# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

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#### <u>Independent Auditor's Report</u>

To the Board of County Commissioners Watauga County, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Watauga County, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Watauga County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the AppalCART. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the AppalCART is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of the other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Watauga County, North Carolina as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where appropriate, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund and capital reserve fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, the schedules of funding progress, employer contributions and the notes to the required schedules for the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowances are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit this information and express no opinion thereon.

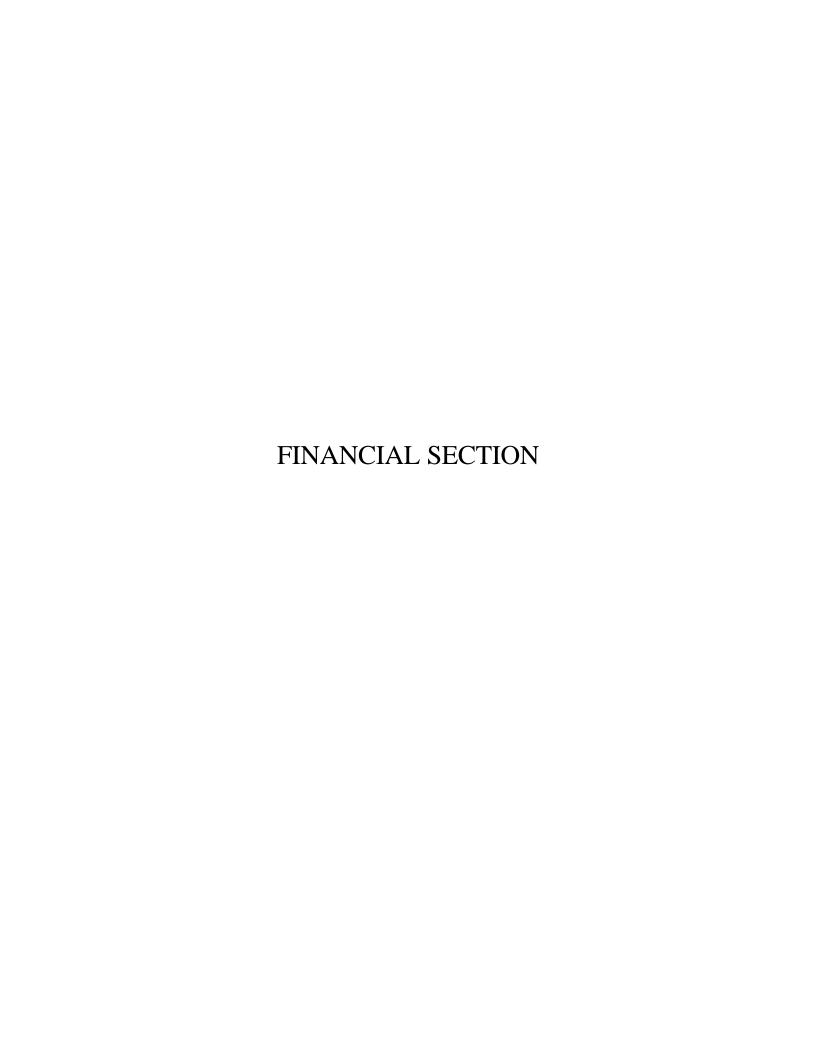
In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated September 7, 2006 on our consideration of Watauga County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That 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 financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Watauga County, North Carolina. The combining and individual nonmajor fund 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 A133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, and the statistical information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Bryce Holder, CPA, PA

September 7, 2006

### BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



#### **Watauga County**

#### MANAGEMENT 'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of Watauga County, we offer readers of Watauga County's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the County's financial statements and notes, which follow this narrative.

#### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the County exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$49,051,993.
- The County's total net assets increased by \$9,444,277 primarily due to an increase in revenues (fueled by an increase in the tax rate for education that generated an additional \$2.6 million and an increase in the tax levy from properties being added) and a decrease in expenditures (some budgeted expenditures for capital outlay were not expended in the current fiscal year).
- The County's unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$13,770,671 at the end of the year, representing 34.1% of total General Fund expenditures.
- Watauga County's total debt decreased by \$672,842 during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this
  decrease was the scheduled payments of existing debt.
- Watauga County maintained it's A bond rating.

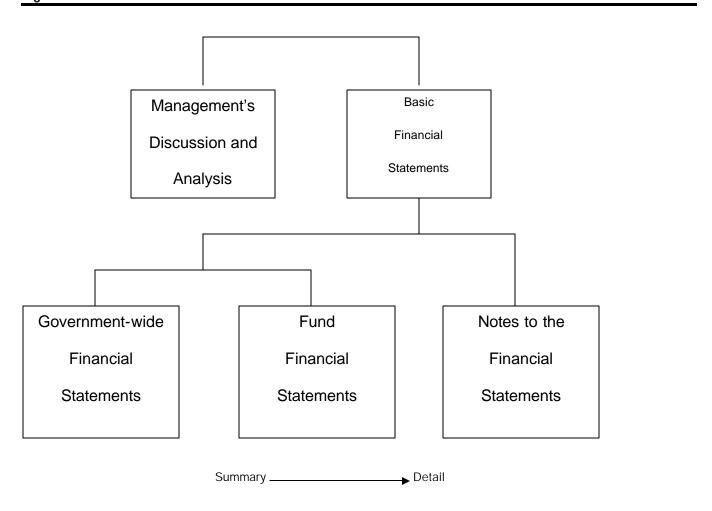
#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Watauga County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements consist of three components, 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

The basic financial statements present two different views of he County's finances through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of Watauga County.

#### Required Components of Annual Financial Report

#### Figure 1



#### **Basic Financial Statements**

The first two statements (Exhibits A and B) in the basic financial statements are the **Government-wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the County's financial status.

The next statements (Exhibits C through J) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the County's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are four parts to the fund financial statements: 1) the governmental fund statements, 2) the budgetary comparison statement 3) the proprietary fund statements and 4) the fiduciary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements are the **notes**. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, **supplemental information** is provided to show details about the County's programs. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

Following the notes is the required supplemental information. This section contains funding information about the County's pension plans.

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

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the County's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the County's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the County's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets are the difference between the County's total assets and total liabilities. Measuring net assets is one way to gauge the County's financial condition.

Government-wide financial statements may be divided into as many as three categories. 1) governmental activities, 2) business-type activities, and 3) component units. The governmental activities include most of the County's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes and state and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The business-type activities are those that the County charges customers to provide. This includes landfill services offered by Watauga County. The final category is the component unit. Appalcart is a separate not-for-profit organization, which operates a transportation authority primarily in Watauga County. Watauga County Board of Commissioners appoints the seven-member governing body. Watauga County provides some financial support and Appalcart is financially accountable to the County.

The government-wide financial statements are on Exhibits A and B of this report.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide a more detailed look at the County's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Watauga County, like all governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the County's budget ordinance. All of the funds of the County can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Most of the County's activities are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting. This method has a current financial resources focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the County's programs. The relationship between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The County adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the County, the management of the County, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the County to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the County complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the County succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows three columns: 1) the final budget as amended by the board, 2) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund, and 3) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges. To account for the difference between the budgetary basis of accounting and the modified accrual basis, a reconciliation showing the differences in the reported activities is shown at the end of the budgetary statement.

**Proprietary Funds** - Watauga County has one proprietary fund. *Enterprise Funds* are used to report the same functions presented as business-like activities in the government-wide financial statements. Watauga County uses enterprise funds to account for its solidwaste operations. This fund is the same as those separate activities shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities.

**Fiduciary Funds** - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the government. Watauga County has 4 fiduciary funds, one which is a health insurance trust fund and 3 which are agency funds.

**Notes to the Financial Statements** - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements start on page 14 of this report.

**Other Information** - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning Watauga County's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 42 of this report.

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis** 

### Watauga County's Net Assets Figure 2

	Governmental Activities			siness	Total		
	2006	2005	2006 2005		2006	<u>2005</u>	
Current and other assets	\$ 29,408,366	27,516,217	3,637,491	3,444,330	33,045,857	30,960,547	
Capital assets	33,261,940	26,975,790	4,730,779	4,647,836	37,992,719	31,623,626	
Total asset	62,670,306	54,492,007	8,368,270	8,092,166	71,038,576	62,584,173	
Long-term liabilities, outstanding	19,970,732	20,560,831	326,088	349,091	20,296,820	20,909,922	
Other liabilities	1,319,484	1,634,075	370,279	432,460	1,689,763	2,066,535	
Total liabilities	21,290,216	22,194,906	696,367	<u>781,551</u>	21,986,583	22,976,457	
Net assets:							
Invested in capital assets,							
net of related debt	25,571,505	20,063,795	4,515,138	4,340,234	30,086,643	24,404,029	
Restricted	731,264	869,165			731,264	869,165	
Unrestricted	<u>15,077,321</u>	11,364,141	3,156,765	2,970,381	18,234,086	14,334,522	
Total net assets	\$ 41.380.090	32.297.101	7.671.903	7.310.615	49.051.993	39.607.716	

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the County exceeded liabilities by \$49,051,993 at June 30, 2006. The County's net assets increased by \$9,444,277 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Net assets is reported in three categories: Invested in capital assets, net of related debt of \$30,086,643, Restricted net assets of \$731,264 and Unrestricted net assets of \$18,234,086.

The invested in capital assets, net of related debt category is defined as the County's investment in County owned capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, automotive equipment, office and other equipment), less any related debt still outstanding that was issued to acquire those items. The County uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. At June 30, 2006, the increase in this category of net assets is due to current year additions to capital assets being more than offset by current year depreciation expenses and new long-term debt issuances.

Another category of net assets is restricted net assets. This represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

The final category of net assets is unrestricted net assets. This balance may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Several particular aspects of the County's financial operations positively influenced the total unrestricted governmental net assets:

- Continued diligence in the collection of property taxes by maintaining a collection percentage of 98.32%, higher than the 2005 statewide average of 97.04%.
- Increase in charges for services due to economic growth.

# Watauga County Changes in Net Assets Figure 3

	Government Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$1,961,872	2,696,681	3,744,117	3,244,959	5,705,989	5,941,640
Operating grants and contributions	5,757,594	4,243,474	10,208	22,555	5,767,802	4,266,029
General revenues:						
Property taxes	24,476,446	20,944,307			24,476,446	20,944,307
Other taxes	12,661,243	11,792,720			12,661,243	11,792,720
Grants and contributions not restricted						
to specific programs	13,276	13,054			13,276	13,054
Donations	1,009,506				1,009,506	
Other	1,055,250	656,211	97,395	59,911	1,152,645	716,122
Total revenues	46,935,187	40,346,447	3,851,720	3,327,425	50,786,907	43,673,872
Expenses:						
General government	5.718.350	5,266,136			5.718.350	5,266,136
Public safety	9,652,800	7,546,298			9,652,800	7,546,298
Economic and physical development	867,004	789,593			867,004	789,593
Human services	8,112,903	7,817,570			8,112,903	7,817,570
Cultural and recreation	1,350,570	1,207,295			1,350,570	1,207,295
Education	11,143,551	10,946,838			11,143,551	10,946,838
Interest on long-term debt	744,452	854,586			744,452	854,586
Solid Waste			3,753,000	3,296,450	3,753,000	3,296,450
Total expenses	37.589.630	34,428,316	3,753,000	3,296,450	41,342,630	37,724,766
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Increase in net assets before transfers and						
special item	9,345,557	5,918,131	98,720	30,975	9,444,277	5,949,106
Special Item; Property tax refund to Appalachian						
Student Housing Corporation		(296,521)		(32,400)		(328,921)
Transfers	(262,568)	(339,351)	262,568	339,351		
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Increase in net assets	9,082,989	5,282,259	361,288	337,926	9,444,277	5,620,185
Net assets, July 1	32,297,101	26,850,607	7,310,615	6,972,689	39,607,716	33,823,296
Prior Period adjustment		164,235				164,235
Net assets, June 30	41,380,090	32,297,101	7,671,903	7,310,615	49,051,993	39,607,716

**Governmental activities**. Governmental activities increased the County's net assets by \$9,082,989 thereby accounting for 96.0% of the total growth in the net assets of Watauga County. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Increase in interest earned on investment revenue above budgeted amounts
- Increased collections of property tax revenue above budgeted amounts
- · Solicitation of additional grant revenues for the Public Safety
- Maintenance of the County's high tax collections rate of 98.32%

**Business-type activities**: Business-type activities increased Watauga County's net assets by \$361,288, accounting for 4.0 % of the total growth in the government's net assets. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Increase in revenues due to increased use of County solid waste facilities.
- Reduced debt services costs

#### Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

As noted earlier, Watauga County used fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds** - The focus of Watauga County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. Specifically, unreserved fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$13,770,671 while total fund balance reached \$21,146,087. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 34.1 percent of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 52.3 percent of that same amount.

At June 30, 2006, the governmental funds of Watauga County reported a combined fund balance of \$27,235,886, a 9.05 percent increase over last year. The primary reason for this increase is the increase in fund balance in the General Fund.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights** - During the fiscal year, the County revised the budget on several occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as Federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services. Total amendments to the General Fund increased revenues and expenditures by \$12,963,486.

The actual operating revenues for the General Fund were \$1,286,278 more than the budgeted amount. Actual operating expense was less than budgeted by \$6,653,154.

**Proprietary Funds** - Watauga County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements but in more detail. Unrestricted net assets of the Solidwaste Landfill Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$3,156,765. The total growth in net assets was \$361,288.

