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Grant County Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**ORGANIZATION SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Office	Name	Term Expires
Commissioners		
1st District	Troy Johnson	January 2025
2nd District	Dwight Walvatne*	January 2023
3rd District	Kenneth Johnson	January 2025
4th District	Bill LaValley	January 2023
5th District	Doyle Sperr	January 2025
Officers		
Elected		
Attorney	Justin R. Anderson	January 2023
Auditor	Chad Van Santen	January 2023
County Recorder	Diann Giese	January 2023
Sheriff	Mark Haberer	January 2023
Treasurer	Amanda Lustila	January 2023
Appointed		
Assessor	Karl Lindquist	January 2025
Highway Engineer	Tracey Von Bargaen	May 2024
Veterans Service Officer	Robert Larsen	Indefinite
Coroner	Dr. Gregory Smith	January 2025

*Chair

FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of County Commissioners
Grant County
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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 Grant County, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the accompanying 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 Grant County, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) of Grant County, the discretely presented component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the HRA of Grant County component unit, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance, and therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit;
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements; and
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules for the General Fund, and Road and Bridge and Human Services Special Revenue Funds, Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios – Other Postemployment Benefits, PERA retirement plan schedules, and Notes to the Required Supplementary Information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Grant County's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund, combining fiduciary fund financial statements, Balance Sheet – By Ditch – Ditch Special Revenue Fund, Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue, and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and related notes, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such 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. The 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 Supplementary Information as identified above is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 28, 2022 on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

/s/Julie Blaha

JULIE BLAHA
STATE AUDITOR

/s/Dianne Syverson

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DEPUTY STATE AUDITOR

September 28, 2022

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2021
(Unaudited)**

INTRODUCTION

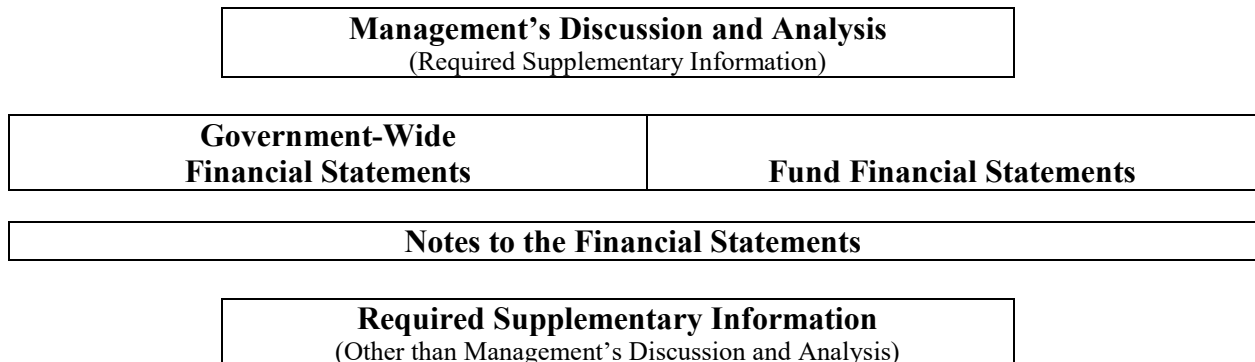
Grant County's Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with Grant County's financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Governmental activities' total net position is \$58,299,021, of which \$46,955,420 is the net investment in capital assets and \$4,886,015 is restricted to specific purposes/uses by the County.
- The net cost of Grant County's governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2021, was \$4,358,223; the net cost was funded by general revenues totaling \$8,896,090.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Grant County's MD&A serves 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) and certain budgetary comparison schedules 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.



Grant County presents two government-wide financial statements: the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the County as a whole and present a longer-term view of Grant County's finances. The County's fund financial statements follow the government-wide financial statements. For governmental funds, these statements tell how Grant 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 statement provides 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 Position and the Statement of Activities

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

These two statements consider all of Grant County's current year revenues and expenses, regardless of when the County receives the revenue or pays the expense, and reports the County's net position and changes in them. You can think of the County's net position—the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources—as one way to measure Grant County's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net position is 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 Grant County.

- Governmental activities—Grant 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, and economic development. Grant 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—Grant County includes a separate legal entity in its report, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Grant County. This entity is presented in a separate column. Although legally separate, the component unit is important because the County is financially accountable for it.

The government-wide statements can be found as Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

Grant County's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the significant funds, not the County as a whole. Significant governmental and fiduciary 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**—Most of Grant 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 available for spending. These funds are reported in our financial statements using the modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and other financial assets that the County can readily convert to cash. The 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 there are financial resources available that can be spent in the near future to finance various programs within Grant County. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation statement following each governmental fund financial statement.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found as Exhibits 3 through 6 of this report.

- **Fiduciary funds**—Grant County is the trustee, or fiduciary, over assets that can be used only for the trust beneficiaries based on a trust agreement. The County is also an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments or other funds. The County reports its fiduciary activities in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. These activities have been excluded from the County's other financial statements because the County cannot use these assets to finance its operations. Grant County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

The fiduciary funds financial statements can be found as Exhibits 7 and 8 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found beginning on page 30 of this report.

THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

The following analysis focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the County's governmental activities.

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Assets		
Current and other assets	\$ 19,455,943	\$ 21,380,739
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	54,544,990	48,236,620
Total Assets	\$ 74,000,933	\$ 69,617,359
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred OPEB outflows	\$ 77,332	\$ 35,276
Deferred pension outflows	2,683,383	823,871
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 2,760,715	\$ 859,147
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$ 1,458,387	\$ 1,236,254
Long-term liabilities	13,010,583	14,596,666
Total Liabilities	\$ 14,468,970	\$ 15,832,920
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred OPEB inflows	\$ 119,792	\$ 144,412
Deferred pension inflows	3,527,175	738,020
Advance from other governments	346,690	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 3,993,657	\$ 882,432
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 46,955,420	\$ 40,213,623
Restricted	4,886,015	5,683,588
Unrestricted	6,457,586	7,863,943
Total Net Position	\$ 58,299,021	\$ 53,761,154

The County's total net position for the year ended December 31, 2021, totals \$58,299,021. The governmental activities' unrestricted net position, totaling \$6,457,586, is available to finance the day-to-day operations of the governmental activities of Grant County.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Fees, charges, fines, and other	\$ 3,043,003	\$ 2,535,148
Operating grants and contributions	6,175,985	15,086,064
Capital grants and contributions	824,385	500,000
General revenues		
Property taxes	7,321,035	7,046,082
Other taxes	333,456	292,885
Payments in lieu of tax	75,613	69,119
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	1,060,690	996,855
Unrestricted investment earnings	16,968	80,027
Gain on sale of capital assets	88,328	43,000
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 18,939,463</u>	<u>\$ 26,649,180</u>
Expenses		
General government	\$ 3,597,413	\$ 4,617,229
Public safety	2,277,442	2,202,561
Highways and streets	2,860,650	2,473,089
Sanitation	749,215	693,022
Human services	3,739,339	3,618,138
Health	43,323	43,363
Culture and recreation	104,122	104,122
Conservation of natural resources	517,734	579,330
Economic development	331,500	50,000
Interest	180,858	306,835
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 14,401,596</u>	<u>\$ 14,687,689</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ 4,537,867	\$ 11,961,491
Net Position – January 1	<u>53,761,154</u>	<u>41,799,663</u>
Net Position – December 31	<u><u>\$ 58,299,021</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,761,154</u></u>

Governmental Activities

Revenues for Grant County's governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2021, were \$18,939,463. The County's cost for all governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2021, was \$14,401,596. Net position for the County's governmental activities increased by \$4,537,867 in 2021, an increase of 8.4 percent.

As shown in the Statement of Activities, the amount that Grant County taxpayers ultimately financed for these governmental activities through local property taxation was \$7,321,035, because \$10,043,373 of the costs were paid by grants and contributions received for those programs and by those who directly benefited from the programs, and \$1,060,690 was paid by other governments and organizations that provided additional grants and contributions. Grant County paid for the remaining “public benefit” portion of governmental activities with \$514,365 in other revenues, such as investment income, mortgage registry tax, state deed tax, wind tax, and payments in lieu of tax.

