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ORGANIZATION SCHEDULE **DECEMBER 31, 2010**

Offices	Name	Term Expires
Commissioners		
1st District	Wallace Eid	January 2013
2nd District	Jerry Dahl ¹	January 2013 January 2011
3rd District	Everett Kjelbertson ²	January 2013
4th District	Karen Ahmann	January 2013 January 2011
5th District	Charles Pazdernik ³	January 2011 January 2011
3th District	Charles Fazdellik	January 2011
Officials		
Elected		
Attorney	Julie Bruggeman ⁴	January 2011
Auditor	Frank Thompson	January 2011
County Recorder	Susan Bendickson	January 2011
Registrar of Titles	Susan Bendickson	January 2011
Sheriff	Douglas Krier	January 2011
Treasurer	Brenda Lundon	January 2011
Appointed		
Assessor	Les Finseth	December 2012
Court Administrator	Lori Wiebolt	Indefinite
Highway Engineer	Jonathan Large	May 2013
Veterans Service Officer	John Rosenberger	December 2014
Medical Examiner	Dr. Mary Ann Sens	Indefinite
Solid Waste Officer	Mark Diekman	Indefinite
Social Services Board		
Chair	Everett Kjelbertson	January 2013
Vice Chair	Karen Ahmann	January 2011
Secretary	Theresa McCollum	July 2012
Member	Jerry Dahl	January 2011
Member	Charles Pazdernik ³	January 2011
Member	Wallace Eid	January 2013
Member	Colleen Blattenbauer	July 2011
Director	Cindy Marihart	Indefinite
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¹Chair

³David Geray was elected as the new Commissioner of the 5th District effective January 2, 2011. ⁴Darlene Rivera was elected as the new Attorney effective January 2, 2011.







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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of County Commissioners Mahnomen County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mahnomen County, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Mahnomen County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Mahnomen Health Center, the discretely presented component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Mahnomen Health Center, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit 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 U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of 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 discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mahnomen County as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Mahnomen County's basic financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information, including the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by OMB Circular A-133, listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 21, 2011, on our consideration of Mahnomen County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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GREG HIERLINGER, CPA DEPUTY STATE AUDITOR

June 21, 2011





MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2010 (Unaudited)

INTRODUCTION

Mahnomen County's Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. Since this information is designed to focus on the current year and past year's activities, resulting changes, and known facts, it should be read in conjunction with Mahnomen County's financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Governmental activities' total net assets are \$30,560,385, of which Mahnomen County has invested \$24,921,191 in capital assets, net of related debt, and \$1,878,119 is restricted to specific purposes/uses by the County.
- The net cost of Mahnomen County's governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2010, was \$3,644,691. General property tax revenues and other revenue sources funded those costs.
- Mahnomen County's governmental funds' fund balances increased by \$904,677.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements consist of three parts: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The MD&A (this section), certain budgetary comparison schedules, and the Schedule of Funding Progress - Other Postemployment Benefits are required to accompany the basic financial statements and, therefore, are included as required supplementary information. The following chart demonstrates how the different pieces are inter-related.

Management's Discussion and Analysis
(Required Supplementary Information)

Government-Wide Financial Statements	Fund Financial Statements			
Notes to the Financial Statements				

Required Supplementary Information

(Other than Management's Discussion and Analysis)

Mahnomen County presents two government-wide financial statements. They are the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. These two government-wide financial statements provide information about the activities of the County as a whole and present a longer-term view of the County's finances. Mahnomen County's fund financial statements follow these two government-wide financial statements. For governmental activities, these statements tell how the County financed services in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the County's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the County's most significant/major funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the County acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

Government-Wide Financial Statements--The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about Mahnomen County as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps the reader determine whether the County's financial condition has improved or declined as a result of the current year's activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies.

These two statements consider all of Mahnomen County's current year revenues and expenses regardless of when the County receives the revenue or pays the expenditure. These two statements report Mahnomen County's net assets and changes in them. You can think of the County's net assets as the difference between assets and liabilities. This is one way to measure the County's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the County's property tax base and the general economic conditions of the state and County, to assess the overall health of Mahnomen County.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, we divide Mahnomen County into two kinds of activities:

• Governmental activities - Mahnomen County reports its basic services in the "Governmental Activities" column of these reports. The activities reported by the County include general government, public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, human services, health, culture and recreation, conservation of natural resources, economic development, and interest. Mahnomen County finances the majority of these activities with local property taxes, state-paid aids, fees, charges for services, and federal and state grants.

• Component unit - The County includes a separate legal entity in its report. This entity is the Mahnomen Health Center. Although legally separate, this component unit is important because the County is financially accountable for it.

Fund Financial Statements

Mahnomen County's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the significant funds--not the County as a whole. Funds may be established by the County to meet requirements of a specific state law; to help control and manage money for a particular purpose/project; or to show that it is meeting specific legal responsibilities and obligations when expending property tax revenues, grants, and/or other funds designated for a specific purpose.

Governmental Funds

The County's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Mahnomen County reports these funds in its financial statements using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting. This accounting method measures cash and other financial assets that the County can readily convert to cash. The County's governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether financial resources are available that the County can spend in the near future to finance various programs within the County. Mahnomen County has described the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation statement following each governmental fund financial statement.

Reporting the County's Fiduciary Responsibilities

Mahnomen County is the trustee, or fiduciary, over assets which can be used only for the trust beneficiaries, based on the trust arrangement. The County reports all of its fiduciary activities in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets and Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets. We exclude these activities from the County's other financial statements because the County cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Mahnomen County's combined net assets for the year ended December 31, 2010, were \$30,560,385. The analysis below focuses on the net assets (Table 1) and changes in net assets (Table 2) of the County's governmental activities.

Table 1 Net Assets

	Governmental Activities				
	2010		2009		
Assets					
Current and other assets	\$	8,344,815	\$	8,241,553	
Capital assets		24,812,562		23,649,052	
Total Assets	\$	33,157,377	\$	31,890,605	
Liabilities					
Long-term debt outstanding	\$	2,145,723	\$	2,095,890	
Other liabilities		451,269		907,496	
Total Liabilities	\$	2,596,992	\$	3,003,386	
Net Assets					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$	24,921,191	\$	23,629,404	
Restricted		1,878,119		1,843,668	
Unrestricted		3,761,075		3,414,147	
Total Net Assets	\$	30,560,385	\$	28,887,219	

Unrestricted net assets totaling \$3,761,075 are available to Mahnomen County to finance day-to-day operations.

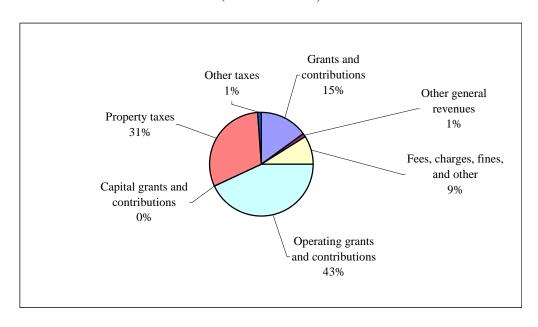
Table 2 Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities				
		2010		2009	
Revenues					
Program revenues					
Fees, charges, fines, and other	\$	1,019,901	\$	768,351	
Operating grants and contributions		4,829,271		6,776,388	
Capital grants and contributions		21,267		18,223	
General revenues					
Property taxes		3,503,858		3,110,476	
Other taxes		70,371		74,128	
Grants and contributions		1,665,345		1,804,142	
Other general revenues		78,283		93,268	
Total Revenues	_ \$	11,188,296	\$	12,644,976	

	Governmental Activities			
		2010		2009
Expenditures				
Program expenses				
General government	\$	1,717,401	\$	1,830,119
Public safety		2,428,215		2,574,361
Highways and streets		2,239,719		2,096,535
Sanitation		257,614		263,821
Human services		2,415,025		2,561,828
Health		62,982		62,982
Culture and recreation		119,095		122,255
Conservation of natural resources		209,820		191,839
Economic development		-		253,683
Interest		65,259		74,893
Total Expenses	\$	9,515,130	\$	10,032,316
Change in net assets	\$	1,673,166	\$	2,612,660
Net Assets - Beginning		28,887,219		26,274,559
Net Assets - Ending	\$	30,560,385	\$	28,887,219

Mahnomen County's total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2010, were \$11,188,296. The total cost of County programs and services for the year ended December 31, 2010, was \$9,515,130. The net assets for governmental activities increased by \$1,673,166. The following pie chart depicts those revenues in seven categories.

Total County Revenues (Percent of Total)



Governmental Activities

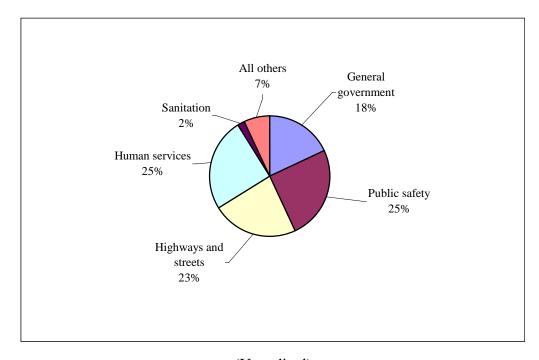
Mahnomen County's costs for all governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2010, were \$9,515,130 as shown on the Statement of Activities. The net cost of services was ultimately funded through local property taxes and applicable offsetting revenues such as fees, fines, interest income, and grants.

Table 3 presents the cost of each of Mahnomen County's five largest program functions, as well as each function's net cost (total cost, less revenues generated by the activities). The net cost shows the financial burden placed on the County's taxpayers by each of these functions.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

	2010			
	Total C	Total Cost of Services		Cost of Services
Program expenses				
General government	\$	1,717,401	\$	1,428,441
Public safety		2,428,215		1,503,460
Highways and streets		2,239,719		(229,642)
Human services		2,415,025		756,144
Sanitation		257,614		75,634
All others		457,156		110,654
Totals	\$	9,515,130	\$	3,644,691

Governmental Activities' Expenses (Percent of Total)



(Unaudited)

The County's Funds

As Mahnomen County completed the year, its governmental funds, as presented in the balance sheet, reported a combined fund balance of \$5,302,548, which is above last year's total combined fund balance of \$4,397,871. This increase of \$904,677 represents a 20.57 percent total increase. Included in this year's total fund balance is the County's General Fund balance of \$2,317,172. The General Fund's change in fund balance (an increase of \$730,047 from 2009) represented a 46.00 percent increase in the General Fund balance. The General Fund's increase was due to excess revenues over expenditures of \$628,065, the transfer in from the Forfeited Tax Sale Special Revenue Fund of \$1,982, and proceeds from capital lease of \$100,000. The Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund balance increased by \$208,840, or 20.35 percent, and the Social Services Special Revenue Fund was decreased by \$56,469, or 8.30 percent.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Mahnomen County Board of Commissioners, over the course of a budget year, may amend/revise the County's General Fund budget; however, in 2010, the County Board of Commissioners did not make any budgetary amendments/revisions. If the County Board of Commissioners had made changes to the budget as originally adopted on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, these budget amendments/revisions would have fallen into one of three categories: new information changing original budget estimations, greater than anticipated revenues or costs, and final agreement reached on employee contracts.

In the County's General Fund, the actual revenues were over the budgeted revenues by \$225,272. The total actual expenditures in the County's General Fund were under the budgeted expenditures by \$186,390. The General Fund balance increased by a total of \$730,047.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2010, Mahnomen County had \$24,812,562 invested in a broad range of capital assets including land, construction in progress, buildings, highways and streets, and equipment (see Table 4). This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$1,163,510, or 4.92 percent, over last year. This increase was due largely to the airport's construction project.

Table 4
Capital Assets at Year-End
(Net of Depreciation)

	2010		 2009	
Land	\$	534,639	\$ 498,568	
Construction in progress		2,965,361	2,667,030	
Land improvements		6,360	7,478	
Buildings and improvements		750,886	706,395	
Machinery, furniture, and equipment		771,490	527,608	
Infrastructure	-	19,783,826	 19,241,973	
Totals	\$	24,812,562	\$ 23,649,052	

Mahnomen County's fiscal year 2010 capital budget plans did not call for any other major expenditures outside of the normal equipment, vehicles, and road construction projects. More detailed information about the County's capital assets can be found in Note 3.A.3. to the Mahnomen County financial statements.

Debt

As of December 31, 2010, Mahnomen County had \$1,530,000 in bonds outstanding, compared with \$1,725,000 as of December 31, 2009, a decrease of 11.30 percent--as shown in Table 5.

Table 5
Outstanding Debt at Year-End

	 2010		2009	
Bonds payable - general obligation bonds Bonds payable - revenue bonds	\$ 470,000 1,060,000	\$	560,000 1,165,000	
Total	\$ 1,530,000	\$	1,725,000	

It is imperative to point out that Table 5 illustrates the County amount due on bonded debt. The City of Mahnomen has 22 percent ownership of the Mahnomen Health Center and is responsible for its portion of the bond payments for the general obligation bonds. That amount is included in the totals.

Mahnomen County's general obligation bonds are non-rated. The State limits the amount of net debt that the counties can issue to three percent (Minn. Stat. § 475.53) of the market value of all taxable property in the county. Mahnomen County's outstanding 2010 net debt is below this \$14,841,003 state-imposed limit.

Other obligations may include capital leases, compensated absences, and other postemployment benefits. Mahnomen County's notes to the financial statements provide detailed information about the County's long-term liabilities.

(Unaudited)

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The County's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2010 budget, tax rates, and fees that will be charged for governmental activities.

- The State of Minnesota continues further addressing its serious budget deficit issues. This may have a significant impact on future Mahnomen County budgets. Major revenue sources for the County are state-paid aids, credits, and grants. Should the State of Minnesota significantly reduce or eliminate these revenues, implement levy limits, or pass on costs to the County, it would have a significant impact on next year's budget.
- Mahnomen County's average net tax capacity rates have remained relatively consistent in comparison to other counties over the years. The County also has a good seasonal, residential, commercial/industrial, and agricultural base. Keeping this tax base vital and healthy is very important to the County's overall financial health and condition.
- Mahnomen County's unemployment rate for 2010 averaged 8.1 percent. The County's unemployment rate for 2009 averaged 8.0 percent according to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.
- The Minnesota State Demographer's census data has estimated Mahnomen County's 2010 population at 5,413 residents, which is an increase of 7.72 percent from the estimated 2009 population estimate of 5,025.
- The 2011 net property tax levies are established as of the time of this printing.
- Planning and financing for facility needs and the possibility of a new jail/law enforcement center project are continuing to be monitored by the County Board.
- Union contracts and employment-related issues will affect the 2012 budget.
- Reviewing revenue sources and considering cost-effective and efficient means for the delivery of Mahnomen County programs and services will influence the development of future budgets.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Mahnomen County's financial report provides citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances, and it shows the County's accountability for the money it receives and spends. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Frank Thompson, Mahnomen County Auditor, at 311 North Main Street, P. O. Box 379, Mahnomen, Minnesota 56557, (218-935-5669).