#### Capital Asset and Debt Administration

**Capital Assets.** Watauga County's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business - type activities as of June 30, 2006, totals \$37,992,719 (net of depreciation). These assets include buildings, land, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles. Major capital asset transactions during the year include:

- Purchased new vehicles for County departments
- Completed construction of new solidwaste transfer station
- Continued construction of new jail and law enforcement center
- Continued renovation of new administration building
- · Purchased new front end loader, recycling truck, and trash truck for solid waste operations
- Purchased approximately 73 acres of land adjacent to Brookshire Park
- Began renovation and addition to Watauga County Courthouse

#### Watauga County's Capital Assets

#### Figure 4

#### WATAUGA COUNTY'S CAPITAL ASSETS

(net of depreciation)

	Governmental Activities	Business Activities	Total
	2006	2006	2006
Land	\$ 9,144,031	1,377,212	10,521,243
Buildings	13,045,599	2,739,477	15,785,076
Other improvements	68,090	176,366	244,456
Equipment	1,071,209	44,506	1,115,715
Vehicles	775,292	352,302	1,127,594
Construction in progress	9,157,719	40,916	9,198,635
Total	\$ 33,261,940	4,730,779	37,992,719

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in note 3 of the Basic Financial Statements.

**Long-term Debt.** As of June 30, 2006, Watauga County had bonded debt outstanding of \$11,505,000 all of which is backed by the good faith and credit of the County. The County also has several installment purchase notes outstanding. A summary of total long-term debt is shown in Figure 5.

#### Watauga County's Outstanding Debt

#### **General Obligation Bonds**

#### Figure 5

	Governmental Activities							
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>				
General obligation bonds	\$ 11,505,000	12,915,000	14,320,000	15,355,000				

Watauga County's total debt decreased by \$672,842 or (3.32%) during the past fiscal due to annual debt service payments.

As mentioned in the financial highlights section of this document, Watauga County maintained it's A bond rating. This bond rating is a good indication of the sound financial condition of Watauga County. A good bond rating also helps keep interest costs low on the County's outstanding debt.

The State of North Carolina limits the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8 percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for Watauga County is \$458,004,741.

Additional information regarding Watauga County's long-term debt can be found in note 3 beginning on page 35 of this report.

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The following key economic indicators reflect the economic environment the County is working in.

- The County is experiencing a low unemployment rate of 3.6%, third lowest in the state
- The County continues to experience growth in the tourism industry with an annual economic impact of approximately \$164 million.
- Appalachian State University's economic impact is estimated at \$407.1 million a year and provides stability to the local economy

#### Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007

**Governmental activities** - The County's first four year property revaluation cycle was completed with values to be effective with tax bills for FY 2006/07. The County's property tax rate was reduced to the revenue neutral rate of 31.3 cents per \$100 in property valuation. 3.4 cents of the tax rate which generates approximately \$2.5 million in property tax revenue is earmarked for education. Sales tax revenue is projected to increase due to continued economic growth. Planning and Inspections fees were increased to comparable fees for surrounding towns and counties.

Budgeted expenditures in the General Fund includes a 7.3% increase in the current expense appropriation to the school system as well as \$2,522,858 to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund to fund future high school renovations, construction and/or debt service. In addition, \$290,000 is set a side in the Capital Reserve Fund for an elementary school capital improvement plan.

Businesses-type Activities: The County budgeted increases in tipping, green box and landfill fees in the Solidwaste Landfill Fund. These increases will generate approximately \$477,860.

#### Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the County's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Watauga County Finance Director, 814 West King Street-Room 216 Boone, NC 28607.

**Primary Government** 

Component Unit

	G	overnmental	Business-type		
		Activities	Activities	Total	AppalCART
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	24,594,960	3,310,715	27,905,675	502,478
Receivables (net)	Ψ	2,023,021	311,234	2,334,255	2,259
Due from other governments		2,176,616	15,542	2,192,158	643,429
Inventories		_,			104,868
Prepaid items		169,476		169,476	10,450
Deferred charges - issuance cost		79,609		79,609	
Deferred charges - refunding		308,749		308,749	
Intangible asset - advanced funding		222,112		,-	
of pension obligation		55,935		55,935	
Capital assets:		,		,	
Land, improvements, and					
construction in progress		18,301,750	1,888,209	20,189,959	
Other capital assets, net of		, ,	, ,	, ,	
depreciation		14,960,190	2,842,570	17,802,760	3,649,147
Total capital assets		33,261,940	4,730,779	37,992,719	3,649,147
Total assets		62,670,306	8,368,270	71,038,576	4,912,631
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and accrued					
expenses		1,035,808	275,881	1,311,689	637,281
Unearned revenue		167,423	153,934	321,357	18,819
Accrued interest payable		116,253	155,954	116,253	10,019
Customer deposits		110,233	76	76	
Long-term liabilities:			70	70	
Due within one year		2,126,384	94,322	2,220,706	
Due in more than one year		17,844,348	172,154	18,016,502	
Total liabilities		21,290,216	696,367	21,986,583	656,100
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NET ASSETS					
Invested in capital assets, net of					
related debt		25,571,505	4,515,138	30,086,643	3,649,147
Restricted for:					·
Public safety		581,299		581,299	
Register of Deeds		149,965		149,965	
Unrestricted (deficit)		15,077,321	3,156,765	18,234,086	607,384
Total net assets	\$	41,380,090	7,671,903	49,051,993	4,256,531

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### **Program Revenues**

Functions/Programs		Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$	5,718,350	867,380	47,659	
Public safety		9,652,800	704,877	1,792,213	
Economic and physical development		867,004		209,254	
Human service		8,112,903	21,339	3,708,468	
Cultural and recreation		1,350,570	368,276		
Education		11,143,551			
Interest on long-term debt	_	744,452			
Total governmental activities		37,589,630	1,961,872	5,757,594	
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Business-type activities:					
Solid waste		3,753,000	3,744,117	10,208	
Total	\$	41,342,630	5,705,989	5,767,802	
Component unit:					
AppalCART	\$	2,137,117	865,650	956,809	1,025,567

#### General revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes, levied for general purpose

Local option sales tax

Other taxes and licenses

Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs

Investment earnings, unrestricted

Miscellaneous, unrestricted

Donations, unrestricted

Loss on sale of assets

Transfers

Total general revenues, special items, and transfers

Change in net assets

Net assets - beginning

Net assets - ending

### Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets Primary Government Component Unit

	Governmental	Business-type		
-	Activities	Activities	Total	AppalCART
	(4,803,311)		(4,803,311)	
	(7,155,710)		(7,155,710)	
	(657,750)		(657,750)	
	(4,383,096)		(4,383,096)	
	(982,294)		(982,294)	
	(11,143,551)		(11,143,551)	
	(744,452)		(744,452)	
-	(29,870,164)		(29,870,164)	
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-		1,325	1,325	
	(00.070.404)	4.005	(00,000,000)	
-	(29,870,164)	1,325	(29,868,839)	
				710,909
				710,909
\$	24,476,446		24,476,446	
	11,327,346		11,327,346	
	1,333,897		1,333,897	
	13,276		13,276	
	863,935	97,395	961,330	13,113
	191,315		191,315	
	1,009,506		1,009,506	
			-	(10,617)
	(262,568)	262,568	-	
	38,953,153	359,963	39,313,116	2,496
	9,082,989	361,288	9,444,277	713,405
	32,297,101	7,310,615	39,607,716	3,543,126
\$	41,380,090	7,671,903	49,051,993	4,256,531

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2006

		General	Capital Reserve Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Fund
ASSETS	•				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	18,517,308	5,432,302	645,350	24,594,960
Taxes receivable, net		573,499		54,708	628,207
Due from other governments		2,176,616		·	2,176,616
Due from other funds		117,799			117,799
Accounts receivable, net		1,177,628		185,522	1,363,150
Other assets		169,476			169,476
Total assets	\$	22,732,326	5,432,302	885,580	29,050,208
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and					
accrued liabilities	\$	980,945		54,863	1,035,808
Unearned revenue		8,879		796	9,675
Deferred revenue		596,415		54,625	651,040
Due to other funds				117,799	117,799
Total liabilities		1,586,239		228,083	1,814,322
Fund balances: Reserved for:					
State statute		3,641,518		185,522	3,827,040
Encumbrances		3,583,933			3,583,933
Register of Deeds		149,965			149,965
Unreserved		13,770,671	5,432,302		19,202,973
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:					
Special revenue funds				12,355	12,355
Capital projects funds				459,620	459,620
Total fund balances		21,146,087	5,432,302	657,497	27,235,886
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	22,732,326	5,432,302	885,580	
Amounts reported for governmental activities net assets (Exhibit 1) are different because:					
The pension assets resulting from contribution of the annual required contribution are not and therefore are not required in the funds.	inanc				55,935
Capital assets used in governmental activit resources and therefore are not reported in					33,261,940
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current- period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.					
Liabilities for earned but deferred revenues in fund statements.					
Deferred charges based on refunding issue	s.				388,358
Some liabilities, including bonds payable, a payable in the current period and therefore the funds (Note 3).					(20,086,985)
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Net assets of governmental activities				\$	41,380,090