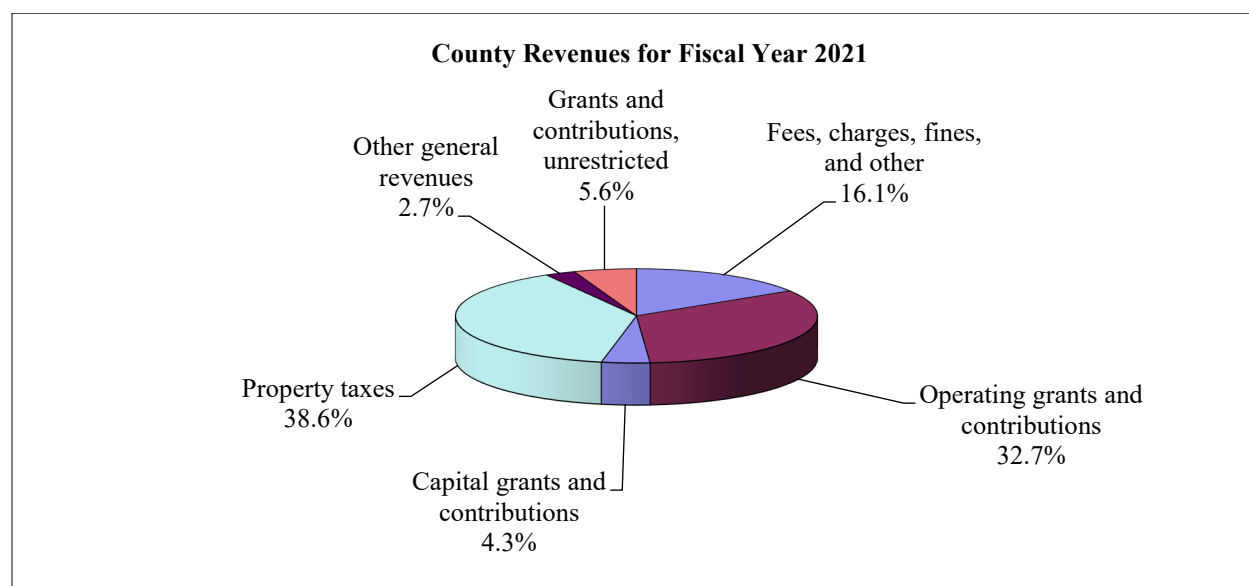
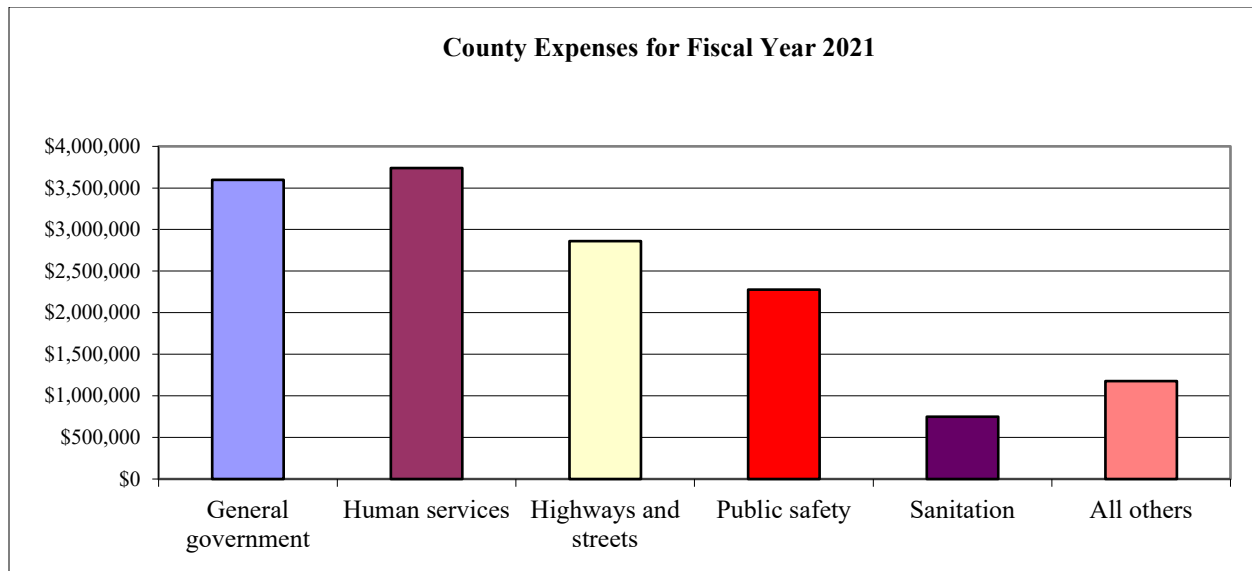


Table 3 presents the cost of each of Grant County’s five largest program functions, as well as each function’s net cost (total cost, less revenues generated by the activities). The net cost shows the financial burden placed on Grant County taxpayers by each of these functions.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Program expenses		
Human services	\$ 3,739,339	\$ 851,940
General government	3,597,413	3,018,383
Highways and streets	2,860,650	(1,912,402)
Public safety	2,277,442	1,786,085
Sanitation	749,215	(14,633)
All others	1,177,537	628,850
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 14,401,596</u>	<u>\$ 4,358,223</u>



THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

As Grant County completed the year, its governmental funds, as presented in the Balance Sheet, reported a combined fund balance of \$14,735,351.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Grant County Board of Commissioners, over the course of a budget year, may amend/revise the County's General Fund budget; in 2021, no budget amendments were made.

In the General Fund, the actual revenues were \$1,123,280 more than expected revenues, and actual expenditures were \$622,838 more than budgeted expenditures. These differences were primarily due to non-budgeted revenues and expenditures of mortgage registry tax collections, sale of assets and State Coronavirus Relief Funds received in 2021.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2021, Grant County had \$54,544,990 invested in a broad range of capital assets, net of depreciation. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, highways and streets, and equipment (see Table 4).

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

	2021	2020
Land and right-of-way	\$ 1,515,920	\$ 1,119,564
Construction in progress	8,111,687	4,889,977
Buildings	10,841,107	11,336,199
Office furniture and equipment	128,209	226,287
Machinery and automotive	1,796,486	1,360,649
Infrastructure	32,151,581	29,303,944
Totals	<u>\$ 54,544,990</u>	<u>\$ 48,236,620</u>

Long-Term Debt

As of December 31, 2021, Grant County had \$3,660,446 in bonds outstanding, compared with \$3,855,106 as of December 31, 2020, a decrease of 5.0 percent.

Table 5
Outstanding Debt at Year-End

	2021	2020
Bonds payable		
General obligation bonds	\$ 115,000	\$ 225,000
Taxable general obligation capital improvement bonds	2,000,000	2,000,000
General obligation refunding bonds	1,510,000	1,595,000
Unamortized premiums	42,129	45,193
Less: unamortized discounts	(6,683)	(10,087)
Totals	<u>\$ 3,660,446</u>	<u>\$ 3,855,106</u>

Other long-term obligations include the capital lease, loans payable, compensated absences, other postemployment benefits, and the net pension liability. Grant County's notes to the financial statements provide detailed information about the County's long-term liabilities.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The County's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2022 budget and tax rates. These factors include federal and state aid, increasing input costs and maintaining appropriate fund balances while being mindful of the burden on County taxpayers and a need to provide a certain level of services to Grant County residents/taxpayers.

- Major revenue sources for the County are state-paid aids, credits, and grants. Should the State of Minnesota make significant changes to these revenues, it would have a significant impact on next year's budget.
- Reviewing revenue sources and considering cost-effective and efficient means for the delivery of Grant County programs and services will influence the development of future budgets.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Grant County's financial report provides citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of Grant County's finances and 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 Chad Van Santen, Grant County Auditor, (218-685-8236), Grant County Courthouse, 10 Second Street Northeast, Elbow Lake, Minnesota 56531-4400.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 1

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Component Unit Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Grant County
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 15,319,627	\$ 982,987
Taxes receivable – net	147,875	-
Special assessments receivable		
Delinquent	3,857	-
Noncurrent	1,299,814	-
Accounts receivable – net	80,798	-
Rent receivable – net	-	4,557
Accrued interest receivable	851	-
Due from other governments	2,126,745	-
Prepaid items	-	25,800
Inventories	306,635	-
Settlement receivable	169,741	-
Restricted assets		
Cash and pooled investments	-	40,775
Capital assets		
Non-depreciable	9,627,607	188,204
Depreciable – net of accumulated depreciation	44,917,383	2,103,456
Total Assets	\$ 74,000,933	\$ 3,345,779
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Deferred other postemployment benefits outflows	\$ 77,332	\$ -
Deferred pension outflows	2,683,383	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 2,760,715	\$ -
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable	\$ 153,274	\$ 80,351
Salaries payable	119,978	-
Contracts payable	436,103	-
Due to other governments	111,692	-
Accrued interest payable	57,344	-
Unearned revenue	579,996	44
Long-term liabilities		
Due within one year	447,334	73,321
Due in more than one year	8,805,848	1,079,822
Net pension liability	2,932,288	-
Other postemployment benefits liability	825,113	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 14,468,970	\$ 1,233,538

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

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**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

***EXHIBIT 1
(Continued)***

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Component Unit Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Grant County
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Deferred other postemployment benefits inflows	\$ 119,792	\$ -
Deferred pension inflows	3,527,175	-
Advance from other governments	346,690	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 3,993,657	\$ -
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 46,955,420	\$ 1,153,325
Restricted for		
Debt service	2,241,130	-
General government	200,991	-
Public safety	377,839	-
Highways and streets	1,114,921	-
Conservation of natural resources	778,923	-
Opioid remediation activities	169,741	-
Held in trust for other purposes	2,470	-
Other purposes	-	12,833
Unrestricted	6,457,586	946,083
Total Net Position	\$ 58,299,021	\$ 2,112,241

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Fees, Charges, Fines, and Other</u>
Primary government		
Governmental activities		
General government	\$ 3,597,413	\$ 441,595
Public safety	2,277,442	342,178
Highways and streets	2,860,650	81,278
Sanitation	749,215	675,308
Human services	3,739,339	1,210,207
Health	43,323	169,741
Culture and recreation	104,122	-
Conservation of natural resources	517,734	122,696
Economic development	331,500	-
Interest	180,858	-
Total Primary Government	\$ 14,401,596	\$ 3,043,003
 Component unit		
Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Grant County	\$ 968,826	\$ 599,143

General Revenues

Property taxes, levied for general purposes
Mortgage registry and deed tax
Wind production tax
Payments in lieu of tax
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs
Unrestricted investment earnings
Gain on sale of capital assets

Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net Position – Beginning

Net Position – Ending

EXHIBIT 2

Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Component Unit Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Grant County
\$ 137,435	\$ -	\$ (3,018,383)	
149,179	-	(1,786,085)	
3,867,389	824,385	1,912,402	
88,540	-	14,633	
1,677,192	-	(851,940)	
-	-	126,418	
-	-	(104,122)	
-	-	(395,038)	
256,250	-	(75,250)	
-	-	(180,858)	
<u>\$ 6,175,985</u>	<u>\$ 824,385</u>	<u>\$ (4,358,223)</u>	
<u>\$ 597,254</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ 227,571</u>
		\$ 7,321,035	\$ -
		283,364	-
		50,092	-
		75,613	-
		1,060,690	-
		16,968	2,005
		88,328	-
		<u>\$ 8,896,090</u>	<u>\$ 2,005</u>
		\$ 4,537,867	\$ 229,576
		<u>53,761,154</u>	<u>1,882,665</u>
		<u>\$ 58,299,021</u>	<u>\$ 2,112,241</u>

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Road and Bridge</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 5,222,280	\$ 4,881,456
Taxes receivable – net	89,335	27,829
Special assessments		
Delinquent	-	-
Noncurrent	-	-
Accounts receivable – net	65,223	-
Accrued interest receivable	784	-
Due from other governments	51,383	1,433,822
Inventories	-	306,635
Settlement receivable	169,741	-
Total Assets	\$ 5,598,746	\$ 6,649,742
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</u>		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 51,981	\$ 92,535
Salaries payable	87,362	31,827
Contracts payable	-	436,103
Due to other governments	87,304	3,596
Unearned revenue	579,996	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 806,643	\$ 564,061
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Unavailable revenues	\$ 198,599	\$ 1,442,835
Advance from other governments	-	346,690
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 198,599	\$ 1,789,525

EXHIBIT 3

Human Services	County Ditch 29 Debt Service	Nonmajor Funds	Total
\$ 3,175,540	\$ 258,854	\$ 1,781,497	\$ 15,319,627
22,671	-	8,040	147,875
-	-	3,857	3,857
-	1,299,814	-	1,299,814
1,040	-	14,535	80,798
-	45	22	851
641,540	-	-	2,126,745
-	-	-	306,635
-	-	-	169,741
\$ 3,840,791	\$ 1,558,713	\$ 1,807,951	\$ 19,455,943
\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 8,683	\$ 153,274
-	-	789	119,978
-	-	-	436,103
473	-	20,319	111,692
-	-	-	579,996
\$ 548	\$ -	\$ 29,791	\$ 1,401,043
\$ 25,987	\$ 1,299,814	\$ 5,624	\$ 2,972,859
-	-	-	346,690
\$ 25,987	\$ 1,299,814	\$ 5,624	\$ 3,319,549

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Road and Bridge</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</u> (Continued)		
Fund Balances		
Nonspendable		
Trust principal	\$ -	\$ -
Inventories	-	306,636
Missing heirs	2,470	-
Restricted		
Endowments	13,874	-
Law library	22,018	-
Debt service	-	-
Recorder's technology equipment	66,699	-
Election equipment	22,676	-
E-911	345,476	-
Recorder's compliance	75,724	-
DARE	3,428	-
Forfeitures	28,935	-
County state-aid highway system	-	755,609
Ditch maintenance and construction	-	-
Committed		
Sheriff's contingencies	5,000	-
Assigned		
Highways and streets	-	3,233,911
Human services	-	-
Sanitation	-	-
Sheriff improvement	26,637	-
Unassigned	3,980,567	-
Total Fund Balances	\$ 4,593,504	\$ 4,296,156
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 5,598,746	\$ 6,649,742

EXHIBIT 3
(Continued)

<u>Human Services</u>	<u>County Ditch 29 Debt Service</u>	<u>Nonmajor Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,205	\$ 118,205
-	-	-	306,636
-	-	-	2,470
-	-	-	13,874
-	-	-	22,018
-	-	941,316	941,316
-	-	-	66,699
-	-	-	22,676
-	-	-	345,476
-	-	-	75,724
-	-	-	3,428
-	-	-	28,935
-	-	-	755,609
-	258,899	401,819	660,718
-	-	-	5,000
-	-	-	3,233,911
3,814,256	-	-	3,814,256
-	-	314,249	314,249
-	-	-	26,637
-	-	(3,053)	3,977,514
<u>\$ 3,814,256</u>	<u>\$ 258,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,536</u>	<u>\$ 14,735,351</u>
<u>\$ 3,840,791</u>	<u>\$ 1,558,713</u>	<u>\$ 1,807,951</u>	<u>\$ 19,455,943</u>

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 4

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO
THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION—GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Fund balances – total governmental funds (Exhibit 3)	\$	14,735,351
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position 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.		54,544,990
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Deferred outflows of resources are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred other postemployment benefits outflows	\$ 77,332	
Deferred pension outflows	2,683,383	2,760,715

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported in the governmental funds.		2,972,859
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

General obligation bonds	\$ (3,625,000)	
Bond discounts	6,683	
Bond premiums	(42,129)	
Capital lease payable	(5,045,000)	
Loans payable	(23,943)	
Other postemployment benefits liability	(825,113)	
Compensated absences	(523,793)	
Net pension liability	(2,932,288)	
Accrued interest payable	(57,344)	(13,067,927)

Deferred inflows of resources are created as a result of various differences related to pensions that are not recognized in the governmental funds.

Deferred other postemployment benefits inflows	\$ (119,792)	
Deferred pension inflows	(3,527,175)	(3,646,967)

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 1)	\$	58,299,021
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**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Road and Bridge</u>
Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 4,807,795	\$ 1,386,121
Special assessments	-	-
Licenses and permits	13,843	-
Intergovernmental	1,344,019	5,958,508
Charges for services	712,856	39,930
Fines and forfeits	1,730	-
Gifts and contributions	5,025	-
Investment earnings	14,790	-
Miscellaneous	130,294	41,348
Total Revenues	\$ 7,030,352	\$ 7,425,907
Expenditures		
Current		
General government	\$ 3,181,971	\$ -
Public safety	2,353,516	-
Highways and streets	-	9,615,867
Sanitation	-	-
Human services	-	-
Health	43,323	-
Culture and recreation	104,122	-
Conservation of natural resources	473,029	-
Economic development	331,500	-
Intergovernmental		
Highways and streets	-	267,424
Debt service		
Principal	20,770	-
Interest	21,679	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,529,910	\$ 9,883,291
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 500,442	\$ (2,457,384)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ 88,328	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 588,770	\$ (2,457,384)
Fund Balance – January 1	4,004,734	6,650,167
Increase (decrease) in inventories	-	103,373
Fund Balance – December 31	\$ 4,593,504	\$ 4,296,156

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

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EXHIBIT 5

Human Services	County Ditch 29 Debt Service	Nonmajor Funds	Total
\$ 1,138,111	\$ -	\$ 405,171	\$ 7,737,198
-	132,190	220,803	352,993
-	-	-	13,843
1,855,216	-	235,586	9,393,329
975,424	-	544,012	2,272,222
-	-	-	1,730
-	-	-	5,025
-	533	1,645	16,968
231,382	-	2,858	405,882
\$ 4,200,133	\$ 132,723	\$ 1,410,075	\$ 20,199,190
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,181,971
-	-	-	2,353,516
-	-	-	9,615,867
-	-	746,646	746,646
3,697,876	-	-	3,697,876
-	-	-	43,323
-	-	-	104,122
-	-	53,896	526,925
-	-	-	331,500
-	-	-	267,424
137,950	85,000	110,000	353,720
171,075	20,093	117,019	329,866
\$ 4,006,901	\$ 105,093	\$ 1,027,561	\$ 21,552,756
\$ 193,232	\$ 27,630	\$ 382,514	\$ (1,353,566)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,328
\$ 193,232	\$ 27,630	\$ 382,514	\$ (1,265,238)
3,621,024	231,269	1,390,022	15,897,216
-	-	-	103,373
\$ 3,814,256	\$ 258,899	\$ 1,772,536	\$ 14,735,351

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 6

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES—GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds (Exhibit 5) **\$ (1,265,238)**

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 unavailable revenue.

Unavailable revenue – December 31	\$ 2,972,859	
Unavailable revenue – January 1	<u>(4,316,011)</u>	(1,343,152)

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. Also, in the statement of activities, only the gain or loss on the disposal of assets is reported; whereas, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from sales increase financial resources. Therefore, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the assets sold.

Expenditures for general capital assets and infrastructure	\$ 8,158,833	
Net book value of assets sold	(48,619)	
Current year depreciation	<u>(1,801,844)</u>	6,308,370

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 position. Also, governmental funds report the net effect of 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 activities.

Principal repayments		
General obligation bonds	\$ 195,000	
Loans	3,720	
Current year amortization of discounts/premiums	<u>(340)</u>	198,380

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

***EXHIBIT 6
(Continued)***

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES—GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

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	\$ 11,398	
Change in capital lease payable	155,000	
Change in compensated absences	9,183	
Change in other postemployment benefits	(132,744)	
Change in inventories	103,373	
Change in deferred other postemployment benefits outflows	42,056	
Change in deferred other postemployment benefits inflows	24,620	
Change in deferred pension outflows	1,859,512	
Change in deferred pension inflows	(2,789,155)	
Change in net pension liability	<u>1,356,264</u>	<u>639,507</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 2)		<u><u>\$ 4,537,867</u></u>

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 7

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Social Welfare Private-Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
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<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 16,239	\$ 897,946
Taxes receivable for other governments	-	156,880
Accounts receivable	-	146,352
Due from other governments	-	13,375
Prepaid items	-	6,567
Rent deposit	-	2,624
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Total Assets	\$ 16,239	\$ 1,223,744
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<u>Liabilities</u>		
Salaries payable	\$ -	\$ 34,023
Due to other governments	-	355,017
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Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ 389,040
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<u>Net Position</u>		
Restricted for:		
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	\$ 16,239	\$ 834,704
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**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 8

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Social Welfare Private-Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
<u>Additions</u>		
Contributions - individuals	\$ 95,241	\$ -
Property tax collections for other governments	-	6,504,733
License and fees collected for state	-	27,934
Payments from state	-	1,393,039
Payments from other entities and individuals	-	1,132,901
Total Additions	\$ 95,241	\$ 9,058,607
<u>Deductions</u>		
Beneficiary payments to individuals	\$ 79,002	\$ -
Payments of property tax to other governments	-	6,680,918
Payments to state	-	27,934
Payments to other entities and individuals	-	1,134,037
Administrative expense	-	951,019
Total Deductions	\$ 79,002	\$ 8,793,908
Change in Net Position	\$ 16,239	\$ 264,699
Net Position – January 1	-	570,005
Net Position – December 31	\$ 16,239	\$ 834,704

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The County's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established by GAAP and used by the County are discussed below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

Grant County was established March 6, 1868, 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 Grant 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.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) of Grant County is a component unit of Grant County and is reported in a separate column in the County's government-wide financial statements to emphasize that the HRA is legally separate from Grant County. The HRA operates as a local governmental unit for the purpose of providing housing and redevelopment services to Grant County. The governing body consists of a five-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Grant County Board of Commissioners to serve five-year terms. The financial statements included are as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021.