(Unaudited)









EXHIBIT 1

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2010

	G	Primary Government Governmental Activities		Mahnomen Health Center Component Unit	
<u>Assets</u>					
Current assets					
Cash and pooled investments	\$	4,335,425	\$	537,244	
Departmental cash		90,489		-	
Taxes receivable					
Current - net		88,892		-	
Prior - net		66,712		-	
Special assessments receivable					
Current - net		5,959		-	
Prior - net		6,283		-	
Noncurrent - net		46,060		-	
Accounts receivable - net		17,720		1,498,386	
Accrued interest receivable		9,359		-	
Due from other governments		2,450,827		-	
Inventories		77,787		105,890	
Prepaid items		-		105,885	
Noncurrent assets					
Advance to other governments		807,916		-	
Long-term receivables		110,707		400,541	
Contract for deed		217,557		-	
Investment in joint venture		-		226,840	
Held by trustee for debt service		-		131,553	
Deferred charges		13,122		23,336	
Restricted due from other governments - temporary		-		64,322	
Capital assets					
Non-depreciable		3,500,000		119,485	
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation		21,312,562		4,113,916	
Total Assets	\$	33,157,377	\$	7,327,398	

EXHIBIT 1 (Continued)

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Primary Government Governmental Activities		Mahnomen Health Center Component Unit	
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accounts payable	\$	144,894	\$	350,010
Salaries payable		184,517		166,759
Compensated absences/vacation/sick payable - current		-		162,120
Contracts payable		3,190		-
Due to other governments		90,798		-
Customer deposits		1,000		-
Accrued interest payable		26,870		20,317
Unearned revenue		-		19,772
Residents' personal funds		-		10,746
Revenue bonds payable - current		-		110,000
Capital leases payable - current		-		7,410
Long-term liabilities				
Special assessments debt payable - noncurrent		-		962,224
Due within one year		344,999		-
Due in more than one year		1,800,724		-
Total Liabilities	\$	2,596,992	\$	1,809,358
Net Assets				
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	\$	24,921,191	\$	3,153,767
Restricted for				
Hospital operations		-		64,322
General government		88,848		-
Public safety		157,682		-
Highways and streets		1,485,725		-
Sanitation		35,157		-
Debt service		110,707		-
Unrestricted		3,761,075		2,299,951
Total Net Assets	\$	30,560,385	\$	5,518,040

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Expenses		Fees, Charges, Fines, and Other		
Functions/Programs					
Primary government					
Governmental activities					
General government	\$	1,717,401	\$	152,990	
Public safety		2,428,215		444,35	
Highways and streets		2,239,719		95,676	
Sanitation		257,614		112,043	
Human services		2,415,025		158,998	
Health		62,982		-	
Culture and recreation		119,095		-	
Conservation of natural resources		209,820		44,945	
Economic development		-		10,898	
Interest		65,259		-	
Total Primary Government	\$	9,515,130	\$	1,019,90	
Component unit Mahnomen Health Center	<u>\$</u>	7,580,567	\$	7,382,065	
	General Revenues Property taxes Special assessments Mortgage registry and deed tax Gravel taxes Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs Payments in lieu of tax Unrestricted investment earnings Miscellaneous				
	Total	general revenues			
	Chang	ge in net assets			
	Net Ass	ets - Beginning			
	Net Ass	ets - Ending			

Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions		Primary Government Governmental Activities		nd Changes in Net Assets Mahnomen Health Center Component Unit	
	ontributions		u ibutions		Activities	Comj	ponent Cint
	135,970	\$	_	\$	(1,428,441)		
	480,404	Ψ	_	Ψ	(1,503,460)		
	2,352,418		21,267		229,642		
	69,937		,		(75,634)		
	1,499,883		-		(756,144)		
	· · · · ·		-		(62,982)		
	89,462		-		(29,633)		
	28,338		-		(136,537)		
	172,859		-		183,757		
			<u>-</u>		(65,259)		
	4,829,271	\$	21,267	\$	(3,644,691)		
	88,040	\$	143,554			\$	33.09
	88,040	\$	143,554			\$	33,09
	88,040	\$	143,554	\$	3,503,858	\$ \$	33,09
	88,040	<u>\$</u>	143,554	\$	=		-
	88,040	<u>\$</u>	143,554	\$	2,286		-
	88,040	<u>\$</u>	143,554	\$	- 2,286 3,269		-
	88,040	<u>\$</u>	143,554	\$	2,286 3,269 1,665,345		-
	88,040	<u>\$</u>	143,554	\$	2,286 3,269 1,665,345 64,816		33,05 - 54,20 - -
	88,040	<u>\$</u>	143,554	\$	2,286 3,269 1,665,345 64,816 35,142		54,20 - - - - - 8,80
	88,040	<u>\$</u>	143,554	\$	2,286 3,269 1,665,345 64,816		54,20 - - - - - 8,80
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	88,040	\$	143,554		2,286 3,269 1,665,345 64,816 35,142 43,141	\$	54,20 - - - - - 8,80
	88,040	<u>\$</u>	143,554	\$	2,286 3,269 1,665,345 64,816 35,142 43,141 5,317,857	\$	54,20 - - - - - - - 8,80 -











EXHIBIT 3

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2010

	 General	Road and Bridge	 Social Services	Go	Other overnmental Funds	 Total
<u>Assets</u>						
Current assets						
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 1,973,883	\$ 769,981	\$ 604,717	\$	907,321	\$ 4,255,902
Petty cash and change funds	1,700	-	-		-	1,700
Undistributed cash in agency						
funds - taxes and other	50,476	9,140	14,361		3,846	77,823
Departmental cash	90,489	-	-		-	90,489
Taxes receivable						
Current - net	57,287	11,407	18,236		1,962	88,892
Prior - net	43,196	8,391	13,441		1,684	66,712
Special assessments						
Current - net	-	236	-		5,723	5,959
Prior - net	-	-	-		6,283	6,283
Noncurrent - net	-	5,560	-		40,500	46,060
Accounts receivable	7,003	204	8,982		1,531	17,720
Accrued interest receivable	9,327	-	-		32	9,359
Due from other funds	2,442	2,300	-		-	4,742
Due from other governments	321,031	1,872,412	254,675		2,709	2,450,827
Inventories	-	77,787	-		-	77,787
Noncurrent assets						
Contract for deed	217,557	-	-		-	217,557
Long-term receivables	 	 -	 		110,707	 110,707
Total Assets	\$ 2,774,391	\$ 2,757,418	\$ 914,412	\$	1,082,298	\$ 7,528,519

EXHIBIT 3 (Continued)

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2010

		General		Road and Bridge		Social Services	Go	Other overnmental Funds		Total
Liabilities and Fund Balances										
Liabilities										
Accounts payable	\$	61,786	\$	36,889	\$	44,529	\$	1,690	\$	144,894
Salaries payable		107,405		23,039		52,192		1,881		184,517
Contracts payable		-		3,190		-		-		3,190
Due to other funds		2,005		250		13,242		2,192		17,689
Due to other governments		34,495		6,010		26,818		10,528		77,851
Customer deposits		-		1,000		-		-		1,000
Deferred revenue - unavailable		251,528		1,451,736		40,539		53,027		1,796,830
Total Liabilities	\$	457,219	\$	1,522,114	\$	177,320	\$	69,318	\$	2,225,971
Fund Balances										
Reserved for										
Inventories	\$	-	\$	77,787	\$	-	\$	-	\$	77,787
Contract for deed		217,557		-		-		-		217,557
Sheriff's contingency		5,000		-		-		-		5,000
HAVA		6,436		-		-		-		6,436
Highway projects		-		35,121		-		-		35,121
Gravel pit restoration		-		19,770		-		-		19,770
SCORE		-		-		-		35,157		35,157
Missing heirs		500		-		-		-		500
Recorder's compliance fund		40,257		-		-		-		40,257
Recorder's equipment purchases		42,155		-		-		-		42,155
Enhanced 911		151,960		-		-		-		151,960
Boat and water safety		722		-		-		-		722
Long-term receivables		-		-		-		110,707		110,707
Unreserved, designated for										
Drug eradication		1,475		-		-		-		1,475
County development		2,692		-		-		-		2,692
Timber development		157,603		-		-		-		157,603
Parks and recreation		87,719		-		-		-		87,719
Extension youth grant		395		-		-		-		395
Extension programming funds		139		-		-		-		139
Unreserved, undesignated		1,602,562		1,102,626		737,092		-		3,442,280
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor								605 505		605 505
Special revenue funds Debt service funds		-		-		-		627,727 239,389		627,727 239,389
	ф	2 215 152	ø	1 225 204	d	727 002	ø		ø	
Total Fund Balances	\$	2,317,172	\$	1,235,304	\$	737,092	\$	1,012,980	\$	5,302,548
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	¢	2 774 301	¢	2 757 419	4	014 412	Ф	1 092 209	¢	7 529 510
Datances	\$	2,774,391	\$	2,757,418	\$	914,412	\$	1,082,298	\$	7,528,519

EXHIBIT 4

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS--GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 31, 2010

Fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit 3)		\$ 5,302,548
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		24,812,562
Advances to other governments result in long-term assets not available to pay for current period expenditures. Therefore, advances made are not reported in the funds as assets but rather as expenditures. Collections on the advance are reported as intergovernmental revenue.		
Advance to Mahnomen Health Center Repayments on advance	\$ 953,433 (145,517)	807,916
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds.		1,796,830
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
General obligation bonds Revenue bonds Capital leases Accrued interest payable Compensated absences Net OPEB liability Deferred debt issuance charges	\$ (470,000) (1,060,000) (108,539) (26,870) (187,031) (320,153) 13,122	(2,159,471)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 1)		\$ 30,560,385

EXHIBIT 5

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	General	Road and Bridge	Social Services	Go	Other vernmental Funds		Total
	 General	 Druge	 Bervices		runus	_	Total
Revenues							
Taxes	\$ 2,253,038	\$ 446,288	\$ 708,249	\$	76,344	\$	3,483,919
Special assessments	-	5,210	-		141,104		146,314
Licenses and permits	7,885	-	-		-		7,885
Intergovernmental	2,700,754	2,498,563	1,536,019		219,578		6,954,914
Charges for services	295,279	75,227	90,807		6,691		468,004
Fines and forfeits	8,511	-	-		-		8,511
Gifts and contributions	1,876	-	-		-		1,876
Investment earnings	35,404	-	-		510		35,914
Miscellaneous	 340,839	 16,429	 68,191		6,985		432,444
Total Revenues	\$ 5,643,586	\$ 3,041,717	\$ 2,403,266	\$	451,212	\$	11,539,781
Expenditures							
Current							
General government	\$ 1,892,033	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,892,033
Public safety	2,530,008	-	-		-		2,530,008
Highways and streets	-	2,648,122	-		-		2,648,122
Sanitation	-	-	-		248,762		248,762
Human services	-	-	2,346,797		-		2,346,797
Health	62,982	-	-		-		62,982
Culture and recreation	119,095	-	-		-		119,095
Conservation of natural resources	154,884	-	-		54,965		209,849
Economic development	239,927	-	-		-		239,927
Intergovernmental							
Highways and streets	-	114,005	-		-		114,005
Debt service							
Principal	8,040	3,069	-		195,000		206,109
Interest	2,502	382	-		64,345		67,229
Bond issuance costs	6,050	-	-		-		6,050
Administrative (fiscal) charges	 -	 -	 -		351		351
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,015,521	\$ 2,765,578	\$ 2,346,797	\$	563,423	\$	10,691,319
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)							
Expenditures	\$ 628,065	\$ 276,139	\$ 56,469	\$	(112,211)	\$	848,462

EXHIBIT 5 (Continued)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	 General	 Road and Bridge	 Social Services	Go	Other overnmental Funds		Total
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers in	\$ 1,982	\$ -	\$ -	\$	23,514	\$	25,496
Transfers out	-	(23,514)	-		(1,982)		(25,496)
Capital lease issued	 100,000	 	 -		-		100,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 101,982	\$ (23,514)	\$ 	\$	21,532	\$	100,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 730,047	\$ 252,625	\$ 56,469	\$	(90,679)	\$	948,462
Fund Balance - January 1 Increase (decrease) in reserved	1,587,125	1,026,464	680,623		1,103,659		4,397,871
for inventories	 	 (43,785)	 			_	(43,785)
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,317,172	\$ 1,235,304	\$ 737,092	\$	1,012,980	\$	5,302,548

EXHIBIT 6

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES--GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit 5)		\$ 948,462
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
In the funds, under the modified accrual basis, receivables not available for expenditure are deferred. In the statement of activities, those revenues are recognized when earned. The adjustment to revenue between the fund statements and the statement of activities is the increase or decrease in revenue deferred as unavailable.		
Deferred revenue - December 31 Deferred revenue - January 1	\$ 1,796,830 (2,002,798)	(205,968)
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. In the statement of activities, the net book value of assets disposed of is expensed, while not reported in the fund statements.		
Expenditures for general capital assets and infrastructure Current year depreciation	\$ 2,173,573 (1,010,063)	1,163,510
Issuing long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of debt consumes current financial resources. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the net effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued; whereas, those amounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt in the statement of net assets.		
Proceeds of new debt		(100,000)
Capital lease purchases		(100,000)
Principal repayments		
General obligation bonds	\$ 90,000	
Revenue bonds	105,000	206.100
Capital lease	 11,109	206,109

EXHIBIT 6 (Continued)

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES--GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in accrued interest payable	\$ 2,321	
Change in deferred charges	6,050	
Amortization of deferred debt issuance costs	(2,074)	
Change in compensated absences	(8,821)	
Change in net OPEB liability	(147,121)	
Change in inventories	(43,785)	
Change in advance to other governments	(145,517)	(338,947)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 2)







EXHIBIT 7

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2010

	C I	Family Services Collaborative Investment Trust Fund		
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and pooled investments Receivables Accounts Interest Due from other funds	\$	249,727 - 88 12,947	\$	67,588 989 - -
Total Assets	\$	262,762	\$	68,577
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accounts payable Due to other governments	\$	55,200	\$	- 68,577
Total Liabilities	<u>\$</u>	55,200	\$	68,577
Net Assets				
Net assets held in trust for pool participants	\$	207,562		

EXHIBIT 8

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS INVESTMENT TRUST FIDUCIARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Additions

Contributions from participants Investment earnings Interest	\$ 98,158 1,155
Total Additions	\$ 99,313
<u>Deductions</u>	
Distributions to participants	108,288
Change in net assets	\$ (8,975)
Net Assets - January 1	216,537
Net Assets - December 31	\$ 207,562

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The County's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued through November 30, 1989, (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the County are discussed below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

Mahnomen County was established December 27, 1906, and is an organized county having the powers, duties, and privileges granted counties by Minn. Stat. ch. 373. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements present Mahnomen County (primary government) and its component unit for which the County is financially accountable. The County is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners elected from districts within the County. The Board is organized with a chair and vice chair elected at the annual meeting in January of each year.

The Social Services Board governs the activities of the Social Services Department and consists of seven members: five County Commissioners and two lay members appointed by the Commissioners and approved by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. <u>Financial Reporting Entity</u> (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Unit

While part of the reporting entity, the discretely presented component unit is presented in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the County. The following component unit of Mahnomen County is discretely presented:

Component Unit	Component Unit Included in Reporting Entity Because	Separate Financial Statements Available at
Mahnomen Health Center	The County appoints a majority of the Mahnomen Health Center Board.	Mahnomen Health Center 414 West Jefferson P. O. Box 396 Mahnomen, Minnesota 56557

Joint Ventures

The County participates in joint ventures, jointly-governed organizations, and a related organization, which are described in Notes 6.B., 6.C., and 6.D., respectively.

B. Basic Financial Statements

1. Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) display information about the primary government and its component unit. These statements include the financial activities of the overall County government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities.

In the government-wide statement of net assets, the governmental activities column: (a) is presented on a consolidated basis; and (b) is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The County's net assets are reported in three parts: (1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt; (2) restricted net assets; and (3) unrestricted net assets. The County first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

B. Basic Financial Statements

1. <u>Government-Wide Statements</u> (Continued)

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of each function of the County's governmental activities are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Program revenues include: (1) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity; and (2) grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Revenues not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

2. 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 and fiduciary--are presented. The emphasis of governmental fund financial statements is on major individual governmental funds, with each displayed as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The <u>General Fund</u> 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.

The <u>Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund</u> is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the County Highway Department, which is responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and other projects affecting County roadways.

The <u>Social Services Special Revenue Fund</u> is used to account for economic assistance and community social services programs.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

B. Basic Financial Statements

2. <u>Fund Financial Statements</u> (Continued)

Additionally, the County reports the following fiduciary fund types:

The <u>Family Services Collaborative Investment Trust Fund</u> accounts for the external pooled and non-pooled investments held on behalf of the Family Services Collaborative.

<u>Agency funds</u> are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. These funds account for assets that the County holds for others in an agent capacity.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Mahnomen County considers all revenues as available if collected within 60 days after the end of the current period. Property and other taxes, licenses, and interest are all considered susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, compensated absences, and claims and judgments, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first and then unrestricted resources as needed.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

1. <u>Deposits and Investments</u>

The cash balances of substantially all funds are pooled and invested by the County Treasurer for the purpose of increasing earnings through investment activities. Pooled and fund investments are reported at their fair value at December 31, 2010, based on market prices. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 385.07, investment earnings on cash and pooled investments are credited to the General Fund. Other funds received investment earnings based on other state statutes, grant agreements, contracts, and bond covenants. Pooled investment earnings for 2010 were \$35,142.

2. External Investment Pools

Included in total cash and pooled investments are the assets held for the Mahnomen County Interagency Collaborative in an external investment pool. For the purposes of financial reporting, the Collaborative's portion of the County's pool of the cash and investments is reported as an investment trust fund. Assets in the pool are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. The pool is not subject to the regulatory oversight. Fair value amounts are determined at year-end. The County has not provided or obtained any legally binding guarantees to support the value of the pool.

Cash and pooled investments	
Held for internal pool participants (County funds)	\$ 4,493,502
Held for external pool participants (Interagency Collaborative)	249,727
Total	\$ 4,743,229

3. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds representing lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (the noncurrent portion of interfund loans).

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

3. Receivables and Payables (Continued)

Advances receivable, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

All receivables, including those of the discretely presented component unit, are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

Property taxes are levied as of January 1 on property values assessed as of the same date. The tax levy notice is mailed in March with the first half payment due May 15 and the second half payment due October 15. Unpaid taxes at December 31 become liens on the respective property and are classified in the financial statements as delinquent taxes receivable.