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

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Revenues			General	Capital Reserve Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Local option sales taxes	REVENUES					
Other taxes and licenses         1,080,261          253,636         1,333,897           Unrestricted intergovernmental         4,160,620         45,000         1,988,043         6,193,663           Permits and fees         922,003           922,003           Sales and services         587,413           587,413           Investment earnings         677,597         183,471         19,254         880,322           Donations         1,009,506          1,306         1,010,812           Miscellaneous         190,009          1-          190,009           Total revenues         43,201,845         228,471         3,556,824         46,987,140           EXPENDITURES           Current:         General government         10,379,316          124,551         10,503,867           Public safety         6,440,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical development         810,252          -         810,252           Human services         7,518,811          -         1,232,727           Intergovernmental:         1,232,727          - <td>Ad valorem taxes</td> <td>\$</td> <td>23,233,814</td> <td></td> <td>1,294,585</td> <td>24,528,399</td>	Ad valorem taxes	\$	23,233,814		1,294,585	24,528,399
Unrestricted intergovernmental   13,276       13,276   Restricted intergovernmental   4,160,620   45,000   1,988,043   6,193,662   922,003     922,003   3   922,	Local option sales taxes		11,327,346			11,327,346
Restricted intergovernmental         4,180,620         45,000         1,988,043         6,193,663           Permits and fees         922,003           922,003           Sales and services         587,413           587,413           Investment earnings         677,597         183,471         19,254         880,322           Donations         1,009,506          1,306         1,010,812           Miscellaneous         190,009         -          190,009           Total revenues         43,201,845         228,471         3,556,824         46,987,140           EXPENDITURES           Current:         6          124,551         10,503,867           Public safety         6,440,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical         6           810,252           Human services         7,518,811           7,518,811           Cultural and recreational         1,232,727           1,232,727           Intergovernmental:           383,834         383,834           Debt service:	Other taxes and licenses		1,080,261		253,636	1,333,897
Permits and fees         922,003           922,003           Sales and services         587,413           587,413           Investment earnings         677,597         183,471         19,254         880,322           Donations         1,009,506          1,306         1,010,812           Miscellaneous         190,009           190,009           Total revenues         43,201,845         228,471         3,556,824         46,987,140           EXPENDITURES           Current:         Current:          124,551         10,503,867           Public safety         6,440,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical         4640,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical         4640,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical         4640,079           810,252           Human services         7,518,811           7,518,811           Cultural and recreational         1,232,727           11,42,536           Capital outla	Unrestricted intergovernmental		13,276			13,276
Sales and services         587,413          587,413           Investment earnings         677,597         183,471         19,254         880,322           Donations         1,009,506          1,306         1,010,812           Miscellaneous         190,009           190,009           Total revenues         43,201,845         228,471         3,556,824         46,987,140           EXPENDITURES           Current:           General government         10,379,316          124,551         10,503,867           Public safety         6,440,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical         46,440,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical         810,252           810,252           Human services         7,518,811           11,232,727           Intergovernmental:           11,142,536           Capital outlay           383,834         383,834           Debt service:           2,131,560           Interest         735,132	Restricted intergovernmental		4,160,620	45,000	1,988,043	6,193,663
Investment earnings	Permits and fees		922,003			922,003
Donations Miscellaneous         1,009,506 190,009         1,306 1,010,812         1,010,812 190,009           Total revenues         43,201,845         228,471         3,556,824         46,987,140           EXPENDITURES           Current:         Seperal government         10,379,316         124,551         10,503,867           Public safety         6,440,079         5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical development         810,252         810,252         7,518,811           Cultural and recreational development         1,232,727         11,42,536         7,518,811           Cultural and recreational development         1,232,727         11,42,536         11,42,536           Capital outlay         383,834         383,834         383,834           Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560         383,834         383,834           Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560         383,834         383,834           Total expenditures         735,132         5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (	Sales and services		587,413			587,413
Niscellaneous   190,009     190,009   190	Investment earnings		677,597	183,471	19,254	880,322
Total revenues	Donations		1,009,506		1,306	1,010,812
EXPENDITURES  Current:  General government 10,379,316 124,551 10,503,867  Public safety 6,440,079 5,064,680 11,504,759  Economic and physical development 810,252 810,252  Human services 7,518,811 7,518,811  Cultural and recreational 1,232,727 1,232,727  Intergovernmental: Education 11,142,536 11,142,536  Capital outlay 383,834 383,834  Debt service:  Principal 2,131,560 2,131,560  Interest 735,132 735,132  Total expenditures 40,390,413 5,573,065 45,963,478  Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures 2,811,432 228,471 (2,016,241) 1,023,662  OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)  Transfers from other funds (5,046,129) (3,469,678) 516,302 (7,999,505)  Proceeds from loan 1,500,000 1,500,000  Total other financing sources and uses 2,814,382 946,651 (1,499,939) 2,261,094	Miscellaneous		190,009			190,009
Current:         General government         10,379,316          124,551         10,503,867           Public safety         6,440,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical development         810,252           810,252           Human services         7,518,811           7,518,811           Cultural and recreational intergovernmental:         1,232,727           1,232,727           Intergovernmental:         11,142,536            11,142,536           Capital outlay           383,834         383,834           Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560           2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505) <t< td=""><td>Total revenues</td><td></td><td>43,201,845</td><td>228,471</td><td>3,556,824</td><td>46,987,140</td></t<>	Total revenues		43,201,845	228,471	3,556,824	46,987,140
General government         10,379,316          124,551         10,503,867           Public safety         6,440,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical development         810,252           810,252           Human services         7,518,811           7,518,811           Cultural and recreational Intergovernmental:         1,232,727           1,232,727           Intergovernmental:         Education         11,142,536           11,142,536           Capital outlay           383,834         383,834           Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560           2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proc						
Public safety         6,440,079          5,064,680         11,504,759           Economic and physical development         810,252           810,252           Human services         7,518,811           7,518,811           Cultural and recreational         1,232,727           1,232,727           Intergovernmental:         Education         11,142,536           11,142,536           Capital outlay           383,834         383,834           Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560           2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers from loan         1,500,000            1,500,000           Proceeds from loan </td <td></td> <td></td> <td>10 370 316</td> <td></td> <td>124 551</td> <td>10 503 867</td>			10 370 316		124 551	10 503 867
Economic and physical development   810,252       810,252   Human services   7,518,811       7,518,811   Cultural and recreational   1,232,727       1,232,727   Intergovernmental:   Education   11,142,536       11,142,536   Capital outlay       383,834   383,834   Debt service:   Principal   2,131,560       2,131,560   Interest   735,132       735,132   Total expenditures   40,390,413     5,573,065   45,963,478   Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures   2,811,432   228,471   (2,016,241)   1,023,662   Cother funds   3,549,079   4,187,858     7,736,937   Cother funds   7,500,000       1,500,000   Cother funds   1,500,000       1,500,000   Cother funds   2,950   718,180   516,302   1,237,432   Cother funds   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094   Cother funds   2,814,382   2,814,382   2,814,382   2,814,382   2,814,382   2,214,382	•					
development         810,252           810,252           Human services         7,518,811           7,518,811           Cultural and recreational         1,232,727           1,232,727           Intergovernmental:         Education         11,142,536           11,142,536           Capital outlay            383,834         383,834           Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560           2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers from other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proceeds from loan         1,500,000            1,500,000			0,440,073		3,004,000	11,004,700
Human services         7,518,811           7,518,811           Cultural and recreational         1,232,727           1,232,727           Intergovernmental:         Education         11,142,536           11,142,536           Capital outlay            383,834         383,834           Debt service:            2,131,560           2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers from other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proceeds from loan         1,500,000            1,500,000           Total other financing sources and uses         2,950         718,180         5			810 252			810 252
Cultural and recreational Intergovernmental:       1,232,727         1,232,727         Intergovernmental:       11,142,536         11,142,536         Capital outlay          383,834       383,834         Debt service:          383,834       383,834         Principal       2,131,560          2,131,560         Interest       735,132         735,132         Total expenditures       40,390,413        5,573,065       45,963,478         Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures       2,811,432       228,471       (2,016,241)       1,023,662         OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)         Transfers from other funds       3,549,079       4,187,858        7,736,937         Transfers to other funds       (5,046,129)       (3,469,678)       516,302       (7,999,505)         Proceeds from loan       1,500,000          1,500,000         Total other financing sources and uses       2,950       718,180       516,302       1,237,432         Net change in fund balance       2,814,382       946,651       (	•					
Intergovernmental: Education						
Education         11,142,536           11,142,536           Capital outlay           383,834         383,834           Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560            2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers to other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proceeds from loan         1,500,000            1,500,000           Total other financing sources and uses         2,950         718,180         516,302         1,237,432           Net change in fund balance         2,814,382         946,651         (1,499,939)         2,261,094			1,202,121			1,202,121
Capital outlay           383,834         383,834           Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560           2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers to other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proceeds from loan         1,500,000           1,500,000           Total other financing sources and uses         2,950         718,180         516,302         1,237,432           Net change in fund balance         2,814,382         946,651         (1,499,939)         2,261,094	<u> </u>		11 142 536			11 142 536
Debt service:         Principal         2,131,560           2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers to other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proceeds from loan         1,500,000            1,500,000           Total other financing sources and uses         2,950         718,180         516,302         1,237,432           Net change in fund balance         2,814,382         946,651         (1,499,939)         2,261,094					383 834	
Principal         2,131,560           2,131,560           Interest         735,132           735,132           Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers to other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proceeds from loan         1,500,000           1,500,000           Total other financing sources and uses         2,950         718,180         516,302         1,237,432           Net change in fund balance         2,814,382         946,651         (1,499,939)         2,261,094	•				000,004	000,004
Interest   735,132       735,132         Total expenditures   40,390,413     5,573,065   45,963,478       Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures   2,811,432   228,471   (2,016,241)   1,023,662      OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)       Transfers from other funds   3,549,079   4,187,858     7,736,937       Transfers to other funds   (5,046,129)   (3,469,678)   516,302   (7,999,505)     Proceeds from loan   1,500,000       1,500,000       Total other financing sources and uses   2,950   718,180   516,302   1,237,432      Net change in fund balance   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094       Total other financing sources and uses   2,814,382   946,651   (1,499,939)   2,261,094			2 131 560			2 131 560
Total expenditures         40,390,413          5,573,065         45,963,478           Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers to other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proceeds from loan         1,500,000           1,500,000           Total other financing sources and uses         2,950         718,180         516,302         1,237,432           Net change in fund balance         2,814,382         946,651         (1,499,939)         2,261,094	·					
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revenues over expenditures         2,811,432         228,471         (2,016,241)         1,023,662           OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)           Transfers from other funds         3,549,079         4,187,858          7,736,937           Transfers to other funds         (5,046,129)         (3,469,678)         516,302         (7,999,505)           Proceeds from loan         1,500,000           1,500,000           Total other financing sources and uses         2,950         718,180         516,302         1,237,432           Net change in fund balance         2,814,382         946,651         (1,499,939)         2,261,094		_	10,000,110		0,010,000	10,000,170
Transfers from other funds       3,549,079       4,187,858        7,736,937         Transfers to other funds       (5,046,129)       (3,469,678)       516,302       (7,999,505)         Proceeds from loan       1,500,000         1,500,000         Total other financing sources and uses       2,950       718,180       516,302       1,237,432         Net change in fund balance       2,814,382       946,651       (1,499,939)       2,261,094	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		2,811,432	228,471	(2,016,241)	1,023,662
Transfers from other funds       3,549,079       4,187,858        7,736,937         Transfers to other funds       (5,046,129)       (3,469,678)       516,302       (7,999,505)         Proceeds from loan       1,500,000         1,500,000         Total other financing sources and uses       2,950       718,180       516,302       1,237,432         Net change in fund balance       2,814,382       946,651       (1,499,939)       2,261,094	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers to other funds     (5,046,129)     (3,469,678)     516,302     (7,999,505)       Proceeds from loan     1,500,000       1,500,000       Total other financing sources and uses     2,950     718,180     516,302     1,237,432       Net change in fund balance     2,814,382     946,651     (1,499,939)     2,261,094			3.549.079	4.187.858		7.736.937
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		_		718,180	516,302	
	Net change in fund balance		2 814 382	946 651	(1 499 939)	2 261 094
	Fund balances-beginning		18,331,705	4,485,651	2,157,436	24,974,792
Fund balances-ending \$ 21,146,087 5,432,302 657,497 27,235,886	<b>5 5</b>	s <sup>-</sup>				

#### Exhibit D

# Watauga County, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds

\$ 2.261.094

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period

6,286,151

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the governmental funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified accrual basis until due, rather than as it accrues. This adjustment combines the net changes for four balances.

Compensated absences	(41,461)
Advance funding of pension obligation	8,315
Accrued interest expense	(3,903)
Taxes receivable	(51,953)
Combined adjustment	(89,002)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transactions has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance cost, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

624,746

Total changes in net assets of governmental activities

9,082,989

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

# Watauga County, North Carolina General Fund and Annually Budgeted Major Special Revenue Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

		General Fund			
		Budge	t	Actual	Variance with Final Budget- Positive
		Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:	_				
Ad valorem taxes	\$	22,470,083	22,470,083	23,233,814	763,731
Local option sales tax		11,283,996	11,283,996	11,327,346	43,350
Other taxes and licenses		675,500	675,500	1,080,261	404,761
Unrestricted intergovernmental		12,500	12,500	13,276	776
Restricted intergovernmetal		3,783,446	4,607,762	4,160,620	(447,142)
Permits and fees		833,731	836,512	922,003	85,491
Sales and services		547,108	547,757	587,413	39,656
Investment earnings		312,500	312,500	677,597	365,097
Donations			1,000,981	1,009,506	8,525
Miscellaneous		111,376	167,976	190,009	22,033
Total revenues	_	40,030,240	41,915,567	43,201,845	1,286,278
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government		6,195,781	15,579,700	10,379,316	5,200,384
Public safety		6,652,779	7,128,342	6,440,079	688,263
Economic & Physical		837,676	880,125	810,252	69,873
Human services		7,659,971	7,849,113	7,518,811	330,302
Cultural and recreation		1,280,686	1,286,454	1,232,727	53,727
Education		10,559,792	11,452,124	11,142,536	309,588
Debt service:		10,000,702	11,102,121	11,112,000	000,000
Principal retirement		2,064,845	2,131,573	2,131,560	13
Interest and other charges		713,878	736,136	735,132	1,004
Total expenditures		35,965,408	47,043,567	40,390,413	6,653,154
Total experiances	_	00,000,400	47,040,007	40,000,410	0,000,104
Revenues over (under) expenditures	_	4,064,832	(5,128,000)	2,811,432	7,939,432
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers from other funds		69,109	3,562,321	3,549,079	(13,242)
Transfers to other funds		(4,539,412)	(5,046,129)	(5,046,129)	
Future project funding					
Loan proceeds			1,500,000	1,500,000	<del></del>
Fund balance appropriated		405,471	5,111,808		(5,111,808)
Total other financing sources (uses)		(4,064,832)	5,128,000	2,950	(5,125,050)
Deviance and albert accuracy are first to the					
Revenues and other sources over (under)				0.044.000	0.044.000
expenditures and other uses				2,814,382	2,814,382
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>_</u>	<del></del>		18,331,705	
Fund balances, end of year	\$			21,146,087	

# Watauga County, North Carolina General Fund and Annually Budgeted Major Special Revenue Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Capital Reserve Fund			
Budg	et		Variance with Final Budget-
		Actual	Positive
Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
		45,000	45,000
60,000	60,000	183,471	123,471
			400.474
60,000	60,000	228,471	168,471
			==
1			
60,000	60,000	228,471	168,471
4,187,858	4,187,858	4,187,858	
, ,	(3,482,920)	(3,469,678)	13,242
(4,247,858)	(3,018,733)	/	3,018,733
	2,253,795		(2,253,795)
(60,000)	(60,000)	718,180	778,180
		946,651	946,651
		4,485,651	

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5,432,302

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Funds June 30, 2006

	E	Enterprise Fund	
		Solid Waste Fund	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,310,715	
Receivables, net		311,234	
Due from other governments		15,542	
Total current assets		3,637,491	
Capital assets:			
Land, improvements, and construction in progress		1,888,209	
Other capital assets, net of depreciation		2,842,570	
Total capital assets		4,730,779	
Total assets		8,368,270	
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable		275,881	
Customer deposits		76	
Installment purchase payable		94,322	
Total current liabilities		370,279	
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Deferred Revenue		153,934	
Compensated absences		50,835	
Installment purchase payable		121,319	
Total noncurrent liabilities		326,088	
Total liabilities		696,367	
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		4,515,138	
Unrestricted		3,156,765	
Total net assets	\$	7,671,903	

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

# Watauga County, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u> </u>	Enterprise Fund
	_	Solid Waste Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	_	
Charges for services	\$	3,744,117
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	_	10,208
Total operating revenues	_	3,754,325
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Landfill operations		3,567,949
Depreciation	_	177,998
Total operating expenses	_	3,745,947
Operating income (loss)	_	8,378
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Interest and investment revenue		97,395
Interest paid on long term debt	_	(7,053)
Total non operating revenue (expenses)	-	90,342
Income (loss) before transfers		98,720
Transfers to (from) other funds (net)	-	262,568
Change in net assets		361,288
Total net assets - beginning	_	7,310,615
Total net assets - ending	\$_	7,671,903

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Statement of Cash Flows Enterprise Fund For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Solid Waste Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	\$	3,722,488
Cash paid for goods and services		(2,692,533)
Cash paid to employees for services		(871,572)
Other operating revenue		10,208
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	168,591
Cash flows from noncapital financing		
Operating transfers (net)	_	262,568
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(260,941)
Principal paid on installment purchase contracts		(91,960)
Interest paid on installment purchase contracts		(7,053)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	_	(359,954)
		_
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest on investments		97,395
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		168,600
Cash and cash equivalents, July 1	_	3,142,115
Cash and cash equivalents, June 30	\$	3,310,715
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$	8,378
Depreciation		177,998
Changes in assets and liabilities:		(24 EC)
Increase in accounts receivable		(24,562)
Increase in deferred revenue		2,933
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(5,502)
Increase in accrued vacation pay	_	9,346
Total adjustments	_	160,213
Net cash used by operating activities	\$	168,591

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Pension Trust Fund	Agency Fund
Assets	 T dild	<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 131,075	257,595
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ <u></u>	257,595
Net Assets:		
Assets held in trust for pension benefits	\$ 131,075	

#### Exhibit J

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets

# Fiduciary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Additions:	-	Pension Trust Fund June 30, 2006
Additions.		
Employer contributions	\$	38,803
Interest earned	-	3,438
Total additions	_	42,241
Deductions:		
Benefits		28,560
Administrative expense	-	243
Total deductions	-	28,803
Change in net assets		13,438
Net assets, beginning	-	117,637
Net assets, ending	\$ _	131,075

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

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

The accounting policies of Watauga County and its component unit 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 discretely presented component unit presented below is reported in a separate column in the County's combined financial statements in order to emphasize that it is legally separate from the County.