<u>Component Unit</u>	<u>Component Unit Included in Reporting Entity Because</u>	<u>Separate Financial Statements</u>
The HRA of Grant County provides services pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 469.001-.047	The County appoints members, and the HRA is a financial burden.	Grant County Coordinator's Office 10 Second Street Northeast Elbow Lake, Minnesota 56531

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity (Continued)

Joint Ventures and Jointly-Governed Organizations

The County participates in several joint ventures described in Note 5.C. The County also participates in jointly-governed organizations described in Note 5.D.

B. Basic Financial Statements

1. Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net position 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 position, the governmental activities are reported on a full accrual, economic resources basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations and deferred inflows and outflows of resources. The County's net position is reported in three parts: (1) net investment in capital assets, (2) restricted net position, and (3) unrestricted net position. The County first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

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.

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

B. Basic Financial Statements

2. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

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

The Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund 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 Human Services Special Revenue Fund is used to account for economic assistance and community social services programs.

The County Ditch 29 Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the repayment of, principal, interest and related costs of drainage bonds related to County Ditch 29.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

The Trust Payment Permanent Fund accounts for resources legally restricted to the extent that only earnings and not principal from the Trust Payment Permanent Fund may be used for County purposes.

The Social Welfare Private-Purpose Trust Fund is used to account for resources legally held in a trust for the benefit of individuals.

Custodial funds are used to account for assets held by the County for fiduciary activities, for individuals or other governments.

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and fiduciary funds financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the full 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. Grant 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.

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

The cash balances of substantially all funds are pooled and invested by the County Treasurer for the purpose of increasing earnings through investment activities. Investments are reported at their fair value at December 31, 2021. A market approach is used to value all investments other than external investment pools, which are measured at the net asset value or fair value per share. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 385.07, investment earnings on cash and pooled investments are credited to the General Fund.

Grant County invests in an external investment pool, the Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties (MAGIC) Fund, which is created under a joint powers agreement pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59. The investment in the pool is measured at the net asset value per share provided by the pool.

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

1. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Other funds received investment earnings based on other state statutes, grant agreements, contracts, and bond covenants. Pooled investment earnings for 2021 were \$14,740.

2. Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are 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).

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.

3. Special Assessments Receivable

Special assessments receivable consist of delinquent special assessments payable in the years 2016 through 2021, and noncurrent special assessments payable in 2022 and after. No allowance for special assessments are shown because such amounts are not expected to be material. The receivable includes special assessments on solid waste fees, septic loans, and ditches.

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

All inventories are valued at cost using the first in/first out 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.

**GRANT COUNTY
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items (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.

5. 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 \$5,000 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 acquisition value.

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.

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

Assets	Years
Buildings and building improvements	30 - 40
Office furniture and equipment	3 - 15
Machinery and automotive	3 - 20
Infrastructure	25 - 100

6. Unearned Revenue

All County governmental funds and the government-wide financial statements report unearned revenue for resources that have been received, but not yet earned. In the current year, all unearned revenue was the result of grants received prior to revenue recognition criteria being met.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity
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7. Compensated Absences

The liability for compensated absences reported in the financial statements consists of unpaid, accumulated annual vacation, sick leave, and compensatory time 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 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.

The government-wide statement of net position reports both current and noncurrent portions of compensated absences. The current portion consists of compensatory time and an amount based on a trend analysis of current usage of vacation and sick leave. The noncurrent portion consists of the remaining amount of vacation and sick leave. The compensated absences liability is liquidated through the General Fund and other governmental funds that have personal services.

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure/expense) until then. The County reports deferred outflows of resources only under the full accrual basis of accounting associated with pension plans and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) and, accordingly, are reported only in the statement of net position.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has four types of deferred inflows. The governmental funds report unavailable revenue from delinquent taxes receivable, delinquent and noncurrent special assessments receivable, and for amounts that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Unavailable revenue arises only under the modified accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. Unavailable revenue is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The County reports advance allotments for state aid received by the County not yet appropriated by the State of Minnesota. Advanced allotments are reported in the governmental funds balance sheet and on the government-wide statement of net position. The County also reports deferred inflows of resources associated with pension benefits and OPEB. These inflows arise only under the full accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, are reported only in the statement of net position.

9. Long-Term Obligations

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 position.

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

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.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

9. Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

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. Pension Plan

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA, except that PERA's fiscal year-end is June 30. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Plan investments are reported at fair value. The net pension liability is liquidated through the General Fund and other governmental funds that have personal services.

11. Classification of Net Position

Net position in the government-wide financial statements is classified in the following categories:

Net investment in capital assets – the portion of net position representing capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding debt attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets.

Restricted – the portion of net position for which external restrictions have been imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – the portion of net position that does not meet the definition of restricted or net investment in capital assets.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity
(Continued)

12. Classification of Fund Balances

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted – amounts in which constraints that have been placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – amounts that can be used for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of the County Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts.

Assigned – amounts the County intends to use for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the County Board or the County Auditor, who has been delegated that authority by Board resolution.

Unassigned – the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other fund balance classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted or committed.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

12. Classification of Fund Balances (Continued)

The County applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

13. Minimum Fund Balance

The County has adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the General Fund in order to provide protection against the need to reduce services due to a lack of resources resulting from temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredicted expenditures. Therefore, the County Board has determined it needs to maintain a minimum level of unrestricted fund balance (committed, assigned, and unassigned) of \$800,000. The fund balance policy was adopted by the County Board on December 20, 2011.

At December 31, 2021, unrestricted fund balance for the General Fund was above the minimum fund balance level.

14. 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, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources 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.

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2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

A. Deficit Fund Equity

The Ditch Special Revenue Fund had a positive fund balance of \$398,766 as of December 31, 2021, although one individual ditch system had a deficit fund balance. This deficit will be eliminated with future special assessment levies against the benefited properties. The following is a summary of the individual ditch systems:

19 ditches with positive fund balances	\$ 401,819
1 ditch with negative fund balance	<u>(3,053)</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 398,766</u>

In addition, the Adult Mental Health Initiative Custodial Fund had a deficit net position of \$223,464 as of December 31, 2021. This deficit will be eliminated with future collections from the Adult Mental Health Initiative.

B. Excess of Expenditures Over Budget

The Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund, a nonmajor governmental fund, had expenditures in excess of the final budget for the year ended December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$19,351.

3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

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 position	
Governmental activities	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 15,319,627
Statement of fiduciary net position	
Cash and pooled investments	<u>914,185</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 16,233,812</u>

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

a. Deposits

The 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 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.

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 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 does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. The County's deposits in banks at December 31, 2021, were entirely covered by federal depository insurance and collateral in accordance with Minnesota statutes.

b. Investments

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;

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

b. Investments (Continued)

- (2) mutual funds through shares of registered investment companies provided the mutual fund receives certain ratings depending on its investments;
- (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 does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

b. Investments (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. None of the County's investments at December 31, 2021, were rated.

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 does not have a policy on custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2021, 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 does not have a policy on concentration of credit risk.

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

b. Investments (Continued)

The following table presents the County's deposit and investment balances at December 31, 2021, and information relating to potential investment risk:

Investment Type	Concentration of Credit Risk Over 5 Percent of Portfolio	Interest Rate Risk Maturity Date	Carrying (Fair) Value
Negotiable certificates of deposit			
Comenity Bank DE US	<5%	04/23/2023	\$ 204,876
Barclays Bank DE US	<5%	11/14/2023	252,881
Total negotiable certificates of deposit			\$ 457,757
Investment pools			
MAGIC Fund	45.37%		3,837,600
MAGIC Term	42.32%		3,579,995
Money market accounts with broker	6.90%		583,575
Total investments			\$ 8,458,927
Deposits			7,773,310
Petty cash			1,575
Total Cash and Investments			\$ 16,233,812

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

b. Investments (Continued)

Fair Value Measurement

The County measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- *Level 1:* Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- *Level 2:* Observable inputs other than quoted market prices; and
- *Level 3:* Unobservable inputs.

At December 31, 2021, the County had the following recurring fair value measurements:

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	December 31, 2021			
Investments by fair value level				
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 457,757	\$ -	\$ 457,757	\$ -
Investments measured at the net asset value (NAV)				
MAGIC Portfolio	\$ 3,837,600			
MAGIC Term	3,579,995			
Money market mutual funds	583,575			
Total investments measured at the NAV	\$ 8,001,170			
Total Investments	\$ 8,458,927			

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

b. Investments

Fair Value Measurement (Continued)

All Level 2 debt securities are valued using a matrix pricing technique based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

MAGIC is a local government investment pool which is quoted at a net asset value (NAV). The County invests in this pool for the purpose of the joint investment of the County's money with those of other counties to enhance the investment earnings accruing to each member. The MAGIC Fund currently consists of the MAGIC Portfolio and the MAGIC Term Series.