4. Advance to Other Governments

The noncurrent portion of an intergovernmental advance, reported as "Advance to other governments," is offset by revenue bonds payable - noncurrent at the government-wide level.

In 2008, an advance of \$1,260,000 was made to the Mahnomen Health Center to cover capital expenditures to remodel its facilities. During 2010, the Mahnomen Health Center repaid \$145,517. The balance of \$807,916 as of December 31, 2010, will be repaid in monthly installments through 2018. The County will use these payments to cover the principal and interest due on \$1,260,000 Gross Revenue Hospital Facilities Bonds issued for the purpose of funding the Mahnomen Health Center remodeling project.

5. <u>Inventories and Prepaid Items</u>

All inventories are valued at cost using the weighted average method. Inventories in governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed. Inventories at the government-wide level are recorded as expenses when consumed.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

5. <u>Inventories and Prepaid Items</u> (Continued)

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

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (for example, roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than the capitalization threshold and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The County's capitalization threshold for capital assets is as follows:

Assets	<u> </u>	alization eshold
Land	\$	1
Buildings		5,000
Building improvements		5,000
Public domain infrastructure		1
Furniture, equipment, and vehicles		5,000

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. During the current period, the County did not have any capitalized interest.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

6. <u>Capital Assets</u> (Continued)

Property, plant, and equipment of the County are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	15 - 40
Building improvements	10 - 30
Public domain infrastructure	50 - 75
Furniture, equipment, and vehicles	3 - 15

7. <u>Compensated Absences</u>

The liability for compensated absences reported in the financial statements consists of unpaid, accumulated annual and sick leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included. Compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

8. Deferred Revenue

All County funds and the government-wide financial statements defer revenue for resources that have been received, but not yet earned. Governmental funds also report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity (Continued)

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

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as an other financing source. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

10. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts not available for appropriation or legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans subject to change.

11. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Excess of Expenditures Over Budget

The following is a summary of individual funds that had expenditures in excess of budget for the year ended December 31, 2010:

	Exp	enditures	I	Budget	E	Excess	
Ditch Special Revenue Fund Nursing Home Revenue Bonds Debt	\$	54,043	\$	40,500	\$	13,543	
Service Fund		103,521		80,473		23,048	

3. <u>Detailed Notes on All Funds</u>

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

Reconciliation of the County's total cash and investments to the basic financial statements follows:

Government-wide statement of net assets	
Governmental activities	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 4,335,425
Departmental cash	90,489
Statement of fiduciary net assets	
Cash and pooled investments	
Investment trust fund	249,727
Agency funds	 67,588
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 4,743,229

a. <u>Deposits</u>

Mahnomen County is authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.02 and 118A.04 to designate a depository for public funds and to invest in certificates of deposit. The County is required by Minn. Stat. § 118A.03 to protect County deposits with insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged shall be at least ten percent more than the amount on deposit at the close of the financial institution's banking day, not covered by insurance or bonds.

3. <u>Detailed Notes on All Funds</u>

A. Assets

1. <u>Deposits and Investments</u>

a. <u>Deposits</u> (Continued)

Authorized collateral includes treasury bills, notes and bonds; issues of U.S. government agencies; general obligations rated "A" or better and revenue obligations rated "AA" or better; irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank; and certificates of deposit. Minnesota statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. The County's policy is to minimize its exposure to custodial credit risk by requiring all deposits to be insured or collateralized in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 118A.03. As of December 31, 2010, the County's deposits were undercollateralized by \$324,599.

b. <u>Investments</u>

The County may invest in the following types of investments as authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.04 and 118A.05:

- (1) securities which are direct obligations or are guaranteed or insured issues of the United States, its agencies, its instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress, except mortgage-backed securities defined as "high risk" by Minn. Stat. § 118A.04, subd. 6;
- (2) mutual funds through shares of registered investment companies provided the mutual fund receives certain ratings depending on its investments:

3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. <u>Deposits and Investments</u>

b. <u>Investments</u> (Continued)

- (3) general obligations of the State of Minnesota and its municipalities, and in certain state agency and local obligations of Minnesota and other states provided such obligations have certain specified bond ratings by a national bond rating service;
- (4) bankers' acceptances of United States banks;
- (5) commercial paper issued by United States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries that is rated in the highest quality category by two nationally recognized rating agencies and matures in 270 days or less; and
- (6) with certain restrictions, in repurchase agreements, securities lending agreements, joint powers investment trusts, and guaranteed investment contracts.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in the market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The County's policy is to diversify use of investment instruments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks inherent in overinvesting in specific instruments, individual financial institutions, or maturities.

3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

b. <u>Investments</u> (Continued)

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. It is the County's policy to invest only in securities that meet the ratings requirements set by state statute.

Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. The County's investment policy is to minimize custodial credit risk by limiting investments to the types of securities permitted by Minn. Stat. ch. 118A and by obtaining broker certification forms and documentation of perfected security interest in pledged collateral from authorized financial institutions, brokers/dealers, and intermediaries or advisors. As of December 31, 2010, the County's investments were not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the County's investment in a single issuer. The County's policy is to diversify use of investment instruments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks inherent in overinvesting in specific instruments, individual financial institutions, or maturities.

3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. <u>Deposits and Investments</u> (Continued)

The following table presents the County's deposits and investment balances at December 31, 2010, and information relating to potential investment risks:

			Concentration	Interest	
		lit Risk	Risk	Rate Risk	Carrying
	Credit	Rating	Over 5 Percent	Maturity	(Fair)
Investment Type	Rating	Agency	of Portfolio	Date	 Value
U.S. government agency securities					
Federal National Mortgage Association	Aaa	Moody's		07/27/2018	\$ 299,997
Federal National Mortgage Association	Aaa	Moody's		04/05/2019	 296,634
Total Federal National Mortgage					
Association			41.77%		\$ 596,631
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	Aaa	Moody's	14.00%	07/06/2016	\$ 200,028
Federal Home Loan Bank	Aaa	Moody's		09/13/2017	\$ 146,734
Federal Home Loan Bank	Aaa	Moody's		09/13/2017	 97,823
Total Federal Home Loan Bank			17.12%		\$ 244,557
Negotiable certificates of deposit					
American Express Bank	N/R	N/A	6.78%	06/10/2011	\$ 96,786
Citibank	N/R	N/A	6.77%	05/13/2011	96,675
GE Capital Financial	N/R	N/A	13.55%	06/13/2011	 193,597
Total negotiable certificates of deposit					\$ 387,058
Total investments					\$ 1,428,274
Deposits					3,313,255
Petty cash and change funds					 1,700
Total Cash and Investments					\$ 4,743,229

N/A - Not Applicable

N/R - Not Rated

<5% - Concentration is less than 5% of investments

3. <u>Detailed Notes on All Funds</u>

A. Assets (Continued)

2. Receivables

Receivables as of December 31, 2010, for the County's governmental activities, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	R	Total eceivables	Sch Colle	nounts Not neduled for ction During osequent Year
Governmental Activities				
Taxes	\$	155,604	\$	-
Special assessments		58,302		-
Accounts		17,720		-
Interest		9,359		-
Due from other governments		2,450,287		-
Contract for deed		217,557		207,585
Long-term receivable		110,707		88,425
Total Governmental Activities	\$	3,019,536	\$	296,010

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2010, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	 Increase	D	ecrease	 Ending Balance
Capital assets not depreciated	\$ 498,568	\$ 36.071	\$	_	\$ 534,639
Construction in progress	 2,667,030	 381,677		83,346	 2,965,361
Total capital assets not depreciated	\$ 3,165,598	\$ 417,748	\$	83,346	\$ 3,500,000
Capital assets depreciated					
Land improvements	\$ 32,010	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 32,010
Buildings	2,782,861	84,681		-	2,867,542
Machinery, furniture, and equipment	1,923,148	445,635		62,701	2,306,082
Infrastructure	 29,479,299	 1,308,855		-	 30,788,154
Total capital assets depreciated	\$ 34,217,318	\$ 1,839,171	\$	62,701	\$ 35,993,788

3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

3. <u>Capital Assets</u> (Continued)

	-	Beginning Balance	 Increase	D	ecrease	 Ending Balance
Less: accumulated depreciation for						
Land improvements	\$	24,532	\$ 1,118	\$	-	\$ 25,650
Buildings		2,076,466	40,190		-	2,116,656
Machinery, furniture, and equipment		1,395,540	201,753		62,701	1,534,592
Infrastructure		10,237,326	 767,002			 11,004,328
Total accumulated depreciation	\$	13,733,864	\$ 1,010,063	\$	62,701	\$ 14,681,226
Total capital assets depreciated, net	\$	20,483,454	\$ 829,108	\$		\$ 21,312,562
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	23,649,052	\$ 1,246,856	\$	83,346	\$ 24,812,562

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

Governmental Activities	
General government	\$ 34,962
Public safety	100,789
Highways and streets, including depreciation of infrastructure	836,215
assets	
Sanitation	2,221
Human services	23,460
Economic development	 12,416
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	\$ 1,010,063

3. <u>Detailed Notes on All Funds</u> (Continued)

B. <u>Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers</u>

1. <u>Due To/From Other Funds</u>

The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2010, is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	A	mount
General	Road and Bridge Other governmental	\$	250 2,192
Total due to General Fund		\$	2,442
Road and Bridge Special Revenue	General Social Services	\$	2,005 295
Total due to Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund		\$	2,300
Investment Trust	Social Services	\$	12,947
Total Due To/From Other Funds		\$	17,689

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

2. <u>Interfund Transfers</u>

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2010, consisted of the following:

Transfers to General Fund from Forfeited Tax Sale			
Special Revenue Fund	\$	1,982	Settlement of proceeds
Transfer to Ditch Special Revenue Fund from Road			•
and Bridge Special Revenue Fund		23.514	Allocation of revenue
88	-		
Total Transfers Between Funds	\$	25,496	
Total Transfers Detween Funds	Ψ	23,470	

3. <u>Detailed Notes on All Funds</u> (Continued)

C. <u>Liabilities</u>

1. Payables

Payables at December 31, 2010, were as follows:

	Governmental Activities		
Accounts	\$ 144,894		
Salaries	184,517		
Contracts	3,190		
Due to other governments	90,798		
Customer deposits	 1,000		
Total Payables	\$ 424,399		

2. <u>Deferred Revenue</u>

Deferred revenue as of December 31, 2010, for the County's governmental funds and activities are as follows:

	Deferred Inavailable
Governmental funds	
Taxes and special assessments	\$ 166,967
State-shared revenue	101,775
State-aid highway allotments	1,430,835
Charges for services	307
Grants	93,648
Interest on investments	3,288
Miscellaneous	 10
Total Governmental Funds	\$ 1,796,830

3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

C. Liabilities (Continued)

3. Other Postemployment Benefits - Retirees

The County provides post-retirement health care benefits for qualified retirees (employees who have been employed by the County for at least ten years, effective July 8, 1986) from retirement until age 65 when they become eligible for Medicare.

As of year-end, the County has five eligible participants. The County finances the plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. During 2010, the County expended \$43,560 for these benefits.

4. Capital Leases

The County has entered into lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition of certain equipment and facilities. In 2010, the County entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of the Mahnomen Service Center. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of their future minimum lease payments as of the inception date. These capital leases consist of the following at December 31, 2010:

Lease	Maturity	Installment	 ment nount	Original		Balance	
2006 Copier 2009 Copier 2010 Service Center	2011 2014 2020	Monthly Monthly Semi-Annually	\$ 288 273 6,264	\$	14,544 15,560 100,000	\$	2,766 9,787 95,986
Total Capital Leases						\$	108,539

3. <u>Detailed Notes on All Funds</u>

C. <u>Liabilities</u>

4. <u>Capital Leases</u> (Continued)

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2010, were as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Governmental Activities			
2011	\$ 18,685			
2012	15,808			
2013	15,810			
2014	12,802			
2015	12,529			
2016 - 2020	 16,376			
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 132,010			
Less: amount representing interest	 (23,471)			
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 108,539			

5. Long-Term Debt

Bonds Payable

Type of Indebtedness	Final Installment Maturity Amounts		Interest Rate (%)	 Original Issue Amount	Outstanding Balance December 31, 2010		
General obligation bonds 2009A G.O. Nursing Home Revenue Refunding Bonds	2015	\$90,000 - \$100,000	2.00 - 3.00	\$ 560,000	\$	470,000	
Revenue bonds 2007 Gross Revenue Hospital Facilities Bond	2018	\$110,000 - \$155,000	4.60	\$ 1,260,000	\$	1,060,000	

3. <u>Detailed Notes on All Funds</u>

C. <u>Liabilities</u> (Continued)

6. <u>Debt Service Requirements</u>

Debt service requirements at December 31, 2010, were as follows:

Year Ending	General Obli	gation Bonds	Revenue Bonds				
December 31	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest			
2011	\$ 90,000	\$ 11,280	\$ 110,000	\$ 46,230			
2012	90,000	9,210	120,000	40,940			
2013	95,000	6,895	125,000	35,305			
2014	95,000	4,330	130,000	29,440			
2015	100,000	1,500	135,000	23,345			
2016 - 2018			440,000	31,050			
Total	\$ 470,000	\$ 33,215	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 206,310			

7. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2010, was as follows:

		Beginning Balance		Additions		Reductions		Ending Balance		Due Within One Year	
Long-Term Liabilities											
General obligation bonds	\$	560,000	\$	-	\$	90,000	\$	470,000	\$	90,000	
Revenue bonds		1,165,000		-		105,000		1,060,000		110,000	
Capital leases		19,648		100,000		11,109		108,539		14,173	
Compensated absences		178,210		189,307		180,486		187,031		130,826	
Other postemployment											
Benefits		173,032		147,121		-		320,153		-	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$	2,095,890	\$	436,428	\$	386,595	\$	2,145,723	\$	344,999	

4. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

A. Defined Benefit Plans

Plan Description

All full-time and certain part-time employees of Mahnomen County are covered by defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the General Employees Retirement Fund, the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund, and the Local Government Correctional Service Retirement Fund (the Public Employees Correctional Fund), which are cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plans. These plans are established and administered in accordance with Minn. Stat. chs. 353 and 356.

General Employees Retirement Fund members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security, and Basic Plan members are not. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan, and benefits vest after three years of credited service (five years for those first eligible for membership after June 30, 2010).

All police officers, firefighters, and peace officers who qualify for membership by statute are covered by the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund. Members who are employed in a county correctional institution as a correctional guard or officer, a joint jailer/dispatcher, or as a supervisor of correctional guards or officers or of joint jailer/dispatchers and are directly responsible for the direct security, custody, and control of the county correctional institution and its inmates, are covered by the Public Employees Correctional Fund. For members first eligible for membership after June 30, 2010, benefits vest on a graduated schedule starting with 50 percent after five years and increasing 10 percent for each year of service until fully vested after ten years. Members eligible for membership before July 1, 2010, are fully vested after three years of service.

PERA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by state statute. Defined retirement benefits are based on a member's average yearly salary for the five highest-paid consecutive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service.

4. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

A. Defined Benefit Plans

<u>Plan Description</u> (Continued)

Two methods are used to compute benefits for General Employees Retirement Fund Coordinated and Basic Plan members. The retiring member receives the higher of a step-rate benefit accrual formula (Method 1) or a level accrual formula (Method 2). Under Method 1, the annuity accrual rate for a Basic Plan member is 2.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 2.7 percent for each year thereafter. For a Coordinated Plan member, the annuity accrual rate is 1.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years and 1.7 percent for each successive year. Under Method 2, the annuity accrual rate is 2.7 percent of average salary for Basic Plan members and 1.7 percent for Coordinated Plan members for each year of service. For Public Employees Police and Fire Fund members, the annuity accrual rate is 3.0 percent of average salary for each year of service. For Public Employees Correctional Fund members, the annuity accrual rate is 1.9 percent of average salary for each year of service.

For all General Employees Retirement Fund members hired prior to July 1, 1989, whose annuity is calculated using Method 1, and for all Public Employees Police and Fire Fund and Public Employees Correctional Fund members, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90. Normal retirement age is 55 for Public Employees Police and Fire Fund members and Public Employees Correctional Fund members, and either 65 or 66 (depending on date hired) for General Employees Retirement Fund members. A reduced retirement annuity is also available to eligible members seeking early retirement.

The benefit provisions stated in the previous paragraphs of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but are not yet receiving them are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated public service.

PERA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the General Employees Retirement Fund, the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund, and the Public Employees Correctional Fund. That report may be obtained on the internet at www.mnpera.org; by writing to PERA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 200, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103-2088; or by calling 651-296-7460 or 1-800-652-9026.

4. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

A. Defined Benefit Plans (Continued)

Funding Policy

Pension benefits are funded from member and employer contributions and income from the investment of fund assets. Rates for employer and employee contributions are set by Minn. Stat. ch. 353. These statutes are established and amended by the State Legislature. The County makes annual contributions to the pension plans equal to the amount required by state statutes. General Employees Retirement Fund Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members are required to contribute 9.1 and 6.0 percent, respectively, of their annual covered salary. Public Employees Police and Fire Fund members are required to contribute 9.40 percent. Public Employees Correctional Fund members are required to contribute 5.83 percent of their annual covered salary.

The County is required to contribute the following percentages of annual covered payroll in 2010:

General Employees Retirement Fund	
Basic Plan members	11.78%
Coordinated Plan members	7.00
Public Employees Police and Fire Fund	14.10
Public Employees Correctional Fund	8.75

The County's contributions for the years ending December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, for the General Employees Retirement Fund, the Public Employees Police and Fire Fund, and the Public Employees Correctional Fund were:

General Employees Retirement Fund \$ 184,812	\$ 170,245	\$ 163,314
Public Employees Police and Fire Fund 83,466	85,864	72,588
Public Employees Correctional Fund 21,882	21,300	20,289

These contribution amounts are equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

4. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

B. Defined Contribution Plan

One employee of Mahnomen County is covered by the Public Employees Defined Contribution Plan, a multiple-employer, deferred compensation plan administered by PERA. The plan is established and administered in accordance with Minn. Stat. ch. 353D, which may be amended by the State Legislature. The plan is a tax-qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and all contributions by or on behalf of employees are tax deferred until time of withdrawal.

Plan benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings, less administrative expenses. For those qualified personnel who elect to participate, Minn. Stat. § 353D.03 specifies plan provisions, including the employee and employer contribution rates. An eligible elected official who decides to participate contributes 5.0 percent of salary, which is matched by the employer. Employees may elect to make member contributions in an amount not to exceed the employer share. Employee and employer contributions are combined and used to purchase shares in one or more of the seven accounts of the Minnesota Supplemental Investment Fund. For administering the plan, PERA receives 2.00 percent of employer contributions and 0.25 percent of the assets in each member account annually.

Total contributions by dollar amount and percentage of covered payroll made by the County during the year ended December 31, 2010, were:

	<u>Er</u>	Employee		
Contribution amount	\$	1,043	\$	1,043
Percentage of covered payroll		5%		5%

Required contribution rates were 5.00 percent.

C. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description

Mahnomen County provides a single-employer defined benefit health care plan to eligible retirees and their spouses. The plan offers medical insurance benefits. The County provides benefits for retirees as required by Minn. Stat. § 471.61, subd. 2b.

4. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

C. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

Funding Policy

The contribution requirements of the plan members and the County are established and may be amended by the Mahnomen County Board of Commissioners. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. Retirees and their spouses contribute to the health care plan at the same rate as County employees. This results in the retirees receiving an implicit rate subsidy. For 2010, there were 95 participants in the plan, including 4 retirees.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The County's annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years.

The following table shows the components of the County's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the County's net OPEB obligation to the plan.

ARC Interest on net OPEB obligation Adjustment to ARC	\$ 239,562 6,921 (10,006)
Annual OPEB cost (expense) Contributions made	\$ 236,477 (89,356)
Increase in net OPEB obligation Net OPEB Obligation - Beginning of Year	\$ 147,121 173,032
Net OPEB Obligation - End of Year	\$ 320,153

4. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

C. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation (Continued)

GASB Statement 45 was adopted effective January 1, 2009. Therefore, disclosure of annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed, and the net OPEB obligation for fiscal years ending December 31, 2008, and earlier are not applicable. The County's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2009 and 2010 was as follows:

	Annual OPEB	Eı	mployer	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost	N	et OPEB	
Fiscal Year-End	Cost	Contribution		-			bligation
December 31, 2009 December 31, 2010	\$ 229,556 236,477	\$	56,524 89,356	24.6% 37.8	\$	173,032 320,153	

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of January 1, 2009, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was 0.0 percent funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$1,914,577, and the actuarial value of assets was \$0, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$1,914,577. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$3,323,915, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 57.6 percent.

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

4. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

C. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

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

In the January 1, 2009, actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions include a four percent investment rate of return (net of investment expenses), which is Mahnomen County's implicit rate of return on the General Fund. The annual health care cost trend is ten percent initially, reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of five percent over 10 years. Both rates included a four percent inflation assumption. The UAAL is being amortized over 30 years on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2010, was 28 years.

5. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. The County has entered into a joint powers agreement with other Minnesota counties to form the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT), formerly the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust. The County is a member of both the MCIT Workers' Compensation and Property and Casualty Divisions. For other risk, the County carries commercial insurance. There were no significant reductions in insurance from the prior year. The amount of settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Workers' Compensation Division of MCIT is self-sustaining based on the contributions charged, so that total contributions plus compounded earnings on these contributions will equal the amount needed to satisfy claims liabilities and other expenses. MCIT participates in the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association with coverage at \$450,000 per claim in 2010 and 2011. Should the MCIT Workers' Compensation Division liabilities exceed assets, MCIT may assess the County in a method and amount to be determined by MCIT.

5. Risk Management (Continued)

The Property and Casualty Division of MCIT is self-sustaining, and the County pays an annual premium to cover current and future losses. MCIT carries reinsurance for its property lines to protect against catastrophic losses. Should the MCIT Property and Casualty Division liabilities exceed assets, MCIT may assess the County in a method and amount to be determined by MCIT.

6. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

A. Contingent Liabilities

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

The County, in connection with the normal conduct of its affairs, is involved in various judgments, claims, and litigation. The County Attorney identified no potential claims against the County that would materially affect the financial statements.

B. Joint Ventures

Norman-Mahnomen Public Health

The Multi-County Nursing Service was established in 1997, under the authority of the Joint Powers Act, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, and included Becker, Mahnomen, and Norman Counties. On June 24, 2003, the Becker County Board passed a resolution to withdraw from the Multi-County Nursing Service as of January 1, 2005. On January 1, 2005, Norman and Mahnomen Counties amended the joint powers agreement forming the Multi-County Nursing Service and started doing business as Norman-Mahnomen Public Health. The purpose of Norman-Mahnomen Public Health is the development, implementation, and operation of public health services throughout the member counties.

Control of Norman-Mahnomen Public Health is vested in the Norman-Mahnomen Community Health Board, which consists of six members. Norman and Mahnomen Counties each appoint three members.

6. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

B. Joint Ventures

Norman-Mahnomen Public Health (Continued)

In the event of withdrawal from the Norman-Mahnomen Public Health, the withdrawing county is not entitled to any reimbursement of funds contributed during the course of its membership, except to the extent of any surplus uncommitted monies remaining in the operation account upon expiration of the fiscal year of the county's withdrawal. Such surplus shall be distributed in the proportion that the withdrawing county's contribution bears to the aggregate contribution of all member parties for the year of withdrawal. Funds utilized for capital asset acquisition shall be paid only at the time of sale of such assets.

Norman-Mahnomen Public Health's long-term liabilities were \$29,033 at December 31, 2009 (most recent available information). Financing is provided by state and federal grants, appropriations from member counties, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues. Mahnomen County's contribution for 2010 was \$62,982.

Complete financial information can be obtained from:

Norman-Mahnomen Public Health 16 East 3rd Avenue North, Room 107 Ada, Minnesota 56510

Joint County Natural Resources Board

The Joint County Natural Resources Board was formed in 1985 under the authority of the Joint Powers Act, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, and includes Aitkin, Beltrami, Clearwater, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, and Roseau Counties.

The purpose of the Natural Resources Board is to gather information on and formulate policies for the development, utilization, and protection of natural resources in northern Minnesota, and to ensure that there is an interrelated plan for the use and protection of both public and private resources.

6. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

B. Joint Ventures

Joint County Natural Resources Board (Continued)

Control of the Natural Resources Board is vested in the Joint County Natural Resources Board, which is composed of at least one resident of each county appointed by its respective County Board, as provided in the Natural Resources Board's by-laws.

In the event of dissolution of the Joint County Natural Resources Board, the net assets of the Natural Resources Board at that time shall be distributed to the respective member counties in proportion to the contribution of each.

The Natural Resources Board has no long-term debt. Financing is provided by the appropriations from member counties. Complete financial information can be obtained from:

Mr. Wayne Bendickson Treasurer Joint County Natural Resources Board Box 808 Baudette, Minnesota 56623

Mahnomen County Interagency Collaborative

The Mahnomen County Interagency Collaborative (MCIC) was established in 1998, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 124D.23, between Mahnomen County Human Services, Mahnomen County Sheriff's Department, Independent School District Nos. 432 and 435, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Multi-County Nursing Service (now Norman-Mahnomen Public Health), Northwestern Mental Health Center, Stellher Human Services, University of Minnesota Mahnomen County Extension Office, Mahnomen Health Center, MAHUBE Community Council, White Earth Human Services, and White Earth Mental Health. Mahnomen County Human Services is the acting fiscal agent of the MCIC. The purpose of the MCIC is to provide healthier communities and families and to reduce the number of out-of-home placements.

The management of the MCIC is vested in the interagency agreements. Each participating agency is granted one vote upon the receipt of a resolution from its governing board. Mahnomen County is granted two votes.

6. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

B. Joint Ventures

Mahnomen County Interagency Collaborative (Continued)

In the event of dissolution of the MCIC, the withdrawing party shall give a 30-day notice. Should the MCIC cease to exist, all property, real and personal, held by the MCIC at the time of termination shall be distributed by resolution of the MCIC in accordance with law and in a manner to best accomplish the continuing purposes of the MCIC.

Financing is provided by state and federal grants. During 2010, the County did not contribute any funds to the MCIC.

Northwestern Counties Data Processing Security Association

The Northwestern Counties Data Processing Security Association (NCDPSA) was formed in 1994 under the authority of the Joint Powers Act, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, and includes Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Roseau, and Wadena Counties. The purpose of the NCDPSA is to provide a mechanism whereby the counties may cooperatively provide for a data processing disaster recovery plan and back-up system.

Control of the NCDPSA is vested in the NCDPSA Joint Powers Board, which comprises one County Commissioner from each member county. In the event of dissolution, the net assets of the NCDPSA at that time shall be distributed to the respective member counties in proportion to their contributions.

The NCDPSA has no long-term debt. Financing is provided by grants from the State of Minnesota and appropriations from member counties. Complete financial information can be obtained from:

Clearwater County Auditor 213 North Main Avenue Bagley, Minnesota 56621

6. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

B. Joint Ventures (Continued)

Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board

The Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board's convening meeting was held February 6, 2008, pursuant to the authority conferred upon the member parties by Minn. Stat. §§ 471.59 and 403.39, and includes the Cities of Moorhead and Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties.

The purpose of the Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board is to provide for regional administration of enhancements to the Statewide Public Safety Radio and Communication System (ARMER) owned and operated by the State of Minnesota.

Control of the Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board is vested in the Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board, which is composed of one Commissioner from each county appointed by its respective County Board and one City Council member from each city appointed by its respective City Council, as provided in the Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board's by-laws.

In the event of dissolution of the Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board, all property, assets, and funds of the Board shall be distributed to the parties of the agreement upon termination in direct proportion to their participation and contribution. Any city or county that has withdrawn from the agreement prior to termination of the Board shall share in the distribution of property, assets, and funds of the Board only to the extent they shared in the original expense.

The Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board has no long-term debt. Financing is provided by the appropriations from member parties and by state and federal grants. Complete financial information can be obtained from:

Northwest Minnesota Regional Radio Board c/o Greater Northwest EMS 2301 Johanneson Avenue N.W., Suite 103 Bemidji, Minnesota 56601

6. <u>Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items</u> (Continued)

C. Jointly-Governed Organizations

Wild Rice Watershed District

The Wild Rice Watershed District was established in 1969, pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 103D, and includes Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahnomen, Norman, and Polk Counties. The purpose of the Watershed District is to oversee watershed projects, conduct studies for future project planning, administration of legal drainage systems, issuance of applications and permits, public education on conservation issues, and dispute resolution.

Control of the Wild Rice Watershed District is vested in the Board of Managers composed of seven members appointed by the County Commissioners of Becker, Clay, Mahnomen, and Norman Counties. Norman County appoints three members, Clay County appoints two members, and the remaining counties each appoint one member.

Complete financial information can be obtained from:

Wild Rice Watershed District Office 11 East 5th Avenue Ada, Minnesota 56510

Minnesota Red River Basin of the North Joint Powers Agreement

The Minnesota Red River Basin of the North Joint Powers Board was established November 29, 1999, by an agreement between Mahnomen County and 14 other counties. The agreement was made to serve as a focal point for land and water concerns for those counties surrounding the Minnesota Red River Basin. Each county is responsible for its proportionate share of the administrative budget.

Control is vested in a Joint Powers Board, comprising one Commissioner from each member county. Each member of the Board is appointed by the County Commissioners of the county he or she represents.

In the event of termination of the agreement, any unexpended funds and surplus property shall be disposed of equally among the member counties. Mahnomen County did not contribute to the Joint Powers Agreement for 2010.

6. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Jointly-Governed Organizations

Minnesota Red River Basin of the North Joint Powers Agreement (Continued)

Complete financial statements can be obtained from:

The International Coalition 119 - 5th Street South Moorhead, Minnesota 56560

Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus

The Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus was established in 1997 and includes Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Clearwater, Itasca, Kittson, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, McLeod, Morrison, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties. Control of the Caucus is vested in the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus Executive Committee, which is composed of ten directors, each with an alternate, who are appointed annually by each respective County Board. Mahnomen County's responsibility does not extend beyond making this appointment.

Agassiz Regional Library

The Agassiz Regional Library was formed pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 134.20 and 471.59, effective January 1, 1981, and includes Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahnomen, Norman, Polk, and Wilkin Counties. Control of the Library is vested in the Agassiz Regional Library Board, which is composed of 23 members with staggered terms made up of the following: one member appointed by each Board of County Commissioners who may be a member of the Board of Commissioners; one member appointed by each participating city; and one additional member appointed by each county and city for each 6,000 of population or major percentage (85 percent) thereof. Mahnomen County contributed \$32,875 to the Agassiz Regional Library during 2010.

Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative

The Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative was established to provide computer programming to member counties. During the year, Mahnomen County expended \$66,479 to the Cooperative.

6. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Jointly-Governed Organizations (Continued)

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Region 3 Emergency Managers

The HSEM Region 3 Emergency Managers Joint Powers Board was formed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, and includes Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties. The Board was established to engage in planning, training, and/or the purchase and use of equipment in order to better respond to emergencies and other disasters within the HSEM Region 3, specifically, within the jurisdictional boundaries of the 14 member counties. Control is vested in the HSEM Region 3 Emergency Managers Board, which is composed of 14 representatives appointed by each Board of County Commissioners. Mahnomen County's responsibility does not extend beyond making this appointment.

Paul Bunyan Task Force

The Paul Bunyan Task Force was established July 16, 1992, under the authority of the Joint Powers Act, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, and includes Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Pennington, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties, and the Cities of Bemidji and Thief River Falls. The purpose of the Paul Bunyan Task Force is to assist member organizations in the investigation and prosecution of persons in violation of Minnesota statutes.

Control of the Paul Bunyan Task Force is established by a majority vote represented with one vote from each member of the organization. In the event of dissolution of the Paul Bunyan Task Force, the net assets shall be liquidated to the member organizations based on the percentage of population of all member counties and cities.

The Paul Bunyan Task Force has no long-term debt. During 2010, Mahnomen County did not contribute to the Paul Bunyan Task Force. Financing is provided by the profits from forfeitures and seizures pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 609.531. The City of Bemidji, in an agent capacity, reports the cash transactions of the Paul Bunyan Task Force on its financial statements. Complete financial information can be obtained from:

Kay Mack, Auditor-Treasurer Beltrami County 701 Minnesota Ave., Suite 220 Bemidji, Minnesota 56601

6. <u>Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items</u> (Continued)

D. Related Organization

Sand Hill River Watershed District

The Sand Hill River Watershed District was formed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.201, effective August 29, 1974, and includes land within Mahnomen, Norman, and Polk Counties. The purpose of the District is to conserve the natural resources of the state by land-use planning, flood control, the use of sound scientific principles for the protection of the public health and welfare, and the provident use of natural resources. Control of the District is vested in the Sand Hill River Watershed District Board of Managers, composed of five members appointed by the Polk County Board for staggered terms of three years each.

7. Mahnomen Health Center

In addition to those identified in Note 1, the County's discretely presented component unit has the following significant accounting policies.

A. <u>Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Reporting Entity

The Mahnomen Health Center consists of a hospital, nursing home, and clinic located in Mahnomen, Minnesota. The Health Center is an operating entity under the ownership of Mahnomen County (County) and the City of Mahnomen (City), Minnesota, and is a component unit of Mahnomen County. The Health Center is governed under a Joint Powers Agreement between the County and City. For the year ending December 31, 2010, the County owned 78 percent of the Health Center, while the City owned 22 percent. The County and City each appoint Mahnomen Health Center Commission members who are responsible for the operation of the hospital, nursing home, and clinic. The Mahnomen Health Center Commission (the Commission) consists of nine members. The Commission is the ultimate governing body of the Health Center. The Commission shall acquire the necessary property to establish, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate, and control the facilities subject to the other terms of the Joint Powers Agreement.

