-home Services Total Aging Cluster	93.667		15,857 79,804	35,478 151,336	5,704 24,328		
Total Aging Cluster			79,004	131,330	24,320		
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							
Administration	93.558		209,546		164,811		
Direct Benefit Payments	93.558		136,561				
Refugee and Entrant Assistance	00.500						
Cash and Medical Payments	93.566		1,134		<del></del>		
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant: Administration	93.568		70,867				
Direct Benefit Payments	93.568		44,651		 		
Childcare Development Fund-Administration	93.596		60,000				
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WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

			Federal		
	Federal	Pass-Through	(Direct & Pass-	_	
Grantor/Program Title	CFDA Number	Grantor's Number	Through)	State	Local
Grantor/Program Title	Number	Number	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (cont.)					
Child Welfare Services	93.645		10,391	3,464	
Child Welfare Services: Adoption Subsidy - Direct Benefit Payments	93.645			7,846	2,615
Title IV-E Foster Care	93.658		143,565	13,118	130,450
Foster Care - Direct Benefit Payments	93.658		125,467	12,477	62,884
Adoption Assistance - Direct Benefit Payments	93.659		81,138	24,435	24,435
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		149,584	25,446	52,074
DCD Smart Start				34,500	
Division of Child Development:					
Subsidized Child Care Cluster:					
Child Care and Development			4.40.000		
Fund Discretionary Child Care and Develpoment	93.575		148,923		
Fund Mandatory	93.596		95,012		
Child Care and Development					
Fund Match	93.596		55,488	5,706	
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		4,590		
TANF Smart Start	93.558		46,358	10E 904	
TANF - Maintenance of Effort				195,894 58,267	
Total Subsidized Child Care Cluster			350,371	259,867	
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		11,976,806	6,135,918	1,037,997
Division of Social Services:					
Medical Assistance Program Administration	93.778		341,131	48,491	272,116
Health Choice	93.767		18,206		3,457
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Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Serv	ices		13,799,222	6,719,927	1,775,167
Total Federal Awards			45 400 000	0.740.007	0.070.070
Total Federal Awards			15,493,200	6,719,927	2,076,672
State Awards:					
N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services					
Division of Social Services State/County Special Assistance for Adults-					
Direct Benefit Payments				159,945	159,945
State Foster Care Benefits Program				6,749	6,749
Program Integrity				1,597	
State Aid to Counties				24,513	
State Adult Protective Service				25,165	
Total N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services				217,969	166,694
N.C. Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety					
Reaching Adolescent Program		095-1-99-013-D-378		89,079	29,693
Restorative Justice Project		095-1-98-007-K036		25,598	8,532
Total N.C. Dept. of Crime Control				114,677	38,225

# For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	For the Fiscal Year	Ended June 30, 2001				
Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	(Dire	Federal ect & Pass- Through) penditures	State Expenditures	Local Expenditures
Office of the Governor Public School Building Capital Fund					55,744	18,568
Office of Juvenile Justice Community Programs					115,264	31,312
Total Office of the Governor					171,008	49,880
N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction Public School Bond Fund Very Special Arts Program Total N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction				  	170,188  170,938	  
N.C. Dept. of Transportation Workfirst/Employment Transportation Operating Assistance Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (E&DTAP) Rural Operating Assistance Program				  	3,922 39,889 17,708	  
Total N.C. Dept. of Transportation				<u></u>	61,519	
N.C. Dept. of Environment, Health, and Natural Resort 421 Stream Mitigation Soil Conservation Assistance Soil Conservation Cost Sharing Division of Waste Managemnet Scrap Tire Disposal Grant White Goods Grant Total N.C. Dept. of Environment, Health, and Natural				    	2,152 4,000 17,368 24,031 3,783 51,334	35,723 17,368  53,091
N.C. Dept. of Corrections Criminal Justice Partnership Program N.C. Division of Veteran's Affairs Veteran's Service Program Total State awards		95-0799-I-A	_		2,000 850,654	87,644 395,534
Total federal and State awards			\$	15,493,200	7,570,581	2,472,206

# 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	Federal	State
Program Title	Number	Expenditures	Expenditures
Food Stamp Program-noncash	10.551	\$ 1,132,354	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	136,561	
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	11,976,806	6,135,918