MAGIC Portfolio is valued using amortized cost. Shares of the MAGIC Portfolio are available to be redeemed upon proper notice without restrictions under normal operating conditions.

There are no limits to the number of redemptions that can be made as long as the County has a sufficient number of shares to meet their redemption request. The Fund's Board of Trustees can suspend the right of withdrawal or postpone the date of payment if the Trustees determine that there is an emergency that makes the sale of a Portfolio's securities or determination of its net asset value not reasonably practical.

Shares of MAGIC Term Series are purchased to mature upon pre-determined maturity dates selected by the County at the time of purchase. Should the County need to redeem shares in a MAGIC Term Series prematurely, they must provide notice at least seven days prior to premature redemption date. The value of a premature redemption is equal to the original price for such share, plus dividends thereon, at the projected yield, less such share's allocation of any losses incurred by the series, less a premature redemption penalty, if any.

The County invests in money market funds for the benefit of liquid investments that can be readily re-invested. Money market funds held by the County seek a constant NAV of \$1.00 per share.

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets (Continued)

2. Receivables

Receivables as of December 31, 2021, for the County's governmental activities, net of the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Total Receivables	Amounts Not Scheduled for Collection During the Subsequent Year
Governmental Activities		
Taxes	\$ 147,875	\$ -
Special assessments	1,303,671	1,299,814
Accounts	80,798	-
Accrued interest	851	-
Due from other governments	2,126,745	-
Settlement receivable	169,741	169,741
	<u>\$ 3,829,681</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,555</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 3,829,681</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,555</u>

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Capital assets not depreciated				
Land	\$ 125,585	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,585
Right-of-way	993,979	396,356	-	1,390,335
Construction in progress	4,889,977	7,174,839	3,953,129	8,111,687
	<u>\$ 6,009,541</u>	<u>\$ 7,571,195</u>	<u>\$ 3,953,129</u>	<u>\$ 9,627,607</u>
Total capital assets not depreciated	<u>\$ 6,009,541</u>	<u>\$ 7,571,195</u>	<u>\$ 3,953,129</u>	<u>\$ 9,627,607</u>
Capital assets depreciated				
Buildings	\$ 14,807,033	\$ -	\$ 123,471	\$ 14,683,562
Office furniture and equipment	1,094,677	-	14,242	1,080,435
Machinery and automotive	4,004,535	699,755	42,834	4,661,456
Infrastructure	48,874,886	3,841,012	-	52,715,898
	<u>\$ 68,781,131</u>	<u>\$ 4,540,767</u>	<u>\$ 180,547</u>	<u>\$ 73,141,351</u>
Total capital assets depreciated	<u>\$ 68,781,131</u>	<u>\$ 4,540,767</u>	<u>\$ 180,547</u>	<u>\$ 73,141,351</u>

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

3. Capital Assets (Continued)

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Less: accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings	\$ 3,470,834	\$ 448,611	\$ 76,990	\$ 3,842,455
Office furniture and equipment	868,390	95,940	12,104	952,226
Machinery and automotive	2,643,886	263,918	42,834	2,864,970
Infrastructure	19,570,942	993,375	-	20,564,317
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 26,554,052	\$ 1,801,844	\$ 131,928	\$ 28,223,968
Total capital assets depreciated, net	\$ 42,227,079	\$ 2,738,923	\$ 48,619	\$ 44,917,383
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 48,236,620	\$ 10,310,118	\$ 4,001,748	\$ 54,544,990

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

Governmental Activities	
General government	\$ 439,410
Public safety	80,936
Highways and streets, including depreciation of infrastructure	1,277,345
Sanitation	3,862
Conservation of natural resources	291
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 1,801,844

B. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

There were no interfund balances as of December 31, 2021.

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

C. Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources

1. Payables

Payables at December 31, 2021, were as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Accounts	\$ 153,274
Salaries	119,978
Contracts	436,103
Due to other governments	111,692
Accrued interest	<u>57,344</u>
Total Payables	<u>\$ 878,391</u>

2. Construction Commitments

The County has active construction projects as of December 31, 2021. The projects include the following:

	<u>Spent-to-Date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Highways and streets		
Roads and bridges	<u>\$ 5,335,388</u>	<u>\$ 436,103</u>

3. Operating Lease Commitments

The County has operating leases for vehicles with varying expiration dates, the latest of which expires November 30, 2024. The lease terms are for 36 months. Including usage charges, the total cost for these leases in 2021 was \$83,074.

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

C. Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources

3. Operating Lease Commitments (Continued)

Following are the future minimum operating lease payments:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Future Minimum Lease Payments</u>
2022	48,288
2023	40,624
Total	<u>\$ 88,912</u>

4. Long-Term Debt

Bonds Payable

<u>Type of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Installment Amounts</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Original Issue Amount</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance December 31, 2021</u>
General obligation bonds 2011A Bonds	2022	\$110,000 - \$300,000	1.00 - 3.20	\$ 2,480,000	\$ 115,000
Taxable general obligation capital improvement plan bonds 2011B Bonds	2026	\$2,000,000	5.50	2,000,000	2,000,000
General obligation drainage refunding bonds 2020B Bonds	2035	\$85,000- \$120,000	1.00- 2.00	<u>1,595,000</u>	<u>1,510,000</u>
Total General Obligation Bonds				<u>\$ 6,075,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,625,000</u>

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

C. Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources

4. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Loans Payable

Type of Indebtedness	Final Maturity	Installment Amounts	Interest Rate (%)	Original Issue Amount	Outstanding Balance December 31, 2021
SRF0280 State of Minnesota Septic System Replacement Loans	2027	\$3,505 - \$4,192	2.00	\$ 38,388	\$ 23,943

In 2014, the County entered into a loan agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for financing of the Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project. These loans are secured by special assessments placed on the individual parcels requesting repair of a failing septic system. Loan payments are reported in the General Fund.

5. Debt Service Requirements

Debt service requirements at December 31, 2021, were as follows:

Year Ending December 31	General Obligation Bonds		Taxable General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 115,000	\$ 1,840	\$ -	\$ 110,000
2023	-	-	-	110,000
2024	-	-	-	110,000
2025	-	-	-	110,000
2026	-	-	2,000,000	55,000
Total	\$ 115,000	\$ 1,840	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 495,000

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

C. Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources

5. Debt Service Requirements (Continued)

Year Ending December 31	General Obligation Drainage Refunding Bonds		Loans Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 95,000	\$ 22,995	\$ 3,795	\$ 460
2023	95,000	21,095	3,871	384
2024	100,000	19,145	3,949	306
2025	100,000	17,145	4,028	226
2026	105,000	15,095	4,109	146
2027 - 2031	550,000	48,014	4,191	63
2032 - 2035	465,000	12,981	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,510,000</u>	<u>\$ 156,470</u>	<u>\$ 23,943</u>	<u>\$ 1,585</u>

6. Capital Lease

In 2017, Grant County entered into a capital lease agreement with the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of the City of Elbow Lake for the construction of a building to house the County's Human Services Department. This agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes. The building is recorded by the County as a capital asset at the amount of the bond issued by the EDA of the City of Elbow Lake.

<u>Lease</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance December 31, 2021</u>
Building	2043	\$150,000 - \$335,000	<u>\$ 5,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,045,000</u>

The future lease obligations equal the bond principal and interest payments of the bond issued by the EDA. The scheduled lease payments as of December 31, 2021, were as follows:

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

C. Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources

6. Capital Lease (Continued)

Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 160,000	\$ 189,030	\$ 349,030
2023	165,000	185,230	350,230
2024	165,000	180,899	345,899
2025	170,000	176,568	346,568
2026	175,000	171,468	346,468
2027 - 2031	975,000	768,513	1,743,513
2032 - 2036	1,160,000	575,213	1,735,213
2037 - 2041	1,420,000	321,200	1,741,200
2042 - 2043	655,000	41,577	696,577
Total	<u>\$ 5,045,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,609,698</u>	<u>\$ 7,654,698</u>

7. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 110,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000
Taxable general obligation capital improvement plan bonds	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	-
General obligation drainage refunding bonds	1,595,000	-	85,000	1,510,000	95,000
Less: unamortized discount	(10,087)	-	(3,404)	(6,683)	-
Add: unamortized premium	45,193	-	3,064	42,129	-
Total general obligation bonds	\$ 3,855,106	\$ -	\$ 194,660	\$ 3,660,446	\$ 210,000
Loans payable	27,663	-	3,720	23,943	3,795
Capital lease payable	5,200,000	-	155,000	5,045,000	160,000
Compensated absences	532,976	361,956	371,139	523,793	73,539
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,615,745</u>	<u>\$ 361,956</u>	<u>\$ 724,519</u>	<u>\$ 9,253,182</u>	<u>\$ 447,334</u>

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

C. Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources

7. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

Bonded debt is paid by the Courthouse Improvement and County Ditch 29 Debt Service Funds.

8. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources – unavailable revenue consists of taxes and special assessments receivable, state and federal grants not collected soon enough after year-end to pay liabilities of the current period, money from state-aid highway allotments, and other receivables not collected soon enough after year-end to pay liabilities of the current period. Unavailable revenue at December 31, 2021, is summarized by fund:

	Taxes and Special Assessments	Grants	State-Aid Highway Allotments	Other	Total
Major governmental funds					
General	\$ 28,858	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,741	\$ 198,599
Special Revenue					
Road and Bridge	9,013	902,262	531,560	-	1,442,835
Human Services	7,315	16,350	-	2,322	25,987
County Ditch 29 Debt Service	1,299,814	-	-	-	1,299,814
Nonmajor governmental funds					
Ditch Special Revenue	13	-	-	-	13
Solid Waste Special Revenue	3,081	-	-	-	3,081
Courthouse Improvement Debt Service	2,530	-	-	-	2,530
Total	\$ 1,350,624	\$ 918,612	\$ 531,560	\$ 172,063	\$ 2,972,859

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

D. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description

Grant 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.

No assets have been accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph four of GASB 75. The OPEB plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report.

As of the January 1, 2020, actuarial valuation, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	1
Active plan participants	<u>83</u>
Total	<u><u>84</u></u>

Total OPEB Liability

The County's total OPEB liability of \$825,113 was measured as of January 1, 2021, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020. The total OPEB liability is liquidated through the General Fund and other governmental funds that have personal services.

The total OPEB liability in the fiscal year-end December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age, level percentage of pay
Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	Service graded table
Medical trend	6.50 percent in 2020, grading to 5.00 percent over six years and then to 4.00 percent over the next 48 years

The current year discount rate is 2.00 percent which is a change from the prior year rate of 2.90 percent. The discount rate is based on the 20-Year AA-rated municipal bond yield.

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D. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

Mortality rates used are based on Society of Actuaries Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Safety) with MP-2019 Generational Improvement Scale.

Retirement and withdrawal assumptions used are similar to those used to value pension liabilities for Minnesota public employees. The state pension plans base their assumptions on periodic experience studies.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance at January 1, 2021	<u>\$ 692,369</u>
Changes for the year	
Service cost	\$ 96,175
Interest	22,482
Changes of assumption or other inputs	40,894
Benefit payments	<u>(26,807)</u>
Net change	<u>\$ 132,744</u>
Balance at December 31, 2021	<u><u>\$ 825,113</u></u>

OPEB Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, calculated using the discount rate previously disclosed, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00 percentage point lower or 1.00 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

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D. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

OPEB Liability Sensitivity (Continued)

	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
1% Decrease	1.00%	\$ 886,919
Current	2.00	825,113
1% Increase	3.00	766,390

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, calculated using the health care cost trend previously disclosed, as well as what the County's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are 1.00 percentage point lower or 1.00 percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rate:

	<u>Health Care Trend Rate</u>	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
1% Decrease	5.25% Decreasing to 4.00%	\$ 736,076
Current	6.25% Decreasing to 5.00%	825,113
1% Increase	7.25% Decreasing to 6.00%	932,210

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources
Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the County recognized OPEB expense of \$66,068. The County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Liability gains	\$ -	\$ 106,576
Changes in actuarial assumptions	43,007	13,216
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	34,325	-
Total	<u>\$ 77,332</u>	<u>\$ 119,792</u>

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D. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources
Related to OPEB (Continued)

The \$34,325 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the year ended December 31, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>OPEB Expense Amount</u>
2022	\$ (17,187)
2023	(17,187)
2024	(17,187)
2025	(17,187)
2026	(13,879)
Thereafter	5,842

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2021:

- The discount rate was changed from 2.90 percent to 2.00 percent.

E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

1. Plan Description

All full-time and certain part-time employees of Grant County are covered by defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the General Employees Retirement Plan (the General Employees Plan) and the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan (the Police and Fire Plan), which are cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plans. These plans are established and administered in accordance with Minn. Stat. chs. 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

1. Plan Description (Continued)

The General Employees Plan (accounted for in the General Employees Fund) has multiple benefit structures with members belonging to the Coordinated Plan, the Basic Plan, or the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security, and the Basic Plan and Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund members are not. The Basic Plan was closed to new members in 1967. The Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was closed to new members during 1978 and merged into the General Employees Plan in 2015. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan, for which benefits vest after five years of credited service. No Grant County employees belong to either the Basic Plan or the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund.

Police officers, firefighters, and peace officers who qualify for membership by statute are covered by the Police and Fire Plan (accounted for in the Police and Fire Fund). For members first hired after June 30, 2010, but before July 1, 2014, benefits vest on a prorated basis starting with 50 percent after five years and increasing ten percent for each year of service until fully vested after ten years. Benefits for members first hired after June 30, 2014, vest on a prorated basis from 50 percent after ten years and increasing five percent for each year of service until fully vested after 20 years.

2. Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can be modified only by the state legislature. Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January.

General Employees Plan benefit recipients will receive a post-retirement increase equal to 50 percent of the cost of living adjustment announced by the Social Security Administration, with a minimum increase of at least 1.00 percent and maximum of 1.50 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will

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E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

2. Benefits Provided (Continued)

receive a reduced prorated increase. For members retiring on January 1, 2024, or later, the increase will be delayed until normal retirement age (age 65 if hired prior to July 1, 1989, or age 66 for individuals hired on or after July 1, 1989). Members retiring under the Rule of 90 are exempt from the delay to normal retirement.

Police and Fire Plan benefit recipients will receive a 1.00 percent post-retirement increase. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least 36 months as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least 25 months but less than 36 months as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase.

The benefit provisions stated in the following paragraph 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 their public service.

Benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any 60 consecutive months of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. In the General Employees Plan, two methods are used to compute benefits for Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive 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 Coordinated Plan member is 1.20 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 1.70 percent of average salary for each remaining year. Under Method 2, the annuity accrual rate is 1.70 percent for Coordinated Plan members for each year of service. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. For Police and Fire Plan members, the annuity accrual rate is 3.00 percent of average salary for each year of service.

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E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

2. Benefits Provided (Continued)

For General Employees Plan members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90, and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66. For Police and Fire Plan members, normal retirement age is 55, and for members who were hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90. Disability benefits are available for vested members and are based on years of service and average high-five salary.

3. Contributions

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. Rates did not change from 2020.

In 2021, the County and members were required to contribute the following percentages of annual covered salary:

	<u>Member Required Contribution</u>	<u>Employer Required Contribution</u>
General Employees Plan – Coordinated Plan members	6.50%	7.50%
Police and Fire Plan	11.80	17.70

The County's contributions for the year ended December 31, 2021, to the pension plans were:

General Employees Plan	\$ 318,900
Police and Fire Plan	137,952

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

3. Contributions (Continued)

The contributions are equal to the contractually required contributions as set by state statute.

4. Pension Costs

General Employees Plan

At December 31, 2021, the County reported a liability of \$2,412,803 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the County's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. At June 30, 2021, the County's proportion was 0.0565 percent. It was 0.0568 percent measured as of June 30, 2020. The County recognized pension expense of \$40,682 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's pension expense.

The County also recognized \$5,942 as revenue, which results in a reduction of the net pension liability, for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contribution to the General Employees Plan, which qualifies as a special funding situation. Legislation requires the State of Minnesota to contribute \$16 million to the General Employees Plan annually until September 15, 2031.

The County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,412,803
State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the County	<u>73,650</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,486,453</u>

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

4. Pension Costs

General Employees Plan (Continued)

The County reported its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 14,719	\$ 73,884
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,473,208	53,447
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	2,090,094
Changes in proportion	19,350	39,841
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to the measurement date	164,776	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,672,053</u>	<u>\$ 2,257,266</u>

The \$164,776 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31	Pension Expense Amount
2022	\$ (126,416)
2023	(30,776)
2024	(22,857)
2025	(569,940)

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

4. Pension Costs (Continued)

Police and Fire Plan

At December 31, 2021, the County reported a liability of \$519,485 for its proportionate share of the Police and Fire Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the County's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. At June 30, 2021, the County's proportion was 0.0673 percent. It was 0.0670 percent measured as of June 30, 2020. The County recognized pension expense of \$5,865 for its proportionate share of the Police and Fire Plan's pension expense.

The State of Minnesota also contributed \$18 million to the Police and Fire Plan in the plan fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The contribution consisted of \$9 million in direct state aid that meets the definition of a special funding situation and \$9 million in supplemental state aid that does not meet the definition of a special funding situation.

Legislation requires the State of Minnesota to pay direct state aid of \$9 million on October 1, 2020, and to pay \$9 million by October 1 of each subsequent year until full funding is reached, or July 1, 2048, whichever is earlier. The County recognized an additional \$4,252 as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's pension expense.

The County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 519,485
State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the County	<u>23,346</u>
Total	<u>\$ 542,831</u>

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

4. Pension Costs

Police and Fire Plan (Continued)

Legislation also requires the State of Minnesota to contribute \$9 million to the Police and Fire Plan each year, starting in fiscal year 2014, until the plan is 90 percent funded, or until the State Patrol Plan is 90 percent funded, whichever occurs later. The County also recognized \$6,057 as revenue, which results in a reduction of the net pension liability, for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's on-behalf contribution to the Police and Fire Plan.

The County reported its proportionate share of the Police and Fire Plan's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 99,463	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions	763,506	239,067
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	994,309
Changes in proportion	76,783	36,533
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to the measurement date	71,578	-
Total	\$ 1,011,330	\$ 1,269,909

The \$71,578 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

4. Pension Costs

Police and Fire Plan (Continued)

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>Pension Expense Amount</u>
2022	\$ (282,166)
2023	(35,716)
2024	(70,617)
2025	(109,463)
2026	167,805

Total Pension Expense

The total pension expense for all plans recognized by the County for the year ended December 31, 2021, was \$46,547.