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u>

A. <u>Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Reporting Entity (Continued)

For financial reporting purposes, the Health Center has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The Health Center has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Health Center are such that the exclusion would cause the Health Center's financial situation to be misleading or incomplete. GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of the other organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Health Center to impose its will on that organization, or (2) the potential for the Health Center to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Health Center. The Health Center does not have a component unit which meets GASB criteria.

Enterprise Fund Accounting

The Health Center uses enterprise fund accounting. Revenues and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis using the economic resources measurement focus. Based on GASB Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting, as amended, the Health Center has elected to apply the provisions of all relevant pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, including those issued after November 30, 1989, that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Method of Accounting

The Health Center reports in accordance with *Audit and Accounting Guide for Health Care Organizations*, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, which prescribes accounting and reporting policies, some of which are unique to providers of health care services.

7. Mahnomen Health Center

A. <u>Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risk Management

The Health Center is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors or omissions; employee injuries and illness; and natural disasters. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, including noncurrent cash and investments.

Patient and Resident Receivables, Net

Patient and resident receivables are uncollateralized customer and third-party obligations. Payments of patient and resident receivables are allocated to the specific claims identified on the remittance advice or, if unspecified, are applied to the earliest unpaid claim.

The carrying amount of patient and resident receivables is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's estimate of amounts that will not be collected from patients, residents, and third-party payors. Management reviews patient and resident receivables by payor class and applies percentages to determine estimated amounts that will not be collected from third parties under contractual agreements and amounts that will not be collected from patients and residents due to bad debts.

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u>

A. Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Patient and Resident Receivables, Net (Continued)

Management considers historical write-off and recovery information in determining the estimated bad debt provision. At December 31, 2010, the allowance for doubtful accounts was approximately \$443,000. When all collection efforts have been exhausted, the account is written off against the related allowance.

<u>Supplies</u>

Supplies are stated at cost (principally on the first-in, first-out basis) not in excess of market value. Market value is determined by comparison with recent purchases.

Capital Assets

Capital asset acquisitions in excess of \$5,000 are capitalized and recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are reported at their estimated fair value at the time of their donation. All capital assets other than land and construction in progress are depreciated or amortized (in the case of capital leases) using the straight-line method of depreciation and have estimated lives as follows:

Land improvements	15 - 20 years
Buildings	20 - 40 years
Movable equipment	3 - 15 years

Noncurrent Cash and Investments

Noncurrent cash and investments are recorded at cost, if purchased or at fair market value on the date received, if by gift or bequest. All investments are carried at market value which approximates cost. Noncurrent cash and investments required for obligations classified as current liabilities are reported as current assets.

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u>

A. <u>Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

Investment in Joint Venture

The Health Center reports its investment in Central Minnesota Diagnostic, Inc., (CMDI) on the equity method of accounting which approximates the Health Center's equity in the underlying book value based on its most recent December 31 fiscal year-end. The Health Center's shares of net income from these investments are recognized as other income from operations.

Deferred Financing Costs, Net

Deferred financing costs as of December 31, 2010, of \$33,298 will be amortized over the period the obligation is outstanding, using the effective interest rate method, which approximates to the straight-line method. Accumulated amortization and amortization expense was \$9,962 as of December 31, 2010.

Vacation and Sick

The Health Center's employees earn paid time off days at varying rates depending on years of service. Employees may accumulate paid time off up to a specified maximum. Employees are paid for accumulated paid time off if they leave the Health Center. The liability for compensated absences is included with accrued vacation and sick leave in the accompanying balance sheets.

Net Assets

Net assets of the Health Center are classified in three components. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the current balances of any outstanding borrowings used to finance the purchase or construction of those assets. Restricted assets expendable for operations are noncapital net assets that must be used for a particular purpose, as specified by creditors, grantors, or contributors external to the Health Center. Unrestricted net assets are remaining net assets that do not meet the definition of invested in capital assets, net of related debt, or restricted.

7. Mahnomen Health Center

A. <u>Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

Net Patient and Resident Service Revenue

The Health Center has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to the Health Center at amounts different from its established rates. Payment arrangements include prospectively determined rates, reimbursed costs, discounted charges, and per diem payments. Net patient and resident service revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from patients, residents, third-party payors, and others for services rendered, including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements with third-party payors. Retroactive adjustments are accrued on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and adjusted in future periods as final settlements are determined.

Charity Care

To fulfill its mission of community service, the Health Center provides care to patients and residents who meet certain criteria under its charity care policy without charge or at amounts less than its established rates. Because the Health Center does not pursue collection of amounts determined to qualify as charity care, they are not reported as patient and resident service revenue. Charges foregone for charity care were approximately \$6,000 for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

The Health Center's statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets distinguishes between operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues result from exchange transactions associated with providing health care services--the Health Center's principal activity. Nonexchange revenues, including assessments, grants, and contributions received for the purposes other than capital asset acquisition, are reported as nonoperating revenues. Operating expenses are all expenses incurred to provide health care services, other than financing costs.

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u>

A. <u>Description of Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

Grants and Contributions

From time to time, the Health Center receives grants from individuals and private organizations. Revenues from grants and contributions (including contributions of capital assets) are recognized as revenue when all eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Grants and contributions may be restricted for either specific operating purposes or for capital purposes. Amounts unrestricted or restricted to a specific operating purpose are reported as nonoperating revenues. Amounts restricted to capital acquisitions are reported after nonoperating revenues and expenses. Grants receivable are reported in the statement of net assets at net realizable value.

Advertising Costs

The Health Center expenses advertising costs as they are incurred.

Recent Pronouncement

On January 1, 2009, the Health Center adopted GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. This statement creates a uniform method to account for OPEB plans. OPEBs are generally provided to an employee in exchange for services to the employer. OPEBs can be made up of several different types of plans (but not pension plans) and typically include life insurance and health care benefits. Under the accrual method of accounting, OPEB cost is recognized in the same period as the compensated services are performed. The impact of this statement is immaterial to the Health Center's financial statements.

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u> (Continued)

B. Net Patient and Resident Service Revenue

The Health Center has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to the Health Center at amounts different from its established rates. A summary of the payment arrangements with major third-party payors follows:

Medicare

The Health Center became a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) as of April 1999 for Medicare reimbursement purposes. There are certain criteria that the Health Center must meet to be a CAH. Once met, the reimbursement method changed to cost based for both inpatient and outpatient services. The Health Center is reimbursed for cost-reimbursable items at a tentative rate, with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the Health Center and audits thereof by the Medicare fiscal intermediary.

Medicaid

Inpatient acute care services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are paid at prospectively determined rates per discharge. These rates vary according to a patient classification system that is based on clinical, diagnostic, and other factors. Outpatient services related to Medicaid program beneficiaries are reimbursed under a cost-reimbursement methodology.

Blue Cross

Inpatient services rendered to Blue Cross subscribers are paid at prospectively determined rates per discharge. Outpatient services are reimbursed at outpatient fee screens or at charges less a prospectively determined discount. The prospectively determined discount is not subject to retroactive adjustment.

Nursing Home Medicare

Under the Medicare program, payment for resident services is made on a prospectively determined per diem rate that varies based on a case-mix adjusted resident classification system.

7. Mahnomen Health Center

B. <u>Net Patient and Resident Service Revenue</u> (Continued)

Nursing Home Medicaid

Routine services rendered to nursing home residents who are beneficiaries of the Medicaid program or who pay from private resources are paid according to a schedule of prospectively determined daily rates determined by Minnesota's Medicaid program. A rate is assigned to each nursing home resident based on the resident's ability to perform certain activities of daily living and on certain other clinical factors. Payments are made for each case-mix category and are adjusted each year by an inflation index.

Other Payors

The Health Center has entered into payment agreements with certain commercial insurance carriers. The basis for payment to the Health Center under these agreements includes prospectively determined rates per discharge, discounts from established charges, and prospectively determined daily rates.

Revenue from Medicare and Medicaid programs accounted for approximately 36 percent and 20 percent, respectively, of the Health Center's net patient revenue for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that recorded estimates will change by a material amount in the near term.

The December 31, 2010, net patient service revenue increased approximately \$140,000 due to prior year retroactive adjustments in excess of amounts previously estimated as a result of final settlements and years that are no longer subject to audits, reviews, and investigations.

7. Mahnomen Health Center

B. Net Patient and Resident Service Revenue (Continued)

Patient and resident service revenue and contractual adjustments for the year ended December 31, 2010, is as follows:

Total patient service revenue	\$	11,059,519
Contractual adjustments		
Medicare Medicaid	\$	(1,517,549) (1,491,013)
Indian Health Service Other		(147,268) (342,890)
Provision for bad debts		(408,116)
Total contractual adjustments	_\$	(3,906,836)
Net Patient and Resident Service Revenue	\$	7,152,683

C. Noncurrent Cash and Investments

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Health Center's deposits may not be returned to it in full. The Health Center follows Minnesota statutes for deposits.

In accordance with Minnesota statutes, the Health Center maintains deposits at financial institutions that are authorized by the Mahnomen Health Center's Commission.

Minnesota statutes require that all the Health Center's deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

7. Mahnomen Health Center

C. Noncurrent Cash and Investments

<u>Deposits</u>

Custodial Credit Risk (Continued)

Authorized collateral includes certain U.S. government securities, state or local government obligations, and other securities authorized by Minn. Stat. § 118A.03. Minnesota statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping by the Treasurer or in a financial institution other than that furnishing collateral.

The Health Center's deposits in banks at December 31, 2010, were covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Health Center's custodial bank in the Health Center's name.

Interest Rate Risk

The Health Center does not have an investment policy. There is no current provision the Health Center has that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Noncurrent Cash and Investments

The Health Center has no investments as of December 31, 2010. All of the Health Center's deposits are insured or registered in the Health Center's name and held in safekeeping by the Treasurer or in a financial institution other than that furnishing collateral.

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u> (Continued)

D. Accounts Receivable

Patient and resident receivables reported as current assets by the Health Center at December 31, 2010, consist of these amounts:

Receivables from patients and their insurance carriers Receivable from Medicare Receivable from Medicaid	\$ 1,192,029 440,282 245,951
Total patient and resident receivables	\$ 1,878,262
Less: allowance for uncollectible amounts	(443,000)
Total Patient and Resident Receivables, Net	\$ 1,435,262

E. Capital Assets

Capital asset additions, retirements, and balances for the year ended December 31, 2010, are as follows:

	De	Balance December 31, Retirements/ 2009 Additions Transfers						Balance ecember 31, 2010
Land Land improvements Buildings Movable equipment Construction in progress	\$	36,729 281,319 4,967,773 3,946,837 140,772	\$	- - - 83,752 82,756	\$	(2,855) 140,772 (140,772)	\$	36,729 281,319 4,964,918 4,171,361 82,756
Totals at historical cost	\$	9,373,430	\$	166,508	\$	(2,855)	\$	9,537,083
Less: accumulated depreciation for Land improvements Buildings Movable equipment	\$	79,346 2,045,432 2,694,575	\$	14,484 190,682 279,163	\$	- - -	\$	93,830 2,236,114 2,973,738
Total accumulated depreciation	\$	4,819,353	\$	484,329	\$		\$	5,303,682
Capital Assets, Net	\$	4,554,077	\$	(317,821)	\$	(2,855)	\$	4,233,401

Construction in progress at December 31, 2010, consists of costs to upgrade electronic health records. Total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$133,500 and will be funded through internal funds.

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u> (Continued)

F. Long-Term Debt

The Health Center leases a piece of equipment under a noncancelable long-term lease agreement. The capitalized leased assets consist of:

Movable equipment	\$ 36,195
Less: accumulated depreciation	(17,277)
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 18,918

Long-term debt as of December 31, 2010, consists of the following:

	 Balance ecember 31, 2009	Ad	ditions	Re	eductions	 Balance ecember 31, 2010
1990 Special assessments ¹ 2007 Gross revenue bond ² Capital lease obligations	\$ 2,882 1,165,000 17,106	\$	- - 8,900	\$	2,882 105,000 6,372	\$ - 1,060,000 19,634
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,184,988	\$	8,900	\$	114,254	\$ 1,079,634
Less: current maturities						 (117,410)
Total Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Maturities						\$ 962,224

¹Due in annual installments through 2010. The assessment does not bear interest.

The following is a maturity schedule of long-term debt and capital lease obligations as of December 31, 2010:

Year Ending	Long-T	erm Debt	Capital Leas	se Obligations	
December 31	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2011	\$ 110,000	\$ 46,230	\$ 7,410	\$ 1,281	
2012	120,000	40,940	6,892	713	
2013	125,000	35,305	1,805	363	
2014	130,000	29,440	1,955	213	
2015	135,000	23,345	1,572	53	
Thereafter	440,000	31,050			
Total	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 206,310	\$ 19,634	\$ 2,623	

²County of Mahnomen, Minnesota, Gross Revenue Hospital Facilities Bond, Series 2007, matures in February 2018. Bond bears interest rate coupon at 4.6 percent.

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u> (Continued)

G. Investment in Joint Venture

The Health Center and other hospitals (all of which are unrelated parties to the Health Center) formed a non-profit corporation known as Central Minnesota Diagnostic, Inc. (CMDI). CMDI was organized to provide certain agreed-upon shared services to those hospitals who are members of this corporation.

CMDI provides the equipment for CT scans for the Health Center's patients. The Health Center billed and collected the revenue for these services to patients and paid CMDI \$212,100 in 2010 for the use of the equipment. Accounts payable to CMDI for these services at December 31, 2010, amounted to \$17,700. At December 31, 2010, the Health Center owned 0.60 percent of CMDI.

Summarized financial information from the financial statements of CMDI at December 31, 2010, and for the year then ended, is presented below:

Total Assets	\$ 45,186,984
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,391,791
Members' equity Retained earnings	 37,795,193
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	\$ 45,186,984
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 41,081,169
Net Income	\$ 19,455,426

H. <u>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</u>

The Health Center contributes to the General Employees Retirement Fund, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. The General Employees Retirement Fund provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The plan is established and administered in accordance with Minn. Stat. chs. 353 and 356. See Note 4.A. for information on the plan description and funding policy.

7. Mahnomen Health Center

H. <u>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</u> (Continued)

Benefits established by state statute are based upon the member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. PERA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by contacting PERA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 200, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103, or by calling 651-296-7460 or 1-800-652-9026.

Funding Policy

Plan members are required to contribute 6.00 percent of the annual covered salary, and the Health Center is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Health Center's current rate is 7.00 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Health Center are established and may be amended by state statute. The Health Center's contributions, equal to the required contributions, to the General Employees Retirement Fund for the year ended December 31, 2010, were \$219,697. The Health Center's contributions were equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

I. Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Health Center grants credit without collateral to its patients and residents, most of whom are insured under third-party payor agreements. The mix of receivables from third-party payors, patients, and residents at December 31, 2010, was as follows:

Medicare	30%
Blue Cross	9
Medicaid	13
Commercial insurance	11
Other third-party payors, patients, and residents	37
Total	100%

J. <u>Restricted Expendable Net Assets</u>

Restricted, expendable net assets are available for the following purposes as of December 31, 2010:

Expendable for operations	\$ 64,322

7. <u>Mahnomen Health Center</u> (Continued)

K. Related-Party Transactions

In August 1999, the County issued \$1,100,000 of General Obligation Nursing Home Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, to finance improvements to the nursing home portion of the Organization. The bonds were general obligations of the County for which the County had pledged its full faith, credit, and taxing powers. In 2009, the County issued \$560,000 of General Obligation Nursing Home Refunding Bonds, Series 2009A, to currently refund the General Obligation Nursing Home Reserve Bonds, Series 1999. This current refunding was undertaken to reduce the total debt service payments over the next six years by \$34,689 and resulted in an economic gain of \$31,519. The refunded bonds were retired in March 2009. The County made a principal payment of \$550,000 and an interest payment of \$20,629 for the year ended December 31, 2009, related to the Series 1999 bonds. The County made a principal payment of \$90,000 for the year ended December 31, 2010, and made an interest payment of \$13,170 related to the Series 2009A bonds for the year ended December 31, 2010.

L. Management Service Agreement

The Health Center has a management service agreement with Sanford Health (formerly Meritcare), a nonprofit corporation (Manager). The Manager has the full authority to implement and fulfill the policy decisions of the Hospital Board. Total management fee expense for the year ended December 31, 2010, was \$155,298. Accounts payable to Sanford Health for these services at December 31, 2010, was \$72,673.