#### **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.

#### B. Basis of Presentation – Basis of Accounting

#### Basis of Presentation, Measurement Focus – Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Statement: The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the County) and its component unit. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the County. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

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

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the difference business-type activities of the County and for each function of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the County's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund* – This is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital Reserve Fund – This is a special revenue fund. It accounts for the County's reserves set aside for further capital asset additions.

The County reports the following major enterprise fund:

Solid Waste Fund – This fund accounts for the operation, maintenance, and development of the County's landfill and disposal sites.

The County reports the following fund types:

*Pension Trust Fund-* The County has a Pension Trust Fund, that accounts for the Law Enforcement Officer's Special Separation Allowance, a single-employer, public employee retirement system

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

maintains the following agency funds: the Social Services Fund, which accounts for moneys deposited with the Department of Social Services for the benefit of certain individuals; the Health Benefits Fund, which accounts for moneys held for the County's self insurance for disability and retiree insurance; and the Vehicle Tax-Towns Fund, which accounts for registered motor vehicle

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

property taxes that are billed and collected by the County for various municipalities within the County.

#### **Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the County are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Government-wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements – The government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus, except for the agency funds which have no measurement focus. The government-wide, proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the County gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from provided services and producing and delivering goods in connecting with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the County enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

The County considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem property taxes are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable are materially past due and are not

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

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 2005 through February 2006 apply to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Uncollected taxes which were billed during this period are shown as a receivable on these financial statements. In addition, as of January 1, 2006, State law implemented a staggered expiration date system for annually registered vehicles as part of the conversion into the staggered registration. Originally, annually registration expired December 31<sup>st</sup> each year with taxes due by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. To transition from the staggered into the annual registration, the initial 2006 registration renewals will vary from 7 to 18 months after December 31, 2005. Once these initial renewals have expired, all vehicles that are previously annually registered will be in the staggered system.

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.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the County funds certain programs by a combination of specific costreimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the County's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

All governmental and business-type activities and enterprise funds of the County follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

#### C. Budgetary Data

The County's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund, the Capital Reserve, the Substance Abuse Tax, the Emergency Telephone, Fire District, Disaster Relief, Lance Creek Restoration, and Revaluation

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

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

#### C. <u>Budgetary Data (continued)</u>

Project ordinances are adopted for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation, the CDBG Rehabilitation Grant, and the CDBG Urgent Needs Special Revenue Funds and 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 all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. The budget officer is authorized by the budget ordinance to transfer appropriation 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 immaterial amendments to the original budget were necessary. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise funds. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end.

#### D. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

#### 1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the County and AppalCART are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by G.S. 159-31. The County and AppalCART may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the County and AppalCART 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 and AppalCART 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 and AppalCART's investments with a maturity of more than one year at acquisition and non-money market investments are carried at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. The NCCMT Cash Portfolio's securities, an SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund, are valued at fair value, which is the NCCMT's share price. The NCCMT Term Portfolio's securities are valued at fair value. Money market investments that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. Non-participating interest earnings and investment contracts are reported at cost.

#### 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

The County pools money from several funds, except the Pension Trust Fund, 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. AppalCART considers demand deposits and investments purchased with an original maturity of

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

#### 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents (continued)

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, 2005.

#### 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, tires, and vehicle parts; valuation is at lower of cost or market on an average basis.

#### 6. Capital Assets

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Minimum capitalization is \$5,000 for all governmental fund assets. 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 time of acquisition. After July 1, 2002, the Enterprise Fund's minimum capitalization costs of \$5,000. Prior to July 1, 2002, the Enterprise Fund did not have a minimum capitalization cost. 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 or disposition is not calculated except in extraordinary circumstances. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets of the County are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	30 to 50
Improvements	8 to 10
Furniture and equipment	5 to 10
Vehicles	5 to 6
Computer equipment	3 to 6

#### **Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):</u>**

#### 6. Capital Assets (continued)

Capital assets of the AppalCART are depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

		Years
Office furniture and equipment	5	
Maintenance and shop		8
Vehicles		7-12
Land improvements		10

#### 7. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets.

In the fund financial statements for governmental fund types, the face amount of debt issued is reported as an other financing source.

#### 8. Compensated Absences

The vacation policies of the County and AppalCART provide for the accumulation of up to thirty days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the County's government-wide and proprietary funds and AppalCART, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded 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. Since none of the entities have 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 unit.

#### 9. Net Assets/Fund Balances

**Net Assets** 

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Net assets in government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are classified as invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net assets represent constraints on resources that are either a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or b) imposed by law through state statutes.

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

#### 9. Net Assets/Fund Balances (continued)

#### **Fund Balances**

In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations or restrictions of fund balance represent amounts that are not appropriable or are legally segregated for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

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

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

#### Reserved

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

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

Reserved by State statue – portion of fund balance, in addition to reserves for encumbrances and reserves for inventories, which is <u>not</u> available for appropriation under State law [G.S. 159-8(a)]. This amount is usually comprised of accounts receivable and interfund receivables that are not offset by deferred revenues.

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

#### Unreserved

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Designated for subsequent year's expenditures - a portion of the total fund balance is available for appropriation that has been designated for the adopted 2006-2007 budget ordinance.

Undesignated – a portion of the total fund balance is available for appropriation that is uncommitted at year-end.

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

#### E. Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

## 1. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net assets

The government fund balance sheet includes reconciliation between fund balance – total governmental funds and net assets – governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net assets. The net adjustment of \$14,144,204 consists of several elements as follows:

<b>Description</b>	Amount
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources	
and are therefore not reported in the funds (total capital assets on government-wide statement in governmental activities column)	
	\$ 52,060,273
Less accumulated depreciation	(18,798,333)
The pension assets resulting from contributions in excess of the annual	
required contribution are not financial resources and therefore are not required in the funds	55,935
Accrued interest receivable less the amount claimed as unearned revenue	
in the government-wide statements as these funds are not available and therefore deferred in the fund statements	31,664
Liabilities for revenue deferred but earned and therefore reported in the	
fund statements but not the government-wide	493,292

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Deferred charges related to advance refunding bond issued – included on government-wide statement of net assets but are not current financial resources.

388,358

Liabilities that, because they are not due and payable in the current period, do not require current resources to pay and are therefore not reported in the fund statements:

Bonds and installment financing	(19,195,435)
Compensated absences	(775,297)
Accrued interest payable	(116,253)
Total adjustment	\$ 14,144,204

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

#### E. Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

## 2. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes reconciliation between net changes in fund balances – total governmental funds and changes in net assets of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. There are several elements of that total adjustment of \$6,821,895 as follows:

Description	Amount
Capital outlay expenditures recorded in the fund statements but capitalized as assets in the statement of activities	\$ 7,488,648
Depreciation expense, the allocation of those assets over their useful lives, that is recorded on the statement of activities but not in the fund statements	
	(1,201,181)
Loss on disposal of assets that is recorded in the statement of activities but not in the fund statements	(1,316)
	(1,510)
Principal payments on debt owed are recorded as a use of funds on the fund statements but again affect only the statement of net assets in the	
government-wide	545,137

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Expenses reported on fund statements that are capitalized on government-wide statements – bond issuance and refunding costs	79,609
The advance funding of pension obligations  Expenses reported in the statement of activities that do not require the use of current resources to pay are not recorded as expenditures in the fund statements:	8,315
Difference in interest expense between fund statements (modified accrual) and government-wide statements (full accrual)	2,911
Amortization of refunding costs not recorded on fund statements  Compensated absences are accrued in the government-wide statements but not in the fund statements because they do not use current resources	(6,814)
	(41,461)

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

#### E. Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

## 2. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the government-wide statement of activities

Revenues reported in the statement of activities that do not provide current resources are not recorded as revenues in the fund statements:

Reversal of deferred tax revenue recorded at 7/1/05 (519,826)

Recording of tax receipts deferred in the fund statements as of 6/30/06

493,292

Increase in accrued taxes receivable for year ended 6/30/06

(25,419)

Total adjustment

\$ <u>6,821,895</u>

#### Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

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

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### **Noncompliance with North Carolina General Statutes**

There were no instances of noncompliance with North Carolina Statutes.

#### **Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds**

#### A. Assets

#### 1. Deposits

All of the County's and AppalCART'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 and AppalCART'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 State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the County and AppalCART, 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.

#### Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)

#### 1. Deposits (continued)

Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the County or the AppalCART under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for undercollaterization, 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, 2006, the County's deposits had a carrying amount of \$27,278,639 and a bank balance of \$27,601,917. Of the bank balance, \$300,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and \$20,351 in non-interest bearing deposits and \$27,281,566 in interest bearing deposits were covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method.

The County has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risks for deposits, but relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The County complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured. The AppalCART has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

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At June 30, 2006 Watauga County had \$1,800 cash on hand.

At June 30, 2006, the AppalCART's deposits had a balance of \$370,441 and a bank balance of \$432,046. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

#### 2. <u>Investments</u>

At June 30, 2006, the County's investments consisted of \$1,013,906 in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Cash Portfolio, which carried a credit rating a AAAm by Standard & Poor's. The County has no policy on credit risk.

At June 30, 2006, the AppalCART's investments consisted of \$132,037 in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Cash Portfolio. The AppalCART has no policy on credit risk.

#### 3. Property Tax – Use – Value Assessment on Certain Lands

In accordance with the general statutes, agriculture, horticulture, and forestland 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 property tax is recomputed at market value for the current year and the three preceding fiscal years, along with the accrued interest from the original due date. This tax is immediately due and payable. The following are property taxes that could become due if present use-value eligibility is lost. These amounts have not been recorded in the financial statements.

#### 3. Property Tax – Use – Value Assessment on Certain Lands (continued)

Year			
Levied	Tax	Interest	Total
2003	\$ 507,376	143,334	650,710
2004	478,158	92,045	570,203
2005	481,800	49,385	531,185
2006	535,213		535,213
Total	\$ <u>2,002,547</u>	<u>284,764</u>	<u>2,287,311</u>

#### 4. Receivables

Receivables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2006, were as follows:

	Taxes and		
	Related	<b>Due from</b>	
	Accrued	Other	
Accounts	<b>Interest</b>	Governments	Total

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Governmental Activities:				
General	\$ 1,177,628	1,029,255	2,176,616	4,383,499
Other Governmental	185,522	68,462		253,984
Total receivables	1,363,150	1,097,717	2,176,616	4,637,483
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(437,847)		(437,847)
Total-governmental activities	\$ <u>1,363,150</u>	659,870	<u>2,176,616</u>	<u>4,199,636</u>
Business-type activities				
Solid Waste	\$ 311,234		15,542	326,776
Allowance for doubtful accounts				
Total-business-type activities	\$ <u>311,234</u>		<u>15,542</u>	<u>326,776</u>

The due from other governments that is owed to the County consists of the following:

Local option sales tax	\$ 1,796,356
Scrap tire tax	11,276
White goods tax	4,266
Criminal Justice Partnership Program	18,956
Daycare	62,253
County Administration	270,608
Foster Care	4,017
Adoption Assistance	2,612
Government Crime Commissions	1,341
NWNC Methamphetamine Grant	20,473
Total	\$ <u>2,192,158</u>

## 5. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2006, was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 5,496,312	3,647,719		9,144,031
Construction in progress	6,140,803	3,016,916		9,157,719
Total capital assets not being depreciated	11,637,115	<u>6,664,635</u>		18,301,750
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	29,185,826			29,185,826
Other improvements	95,201			95,201
Equipment	2,038,971	519,992		2,558,963
Vehicles and motor equipment	1,641,272	304,020	26,759	1,918,533
Total capital assets being depreciated	32,961,270	824,012	26,759	33,758,523

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Buildings	15,338,269	801,958		16,140,227
Improvements	22,766	4,345		27,111
Equipment	1,292,827	194,927		1,487,754
Vehicles and motor equipment	968,733	199,951	25,443	1,143,241
Total accumulated depreciation	17,622,595	<u>1,201,181</u>	25,443	18,798,333
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	15,338,675			14,960,190
Governmental activity capital assets, net	\$ <u>26,975,790</u>			33,261,940

## **Primary Government**

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

General government	\$	109,650
Public safety		311,892
Education		1,015
Economic and physical development		55,465
Human services		607,742
Cultural and recreational	_	115,417
Total depreciation expense	\$	<u>1,201,181</u>

### 5. Capital Assets (continued)

	Beginning			Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,377,212			1,377,212
Construction in progress	<u>1,902,689</u>	260,941	2,122,714	40,916
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>3,279,901</u>	260,941	2,122,714	<u>1,418,128</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Improvements	470,081			470,081
Buildings	877,367	2,122,714		3,000,081
Equipment	1,098,161			1,098,161
Vehicles	<u>1,190,988</u>			1,190,988

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Total capital assets being depreciated	3,636,597	2,122,714	 5,759,311
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Improvements	284,036	9,679	 293,715
Buildings	221,830	38,774	 260,604
Equipment	1,025,013	28,642	 1,053,655
Vehicles	737,783	100,903	 838,686
Total accumulated depreciation	2,268,662	<u>177,998</u>	 2,446,660
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,367,935		 3,312,651
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ <u>4,647,836</u>		4,730,779

#### **Construction commitments**

The government has active construction projects as of June 30, 2006. The projects include a new law enforcement facility, a new administration building, an addition to the existing courthouse. At June 30, 2006, the government's commitments with contractors are as follows:

		Remaining
Project	Spent-to-date	Commitment
Law enforcement facility	6,295,723	89,758
Administration building	2,011,976	183,079
Courthouse addition	850,020	<u>2,300,932</u>
Total	\$ <u>9,157,719</u>	\$ <u>2,573,769</u>

### Discretely presented component units

Actively for the AppalCART for the year ended June 30, 2006, was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,114,242			1,114,242
Construction in progress	51,061	50,924		101,985
Total capital assets not being depreciated	1,165,303	50,924		1,216,227

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Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	159,662			159,662
Office furniture and equipment	111,979	2,138	10,987	103,130
Vehicles	3,135,776	1,072,857	387,882	3,820,751
Shop equipment	114,862			114,862
Total capital assets being depreciated	3,522,279	1,074,995	398,869	<u>4,198,405</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	115,360	10,177		125,537
Office furniture and equipment	85,350	9,248	10,987	83,611
Vehicles	1,505,148	323,399	373,207	1,455,340
Shop equipment	95,751	5,246		100,997
Total accumulated depreciation	1,801,609	<u>348,070</u>	<u>384,194</u>	1,765,485
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,720,670			<u>2,432,920</u>
AppalCART capital assets, net	\$ <u>2,885,973</u>			<u>3,649,147</u>

#### **B.** Liabilities

#### 1. Payables

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2006, were as follows:

	Vendors	Salaries and Benefits	Accrued Interest	Other	Total
Governmental activities:					_
General	\$ 980,945		116,253		1,097,198
Other governmental	54,863				54,863
Total-governmental activities	1,035,808		116,253		<u>1,152,061</u>
Business-type activities:					
Solid Waste	\$ <u>275,881</u>				<u>275,881</u>

#### 2. Pension Plan Obligations

#### a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. Watauga County contributes to the statewide Local Governmental Employees'

## Note 3 - <u>Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)</u>

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 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

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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 4.96% and 4.78%, 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, 2006, 2005, and 2004 were \$968,939, \$868,194, and \$809,902, respectively. The contributions made by the County equaled the required contributions for each year.

#### b. Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

#### 1. 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 fiduciary fund.

All full-time County law enforcement officers are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2006, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	3	
Active plan members		<u>37</u>
Total		<u>40</u>

#### 2. 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 making contributions based on actuarial valuations. There were no contributions made by employees.

#### Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)

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, 2006 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions

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included (a) 7.25% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) and (b) projected salary increases of 4.5% to 12.3% per year. Both (a) and (b) included an inflation component of 3.75%. The assumptions did not include postretirement benefits increases. The actuarial value of assets was determined using the market value of investments. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payrolls on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2006 was 25 years.

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For Year Ended June 30	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
2004	\$ 30,398	131.72 %	\$ (34,862)
2005	30,251	142.17	(47,620)
2006	30,245	127.49	(55,935)

#### c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

*Plan Description.* The County contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income 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 required 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, 2006 were \$73,733, which consisted of \$65,887 from the County and \$7,846 from the law enforcement officers.

#### d. Supplemental Retirement Income Plans for General Employees

Employees, other than law enforcement, have the choice of participating in a 401(k) plan or a 457 deferred compensation plan. The County contributes 5.0 percent of each employee's salary to the plan of their choice. Employees may make elective deferrals to each plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2006 to these plans were \$614,213, which consisted of \$440,308 from the County and \$173,905 from employees.

#### e. Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund

Plan Description. Watauga County also contributes to the Register of Deeds' Supplemental

#### Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)

Pension Fund, a noncontributory, defined contribution plan administered by the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer. The Fund provides supplemental pension benefits to any eligible county register of deeds who is retired under the Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS)

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

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, 2006, the County's required and actual contributions were \$22,223.

#### f. Other Post Employment Benefits - Watauga County

#### **Health Benefits**

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

#### **Death Benefits**

The County has elected to provide death benefits to all eligible 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 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 be less than \$25,000 and no more than \$50,000. 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

#### Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)

percentage of monthly payrolls, 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

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

the number of eligible participants. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, the County made contributions to the State for death benefits of \$13,916. The County's required contributions for employees represented .14% of covered payroll, respectively. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount.

#### g. <u>Retirement System – AppalCART</u>

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, 2006 and 2005 amounted to \$68,939 and \$51,125, respectively. Payments of \$42,040 and \$39,455 were made for each fiscal year, respectively.

#### 3. 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, as required by NCDENR. Also, due to NCDENR directive, in fiscal year 2004/2005, a methane collection system was installed to prevent the potential for offsite migration. Further remedial actions are not anticipated unless groundwater conditions change.

#### Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)

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#### 4. Deferred/Unearned Revenues

The balance in deferred and unearned revenue on the fund statements and unearned revenues on the government-wide statements at year-end is composed of the following elements:

	Unearned or Deferred	Full Accrual Unearned
<u>-</u>	Revenue	Revenue
Prepaid taxes not yet earned (General)	\$ 22,916	157,748
Prepaid user fees not yet earned (Enterprise)	153,934	153,934
Taxes receivable, net (General)	573,499	
Taxes receivable, net (Special Revenue)	54,625	
Prepaid revenue	9,675	9,675
Total	\$ <u>814,649</u>	321,357

#### 5. 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 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 a multi-state public entity captive 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 insurance, the county is reinsured through the Pool for individual losses in excess of \$50,000 and aggregate annual losses in excess of 115% of expected claims. The pool is reinsured through commercial carriers for individual losses in excess of \$100,000.

The County carries flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP). Because the County is an area of the State that has been mapped an "A" area (an area close to a river, lake or stream) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the County is eligible to purchase coverage of \$500,000 per structure through the NFIP. The County also is eligible to and has purchased commercial flood insurance for another \$692,000 for certain flood-prone structures. The County carries flood insurance to avoid possible significant loss.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)

#### 5. Risk Management (continued)

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the County's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the County's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The Finance Director, Tax Administrator, and County Manager are each individually bonded for \$50,000 each.

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; natural disasters; and medical malpractice. The AppalCART carries commercial insurance for these 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.

#### 6. Contingent Liabilities

At June 30, 2006, the County was a defendant in various lawsuits. In the opinion of the County's management and the County attorney, the ultimate effect of these legal matters will not have a material adverse effect on the County's financial position.

#### 7. Long-term Obligations

#### a. Capital Leases

The County has no capital lease agreements.

#### **b.** Installment Purchase

As authorized by State law [G.S.160A-20 and 153A-158.1], the County financed various property acquisitions during previous years by installment purchase. The installment purchases were issued pursuant to security agreements that require that legal title remain with the County as long as the debt is outstanding.

The County has four installment purchases serviced by the general fund. The first installment purchase was executed on November 1, 1997, for the 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

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Annex Building, and the construction of the new Watauga County Health Department, and requires forty quarterly principal and interest payments of \$51,219.

#### Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)

#### 7. <u>Long-term Obligations (continued)</u>

#### **b.** Installment Purchase (continued)

The third installment purchase was executed on April 30, 2004 for the renovation of existing structures to house the County's Law Enforcement Center. This installment purchase requires 60 quarterly principal payments of \$83,333 plus interest at 3.24 percent.

The fourth installment purchase was executed on November 3, 2005, for the Brookshire Land. This installment purchase requires five annual payments of \$344,071 which includes interest at 4.75%.

The County also has one installment purchase serviced by the Solid Waste Fund. The installment purchase was executed on September 15, 2004 for the purchase of equipment and requires twelve quarterly payments of \$24,753 which includes interest at 2.60% compounded quarterly.

For Watauga County, the future minimum payments as of June 30, 2006, including \$1,403,300 of interest, are:

Governme	ental Activities	Business A	Activities
Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
\$ 1,014,205	293,698	94,322	4,692
1,047,584	249,518	96,799	2,216
979,216	204,290	24,520	159
906,129	164,497		
934,769	125,058		
1,808,530	306,522		
1,000,000	52,650		
\$ <u>7,690,433</u>		<u>215,641</u>	
	\$ <u>1,396,233</u>		7,067
	Principal \$ 1,014,205 1,047,584 979,216 906,129 934,769 1,808,530 1,000,000	\$ 1,014,205 293,698 1,047,584 249,518 979,216 204,290 906,129 164,497 934,769 125,058 1,808,530 306,522 1,000,000 52,650	Principal         Interest         Principal           \$ 1,014,205         293,698         94,322           1,047,584         249,518         96,799           979,216         204,290         24,520           906,129         164,497            934,769         125,058            1,808,530         306,522            1,000,000         52,650

#### c. General Obligation Indebtedness

All general obligation bonds serviced by the County's general fund are collateralized by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County. Principal and interest payments are appropriated when due.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### Note 3 - <u>Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)</u>

### 7. <u>Long-term Obligations (continued)</u>

### c. General Obligation Indebtedness (continued)

The County's general obligation bonds payable at June 30, 2006 are comprised of the following individual issues:

Serviced by the County's General Fund:

Total

\$7,500,000 1993 School Facility Serial Bonds, due in semi-annual installments through June 1, 2014; interest at 4.40 percent	\$ 3,000,000
\$6,425,000 2001 General Obligation Bond Refunding, due in semi-annual installments through June 1, 2015; interest at 3.00-4.25 percent	4,690,000
\$4,275,000 General Obligation Bond Refunding, due in semi- annual installments through June 1, 2015; interest at 2.0-3.5 percent	_3,815,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the County's general obligation bonds are as follows:

11,505,000

	Governmental Activities			
Year Ending				
June 30	Principal	Interest		
2007	\$ 1,385,000	438,055		
2008	1,365,000	391,905		
2009	1,350,000	344,027		
2010	1,335,000	294,003		
2011	1,275,000	242,728		
2012-2016	4,795,000	471,237		
Total	\$ <u>11,505,000</u>	<u>2,181,955</u>		

At June 30, 2006, Watauga County had a legal debt margin of \$458,004,741.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### Note 3 - Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)

#### 7. <u>Long-term Obligations (continued)</u>

#### d. Advance Refunding

In December 2001, the County issued \$6,425,000 of general obligation advance refunding bonds to provide resources to purchase U.S. Government securities that were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of general resources for all future debt service payments of \$5,900,000 general obligation bonds. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be deceased and the liability has been removed from the governmental activities column of the statement of net assets. This advance refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over the next 11 years by \$282,135 and resulted in an economic gain of \$231,604.

In April 2004, the County issued \$4,275,000 of general obligation advance refunding bonds to provide resources to purchase U.S. government securities that were placed into an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of \$3,950,000 general obligation bonds. The refunding debt consists of \$3,950,000 1995 School Facility Serial Bonds (partially refunded for the maturities in the years 2005-2015). As a result the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased and the liability has been removed from the governmental activities column of the statement of net assets. This advance refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over the next 11 years by \$293,305 and resulted in an economic gain of \$279,411.

#### e. Long-Term Obligation Activity

The following is a summary of changes in the County's long-term obligations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006:

						Current
		Balance			Balance	Portion of
Governmental activities:	Jı	ıly 1, 2006	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2006	Balance
General obligation debt	\$ 1	2,915,000		1,410,000	11,505,000	1,385,000
Installment purchases		6,911,995	1,500,000	721,560	7,690,435	1,014,205
Compensated absences		733,836	827,257	785,924	775,169	
Total governmental activities	\$ 2	20,560,831	2,327,257	2,917,484	19,970,604	2,399,205
Business-type activities:						_
Installment purchases	\$	307,602		91,961	215,641	94,322
Compensated absences		41,489	39,373	30,027	50,835	
Total business-type activities	\$	349,091	39,373	121,988	266,476	94,322

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Discretely presented component units:					
Compensated absences	\$ 40,259	41,627	35,423	46,463	

Compensated absences typically have been liquidated in the general fund and are accounted for on a LIFO basis, assuming that employees are taking leave time as it is earned.

#### Note 3 - <u>Detail Notes on All Funds (continued)</u>

#### 7. Long-term Obligations (continued)

#### C. Interfund Balances and Activity

Transfers to/from other funds

Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2006, consists of the following: From the General fund to the Capital Reserve fund to accumulate resources for future capital acquisitions	\$ 4,187,858
From the Special Revenue fund to the General fund to reimburse For an expense paid	69,109
From the Capital Reserve fund to the General fund for the new construction projects	3,390,984
From the General fund to the Solid Waste fund to supplement other funding sources	351,554
From the Solid Waste fund to the Debt Service fund for debt service payments owed to the General fund	88,986
From the General fund to the Law Enforcements Capital Projects fund for construction projects	506,717
From the Capital Reserve fund to the Law Enforcement Capital Projects fund for construction projects	78,694
Total	\$ <u>8,673,902</u>

#### 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

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

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, 2006. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$414,435 to the Library to supplement its activities. Complete financial statements for the Library can be obtained from the Library's offices at 148 Library Drive, West Jefferson, NC 28694.

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

The County, in conjunction with Ashe and Alleghany Counties, participates in a joint venture to operate the Appalachian District Health Department. Each participating government appoints one board member to the Governing Board and they in turn appoint the other members of the Governing Board. None of the participating governments have any equity interest in the Health Department, so no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2006. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$504,838 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 126 Poplar Grove Connector Road, Boone, NC 28607.

The County also participates in a joint venture to operate New River Behavioral Health Center with four other local governments. Each participating governmental 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 Center Department, so no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2006. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$212,687 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 Organization**

The County communally governs Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute with one other government and the community college system of the State of North Carolina. The County appoints two members of its fourteen members Board of Trustees. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement between the participating governments, the County appropriated \$655,408 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### **Note 6 - Benefit Payments Issued by the State**

The amounts listed below were paid directly to individual recipients by the State from federal and State moneys. 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 that do not appear in the basic financial statements because they are not revenues and expenditures of the County.