5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2021, actuarial valuation was determined using the individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method and the following additional actuarial assumptions:

	<u>General Employees Fund</u>	<u>Police and Fire Fund</u>
Inflation	2.25% per year	2.25% per year
Active Member Payroll Growth	3.00% per year	3.00% per year
Investment Rate of Return	6.50%	6.50%

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors, and disabilitants were based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table for the General Employees Plan and the Pub-2010 Public Safety Employee Mortality tables for the Police and Fire Plan, with slight adjustments. Cost of living benefit increases for retirees are assumed to be 1.25 percent for the General Employees Plan. For the Police and Fire Plan, cost of living benefit increases for retirees are 1.00 percent as set by state statute.

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E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

5. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The experience study for the General Employees Plan was dated June 27, 2019. The experience study for the Police and Fire Plan was dated July 14, 2020. For both plans a review of inflation and investment assumptions dated June 24, 2021, was utilized.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 6.50 percent. The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness of the long-term expected rate of return on a regular basis using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equities	33.50%	5.10%
International equities	16.50	5.30
Fixed income	25.00	0.75
Private markets	25.00	5.90

6. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.50 percent in 2021, which is a decrease of one percent from 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rate specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the fiduciary net positions of the General Employees Plan and the Police and Fire Plan were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

7. Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Plan Provisions

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2021:

General Employees Plan

- The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

Police and Fire Plan

- The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent.
- The inflation assumption was changed from 2.50 percent to 2.25 percent.
- The payroll growth assumption was changed from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 Public Safety Mortality table. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.
- The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality table (with future mortality improvement according to Scale MP-2019) to the Pub-2010 Public Safety Disabled Annuitant Mortality table (with future mortality improvement according to Scale MP-2020).
- Assumed rates of salary increase were modified as recommended in the July 14, 2020, experience study. The overall impact is a decrease in gross salary increase rates.

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3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans

7. Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

Police and Fire Plan (Continued)

- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the July 14, 2020, experience study. The changes result in slightly more unreduced retirements and fewer assumed early retirements.
- Assumed rates of withdrawal were changed from select and ultimate rates to service-based rates. The changes result in more assumed terminations.
- Assumed rates of disability were increased for ages 25-44 and decreased for ages over 49. Overall, proposed rates result in more projected disabilities.
- Assumed percent married for active female members was changed from 60 percent to 70 percent. Minor changes to form of payment assumptions were applied.

8. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate previously disclosed, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1.00 percentage point lower or 1.00 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	Proportionate Share of the			
	General Employees Plan		Police and Fire Plan	
	Discount Rate	Net Pension Liability	Discount Rate	Net Pension Liability (Asset)
1% Decrease	5.50%	\$ 4,920,887	5.50%	\$ 1,649,276
Current	6.50	2,412,803	6.50	519,485
1% Increase	7.50	354,767	7.50	(406,664)

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E. Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

9. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the internet at www.mnpera.org.

F. Defined Contribution Plan

Five employees of Grant County are 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 five percent of salary, which is matched by the employer. 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 two 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 Grant County during the year ended December 31, 2021, were:

	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer</u>
Contribution amount	\$ 7,354	\$ 7,354
Percentage of covered payroll	5.00%	5.00%

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4. 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 for which the County carries commercial insurance. The County has entered into a joint powers agreement with other Minnesota counties to form the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT). The County is a member of both the MCIT Workers' Compensation and Property and Casualty Divisions. For employee group health insurance benefits, the County is a member of the Lakes Country Service Cooperative (Service Cooperative). For other risks, 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 \$500,000 per claim in 2021 and 2022. Should the MCIT Workers' Compensation Division liabilities exceed assets, MCIT may assess the County in a method and amount to be determined by MCIT.

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.

The Lakes Country Service Cooperative is a joint powers entity which sponsors a plan to provide group employee health benefits to its participating members. All members pool premiums and losses; however, a particular member may receive increases or decreases depending on a good or bad year of claims experience. Premiums are determined annually by the Service Cooperative and are based partially on the experience of the County and partially on the experience of the group. The Service Cooperative solicits proposals from carriers and negotiates the contracts.

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5. 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 is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the County Attorney, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

B. Conduit Debt

In 2020, the County issued \$20,000,000 of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds to provide financial assistance to Riverview LLP, located in North Ottawa Township, Minnesota. The project will consist of the construction, acquisition, and installation of facilities and equipment to be used in connection with the storage and disposal of manure including site preparation, concreted flushing and scraping lanes, flushing equipment, separators, storage pit, and functionally related facilities to be used in the owner's dairy facilities. The notes are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from revenues of the partnership. Neither the County, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof, is obligated in any manner for repayment of the notes. Accordingly, the notes are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. As of December 31, 2021, the outstanding principal balance was \$20,000,000.

C. Joint Ventures

Horizon Public Health

Grant, Pope, Stevens, and Traverse Counties entered into a joint powers agreement creating and operating the Mid-State Community Health Services, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59. During 1994, Stevens Traverse Grant Public Health Nursing Service began receiving and administering the grant money for Stevens, Traverse, and Grant Counties. Mid-State Community Health Services was renamed to Horizon Community Health Board when Douglas County was added as a member on January 1, 2011. Horizon

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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Joint Ventures

Horizon Public Health (Continued)

Community Health Board was renamed to Horizon Public Health on January 1, 2015, when it became a fiscally independent entity. The budget is now approved by the five-county Board.

Control is vested in Horizon's Board, which consists of 13 members comprised of 11 County Commissioners and two community representatives. Each member of the Board is appointed by the County Commissioners of the county they represent.

Financing is provided by state and federal grants and contributions from the five member counties. During 2021, Grant County contributed \$42,126 in funds to Horizon Public Health.

Complete financial statements for Horizon Public Health can be obtained from: Horizon Public Health, 809 Elm Street, Suite 1200, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308.

Pomme de Terre River Association

The Pomme de Terre River Association Joint Powers Board was established August 11, 1981, by an agreement between Grant County and five other counties and their respective soil and water conservation districts. The agreement was made to develop and implement plans to protect property from damage of flooding; control erosion of land; protect streams and lakes from sedimentation and pollution; and maintain or improve the quality of water in the streams, lakes, and ground water lying within the boundaries of the watershed of the Pomme de Terre River. Administrative costs are apportioned equally to the soil and water conservation districts based on actual costs. An amended and restated joint powers agreement was approved on March 19, 2013.

Control is vested in a Joint Powers Board, comprised of one representative of each Board of County Commissioners and one representative from each soil and water conservation district board of supervisors included within the agreement. Grant County contributed \$5,900 in funds to Pomme de Terre River Association in 2021.

Complete financial information can be obtained from: Pomme de Terre River Association Joint Powers Board, 12 Highway 28 East, Suite 2, Morris, Minnesota 56267.

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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Joint Ventures (Continued)

PrimeWest Health

The PrimeWest Central County-Based Purchasing Initiative (since renamed PrimeWest Health) was established in December 1998 by a joint powers agreement with Big Stone, Douglas, Grant, McLeod, Meeker, Pipestone, Pope, Renville, Stevens, and Traverse Counties under the authority of Minn. Stat. § 471.59. Beltrami, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties were later added to PrimeWest Health. Pipestone County has since joined Southwest Health and Human Services for public health and human services functions. The partnership is organized to directly purchase health care services for county residents who are eligible for Medical Assistance and General Assistance Medical Care as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 256B.692. County-based purchasing is the local control alternative favored for improved coordination of services to prepaid Medical Assistance programs in complying with Minnesota Department of Health requirements as set forth in Minn. Stat. chs. 62D and 62N.

Control of PrimeWest Health is vested in a Joint Powers Board of Directors, composed of two Commissioners from each member county (one active and one alternate). Each member of the Joint Powers Board of Directors is appointed by the County Commissioners of the county represented.

In the event of termination of the joint powers agreement, all assets owned pursuant to this agreement shall be sold, and the proceeds, together with monies on hand, will be distributed to the current members based on their proportional share of each member's county-based purchasing eligible population.

Financing is provided by Medical Assistance and General Assistance Medical Care payments from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, initial start-up loans from the member counties, and by proportional contributions from member counties, if necessary, to cover operational costs. Grant County did not make any contributions to PrimeWest Health in 2021.

Complete financial information can be obtained from: PrimeWest Health, 3905 Dakota Street, Suite 101, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308.

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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Joint Ventures (Continued)

Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board

The Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board was established in 2007, under the authority conferred upon the member parties by Minn. Stat. §§ 471.59 and 403.39. As of June 1, 2011, the Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board changed its name to the Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board. Members include the City of St. Cloud and the Counties of Benton, Big Stone, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Pope, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, and Wright.

The purpose of the Central Minnesota Emergency Services 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.

The Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board is composed of one Commissioner of each county appointed by their respective County Board and one City Council member from the City appointed by the City Council, as provided in the Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board's by-laws.

In the event of dissolution of the Central Minnesota Emergency Services 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 Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board has no long-term debt. Financing is provided by appropriations from member parties and by state and federal grants. During 2021, Grant County did not contribute any funds to the Board.

Complete financial information can be obtained from: Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board, City of St. Cloud, Office of the Mayor, City Hall, 400 Second Street South, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303.

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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Joint Ventures (Continued)

Region 4 South Adult Mental Health Consortium

Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, and Traverse Counties entered into a joint powers agreement creating and operating Region 4 South Adult Mental Health Consortium, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, to provide a system of care that will serve the needs of adults with serious and persistent mental illness for the mutual benefit of each of the joint participants.

Control of the Consortium is vested in a Governing Board, which consists of each participating county's Director of Social Services, Family Services or Human Services, as the case may be, two County Commissioners from the Executive Commissioner Board, three local providers and three consumers. The Governing Board operates under the ultimate authority of the Executive Commissioner Board. The Executive Commissioner Board is composed of one Commissioner of each county appointed by their respective County Board.