M. Commitments and Contingencies

Malpractice Claims

The Health Center's malpractice insurance is a claims-made policy subject to a limit of \$1 million per claim and an annual aggregate limit of \$5 million. Should this policy lapse and not be replaced with equivalent coverage, claims based upon occurrence during its term, but reported subsequent thereto, will be uninsured.

7. Mahnomen Health Center

M. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

Litigation, Claims, and Other Disputes

The Health Center is subject to the usual contingencies in the normal course of operations relating to the performance of its tasks under its various programs. In the opinion of management, the ultimate settlement of litigation, claims, and disputes in process will not be material to the financial position of the Health Center.

<u>Other</u>

In the normal course of business, there could be various outstanding contingent liabilities such as, but not limited to, the following:

- lawsuits alleging negligence in care,
- environmental pollution,
- violation of the regulatory body's rules and regulations, and
- violation of federal and/or state laws.

No contingent liabilities such as, but not limited to those described above, are reflected in the accompanying financial statements. No such liabilities have been asserted and, therefore, no estimate of loss, if any, is determinable.







EXHIBIT A-1

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual		Variance with			
		Original		Final		Amounts		Final Budget	
Revenues									
Taxes	\$	2,456,101	\$	2,456,101	\$	2,253,038	\$	(203,063)	
Licenses and permits		5,850		5,850		7,885		2,035	
Intergovernmental		2,523,785		2,523,785		2,700,754		176,969	
Charges for services		283,180		283,180		295,279		12,099	
Fines and forfeits		14,000		14,000		8,511		(5,489)	
Gifts and contributions		500		500		1,876		1,376	
Investment earnings		100,500		100,500		35,404		(65,096)	
Miscellaneous		34,398		34,398		340,839		306,441	
Total Revenues	\$	5,418,314	\$	5,418,314	\$	5,643,586	\$	225,272	
Expenditures									
Current									
General government									
Commissioners	\$	186,049	\$	186,049	\$	185,768	\$	281	
Courts		20,000		20,000		26,600		(6,600)	
County auditor		221,468		221,468		201,059		20,409	
License bureau		76,223		76,223		71,461		4,762	
County treasurer		136,276		136,276		130,124		6,152	
County assessor		150,585		150,585		142,455		8,130	
Elections		38,350		38,350		43,163		(4,813)	
Accounting and auditing		55,000		55,000		53,732		1,268	
Data processing		183,275		183,275		153,630		29,645	
Attorney		386,803		386,803		323,744		63,059	
Contracted legal services		50,000		50,000		212		49,788	
Law library		17,000		17,000		20,891		(3,891)	
Recorder		102,223		102,223		97,609		4,614	
Planning and zoning		23,306		23,306		23,865		(559)	
Buildings and plant		193,943		193,943		316,869		(122,926)	
Service center		-		-		769		(769)	
Veterans service officer		23,949		23,949		24,619		(670)	
Unallocated		143,240		143,240		75,463		67,777	
Total general government	\$	2,007,690	\$	2,007,690	\$	1,892,033	\$	115,657	

EXHIBIT A-1 (Continued)

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual		Variance with			
		Original	-	Final		Amounts		Final Budget	
Expenditures									
Current (Continued)									
Public safety									
Sheriff	\$	2,102,008	\$	2,102,008	\$	2,015,546	\$	86,462	
Boat and water safety		2,100		2,100		8,166		(6,066)	
Emergency services		215,504		215,504		206,640		8,864	
Coroner		14,500		14,500		11,890		2,610	
E-911 system		75,928		75,928		93,223		(17,295)	
Victim assistance		61,475		61,475		61,315		160	
Probation and parole		130,828		130,828		125,573		5,255	
County safety program		14,887		14,887		7,324		7,563	
Snowmobile safety		2,272		2,272		331		1,941	
Total public safety	\$	2,619,502	\$	2,619,502	\$	2,530,008	\$	89,494	
Health									
Nursing service	\$	62,982	\$	62,982	\$	62,982	\$	-	
Culture and recreation									
Parks	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000	
County/regional library		32,875		32,875		32,875		-	
Snowmobile trails		92,700		92,700		86,220		6,480	
Total culture and recreation	\$	126,575	\$	126,575	\$	119,095	\$	7,480	
Conservation of natural resources									
County extension	\$	73,329	\$	73,329	\$	69,486	\$	3,843	
Soil and water conservation		54,939		54,939		52,777		2,162	
Agricultural inspections		9,640		9,640		10,467		(827)	
Agricultural society/County fair		5,500		5,500		5,500		-	
Predator control		500		500		109		391	
Water planning		22,660		22,660		16,545		6,115	
Total conservation of natural									
resources	\$	166,568	\$	166,568	\$	154,884	\$	11,684	

EXHIBIT A-1 (Continued)

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Variance with		
		Original		Final	 Amounts	Fi	nal Budget
Expenditures Current (Continued) Economic development							
Airport	\$	218,594	\$	218,594	\$ 239,927	\$	(21,333)
Debt service Principal Interest Bond issuance costs	\$	- - -	\$	- - -	\$ 8,040 2,502	\$	(8,040) (2,502)
Total debt service	\$	<u> </u>	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 6,050 16,592	\$	(6,050) (16,592)
Total Expenditures	\$	5,201,911	\$	5,201,911	\$ 5,015,521	\$	186,390
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	216,403	\$	216,403	\$ 628,065	\$	411,662
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers in Proceeds from capital lease/installment purchase	\$	- -	\$	- -	\$ 1,982 100,000	\$	1,982 100,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$		\$		\$ 101,982	\$	101,982
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	216,403	\$	216,403	\$ 730,047	\$	513,644
Fund Balance - January 1		1,587,125		1,587,125	1,587,125		
Fund Balance - December 31	\$	1,803,528	\$	1,803,528	\$ 2,317,172	\$	513,644

EXHIBIT A-2

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

		Budgeted	l Amo	unts		Actual	Variance with		
		Original		Final		Amounts	Fi	inal Budget	
Revenues	Ф	407.161	ф	407.161	¢.	446 200	¢.	(40.972)	
Taxes	\$	487,161	\$	487,161	\$	446,288	\$	(40,873)	
Special assessments		5,000		5,000		5,210		210	
Intergovernmental		2,248,222		2,248,222		2,498,563		250,341	
Charges for services		50,000		50,000		75,227		25,227	
Miscellaneous						16,429		16,429	
Total Revenues	\$	2,790,383	\$	2,790,383	\$	3,041,717	\$	251,334	
Expenditures									
Current									
Highways and streets									
Administration	\$	365,918	\$	365,918	\$	272,294	\$	93,624	
Maintenance		903,232	-	903,232	-	792,906	-	110,326	
Construction		2,167,567		2,167,567		1,332,296		835,271	
Equipment maintenance and shop		223,284		223,284		220,278		3,006	
Materials and services for resale		53,306		53,306		30,348		22,958	
Materials and services for resale		33,300		33,300		30,340	-	22,730	
Total highways and streets	\$	3,713,307	\$	3,713,307	\$	2,648,122	\$	1,065,185	
Intergovernmental									
Highways and streets	\$	115,963	\$	115,963	\$	114,005	\$	1,958	
Debt service									
Principal	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,069	\$	(3,069)	
Interest		-		-		382		(382)	
Total debt service	\$		\$		\$	3,451	\$	(3,451)	
Total dest service	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	3,431	Ψ	(3,431)	
Total Expenditures	\$	3,829,270	\$	3,829,270	\$	2,765,578	\$	1,063,692	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	(1,038,887)	\$	(1,038,887)	\$	276,139	\$	1,315,026	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfers out					-	(23,514)		(23,514)	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	(1,038,887)	\$	(1,038,887)	\$	252,625	\$	1,291,512	
Fund Balance - January 1		1,026,464		1,026,464		1,026,464		-	
Increase (decrease) in reserved for									
inventories				-		(43,785)		(43,785)	
Fund Balance - December 31	\$	(12,423)	\$	(12,423)	\$	1,235,304	\$	1,247,727	
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EXHIBIT A-3

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE SOCIAL SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts				Actual	Variance with		
		Original		Final	 Amounts	Fi	nal Budget	
Revenues								
Taxes	\$	778,853	\$	778,853	\$ 708,249	\$	(70,604)	
Intergovernmental		1,547,177		1,547,177	1,536,019		(11,158)	
Charges for services		80,000		80,000	90,807		10,807	
Miscellaneous		14,000		14,000	 68,191		54,191	
Total Revenues	\$	2,420,030	\$	2,420,030	\$ 2,403,266	\$	(16,764)	
Expenditures								
Current								
Human services								
Income maintenance	\$	898,773	\$	898,773	\$ 900,556	\$	(1,783)	
Social services		1,456,911		1,456,911	1,268,639		188,272	
Transportation		170,000		170,000	 177,602		(7,602)	
Total Expenditures	\$	2,525,684	\$	2,525,684	\$ 2,346,797	\$	178,887	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)								
Expenditures	\$	(105,654)	\$	(105,654)	\$ 56,469	\$	162,123	
Fund Balance - January 1		680,623		680,623	 680,623			
Fund Balance - December 31	\$	574,969	\$	574,969	\$ 737,092	\$	162,123	

EXHIBIT A-4

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DECEMBER 31, 2010

Actuarial	Actuarial Value of	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funded	Covered	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered
Valuation Date	Assets (a)	(AAL) (b)	(UAAL) (b-a)	Ratio (a/b)	Payroll (c)	Payroll ((b-a)/c)
January 1, 2009	\$ -	\$1,914,577	\$1,914,577	0.0%	\$3,323,915	57.6%

See Note 4.C. to the financial statements, "Other Postemployment Benefits," for more information.

Multi-year trend information is not available at this time, as Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 45 was implemented in 2009.

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

1. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds, except the Forfeited Tax Sale Special Revenue Fund, the Hospital Special Revenue Fund, and the Mahnomen Health Center Debt Service Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

On or before mid-June of each year, all departments and agencies submit requests for appropriations to the County Auditor so that a budget can be prepared. Before October 31, the proposed budget is presented to the County Board for review. The Board holds public hearings, and a final budget must be prepared and adopted no later than December 31.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function, and department. The County's department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Transfers of appropriations between departments require approval of the County Board. The legal level of budgetary control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the fund level. Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds.

Encumbrances (purchase orders and contracts) outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reapportioned and honored during the subsequent year.

2. Other Postemployment Benefits Funded Status

The County implemented the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. See Note 4.C. to the financial statements for more information.

GASB 45 requires a Schedule of Funding Progress - Other Postemployment Benefits for the three most recent valuations and accompanying notes to describe factors that significantly affect the trends in the amounts reported.

Currently, only one year's worth of data is available. Future reports will provide additional trend analysis to meet the three most recent valuation funding status requirements as the information becomes available.







NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The <u>Solid Waste Fund</u> accounts for the County's share of operations of the Fosston incinerator and for costs of the Sanitation Department and the demolition site. Financing is provided by special assessments levied against benefiting users.

The <u>Ditch Fund</u> accounts for the financial transactions of the County drainage systems. Financing is provided by special assessments levied against benefited property owners.

The <u>Hospital Fund</u> accounts for tax revenues collected and accumulated to fund future needs related to the Mahnomen Health Center.

The <u>Forfeited Tax Sale Fund</u> accounts for the proceeds from the sale or rental of land forfeited to the State of Minnesota. The net proceeds, after deducting the expense for the County for managing the tax-forfeited land, are apportioned to various County funds and taxing districts. Title to the tax-forfeited land remains with the state until sold by the County.

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

The <u>Nursing Home Revenue Bonds Fund</u> accounts for the retirement of general obligation bonds issued for the nursing home construction project. The bonds will be retired from net revenues and an annual ad valorem tax levied by the County. The fund also accounts for the receipt and use of the proceeds of these bonds.

The <u>Mahnomen Health Center Bonds Fund</u> accounts for the retirement of gross revenue hospital facilities bonds issued for the Mahnomen Health Center construction project.



EXHIBIT B-1

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Special Revenue xhibit B-3)	Debt Service xhibit B-5)	Total (Exhibit 3)		
<u>Assets</u>					
Current assets					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 670,358	\$ 236,963	\$	907,321	
Undistributed cash in agency funds	2,300	1,546		3,846	
Taxes receivable					
Current - net	-	1,962		1,962	
Prior - net	51	1,633		1,684	
Special assessments receivable					
Current - net	5,723	-		5,723	
Prior - net	6,283	-		6,283	
Noncurrent - net	40,500	-		40,500	
Accounts receivable	1,531	-		1,531	
Accrued interest receivable	-	32		32	
Due from other governments	2,709	-		2,709	
Noncurrent assets					
Long-term receivables	 	 110,707		110,707	
Total Assets	\$ 729,455	\$ 352,843	\$	1,082,298	
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 1,690	\$ -	\$	1,690	
Salaries payable	1,881	-		1,881	
Due to other funds	2,192	-		2,192	
Due to other governments	10,528	_		10,528	
Deferred revenue - unavailable	 50,280	 2,747		53,027	
Total Liabilities	\$ 66,571	\$ 2,747	\$	69,318	
Fund Balances					
Reserved for SCORE	\$ 35,157	\$ -	\$	35,157	
Reserved for long-term receivables Unreserved	-	110,707		110,707	
Designated for debt service	_	239,389		239,389	
Undesignated	 627,727	 -		627,727	
Total Fund Balances	\$ 662,884	\$ 350,096	\$	1,012,980	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 729,455	\$ 352,843	\$	1,082,298	

EXHIBIT B-2

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Special Revenue xhibit B-4)		Debt Service xhibit B-6)	Total (Exhibit 5)		
Revenues						
Taxes	\$ 69	\$	76,275	\$	76,344	
Special assessments	141,104		-		141,104	
Intergovernmental	69,937		149,641		219,578	
Charges for services	6,691		-		6,691	
Investment earnings	-		510		510	
Miscellaneous	 5,713	-	1,272		6,985	
Total Revenues	\$ 223,514	\$	227,698	\$	451,212	
Expenditures						
Current						
Sanitation	\$ 248,762	\$	-	\$	248,762	
Conservation of natural resources	54,965		-		54,965	
Debt service						
Principal	-		195,000		195,000	
Interest	-		64,345		64,345	
Administrative - fiscal charges	 		351		351	
Total Expenditures	\$ 303,727	\$	259,696	\$	563,423	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)						
Expenditures	\$ (80,213)	\$	(31,998)	\$	(112,211)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers in	\$ 23,514	\$	-	\$	23,514	
Transfers out	 (1,982)				(1,982)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 21,532	\$		\$	21,532	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (58,681)	\$	(31,998)	\$	(90,679)	
Fund Balance - January 1	 721,565		382,094		1,103,659	
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 662,884	\$	350,096	\$	1,012,980	

EXHIBIT B-3

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2010

	 Solid Waste	 Ditch		Hospital		Forfeited Tax Sale		Total xhibit B-1)
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 296,748	\$ 259,647	\$	111,259	\$	2,704	\$	670,358
Undistributed cash in agency funds	2,104	196		-		-		2,300
Taxes receivable								
Prior - net	-	-		51		-		51
Special assessments receivable								
Current - net	5,571	152		-		-		5,723
Prior - net	6,264	19		-		-		6,283
Noncurrent - net	-	40,500		-		-		40,500
Accounts receivable	1,031	-		-		500		1,531
Due from other governments	 2,709	 						2,709
Total Assets	\$ 314,427	\$ 300,514	\$	111,310	\$	3,204	\$	729,455
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$ 1,550	\$ 115	\$	-	\$	25	\$	1,690
Salaries payable	1,881	-		-		-		1,881
Due to other funds	-	-		-		2,192		2,192
Due to other governments	9,541	-		-		987		10,528
Deferred revenue - unavailable	 9,687	 40,548		45				50,280
Total Liabilities	\$ 22,659	\$ 40,663	\$	45	\$	3,204	\$	66,571
Fund Balances								
Reserved for SCORE	\$ 35,157	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	35,157
Unreserved								
Undesignated	 256,611	 259,851		111,265				627,727
Total Fund Balances	\$ 291,768	\$ 259,851	\$	111,265	\$		\$	662,884
Total Liabilities and Fund								
Balances	\$ 314,427	\$ 300,514	\$	111,310	\$	3,204	\$	729,455

EXHIBIT B-4

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	 Solid Waste	Ditch		Hospital		Forfeited Tax Sale		Total (Exhibit B-2)	
Revenues									
Taxes	\$ 49	\$	-	\$	20	\$	-	\$	69
Special assessments	100,693		40,411		-		-		141,104
Intergovernmental	69,937		-		-		-		69,937
Charges for services	6,691		-		-		-		6,691
Miscellaneous	 2,809		-		-		2,904		5,713
Total Revenues	\$ 180,179	\$	40,411	\$	20	\$	2,904	\$	223,514
Expenditures									
Current									
Sanitation	\$ 248,762	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	248,762
Conservation of natural resources	 -		54,043		-		922		54,965
Total Expenditures	\$ 248,762	\$	54,043	\$	-	\$	922	\$	303,727
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)									
Expenditures	\$ (68,583)	\$	(13,632)	\$	20	\$	1,982	\$	(80,213)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfers in	\$ -	\$	23,514	\$	-	\$	-	\$	23,514
Transfers out	 						(1,982)		(1,982)
Total Other Financing Sources									
(Uses)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	23,514	\$		\$	(1,982)	\$	21,532
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (68,583)	\$	9,882	\$	20	\$	-	\$	(58,681)
Fund Balance - January 1	 360,351		249,969		111,245				721,565
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 291,768	\$	259,851	\$	111,265	\$		\$	662,884