	Federal	State
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$ 126,060	
Medicaid	15,623,017	7,402,516
Food stamp program	1,887,718	
Energy assistance	43,274	
Adoption assistance	140,708	40,589
Adoption subsidy		24,222
Adult assistance		159,498
Title IV-E, foster care	82,786	13,376
Total	\$ 17,903,563	7,640,201

### Note 7 - <u>Summary Disclosure of Significant Commitments and Contingencies</u>

#### **Federal and State Assisted Programs**

The County has 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.

#### **Note 8 - Interest on Unpaid Motor Vehicle Taxes**

In 2005, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted House Bill #1779, which increased the first month interest due on delinquent motor vehicle taxes from 2 percent to 5 percent, beginning January 1, 2006. The additional interest was to be collected by the counties which levied the taxes and remitted to the Department of State Treasurer the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month, for use by the Division of Motor Vehicles to create a combined

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

registration and collection system. Due to the immateriality of the amounts collected, the County has chosen not to establish an agency fund, but to include the amounts due in accounts payable.

The following reports the total collections and disbursements of the interest collected by Watauga County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006:

Total interest collected: \$ 3,462Total interest remitted  $\underline{2,201}$ 

Amount due to Department of State Treasurer

as of June 30, 2006 \$ <u>1,261</u>

#### Schedule 1

### WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

	Actuarial	Actuarial Accrued				
	Value of	Liability (AAL)	Unfunded		Covered	UAAL as a
Actuarial	Reserved	Projected Unit	AAL	Funded	Payroll for Year	% of Covered
Valuation	Assets	Credit	(UAAL)	Ratio	Ending on Val Date	Payroll
Date	(a)	(b)	(b-a)	(a/b)	(c)	((b-a)/c)
40/04/0000	CE 040	007.050	470.040	07.00	000 700	04.04
12/31/2000	65,840	237,850	172,010	27.68	809,782	21.24
12/31/2001	75,840	282,522	206,682	26.84	832,870	24.82
12/31/2002	85,840	334,449	248,609	25.67	1,015,925	24.47
12/31/2003	95,840	330,741	234,901	28.98	1,025,616	22.90
12/31/2004	105,840	318,853	213,013	33.19	1,089,341	19.55
12/31/2005	121,075	314,210	193,135	38.53	1,320,159	14.63

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	
2000	\$ 15,150		66.01	%
2001	15,203		65.78	
2002	24,419		40.95	
2003	27,067		36.95	
2004	30,843		32.42	
2005	30,962		32.30	
2006	32,874		30.42	

## 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 12/31/05

Actuarial cost method Project unit credit

Amortization method Level percent of pay closed

Remaining amortization period 25 years

Asset valuation method Market value

Actuarial assumptions:

Investment rate of return 7.25%

Projected salary increases 4.5 – 12.3%

Includes inflation at 3.75%

Cost of living adjustments N/A

		2006	
_	Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues: Taxes - ad valorem:			
Current year	\$	22,743,850	
Prior years	•	370,794	
Advertising and interest		119,170	
Total Taxes - ad valorem	22,470,083	23,233,814	763,731
Local Option Sales Taxes:			
Article 39 and 44		7,620,290	
Article 40 one-half of one percent		1,865,610	
Article 42 one-half of one percent		1,841,446	
Total Taxes - Local Option Sales	11,283,996	11,327,346	43,350
Taxes - other:			
Real estate transfer tax		781,257	
Animal tax		887	
ABC05/bottle		18,047	
Gross receipts tax - county		30,278	
Other		249,792	
Total Taxes - other	675,500	1,080,261	404,761
Unrestricted intergov. rev.:			
Payments in lieu of taxes		13,276	
•			
Total Unrestricted intergov. rev.	12,500	13,276	776
Restricted intergov. revenues:			
Grants-Federal & State		3,964,650	
Public School Facility Funds			
POA-Town of Boone		6,000	
Court facilities fees	<del></del>	189,970	
Total Restricted intergov. revenues	4,607,762	4,160,620	(447,142)
Permits and fees:			
Gun permits		14,722	
Serving civil summons		39,656	
Jail and officer fees		34,866	
Drug fees awarded by court			
Planning and inspection fees		334,766	
Marriage license		9,653	
Register of deeds fees		477,548	
Fire inspection fees	<del></del>	10,792	
Total Permits and fees	836,512	922,003	85,491
Sales and service:			
POA In-home svc soc. serv.		15,339	
Recreation department revenues		368,276	
Sales of tax maps		686	
Data processing fees		309	
Rich Mtn. antenna rental		 13,471	
Copy revenue Tax collection fees-Towns		78,010	
Jail medical service		11,396	
Other		99,926	
Total Sales and service	547,757_	587,413	39,656
Investment earnings: Interest earned on investments	242 500	677 607	205 007
interest earned on investments	312,500	677,597	365,097
Donations :	1,000,981	1,009,506	8,525
Miscellaneous:	167,976	190,009	22,033
TOTAL REVENUES	41,915,567	43,201,845	1,286,278

		2006	
	Budget	Actual	Variance
EVENDITUES.			
EXPENDITURES: General Government			
Governing body:			
Operating expenses	57,049	46,662	10,387
Administration:		044.704	
Salaries and benefits Operating expenses		311,701 49,406	
Capital outlay		1,919	
Total Administration	366,989	363,026	3,963
Finance:			
Salaries and benefits		308,176	
Operating expenses		70,821	
Total Finance	437,566	378,997	58,569
Tax Supervisor:			
Salaries and benefits		900,130	
Operating expenses		99,062	
Capital Outlay		38,190	
Total Tax Supervisor	1,231,457	1,037,382	194,075
Tax Revaluation:			
Salaries and benefits Operating expenses		68,261 134,257	
Total Tax Revaluation	268,074	202,518	65,556
Legal Services:	44.776	44 775	1
Operating expenses	44,776	44,775	1
Court facilities: Operating expenses	10,431	8,545	1,886
Operating expenses	10,431	0,545	1,000
Elections: Salaries and benefits		148,035	
Operating expenses		100,347	
Capital Outlay		33,141	
Total Elections	330,944	281,523	49,421
Register of Deeds:			
Salaries and benefits		327,007	
Operating expenses		57,505	
Capital Outlay		13,670	-
Total Register of Deeds	468,138	398,182	69,956
General administration:			
Operating expenses		525,179	
Capital outlay	<del></del>	3,664,182	
Total General administration	4,614,550	4,189,361	425,189
Information technologies:			
Salaries and benefits		237,028	
Operating expenses Capital outlay		196,696 134,421	
Total Information technologies	651,257	568,145	83,112
Maintenance:	·		
Salaries and benefits		947,600	
Operating expenses		39,415	
Capital Outlay		6,536	
Total Maintenance	1,040,333	993,551	46,782

Public Buildings	Budget	Actual	Variance	
Courthouse:				
Operating expenses Capital Outlay		144,133 593,340		
	0.007.000		0.050.545	
Total Courthouse	3,087,988	737,473	2,350,515	
East Courthouse Annex: Operating expenses	29,506	20,616	8,890	
Administration Building: Operating expenses		22,741		
Capital Outlay		438,579		
Total Administration Building	780,001	461,320	318,681	
Emergency Management:				
Operating expenses	1,550	37	1,513	
Hannah:				
Operating expenses	11,614	10,344	1,270	
Animal Shelter:	0.444	5.044	070	
Operating expenses	6,114	5,244	870	
Old Cove Creek School: Operating expenses	24,940	12,651	12,289	
		12,001	12,200	
New Health Department: Operating expenses	50,177	47,629	2,548	
		<del></del>	<u> </u>	
Public Building-APPALCART: Operating expenses	2,675	2,531	144_	
New Library:				
Operating expenses	156,981	152,582	4,399	
Caldwell College & Tech. Inst:				
Operating expenses	12,900	8,971	3,929	
Watauga Comm. Center:				
Operating expenses	34,199	12,104	22,095	
New Law Enforcement Center:				
Operating expenses Capaital outlay		57,415 18,071		
Total New Law Enforcement Center	4 470 070		4 400 500	
Total New Law Enforcement Center	1,479,078	75,486	1,403,592	
Law Enforcement Center: Operating expenses		32,397		
Capital outlay		3,888		
Total Law Enforcement Center	37,359	36,285	1,074	
West Courthouse Annex:				
Operating expenses	23,629	21,966	1,663	
Human Services Center:				
Operating expenses Capital outlay		59,806 3,325		
Total Human Service Center	68,079	63,131	4,948	
Appalachian Enterprise Center:	00.400	0.070	47.447	
Operating expenses	26,193	9,076	17,117_	
Recreation Administration Center: Operating expenses	4,116	1,585_	2,531_	
	4,110	1,500		
Aquatics Center: Operating expenses	137,534	120,396	17,138	
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	Budget	Actual	Variance
Opt./Maintenance Facility:			
Operating expenses	32,158	28,327	3,831
Recreation Fields/Parks:			
Operating expenses	27,658	20,114	7,544
Brookshire Park: Operating expenses	23,687	18,781	4,906
Operating expenses	23,007		4,900
Total Public Buildings	6,058,136	1,866,649	4,191,487
Total General Government	15,579,700	10,379,316	5,200,384
Dublic Sefety			
Public Safety Sheriff's department:			
Salaries and benefits		1,788,406	
Operating expenses		313,013	
Capital outlay	·	200,882	
Total Sheriff's department	2,374,082	2,302,301	71,781
Communications:			
Salaries and benefits		337,381	
Operating expenses		13,998	
T. (10)	400 705	054.070	20.040
Total Communications	420,725	351,379	69,346
321 Speed Reduction:			
Salaries and benefits	42,644	42,643	1_
NW Methamphetamine Task Force:			
Salaries and benefits		39,686	
Operating expenses		2,694	
Capital Outlay		11,647_	
Total NW Methamphetamine Task Force	116,616	54,027	62,589
·	<del></del>	<del></del>	
Governor's Crime Commission: Salaries and benefits	30,000	30,000	
Salaries and benefits	30,000	30,000	
COPS Programs:			
Operating expenses	5,874	5,857_	17
Jail:			
Salaries and benefits		892,814	
Operating expenses		465,336	
Capital outlay		16,284_	
Total Jail	1,607,336	1,374,434	232,902
Emerg. Mgt. & Fire Protect.:			
Salaries and benefits		190,318	
Operating expenses		383,683	
Capital Outlay		27,566	
Total Emerg. Mgt. & Fire Protect.	723,182	601,567	121,615
Diaming and Inspections.			
Planning and Inspections: Salaries and benefits		499,896	
Operating expenses		83,985	
Capital outlay		19,095	
Total Planning and Inspections	720,857	602,976	117,881
. Start farming and Hopeottons	120,001		
Medical examiner:	00		
Operating expenses	23,500	18,700	4,800
Ambulance and rescue squad:			
Operating expenses	850,748	850,748	

		2006	
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Animal control: Salaries and benefits Operating expenses		132,109 17,890	
Capital outlay		16,800	
Total Animal control	174,130	166,799	7,331
Forestry: Operating expenses	38,648	38,648	
Total Public Safety	7,128,342	6,440,079	688,263
Economic & Physical Development			
Elderly & Disabled Transportation: Operating expenses	129,517	108,578	20,939
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Special Appropriations:	410,078	401,358	8,720
Economic Development: Operating expenses	55,000	38,212	16,788
Cooperative extension:			
Salaries and benefits Operating expenses		152,145 15,944_	
Total Cooperative extension	187,750	168,089	19,661
Soil conservation:			
Salaries and benefits Operating expenses		84,425 8,150	
Capital Outlay		1,440	
Total Soil conservation	97,780	94,015	3,765
Total Economic & Physical Development	880,125	810,252	69,873
Human Services			
Public health: Operating expenses	504,838	504,838	
Mental health:			
Operating expenses	300,129	303,726	(3,597)
Social services - admin.:			
Salaries and benefits Operating expenses		2,170,048 318,033	
Total Social services - admin.	2,480,761	2,488,081	(7,320)
Beneficiary payments:	2,129,109	1,861,708	267,401
State foster care and daycare		0.045	
Room & Board Other		6,015 142	
Purchase-daycare XX		854,120	
Total State foster care and daycare	904,660	860,277	44,383
Project on aging: Salaries and benefits		4.445.000	
Operating expenses		1,115,966 255,623	
Capital Outlay		3,826	
Total Project on aging	1,413,805	1,375,415	38,390
Veterans service officer: Salaries and benefits		122,212	
Operating expenses		2,554	
Total Veterans service officer	115,811_	124,766	(8,955)
Total Human Services	7,849,113	7,518,811	330,302

		2006	
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Education			
Public Schools - current		9,076,117	
Public Schools - capital outlay		1,402,511	
Community College - current		655,408	
Community College - capital outlay		8,500	
Total Education	11,452,124	11,142,536	309,588
Cultural and recreational			
Library:	404.005	44.4.405	7.500
Operating expenses	421,935	414,435	7,500
Recreation:			
Salaries and benefits		475,403	
Operating expenses		122,872	
Capital Outlay		4,496	
Total Recreation	635,266	602,771	32,495
Aquatics:			
Salaries and benefits		182,261	
Operating expenses		17,233	
Capital Outlay		6,107	
Total Aquatics	218,473	205,601	12,872
Recreation - Maintenance:			
Operating expenses	10,780	9,920	860
Total Cultural and recreational	1,286,454	1,232,727	53,727
Debt Service		0.404.500	
Principal retirement		2,131,560	
Interest & fees	<del></del>	735,132	
Total Debt Service	2,867,709	2,866,692	1,017
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	47,043,567	40,390,413	6,653,154
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(F 129 000)	2 944 422	7,939,432
experialities	(5,128,000)	2,811,432	7,939,432
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Loan proceeds	1,500,000	1,500,000	
Transfers to other funds	(5,046,129)	(5,046,129)	
Transfers from other funds	3,562,321	3,549,079	(13,242)
Fund balance appropriated	5,111,808	<del></del>	(5,111,808)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	5,128,000	2,950	(5,125,050)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over			
expenditures & other sources (uses) \$	<del></del>	2,814,382	2,814,382
Fund balances at beginning of year		18,331,705	
Fund balances at end of year		\$ 21,146,087	