EXHIBIT B-5

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DEBT SERVICE FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2010

	rsing Home enue Bonds	ahnomen Health nter Bonds	Total (Exhibit B-1)		
<u>Assets</u>					
Current assets					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 105,783	\$ 131,180	\$	236,963	
Undistributed cash in agency funds	1,546	-		1,546	
Taxes receivable					
Current - net	1,962	-		1,962	
Prior - net	1,633	-		1,633	
Accrued interest receivable	-	32		32	
Noncurrent assets					
Long-term receivables	 110,707	 -		110,707	
Total Assets	\$ 221,631	\$ 131,212	\$	352,843	
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>					
Liabilities					
Deferred revenue - unavailable	\$ 2,747	\$ 	\$	2,747	
Fund Balances					
Reserved for long-term receivables	\$ 110,707	\$ -	\$	110,707	
Unreserved					
Designated for debt service	 108,177	131,212		239,389	
Total Fund Balances	\$ 218,884	\$ 131,212	\$	350,096	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 221,631	\$ 131,212	\$	352,843	

EXHIBIT B-6

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DEBT SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	rsing Home enue Bonds	Iahnomen Health nter Bonds	Total (Exhibit B-2)		
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 76,275	\$ -	\$	76,275	
Intergovernmental	4,124	145,517		149,641	
Investment earnings	-	510		510	
Miscellaneous	 1,272	 -		1,272	
Total Revenues	\$ 81,671	\$ 146,027	\$	227,698	
Expenditures					
Debt service					
Principal	\$ 90,000	\$ 105,000	\$	195,000	
Interest	13,170	51,175		64,345	
Administrative - fiscal charges	 351	 -		351	
Total Expenditures	\$ 103,521	\$ 156,175	\$	259,696	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)					
Expenditures	\$ (21,850)	\$ (10,148)	\$	(31,998)	
Fund Balance - January 1	 240,734	 141,360		382,094	
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 218,884	\$ 131,212	\$	350,096	

EXHIBIT B-7

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Variance with		
	(Original		Final	 Amounts	Final Budget	
Revenues							
Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 49	\$	49
Special assessments		100,000		100,000	100,693		693
Intergovernmental		68,750		68,750	69,937		1,187
Charges for services		3,000		3,000	6,691		3,691
Miscellaneous		100		100	 2,809		2,709
Total Revenues	\$	171,850	\$	171,850	\$ 180,179	\$	8,329
Expenditures							
Current							
Sanitation							
Solid waste		251,399		251,399	 248,762		2,637
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)							
Expenditures	\$	(79,549)	\$	(79,549)	\$ (68,583)	\$	10,966
Fund Balance - January 1		360,351		360,351	360,351		
Fund Balance - December 31	\$	280,802	\$	280,802	\$ 291,768	\$	10,966

EXHIBIT B-8

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE DITCH SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts				Actual	Variance with		
	(Original		Final		Amounts	Fin	nal Budget
Revenues								
Special assessments	\$	40,500	\$	40,500	\$	40,411	\$	(89)
Expenditures								
Current								
Conservation of natural resources								
Drainage ditches	\$	40,500	\$	40,500	\$	43,117	\$	(2,617)
Other		-		_		10,926		(10,926)
								<u> </u>
Total Expenditures	\$	40,500	\$	40,500	\$	54,043	\$	(13,543)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)								
Expenditures	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(13,632)	\$	(13,632)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers in		_		_		23,514		23,514
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,882	\$	9,882
Fund Balance - January 1		249,969		249,969		249,969		
Fund Balance - December 31	¢	240.060	¢	240.060	¢	250 951	¢	0.002
runu dalance - December 31	\$	249,969	\$	249,969	Ф	259,851	\$	9,882

EXHIBIT B-9

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE NURSING HOME REVENUE BONDS DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual		Variance with		
	(Original		Final		Amounts	Fin	nal Budget
Revenues								
Taxes	\$	83,772	\$	83,772	\$	76,275	\$	(7,497)
Intergovernmental		-		-		4,124		4,124
Miscellaneous		-		-		1,272		1,272
Total Revenues	\$	83,772	\$	83,772	\$	81,671	\$	(2,101)
Expenditures								
Debt service								
Principal	\$	70,200	\$	70,200	\$	90,000	\$	(19,800)
Interest		10,273		10,273		13,170		(2,897)
Administrative - fiscal charges		-		-		351		(351)
Total Expenditures	\$	80,473	\$	80,473	\$	103,521	\$	(23,048)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)								
Expenditures	\$	3,299	\$	3,299	\$	(21,850)	\$	(25,149)
Fund Balance - January 1		240,734		240,734		240,734		
Fund Balance - December 31	\$	244,033	\$	244,033	\$	218,884	\$	(25,149)



FIDUCIARY FUNDS

AGENCY FUNDS

The <u>Headwaters Commission Fund</u> accounts for the collection and payment of taxes due to the Headwaters Regional Development Commission.

The <u>School Districts Fund</u> accounts for the collection and payment of funds due to school districts.

The <u>State Revenue Fund</u> accounts for the state's share of fines, delinquent and severed mineral tax, assurance, and mortgage registry tax.

The <u>Taxes and Penalties Fund</u> accounts for the collection of taxes and penalties and their payment to the various taxing districts.

The <u>Townships and Cities Fund</u> accounts for the collection and payment of funds due to towns and cities.

The <u>Watershed Fund</u> accounts for the collection and payment of funds due to the watershed districts.

The <u>Advanced Life Support Fund</u> accounts for the collection and payment of funds due to the Mahnomen Health Center for ambulance services.

The <u>Cafeteria Plan Fund</u> accounts for the payroll deductions and disbursements of a County-administered cafeteria plan.



EXHIBIT C-1

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ${\bf ALL\ AGENCY\ FUNDS}$ FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	lance uary 1	A	dditions	D	eductions	alance ember 31
HEADWATERS COMMISSION						
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 	\$	10,540	\$	10,540	\$ -
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Due to other governments	\$ 	\$	10,540	\$	10,540	\$ -
SCHOOL DISTRICTS						
SCHOOL DISTRICTS						
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 	\$	849,542	\$	849,542	\$ -
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Due to other governments	\$ 	\$	849,542	\$	849,542	\$ -
STATE REVENUE						
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash and pooled investments Accounts receivable	\$ 808	\$	314,460 989	\$	314,184	\$ 1,084 989
Total Assets	\$ 808	\$	315,449	\$	314,184	\$ 2,073
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Due to other governments	\$ 808	\$	315,449	\$	314,184	\$ 2,073

EXHIBIT C-1 (Continued)

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ${\bf ALL\ AGENCY\ FUNDS}$ FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Balance January 1			Balance December 31	
TAXES AND PENALTIES					
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 54,071	\$ 5,920,163	\$ 5,913,323	\$ 60,911	
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Due to other governments	\$ 54,071	\$ 5,920,163	\$ 5,913,323	\$ 60,911	
TOWNSHIPS AND CITIES					
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 6,969	\$ 930,103	\$ 934,717	\$ 2,355	
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Due to other governments	\$ 6,969	\$ 930,103	\$ 934,717	\$ 2,355	
WATERSHED					
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ -	\$ 255,041	\$ 255,041	\$ -	
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Due to other governments	\$ -	\$ 255,041	\$ 255,041	\$ -	

EXHIBIT C-1 (Continued)

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ${\bf ALL\ AGENCY\ FUNDS}$ FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Salance nuary 1	 Additions	I	Deductions	Balance cember 31
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT					
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 52,210	\$	52,210	\$ -
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Due to other governments	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 52,210	\$	52,210	\$
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<u>CAFETERIA PLAN</u> <u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments Accounts receivable	\$ 3,065 461	\$ 5,831	\$	5,658 461	\$ 3,238
Total Assets	\$ 3,526	\$ 5,831	\$	6,119	\$ 3,238
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Due to other governments	\$ 3,526	\$ 5,831	\$	6,119	\$ 3,238
TOTAL ALL AGENCY FUNDS					
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments Accounts receivable	\$ 64,913 461	\$ 8,337,890 989	\$	8,335,215 461	\$ 67,588 989
Total Assets	\$ 65,374	\$ 8,338,879	\$	8,335,676	\$ 68,577
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Due to other governments	\$ 65,374	\$ 8,338,879	\$	8,335,676	\$ 68,577







EXHIBIT D-1

SCHEDULE OF DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Number	Interest Rate (%)	Maturity Dates	F	air Value
Cash and Pooled Investments Cash on hand	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$	1,700
Interest-bearing checking	Six	0.10 to 0.30	Continuous	Ψ	2,943,929
Passbook savings	One	0.10	Continuous		158,132
Certificates of deposit	Three	0.90 to 1.60	February 6, 2011, to September 28, 2011		42,735
Money market savings	Four	0.25 to 0.55	Continuous		168,459
Certificates of deposit with broker	Three	2.20 to 2.25	May 13, 2011, to June 13, 2011		387,058
Federal National Mortgage Association	Two	2.00 to 2.375	July 27, 2018, to April 5, 2019		596,631
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	One	2.00	July 6, 2016		200,028
Federal Home Loan Bank	Two	1.25	September 13, 2017		244,557
				\$	4,743,229

Total Cash and Pooled Investments

EXHIBIT D-2

BALANCE SHEET BY DITCH DITCH SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DECEMBER 31, 2010

	C	No. 3	 Joint Ditch No. 55	 County Ditch No. 91-91A	 Total
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments Undistributed cash in agency funds Special assessments receivable	\$	15,555 32	\$ 128,707	\$ 115,385 164	\$ 259,647 196
Current - net		24	_	128	152
Prior - net		-	_	19	19
Noncurrent - net		3,000	 7,500	 30,000	 40,500
Total Assets	\$	18,611	\$ 136,207	\$ 145,696	\$ 300,514
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 115	\$ 115
Deferred revenue - unavailable		3,005	 7,500	 30,043	 40,548
Total Liabilities	\$	3,005	\$ 7,500	\$ 30,158	\$ 40,663
Fund Balance Unreserved					
Undesignated		15,606	 128,707	 115,538	259,851
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	18,611	\$ 136,207	\$ 145,696	\$ 300,514

EXHIBIT D-3

SCHEDULE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Shared Revenue State		
Highway users tax	\$	2,433,005
County program aid	Ψ	862,179
PERA rate reimbursement		10,235
Disparity reduction aid		64,032
Police aid		77,214
Market value credit		176,267
Market value credit - mobile home		857
Indian casino aid		107,133
Property tax reimbursement - casino		450,000
1 roperty tax remioursement - casmo		450,000
Total shared revenue	\$	4,180,922
Reimbursement for Services		
State		
Minnesota Department of Human Services	\$	262,327
Payments		
Local		
Other contributions	\$	145,517
Local contributions		13,987
Payments in lieu of taxes		64,816
Total payments	\$	224,320
Grants		
State		
Minnesota Department/Board of		
Corrections	\$	19,033
Public Safety		127,636
Transportation		123,268
Natural Resources		94,883
Human Services		348,717
Water and Soil Resources		51,504
Pollution Control Agency		55,950
Peace Officer Standards and Training Board		4,660
Veterans Affairs		1,400
Total State	\$	827,051

EXHIBIT D-3 (Continued)

SCHEDULE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Grants (Continued) Federal Department of Agriculture \$ 96,991 Commerce 189,149 Justice 25,494 366,565 Transportation Health and Human Services 757,419 Homeland Security 24,676 **Total federal** 1,460,294 Total state and federal grants 2,287,345 6,954,914 **Total Intergovernmental Revenue**

EXHIBIT D-4

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Grant Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures		
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services				
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Cluster	10.561	ф	02.740	
State Administrative Matching Grants for SNAP State Administrative Matching Grants for SNAP - ARRA	10.561 10.561	\$	93,748 3,243	
State Administrative Matching Grants for SIVAF - AKKA	10.301		3,243	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		\$	96,991	
U.S. Department of Commerce				
Direct Grant	11.555	ф	C 401	
Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program	11.555	\$	6,401	
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Applied Meteorological Research	11.468		182,748	
		<u></u>	_	
Total U.S. Department of Commerce		\$	189,149	
U.S. Department of Justice				
Direct Grant				
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	\$	2,113	
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710		23,381	
Total U.S. Department of Justice		\$	25,494	
HCD 4 4 6TD 4 4				
U.S. Department of Transportation Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation				
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	\$	148,576	
Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	20.509	Ψ	65,372	
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Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants	20.703		1,589	
Total U.S. Department of Transportation		\$	215,537	
U.S. Election Assistance Commission				
Passed Through Minnesota Secretary of State				
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments	90.401	\$	3,802	

EXHIBIT D-4 (Continued)

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency	Federal CFDA		
Grant Program Title	Number	Ex	penditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services			
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	\$	50
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	Ψ	187,975
Child Support Enforcement Cluster	75.550		107,773
Child Support Enforcement	93.563		168,795
Child Support Enforcement - ARRA	93.563		4,296
Refugee and Entrant Assistance - State-Administered Programs	93.566		112
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and	70.000		
Development Fund	93.596		3,974
Child Welfare Services - State Grants	93.645		323
Foster Care - Title IV-E Cluster	, , , , ,		
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658		66,781
Foster Care - Title IV-E - ARRA	93.658		4,015
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		79,611
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674		2,071
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767		140
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		239,276
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		\$	757,419
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Natural Resources			
Boating Safety Financial Assistance	97.012	\$	5,305
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety			
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039		1,264
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042		23,027
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security		\$	29,596
Total Federal Awards		\$	1,317,988

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

1. Reporting Entity

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by Mahnomen County. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Mahnomen County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2010. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Mahnomen County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Mahnomen County.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through grant numbers were not assigned by the pass-through agencies.

4. Reconciliation to Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue

Federal grant revenue per Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 1,460,294
Grants received more than 60 days after year-end, deferred in 2010	
Airport Improvement Program	72,136
Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas	16,592
Emergency Management Performance Grants	4,920
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments grant monies, unspent in 2006	
and expended in 2010	3,802
Grants deferred in 2009, recognized as revenue in 2010	
Airport Improvement Program	 (239,756)
Expenditures Per Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$ 1,317,988

5. Subrecipients

Of the expenditures presented in the schedule, Mahnomen County did not pass any federal awards to subrecipients.

6. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requires recipients to clearly distinguish ARRA funds from non-ARRA funding. In the schedule, ARRA funds are denoted by the addition of ARRA to the program name.



MAHNOMEN COUNTY MAHNOMEN, MINNESOTA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

- A. Our report expresses unqualified opinions on the basic financial statements of Mahnomen County.
- B. Significant deficiencies in internal control were disclosed by the audit of financial statements of Mahnomen County and are reported in the "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*." None were material weaknesses.
- C. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Mahnomen County were disclosed during the audit.
- D. A significant deficiency relating to the audit of the major federal award programs is reported in the "Report on Compliance with Requirements That Could Have a Direct and Material Effect on Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133." The significant deficiency is not a material weakness.
- E. The Auditor's Report on Compliance for the major federal award programs for Mahnomen County expresses an unqualified opinion.
- F. A finding relative to major federal award programs for Mahnomen County was reported as required by Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.
- G. The major programs are:

Applied Meteorological Research	CFDA #11.468
Airport Improvement Program	CFDA #20.106
Child Support Enforcement Cluster	
Child Support Enforcement	CFDA #93.563
Child Support Enforcement - ARRA	CFDA #93.563
Medical Assistance Program	CFDA #93.778

- H. The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$300,000.
- I. Mahnomen County was not determined to be a low-risk auditee.

II. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS NOT RESOLVED

96-4 <u>Segregation of Duties</u>

Due to the limited number of personnel within several County offices, segregation of accounting duties necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control is not possible. This is not unusual in operations the size of Mahnomen County; however, the County's management should constantly be aware of this condition and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from an internal control point of view.

Without proper segregation of duties, errors or irregularities may not be detected timely.

We recommend that Mahnomen County's management be aware of the lack of segregation of duties within the accounting function and implement oversight procedures to ensure that internal control policies and procedures are being implemented by staff.

Client's Response:

While understanding that implementation of "Segregation of Duties" is not a cost effective practice for the taxpayers of the County, the Department Heads are aware of the incompatible duties and will continue to monitor the operations of their respective offices to ensure that cash, reporting, receivables, and other items are maintained currently and correctly. The Auditor's and Treasurer's Offices will continue attempting to cross train and rotate duties with its office staff to the best of their abilities, to ensure safe handling of all County, State, and Federal transactions.

06-2 Preparation of Financial Statements

Mahnomen County is required to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The preparation of the financial statements is the responsibility of the County's management. Financial statement

preparation in accordance with GAAP requires internal control over both: (1) recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (maintaining internal books and records); and (2) preparing and reporting appropriate government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related notes to the financial statements.

Mahnomen County has established controls and procedures for the recording, processing, and summarizing of its accounting data used in the preparation of its financial statements.

As is the case with many small and medium-sized entities, the County has relied on its independent external auditors to assist in the preparation of the basic financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, the County's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP is based, at least in part, on its reliance on its external auditors, who cannot by definition be considered part of the government's internal control. This condition was caused by the County's decision that it is more cost effective to have its auditors prepare its annual basic financial statements than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required to prepare the financial statements internally. As a result of this condition, the government lacks internal control over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

We recommend Mahnomen County obtain the training and expertise to internally prepare its annual financial statements in accordance with GAAP. If Mahnomen County still intends to have staff from the Office of the State Auditor assist in preparation then, at a minimum, it must identify and train individuals to obtain the expertise that can sufficiently review, understand, and approve the County's financial statements, including notes. As an alternative, the County could consider hiring an outside consultant to assist in preparing its basic financial statements.

<u>Client's Response</u>:

The County does not currently have the financial resources to hire an outside consultant to assist in the preparation of its own annual financial statement in accordance with GAAP. However, now with new staff in house and with additional expertise training, we are positioned to prepare additional required GAAP information for our auditors.

06-3 Audit Adjustment

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements of the financial statements on a timely basis.

During our audit, we identified an adjustment in the General Fund to reclassify \$280,976 of miscellaneous revenue from the sale of a radio tower incorrectly posted to the general ledger as intergovernmental revenue - state grants.

Proposed audit adjustments are reviewed and approved by the appropriate staff and are reflected in the financial statements.

We recommend the County establish review procedures to ensure all postings to the general ledger and supporting schedules are accurate and complete.

Client's Response:

The County has established an internal control procedures committee assigned to review and assure that audit adjustments are reviewed and approved by appropriate staff. The County may also attempt to discuss and educate staff on internal controls at their monthly departmental heads meeting.

08-1 Documenting and Monitoring Internal Controls

Management is responsible for the County's internal control over financial reporting. This responsibility requires performing an assessment of existing controls over significant functions used to produce financial information for the Board, management, and for external financial reporting. The risk assessment is intended to determine if the internal controls that have been established by County management are still effective or if changes are needed to maintain a sound internal control structure. Changes may be necessary due to such things as organizational restructuring, updates to information systems, or changes to services being provided. Although the County may informally assess risks and adjust internal control procedures to address those risks, there are no formal procedures or documentation of those procedures in place.

At a minimum, the following significant internal control areas should be documented:

- cash and investment activities;
- capital assets (capitalization process and related depreciation);
- major funding sources (taxes, intergovernmental revenues, charges for services, and miscellaneous items);
- expenditure/expense processing; and
- payroll.

Mahnomen County has started addressing this issue with the establishment of a committee to assess risks, review controls in place to reduce those risks, and make suggestions for improvements in policies and procedures as necessary; however, they are still in the early stages of the process at the time of this report.

We recommend that County management document the significant internal controls in its accounting system, including an assessment of risks and the processes used to minimize those risks. We also recommend that a formal plan be developed that calls for monitoring the internal control structure on a regular basis, no less than annually. The monitoring activity should also be documented to show the results of the review, any changes required, and who performed the work.

<u>Client's Response</u>:

The County has established an Internal Control/Fraud Risk Assessment Committee under the guidance of the OSA in order to review and document areas of risk and to implement procedures and policies used to minimize potential risks. This Committee has begun to meet and will continue to attempt to document significant internal controls as much as possible, given the limited staff time available.

ITEMS ARISING THIS YEAR

10-1 Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, Auditee Responsibilities, subpart C § .300, requires, "The auditee shall (a) identify, in its accounts, all Federal awards received and expended and the Federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and award identification shall include, as applicable, the CFDA title and number, award number and year, name of the Federal agency, and name of the pass-through entity. (d) prepare appropriate financial statements, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with subpart § .310."

Mahnomen County does not prepare a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA), nor does it adequately identify federal programs by amount received and expended, federal grantor agency, pass-through agency, and CFDA title and number as required under OMB Circular A-133.

This condition results in a deficiency in internal control over financial statement preparation and the reporting of federal financial assistance by the County. Since the County has not developed procedures for properly identifying all federal financial assistance, the County relies on its auditors for assistance with preparing the SEFA. Independent auditors cannot be considered part of the County's internal control over financial reporting.

We recommend that Mahnomen County management develop a process, including written procedures that will allow staff to adequately identify federal revenues and accumulate the information needed to prepare the SEFA. Specific measures could include having departments informing accounting/finance when they have received a

grant award, holding any intergovernmental revenue receipts in suspense accounts until properly identified as to nature and source, and comparison of the prior year SEFA to the current year. For each federal award identified, the County should determine the correct program CFDA title and number, award number and year, federal grantor agency, pass-through agency, amount received and expended, and whether American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding is involved. The federal CFDA website is available to assist in this process. Those responsible for compiling the SEFA should obtain the training necessary (through courses or reference materials) to understand the components of the SEFA and properly gather the correct information and maintain supporting documentation. The County should also reconcile the SEFA amounts to the general ledger and financial statements.

Client's Response:

The County has not yet had experience (to date) in this area of financial reporting. This will require additional training and education for various County employees. Due to limited financial resources and staff time, the County would hope the OSA would continue to assist in this reporting and/or train staff to develop a process and procedure(s) to meet this OMB Circular A-133 Standard, over a manageable period of time.

10-2 <u>Departmental Control Procedures</u>

During our audit of the Sheriff's Department and follow-up procedures on issues presented to Mahnomen County officials as oral comments in previous audits, we noted several weaknesses in departmental control procedures. They are as follows:

- Bank reconciliations are not maintained current and/or have unexplained differences for the Sheriff's, License Center, and Social Welfare Departments.
- The Transit Department uses a collection log rather than pre-numbered receipts for collections. Electronic fund transfers are not recorded on the collection log. Although the use of a collection log is a good compensating control, controls would be improved by receipting all collections on pre-numbered receipts.
- On January 12, 2011, the date of our count, cash and checks on hand in the Sheriff's Department exceeded current receipts by \$51 due to an error in the amount recorded on receipt number 216673.
- Sheriff's Department bank deposits for collections in January 2010 exceeded the amounts receipted by \$200. Receipts were not prepared for three booking fees of \$10 each, one fingerprinting fee of \$20, and bail of \$150. A separate spreadsheet of collections is prepared that tied to the deposit.

- The Sheriff's Department does not maintain a detailed listing or do a periodic inventory of the items held in the evidence room. Although access is limited by a locked door and a motion detector which requires a code to deactivate the alarm, controls could be improved by completing a periodic inventory of the items held.
- The Sheriff's Department had received permission from the U.S. Department of Justice to purchase P25-compliant radios in place of returning federal funds received for the construction of a tower, which was sold upon completion. The invoice documenting the purchase of the P25-compliant radios, along with invoices for purchases made with 911 funds, were used to support expenditures for a federal grant reimbursement that was passed through the Headwaters Regional Development Commission in 2011. Eligible grant expenditures can be funded from only one source.

The establishment and oversight of departmental control procedures is particularly important because generally these smaller departments lack proper segregation of duties, which increases the risk of errors or fraud.

Bank statements should be routinely reconciled with the cash balances recorded in the books of the account. All collections should be receipted on pre-numbered receipts at the time of collection, and receipts should match deposits. A periodic inventory of the evidence room will ensure that all recorded items are still in custody. A system should be in place to ensure expenditures reported for grant reimbursements have not been funded from another source.

We recommend that Mahnomen County's management implement oversight and monitoring procedures to ensure that internal control policies and procedures are being implemented by staff. We further recommend the County contact the Headwaters Regional Development Commission to determine if there are other allowable expenditures within the grant period that can be applied to the grant or if funding should be returned. A receivable and revenue was not recorded by the County for this grant in 2010.

The Office of the State Auditor has a Statement of Position 2007-1010 which discusses the importance of internal controls. It can be found on our website, state.auditor@state.mn.us, along with other useful information, and may offer additional guidance.

Client's Response:

This information/finding has been brought to the attention of the applicable departments for their review and implementation.

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

ITEM ARISING THIS YEAR

10-3 <u>Income Maintenance DHS 2550 and Social Services DHS 2556 Reporting Errors</u> (CFDA #93.563 and CFDA #93.778)

Mahnomen County reports both Income Maintenance (IM) and Social Services Time Study (SSTS) indirect costs to the Minnesota Department of Human Services on a quarterly basis in order to claim administrative aid reimbursement. IM indirect costs are reported on the DHS 2550 report, and SSTS costs are reported on the DHS 2556 report. Both reports separate out an indirect cost pool from all other Health and Human Services costs incurred, from which IM and SSTS administrative aid will be reimbursed.

During our testing of administrative aid for the Child Support Enforcement (CFDA #93.563) and Medical Assistance Program (CFDA #93.778) grants, we noted numerous errors in the amounts and categories of expenditures reported to the Minnesota Department of Human Services on the quarterly DHS 2550 and DHS 2556 reports. The errors resulted in reporting some expenditures in the wrong categories and net underreporting of IM expenses in the amount of \$24,665 for the first quarter, net underreporting of IM expenses in the amount of \$201 for the second quarter, underreporting of IM expenditures in the amount of \$1,392 for the third quarter, as well as a net underreporting of SSTS expenditures of \$3,195 for the first quarter.

The errors resulted from an error in the posting of the first payroll in 2010, changes in the format of the reports, and lack of a review process prior to the submission of the reports. The errors from reporting expenditures in the wrong categories resulted in the County overreporting expenditures for certain programs and underreporting for others.

We recommend Mahnomen County contact the Minnesota Department of Human Services to discuss its options for correcting the reporting errors. We further recommend the County implement review procedures of the quarterly DHS 2550 and DHS 2556 reports before submission.

Corrective Action Plan:

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action:

Human Services Fiscal Officer

Corrective Action Planned:

Amended reports will be sent to the DHS. In the future, the Accounting Tech will be reviewing the applicable reports.

Completion Date:

June 1, 2011

IV. OTHER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. <u>MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE</u>

ITEM ARISING THIS YEAR

10-4 <u>Contract Compliance</u>

In 2010, Mahnomen County paid Federal Signal Corporation, an out-of-state vendor, \$181,997 for the purchase and installation of weather alert signals under the Applied Meteorological Research grant. Documentation of approval of a contract with Federal Signal Corporation by the Board of County Commissioners could not be located in the official minutes. The Emergency Management Coordinator stated that Federal Signal Corporation was selected based on two quotes.

This transaction was not in compliance with Minn. Stat. §§ 471.345, 375.21, 290.9705, and 270C.66.

The transaction was entered into by the Emergency Management's office as a result of receiving a federal grant to cover expenditures related to the project. The Emergency Management Coordinator was not aware of all the statutory requirements related to this contract.

As provided by Minn. Stat. § 471.345, when a contract is expected to go over \$100,000, the contract needs to be let on sealed bids. As provided by Minn. Stat. § 375.21, the contract should be made by a county board only after advertising for bids or proposals in a qualified legal newspaper, and the notice should state the time and place of awarding the contract. Minn. Stat. § 290.9705 provides that eight percent of payments made to an out-of-state contractor must be withheld once payments made exceed \$50,000 in a calendar year. This payment is deposited with the Minnesota Department of Revenue to ensure the contractor's obligations to the State of Minnesota are met for withholding, sales and use, franchise, and income taxes. As provided by Minn. Stat. § 270C.66, the County should not make final payment to a contractor under a contract requiring wages until the contractor provides documentation that the contractor and any subcontractors have complied with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 290.92.

We recommend the County establish procedures to ensure contracts are presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and that the approval be documented in the official minutes. We further recommend that any officials involved in the contracting process be informed of the statutory requirements to ensure compliance with Minn. Stat. §§ 471.345, 375.21, 290.9705, and 270C.66 that are applicable for all future contracts.

<u>Client's Response</u>:

The County is aware of the statutory requirements for contracting and will continue to attempt to establish adequate policies and procedures to address and communicate the requirements of properly processing contracts to its staff.

B. OTHER ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

GASB Statement 54

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, is effective for Mahnomen County for the year ending December 31, 2011. The standard's objectives are to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information included in the financial report through clearer fund balance classifications that can be consistently applied and to clarify existing governmental fund type definitions.

Fund Balance Reporting

Statement 54 establishes new fund balance classifications based on constraints imposed on how resources can be spent. The existing components of fund balance are reserved, unreserved-designated, and unreserved-undesignated. Statement 54 replaces these components with nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as defined below:

- Nonspendable amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form (for example, inventory or prepaid items) or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (such as the corpus of a permanent fund).
- Restricted amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- Committed amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of a government's highest level of decision-making authority.
- Assigned amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- *Unassigned* spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

The County should begin the process for implementing the new fund balance classifications. A key step in successfully implementing the new fund balance requirements is to plan ahead. The County can start with the following steps:

- review the requirements of GASB Statement 54;
- review current fund balances and compare to the new classifications;
- reclassify January 1, 2011, fund balance using the new classifications;
- review/update/prepare a comprehensive fund balance policy;
- prepare appropriate Board resolutions to commit fund balance; and
- if the Board of County Commissioners intends to delegate authority to assign fund balance, prepare the resolutions delegating that authority.

Governmental Fund Type Definitions

The definitions of the general fund, special revenue fund type, capital projects fund type, debt service fund type, and permanent fund type are clarified in the new standard. The new definition for a special revenue fund could have significant impact on the County's current fund classifications.

GASB Statement 54 provides a new and clearer description of when it is appropriate to account for an activity using a special revenue fund. Special revenue funds are used to report specific revenue sources restricted or committed to specified purposes other than debt service and capital projects, where the restricted or committed revenue sources comprise a substantial portion of the fund's resources, and are expected to continue to do so in the future. The standard does not define substantial portion; however, most recommendations are generally that the restricted and/or committed revenues should comprise at least 35 to 50 percent of total fund revenues. Under this definition, it is possible that some current special revenue funds will no longer meet the requirements for special revenue fund treatment. The County's management should review the County's special revenue funds to ensure these funds continue to warrant treatment as special revenue funds.

The County's management should perform the following steps prior to December 31, 2011:

- prepare a list of the County's special revenue funds;
- determine the sources of revenues for each of those funds;
- identify whether any of those revenues are restricted or committed;
- determine if these restricted or committed revenues represent a substantial portion of the fund's revenues and are expected to continue to be a substantial source of revenues;
 - o if yes, the fund may continue to be classified as a special revenue fund;
 - o if not, determine whether the County will combine that fund with the general fund or with a similar purpose special revenue fund that meets the new definition:
- code revenues in the general ledger by source constraints--restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned; and
- determine if there needs to be a restatement of beginning fund balances.

Additional implementation steps could include: informing any component units that they also will need to meet the requirements; deciding on how fund balance will be presented in the financials, such as detailed vs. aggregate methods; and developing the potential note disclosures. Additional guidance on GASB Statement 54 can be found on the Office of the State Auditor's website at: http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/Statements/fundbalances_postGASB54_1012 statement.pdf.





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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

Board of County Commissioners Mahnomen County

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mahnomen County as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2011. Our report includes a reference to 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. Other auditors audited the financial statements of the Mahnomen Health Center, a discretely presented component unit, as described in our report on Mahnomen County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting described in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 96-4, 06-2, 06-3, 08-1, 10-1, and 10-2, that we consider to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Mahnomen 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 tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Minnesota Legal Compliance

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65. Accordingly, the audit included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions contains seven categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our study included all of the listed categories, except we did not test for compliance in tax increment financing because Mahnomen County has no tax increment financing.

The results of our tests indicate that, for the items tested, Mahnomen County complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions, except as described in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 10-4.

Also included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs is an other item for consideration. We believe this information to be of benefit to the County, and we are reporting it for that purpose.

Mahnomen County's written responses to the internal control and legal compliance findings identified in our audit have been included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. We did not audit the County's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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

/s/Rebecca Otto

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Board of County Commissioners Mahnomen County

Compliance

We have audited Mahnomen County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2010. Mahnomen 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 the County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 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*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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 Mahnomen 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 of the County's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Mahnomen County complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Mahnomen 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 the County's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the 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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 10-3. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Mahnomen County's corrective action plan to the federal award finding identified in our audit is included in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. We did not audit the County's corrective action plan and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

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