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds June 30, 2006

	Special Revenue Funds									Capital Project				
		Substance Abuse Tax Fund	E-911 Telephone Surcharge Fund	Fire Districts Fund	Revaluation Fund	Disaster Relief Fund	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Fund	Lance Creek Stream Restoration Fund	CDBG Rehabilitation Grant	CDBG Urgent Needs	Total Nonmajor Governmental Revenue Funds	Law Enforcement Center Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net Taxes receivable, net	\$	97,089  	446,389 52,839	23,603  54,708	2,604	 89,787 	2,071	61,239  	27,000 	 15,896 	632,995 185,522 54,708	12,355  	12,355  	645,350 185,522 54,708
Total assets	\$	97,089	499,228	78,311	2,604	89,787	2,071	61,239	27,000	15,896	873,225	12,355	12,355	885,580
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities:     Accounts payable and accrued     liabilities     Deferred revenue     Due to other funds	_	617  	14,401  	22,890 55,421 	  	  89,787	2,071  	  	  27,000	14,884  1,012	54,863 55,421 117,799		  	54,863 55,421 117,799
Total Liabilities	_	617	14,401	78,311		89,787	2,071		27,000	15,896	228,083			228,083
Fund Balances: Reserved by state statue Unreserved	_	 96,472	52,839 431,988	 	2,604	 	 	 61,239	 	 	52,839 592,303	 12,355	12,355	52,839 604,658
Total fund balances	_	96,472	484,827		2,604			61,239			645,142	12,355	12,355	657,497
Total liabilties and fund balances	\$_	97,089	499,228	78,311	2,604	89,787	2,071	61,239	27,000	15,896	873,225	12,355	12,355	885,580

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Special Revenue Funds									Capital Projects				
	,	bstance Abuse Tax	E-911 Telephone Surcharge	Fire Districts Fund	Revaluation Funds	Disaster Relief Fund	CDBG Housing Rehabiliation Fund	Lance Creek Stream Restoration Fund	CDBG Rehabiliation Grant	CDBG Urgent Needs	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Law Enforcement Center Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES														
Ad valorem taxes Other taxes and licenses Restricted intergovernmental Investment earnings Donations	\$	76,870 1,850 1,306	253,636 118,229 16,387	1,294,585    	   1,017 	  1,607,154  	  58,561  	84,333 	27,000 	15,896 	1,294,585 253,636 1,988,043 19,254 1,306	   	   	1,294,585 253,636 1,988,043 19,254 1,306
Total revenues		80,026	388,252	1,294,585	1,017	1,607,154	58,561	84,333	27,000	15,896	3,556,824	<u></u> _		3,556,824
EXPENDITURES														
Current: General government Public safety Capital outlay		9,806 60,003	251,614 323,831	 1,294,585 	  	 1,607,209 	58,561  	23,094  	27,000	15,896  	124,551 3,163,214 383,834	1,901,466 	1,901,466 	124,551 5,064,680 383,834
Total expenditures		69,809	575,445	1,294,585		1,607,209	58,561	23,094	27,000	15,896	3,671,599	1,901,466	1,901,466	5,573,065
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		10,217	(187,193)		1,017	(55)		61,239		<u></u> .	(114,775)	(1,901,466)	(1,901,466)	(2,016,241)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)														
Transfers to (from) other funds			(11,000)		(58,109)					<u></u>	(69,109)	585,411	585,411	516,302
Total other financing sources and uses			(11,000)		(58,109)						(69,109)	585,411	585,411	516,302
Net change in fund balances		10,217	(198,193)		(57,092)	(55)		61,239			(183,884)	(1,316,055)	(1,316,055)	(1,499,939)
Fund balances - beginning		86,255	683,020		59,696	55					829,026	1,328,410	1,328,410	2,157,436
Fund balances - ending	\$	96,472	484,827		2,604			61,239			645,142	12,355	12,355	657,497

Substance Abuse Tax Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	2006						
		Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			
Revenues:							
Restricted intergovernmental	\$	26,645	76,870	50,225			
Investment Earnings			1,850	1,850			
Donations			1,306	1,305			
Total revenues	_	26,645	80,026	53,379			
Expenditures:							
Public Safety		19,090	9,806	9,284			
Capital Outlay		50,877	60,003	(9,126)			
Total expenditures	_	69,967	69,809	158			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over							
expenditures		(43,322)	10,217	53,537			
Appropriated fund balance	_	43,322		(43,322)			
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$ <u></u>	<u></u>	10,217	10,215			
Fund balance at beginning of year			86,255				
Fund balance at end of year			\$ 96,472				

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, 2006

	2006						
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)				
Revenues: Other taxes and licenses: 911 subscriber fees Restricted intergovernmental: Wireless 911 funds Investment earnings	\$ 265,000 95,000 	253,636 118,229 16,387	(11,365) 23,229 16,387				
Total revenues	360,000	388,252	28,251				
Expenditures: Public safety: 911 system subscriber fees: Salaries and employee benefits Operating expenses	67,876 200,184	70,324 181,290	(2,448) 18,894				
Capital outlay	292,193	224,032	68,161				
Total 911 system subscriber fees	560,253	475,646	84,607				
Wireless 911: Project Revenues Capital Outlay  Total Wireless 911	95,000 168,528 263,528	99,799 99,799	95,000 68,729 163,729				
Total expenditures	823,781	575,445	248,336				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures  Other Financing Sources (Uses):	(463,781)	(187,193)	276,587				
Transfers to other funds Appropriated fund balance Total Other Financing Sources  Excess (deficiency) of revenues	(11,000) 474,781 463,781	(11,000)  (11,000)	(474,781) (474,781)				
and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$	(198,193)	(198,194)				
Fund balance at beginning of year		683,020_					
Fund balance at end of year		\$ 484,827					

Fire Districts Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

		2006				
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			
Revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,299,224	1,294,585	(4,639)			
Total revenues	1,299,224	1,294,585	(4,639)			
Expenditures:						
Public safety:						
Beaver Dam Fire District	73,995	74,210	(215)			
Blowing Rock Fire District	178,420	177,761	659			
Boone Fire District	219,028	217,602	1,426			
Cove Creek Fire District	156,385	157,905	(1,520)			
Deep Gap Fire District	78,020	77,408	612			
Foscoe Fire District	284,500	284,292	208			
Meat Camp Fire District	90,095	88,945	1,150			
Meat Camp/Creston Fire District	3,311	2,705	606			
Shawneehaw Fire District	57,540	57,303	237			
Stewart Simmons Fire District	44,760	43,143	1,617			
Todd Fire District	30,260	29,301	959			
Zionville Fire District	82,910	84,010	(1,100)			
Total expenditures	1,299,224	1,294,585	4,639			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over						
expenditures	\$ <u></u>					
Fund balance at beginning of year						
Fund balance at end of year		\$ <u></u>				

Revaluation Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

		2006					
_		Budget		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Revenues: Investment earnings	\$			1,017	1,017		
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Expenditures: General government							
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures				1,017	1017		
Other Financing Sources (Uses):  Transfer to other funds Appropriated fund balance		(58,109) 58,109		(58,109)	 (58,109)		
Total other financing sources				(58,109)	(58,109)		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	\$			(57,092)	(57,092)		
Fund balance at beginning of year				59,696			
Fund balance at end of year			\$	2,604			

Disaster Relief Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	2006					
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			
Revenues:						
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 2,008,069	1,607,154	(400,915)			
Total revenues	2,008,069	1,607,154	(400,915)			
Expenditures: Public Safety	2,008,069	1,607,209	400,860			
Total expenditures	2,008,069	1,607,209	400,860			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$	(55)	(55)			
Fund balance at beginning of year		55_				
Fund balance at end of year		\$				

CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	2006						
	Project Authorization	Prior Year	Actual	Total to Date	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Revenues:							
Restricted intergovernmental	\$400,000	341,487	58,561	400,048	48		
Total revenues	400,000	341,487	58,561	400,048	48		
Expenditures:							
Residence rehabilitation	60,000	33,106	3,845	36,951	23,049		
Clearance activities	10,500		4,900	4,900	5,600		
Relocation expenses	286,000	268,165	46,566	314,731	(28,731)		
Planning	3,500	3,500		3,500			
Grant administration	40,000	36,716	3,250	39,966	34_		
Total expenditures	400,000	341,487	58,561	400,048	(48)		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$						
Fund balance at beginning of year							
Fund balance at end of year		\$					

Lance Creek Stream Restoration Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	2006					
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			
Revenues:						
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 253,000	84,333	(168,667)			
Total revenues	253,000	84,333	(168,667)			
Expenditures: Stream Restoration	253,000	23,094	229,906			
Total expenditures	253,000	23,094	229,906			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ <u></u>	61,239	61,239			
Fund balance at beginning of year						
Fund balance at end of year		\$61,239_				

CDBG Rehabilitation Grant
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	2006					
		Project Authorization	Prior Year	Actual	Total to Date	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:						
Restricted intergovernmental	\$	210,750		27,000	27,000	(183,750)
Total revenues	_	210,750		27,000	27,000	(183,750)
Expenditures:						
Repair and rehabilitaion		57,750				57,750
Replacement		99,000				99,000
Aid to local government	_	54,000		27,000	27,000	27,000
Total expenditures	_	210,750		27,000	27,000	183,750
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$_					
Fund balance at beginning of year						
Fund balance at end of year			\$			

CDBG Urgent Needs

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	_			2006		
	-	Project Authorization	Prior ⁄ear	Actual	Total to Date	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:						
Restricted intergovernmental	\$	460,000	 	15,896	15,896	(444,104)
Total revenues	-	460,000	<u></u>	15,896	15,896	(444,104)
Expenditures:						
Residence rehabilitation		330,000		8,097	8,097	321,903
Sewer improvements		80,000			·	80,000
Grant administration	-	50,000	 	7,799	7,799	42,201
Total expenditures	-	460,000	 <u></u>	15,896	15,896	444,104
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ <sub>_</sub>	<u></u>	 <u></u>			
Fund balance at beginning of year						
Fund balance at end of year			\$	<del></del>		

Law Enforcement Center Capital Project
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
From Inception and For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Budget	Prior Years	Actual Current Year	Total-to Date	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Expenditures: Capital Projects	6,308,077	4,394,256	1,901,466	6,295,722	12,355
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(6,308,077	7) 4,394,256	(1,901,466)	6,295,722	12,355
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers - in (out): From capital reserve fund From general fund Loan proceeds	506,717 801,360 5,000,000	722,666	506,717 78,694 	506,717  5,000,000	  
Total other financing sources (uses)	6,308,077	5,722,666	585,411	6,308,077	
Increase (decrease) in fund balance	\$		(1,316,055)	12,355	12,355
Fund balance at beginning of year			1,328,410		
Fund balance at end of year			\$12,355		

#### Watauga County, North Carolina Solid Waste Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget and Actual (NON-GAAP) For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

		2006	
Revenues:	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating revenues:			
Landfill charges	\$	3,744,117	
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	0.050.000	10,208	007.705
Total	3,356,620	3,754,325	397,705
Non-operating revenues: Investment earnings	40,000	97,395	57,395
<b>-</b>	0.000.000	0.054.700	455.400
Total revenues	3,396,620	3,851,720	455,100
EXPENDITURES:  Landfill operations:  Salaries and employee benefits  Other operating expenditures  Total	3,652,319	871,572 2,687,031 3,558,603	93,716
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Budgetary appropriations			
Interest paid		7,053	
Debt principal Capital outlay		91,960 260,041	
Total budgetary appropriations	485,595	<u>260,941</u> 359,954	125,641
Total budgetary appropriations	400,000		120,041
Total expenditures	4,137,914	3,918,557	219,357
Revenues under expenditures	(741,294)	(66,837)	674,457
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers from other funds	351,554	351,554	
Transfers to general fund for debt payment	(88,986)	(88,986)	
Appropriated fund balance	478,726	<del></del> _	(478,726)
Total other financing sources (uses):	741,294	262,568	(478,726)
Revenues over expenditures and other sources (uses)	\$	195,731	195,731
Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:			
Reconciling items: Capital outlays Depreciation Payment of debt principal Increase in accrued vacation pay Total reconciling items Change in net assets		260,941 (177,998) 91,960 (9,346) 165,557	

# Watauga County, North Carolina Agency Funds

# Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Balance July 1, 2005	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2006
Social Services: Assets:					
Cash and Investments	\$ =	18,052	152,530	158,351	12,231
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ =	18,052	152,530	158,351	12,231
Health Benefits:					
Assets:  Cash and Investments		183,644	64,888	7,305	241,227
1.154.9905		<u>,                                      </u>			
Liabilities: Accounts Payable	_	183,644	64,888	7,305	241,227
Vehicle Tax-Towns: Assets:					
Cash and Investments	_	4,473	104,701	105,037	4,137
Liabilities: Accounts Payable		4,473	104,701	105,037	4,137
7 toodanto i ayabid	=	4,470	104,701	100,007	4,107
Total - All Agency Funds Assets:					
Cash and Investments	\$ _	206,169	322,119	270,693	257,595
Liabilites: Accounts Payable	\$	206,169	322,119	270,693	257,595
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Uncollected

573,499

Collections

### Watauga County, North Carolina

General Fund Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable June 30, 2006

Uncollected

		Balance		and	Balance				
		June 30, 2005	Additions	Credits	June 30, 2006				
Fiscal year:									
2005 - 2006	\$		23,133,132	\$22,743,850	389,282				
2004 - 2005	5	364,822		243,569	121,253				
2003 - 2004		144,299		63,728	80,571				
2002 - 2003	3	99,335		33,240	66,095				
2001 - 2002	<u>-</u>	68,266		15,442	52,824				
2000 - 2001		52,513		9,993	42,520				
1999 - 2000	)	38,501		3,561	34,940				
1998 - 1999	)	37,022		2,788	34,234				
1997 - 1998	3	29,759		2,137	27,622				
1996 - 1997	•	23,353		1,329	22,024				
1995 - 1996	6	21,850		21,850					
	\$	879,720	23,133,132	23,141,487	871,365				
Plus: 2006 - 2	007 receivable				126,227				
Less: allowan	Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts General Fund (424,093)								

Reconcilement with revenues:

Ad valorem taxes receivable - net General Fund

Ad valorem taxes - General Fund \$ 23,233,813

Reconciling items:

Advertising and interest collected (118,670)
Taxes written off 26,344

Total reconciling items (92,326)

Total collections and credits \$ 23,141,487

Watauga County, North Carolina
Analysis of Current Tax Levy
County-Wide Levy
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

							_	Total I	_evy
		-	C Property	ount	y-Wide	Amount		Property excluding Registered Motor	Registered Motor
		_	Valuation	_	Rate	of Levy	_	Vehicles	Vehicles
Original levy:									
Property t	taxed at current year's rate	\$	5,381,305,382	\$	0.395	21,251,462	\$	21,251,462	
Motor veh	nicles taxed at current year's rate		254,171,371		0.395	554,071			554,071
Motor veh	nicles taxed at prior year's rate		158,157,755		0.35	1,008,107			1,008,107
Penalties		-				7,196	_	7,196	
	Total	_	5,793,634,508			22,820,836	_	21,258,658	1,562,178
Discoveries:									
Current ye			86,480,896		0.395	322,967		322,967	
Prior year Penalties	taxes		 			51,063 5,144		51,063 5,144	
	Total	-	86,480,896			379,174	_	379,174	
Abatements:		_	(16,931,139)			(66,878)	_	(40,444)	(26,434)
	Total property valuation	\$	5,863,184,265	ı					
Net levy						23,133,132		21,597,388	1,535,744
Uncollected taxe	es at June 30, 2006					389,282	_	255,699	133,583
Current year's ta	axes collected				\$	22,743,850	_	21,341,689	1,402,161
Current levy coll	lection percentage					98.32%	=	98.82%	91.30%

# WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Analysis of Current Tax Levy County-wide Levy For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

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#### **Secondary Market Disclosures**:

Assessment Ratio	100%
Real Property	\$ 5,208,131,598
Personal Property	587,196,610
Public Service Companies	67,856,057
Total Assessed Valuation	5,863,184,265
Tax Rate per \$100	0.395
Levy (includes discoveries, releases and abatements)	\$ <u>23,133,132</u>

In addition to the County-wide rate, the following table lists the levies by the County on behalf of fire protection districts for the fiscal year ended June 30:

Fire Protection Districts \$ 1,282,146

### WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Ten Largest Taxpayers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Taxpayer	Type of Business		2005 Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation
Blue Ridge Electric Spiritual Center of	Electric Utility	\$	43,670,047	0.75 %
America	Resort/Real Estate		38,582,440	0.66
Maharishi Spiritual				
Center of America	Resort/Real Estate		23,453,400	0.40
Lowe's Home Centers	Home Supply Center		18,818,000	0.32
BellSouth	Telephone Utility		18,350,129	0.31
Mountaineer Village LLC	Rental Properties		16,479,000	0.28
Appalachian South	Rental Properties		11,782,000	0.20
Templeton Properties	Rental / Real Estate		11,435,910	0.19
Heavenly Mountain Resort Inc	Resort / Real Estate		10,670,290	0.18
Boone Mall	Shopping Center	_	10,205,900	0.17
		\$_	203,447,116	3.46 %

Watauga County, North Carolina Analysis of Current Tax Levy Fire Districts For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Beaver Dam Fire District	Blowing Rock Fire District	Boone Fire District	Cove Creek Fire District	Deep Gap Fire District	Foscoe Fire District	Meat Camp Fire District	Meat Camp/ Creston Fire District	Shawneehaw Fire District	Stewart Simmons Fire District	Todd Fire District	Zionville Fire District	
Tax rate	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	
Net levy \$	72,905	176,542	216,996	155,681	77,510	283,179	88,782	2,553	56,994	42,137	27,116	81,752	
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2006	1,998	1,728	3,742	3,809	2,481	4,375	2,833	114	1,550	1,048	498	2,293	
Current year's taxes collected \$	70,907	174,814	213,254	151,872	75,029	278,804	85,949	2,439	55,444	41,089	26,618	79,459	
Current levy collection percentage	97.26%	99.02%	98.28%	97.55%	96.80%	98.45%	96.81%	95.54%	97.28%	97.51%	98.16%	97.20%	

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

To the Board of County Commissioners Watauga County, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Watauga County, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprises Watauga County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 7, 2006. 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.

#### 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 an opinion 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 reportable 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 caused by error or fraud 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.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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

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.

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September 7, 2006

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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.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement and the Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina, issued by the Local Government Commission, that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2006. 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, 2006.

#### Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Watauga County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Watauga County=s internal control over

compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and the State Single Audit Implementation Act.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud 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.

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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, 2006.

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September 7, 2006

#### WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

#### I. Summary of Auditor=s Results

Financial Statements								
Type of auditor's report issued: Unqualified								
Internal control over financial reporting:								
• Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes	XNo						
<ul> <li>Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses</li> </ul>	Yes	X_No						
Noncompliance material to financial Statements noted	Yes	XNo						
Federal Awards								
Internal control over major federal progr	ams:							
· Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes	XNo						
<ul> <li>Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses</li> </ul>	Yes	X_None reported						
Type of auditor's report issued non programs: Unqualified	compliance	for major federal						
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of Circular A-133	Yes	X_No						
Identification of major federal programs:  Program Name		CFDA#						
Title XIX Medicaid		93.778						
Food Stamp Program		10.551 10.561						
Subsidized Child Care Cluster		93.575 93.596 93.667 93.558						
State Children's Insurance Pr Emergency Watershed Protection	_	93.667 10.906						

Federal programs that did not meet the criteria for a major program using the criteria discussed in OMB Circular No. A-133 Section .520 but were tested as a major program because the State awards met the threshold for a major State program are included in the list of major

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#### Watauga County, North Carolina Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Federal	Awards	(cont.)
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Dollar threshold used to distinguish Between Type A and Type B Programs:	\$	642,150	
Auditee qualifed as low-risk auditee	X	Yes	No
State Awards			
Internal control over major State Programs:			
· Material weakness(es) identified?		Yes	X No
<ul> <li>Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be</li> </ul>			
material weaknesses		Yes	X No

Identification of major State programs:

#### Program Name

Subsidized Childcare cluster

- II. Financial Statement Findings:
  - There were no findings or questioned costs.
- III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings or questioned costs.

IV. State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings or questioned costs.

#### WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

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, 2006

	For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006			Fadaral		
	Federal	Pass-Through	/1	Federal Direct & Pass-		
Grantor/Pass-Through	CFDA	Grantor's	(1	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		\$	1,887,718		
State Administrative Matching Grants	10.551		φ	1,007,710		
for the Food Stamp Program	10.561			221,815		221,815
Total Food Stamp Cluster				2,109,533		221,815
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Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and						
Human Services:						
Nutrition Program for the Elderly	10.570			26,666		
Passed-through the N.C. Division of						
Emergency Management: Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention	10.906			1,270,201	311,975	
Watershed Frotection and Flood Frevention	10.500		_	1,270,201	311,973	
Total U.S. Dept. of Agriculture				3,406,400	311,975	221,815
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U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development						
Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Commerce						
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	0.4.0		58,561		
Entrepreneur Development Partnership	14.228	04-R-1285	_	25,000		
Total U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development			_	83,561		
U.S. Dept of Transportation						
Passed-through the N.C. Dept of Crime Control						
and Public Safety:						
Passed-through the N.C. Dept of Transportation						
Safety Incentives to Prevent Operation of						
Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons	20.605		_	4,497		5,188
U.S. Dept of Homeland Security						
Passed-through the N.C. Dept of Crime Control						
and Public Safety: Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Planning	97.021			1,375		
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042			20,381		
State Homeland Security Program	97.073			9,045		
Total U.S. Dept of Homeland Security				30,801		
U.S. Dept. of Justice						
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	16.606			1,096		
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607			5,555		5,555
Passed-through the N.C. Dept of Justice: Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing						
Grants (COPS)	16.710			5,857		
Passed-through the N.C. Dept of Crime Control and	10.1.10			0,001		
Public Safety:						
Northwest Methamphetamine Task Force	16.592			39,767		13,256
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738		_	22,484		7,494
Total U.S. Dept of Justice				74,759		26,305
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services						
Administration on Aging Aging Cluster:						
Passed-through High Country Council of Governments						
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III F						
Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043			2,397	153	283
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III B						
Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044			21,320	5,320	2,960
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III C						
Nutritional Services In Home Services - State Funds	93.045			69,564	33,255	11,424
Senior Center					82,001 22,598	9,111 87
Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052			5,849	373	691
Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)				-,		
In-home Services	93.667		_	5,000		556
Total Aging Cluster				104,130	143,700	25,112
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			224,803		209,044
Direct Benefit Payments	93.558			96,004		
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant:				,		
Administration	93.568			72,465	14,535	
Direct Benefit Payments	93.568			43,274		
Childcare Development Fund-Administration	93.596			60,000		

WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Grantor/Pass-Through	Federal CFDA	Pass-Through Grantor's	Federal (Direct & Pass- Through)	State	Local
Grantor/Program Title	Number	Number	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (cont.) Child Welfare Services	93.645		14,162	3,542	1,179
Child Welfare Services: Adoption Subsidy - Direct Benefit Payments	93.645			24,222	5,931
Title IV-E Foster Care	93.658		51,917	11,088	37,865
Foster Care - Direct Benefit Payments	93.658		82,786	13,376	37,443
Adoption Assistance - Administration	93.659		87,105		87,105
Adoption Assistance - Direct Benefit Payments	93.659		140,708	40,589	40,589
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		168,146	26,554	55,699
DCD Smart Start				42,300	
Division of Child Development: Subsidized Child Care Cluster: Child Care and Development					
Fund Discretionary	93.575		251,320		
Child Care and Development			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
Fund Mandatory	93.596		117,032		
Child Care and Development					
Fund Match	93.596		85,557	49,143	
Total Child Care Development Fund Cluster			453,909	49,143	
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		13,818		
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558		77,877		
Smart Start				174,931	
TANF - Maintenance of Effort			545.604	78,479	
Total Subsidized Child Care (Note 3)			545,604	302,553	<del></del>
Health Care Financing Administration Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services: Division of Medical Assistance:					
Direct Benefit Payments:	00.770		45.000.047	7 400 540	4 000 057
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		15,623,017	7,402,516	1,262,857
Division of Social Services:					
Medical Assistance Program					
Administration	93.778		419,078	25,698	383,046
Health Choice	93.767		23,458	1,608	6,434
Links	93.674		2,065	516	
Passed-through High Country Council of Governments: Medicare Transitional Drug Assistance Program for States	93.783		10,000		
Passed-through the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services:					
Division of Facility Services:  National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program	93.889		18,224		
National Bioterronsin Hospital Freparedness Frogram	93.009		10,224		<del></del>
Passed-through the N.C. State Board of Elections Help America Vote Act of 2002	93.617		18,048		
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Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services			17,804,994	8,052,797	2,152,304
Total Federal Awards			21,405,012	8,364,772	2,405,612
State Awards:					
N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services State/County Special Assistance for Adults-				450 400	450.400
Direct Benefit Payments State Foster Care Benefits Program				159,498 9,952	159,498 9,952
Program Integrity				249	
State Aid to Counties				20,725	
State Adult Protective Service				25,610	
Total N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services				216,034	169,450

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	(Direct & Pass- Through) Expenditures	State Expenditures	Local Expenditures
Office of the Governor Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Programs North Carolina Helping Neighbors Fund Total Office of the Governor				117,981 2,830 120,811	36,945  36,945
N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction Public School National Forest Service Total N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction				314 314	
N.C. Dept. of Transportation Workfirst/Employment Transportation Operating Assistance Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (E&DTAP) Rural General Public Program			-	3,641 42,665 45,659	
Total N.C. Dept. of Transportation				91,965	
N.C. Dept. of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources Soil Conservation Assistance Soil Conservation Cost Sharing Division of Waste Management Scrap Tire Disposal Grant Total N.C. Dept. of Environment, Health, and Natural Resource	ces			4,000 19,465 10,208 33,673	51,085 19,465  70,550
N.C. Dept. of Corrections Criminal Justice Partnership Program N.C. Division of Veteran's Affairs Veteran's Service Program Total State awards		95-0704-I-A		2,000 531,653	
Total federal and State awards			\$ 21,405,012	8,896,425	2,805,323

#### Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Financial Awards:

#### 1. 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.

#### 2. Subrecipients

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

	CFDA	Federal	State
Program Title	Number	Expenditures	Expenditures
Food Stamp Program-noncash	10.551	\$ 1,887,718	
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	126,060	
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	15,623,017	7,402,516
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant	93.568	43,274	
Child Welfare - Adoption Subsidy	93.645		24,222
Foster Care	93.658	82,786	13,376
Adoption Assistance	93.659	140,708	40,589
Adult Assistance			159,498

The following are clustered by the NC Department of Health and Human Services and are treated separately for state audit requirement purposes: Subsidized Child Care