Any county may withdraw by providing notice to the chair of the Board 90 days prior to the date of the proposed withdrawal. Withdrawal does not act to discharge any liability incurred or chargeable to any county before the effective date of the withdrawal.

Dissolution of the Consortium shall occur by unanimous vote of the counties, or when the membership in the Consortium is reduced to less than two counties. Upon dissolution of the Consortium, the member counties shall share in the current liabilities and current financial assets, including real property, of the Consortium equally if no county has contributed during the term of the Consortium or based upon their percentage of contribution to the Consortium's budget during the period applicable to such liabilities and assets.

Financing is predominantly provided by state grants. Grant County, in a fiscal host capacity, reports activity of the Consortium as custodial funds on its financial statements.

Complete financial information can be obtained from: Region 4 South Adult Mental Health Consortium, Region 4 South Consortium, 507 North Nokomis Northeast, Suite 203, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308.

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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Joint Ventures (Continued)

Rainbow Rider Transit Board

Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, and Traverse Counties entered into a joint powers agreement to establish the West Central Multi-County Joint Powers Transit Board effective December 1, 1994, and empowered under Minn. Stat. § 471.59. Effective January 13, 2000, the Board changed its name from West Central Multi-County Joint Powers Transit Board to Rainbow Rider Transit Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide coordinated service delivery and a funding source for public transportation. Grant County terminated its membership in Rainbow Rider on May 31, 1999. Grant County rejoined, and Todd County became a member county effective January 1, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

The Board consists of two members appointed by each member county from its County Board for terms of one year each. Rainbow Rider is a joint venture with no county having control over the Board. Each county has an ongoing responsibility to provide funding for the operating costs of Rainbow Rider allocated in accordance with the actual expenses incurred by representatives of the respective counties on the Board. Grant County contributed \$40,409 during 2021.

The joint powers agreement remains in force until any single county notifies the other parties of its intentions to withdraw, at least 90 days before the termination takes effect. The remaining counties may agree to continue the agreement with the remaining counties as members.

Complete financial information can be obtained from: Rainbow Rider, 249 Poplar Avenue, Lowry, Minnesota 56349.

Counties Providing Technology

Counties Providing Technology (CPT) was established in 2018, under the authority conferred upon by member parties by Minn. Stat. § 471.59 for the purpose of purchasing the former software vendor, Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc., (CPUI) and to provide for the development, operation, and maintenance of technology applications and systems. Grant County and 22 other counties are members of CPT. Each member county provided an initial contribution to start up CPT and provide funds for the purchase of CPUI. CPT purchased CPUI in September 2018 for a purchase price of \$3,600,000.

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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

C. Joint Ventures

Counties Providing Technology (Continued)

Control is vested in the CPT Board, which consists of one individual appointed by each member county's Board of Commissioners. The joint powers agreement provides that initial operating capital contributed by each member is to be repaid from any excess in fund balance at the end of the fiscal year, in proportion to the initial contribution. Once the initial contribution is repaid, there is no remaining equity interest for the member counties.

Financing is primarily from county member contributions. During 2021, Grant County contributed \$84,714 to CPT.

Current financial information can be obtained from: Stevens County Auditor/Treasurer, 400 Colorado Avenue, Suite 303, Morris, Minnesota 56267.

Viking Library System

Grant County, along with ten cities and five other counties, participates in the Viking Library System in order to establish, continue, strengthen, and improve library services in the participating cities and counties. The Viking Library System was created as a public library service in 1975, by Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, and Stevens Counties along with the cities of Alexandria, Elbow Lake, Fergus Falls, Hancock, and Morris. Additions to the Library system included Browns Valley, Glenwood, New York Mills, Perham, and Wheaton in 1976, Pope County in 1981, Traverse County in 1983, and Pelican Rapids in 1988. In 1992, the Alexandria Library became the Douglas County library.

The Viking Library System is governed by a governing board which consists of 19 members. Each County board appoints a resident of the County, each member library board appoints a representative, and any libraries with a service area population over 15,000 have an additional representative. Currently, Fergus Falls and Douglas County have additional representatives. During 2021, Grant County provided \$74,122 to the Viking Library System.

Complete financial information can be obtained from the Viking Library System, 1915 Fir Avenue West, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537.

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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items (Continued)

D. Jointly-Governed Organizations

Grant County, in conjunction with other governmental entities and various private organizations, formed the jointly-governed organizations listed below:

District IV Transportation Planning

Grant County and 13 other cities and counties entered into a joint powers agreement to establish the District IV Transportation Planning Joint Powers Board, effective December 11, 1996, and empowered under Minn. Stat. § 471.59. The purpose of the Board is to develop a multi-modal transportation plan for the geographical jurisdiction of the member cities and counties. The Board is composed of 14 members, with one member appointed by each member city and county.

Region Four – West Central Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management Organization

The Region Four – West Central Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management Organization was established to provide for regional coordination of planning, training, purchase of equipment, and allocating emergency services and staff in order to better respond to emergencies and natural or other disasters within the region. Control is vested in the Board, which is composed of representatives appointed by each Board of County Commissioners. Grant County's responsibility does not extend beyond making this appointment.

Lakeland Mental Health Center

Lakeland Mental Health Center was formed pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 317A, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation on February 10, 1961, and includes Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, and Pope Counties. The purpose of Lakeland Mental Health Center is to promote healthy individuals, families, and communities by providing high quality accessible mental health services.

The management of Lakeland Mental Health Center is vested in a Board of Directors consisting of one Commissioner and one community-at-large representative from each member county, plus one human service director, or equivalent position, rotated between the member counties.

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5. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

D. Jointly-Governed Organizations

Lakeland Mental Health Center (Continued)

Services are provided to the member counties through purchase of service agreements. A member county may lose its membership, by action of the Board of Directors, if it fails to have a signed contract with Lakeland Mental Health Center. Grant County paid \$195,361 in 2021 for services purchased through Lakeland Mental Health Center.

Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network

The Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network Joint Powers Agreement exists to create access for the County Sheriff and County Attorney to systems and tools available from the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to carry out criminal justice. During the year, Grant County made no payments to the joint powers.

Minnesota Rural Counties

The Minnesota Rural Counties (formerly Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus) was established in 1997 and includes Aitkin, Becker, Big Stone, Clay, Cottonwood, Douglas, Grant, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, McLeod, Mille Lacs, Mower, Murray, Norman, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Redwood, Roseau, Stevens, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Watonwan, Wilkin, and Wright Counties. Control of the Caucus is vested in the Minnesota Rural Counties Executive Committee, which is composed of twelve appointees, each with an alternate, who are appointed annually by each respective County Board they represent. Each County also appoints a delegate and alternate to the Board of Directors. The County's responsibility does not extend beyond making these appointments.

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6. Subsequent Event

On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed an amended version of the COVID Relief Package, the American Rescue Plan, which includes \$65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid for counties in America. The U.S. Department of the Treasury will oversee and administer payments of the State and Local Coronavirus Recovery Funds to state and local governments, for which every county is eligible to receive a direct allocation from the Treasury. Counties will receive funds in two tranches—50 percent in 2021, and the remaining 50 percent no earlier than 12 months from the first payment. The U.S. Treasury is required to pay the first tranche to counties no later than 60-days after enactment. Grant County's projected allocation of the State and Local Coronavirus Recovery Funds is \$1,159,990. Grant County received \$579,995 on July 22, 2021 and received \$579,995 on July 28, 2022.

During 2022, final settlement agreements were reached with pharmaceutical companies and distributors as part of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation. For Grant County, the amount to be received as a result of this litigation is \$169,741, to be received over 18 years, which has been recorded as a settlement receivable in the current year. The Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement was signed January 24, 2022.

On January 1, 2022, Grant County Human Services no longer will be recorded as part of the County as it joined Pope County Human Services to form the Western Prairie Human Services, a joint entity that will serve the people of both counties. As part of this transition, the Western Prairie Human Services will now be the fiscal host for the Region 4 South Adult Mental Health Consortium, a joint venture of Grant County, and current fiscal host. The Assertive Community Treatment Fund and the Adult Mental Health Initiative Fund, both custodial funds, will no longer be reported by Grant County.

7. Component Unit Disclosures

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

1. Reporting Entity

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) of Grant County is a component unit of Grant County and is reported in a separate column in the County's financial statements to emphasize that the HRA is a legally separate entity from Grant County. The HRA operates as a public agency created by Grant County under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended. The primary purpose is to provide housing and redevelopment services to the County. The governing body consists of a

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7. Component Unit Disclosures

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

1. Reporting Entity (Continued)

five-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Grant County Board of Commissioners to serve five-year terms. The financial statements included are as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021.

2. Basis of Accounting

The HRA is reported and accounted for using the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

3. Rent Receivable

Rent is due on the first of the month for the current month. Rent which remains uncollected is accrued as a receivable. Management represents all rent receivables are collectible either through normal collection procedures or through revenue recapture through the State of Minnesota. Management has elected to record bad debts using the direct write-off method. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the allowance method be used to reflect bad debts. However, the effect of the use of the direct write-off method is not materially different from the results that would have been obtained had the allowance method been followed. The collection loss for December 31, 2021, was \$2,831.

4. Capital Assets

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost, and are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	30 - 40 years
Improvements	10 - 15 years
Equipment	3 - 7 years

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7. Component Unit Disclosures

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

5. Capitalized Interest

In determining the cost of capital projects, the HRA capitalizes that portion of the interest cost which could have been avoided if the capital project had not been undertaken. No interest was capitalized for the year ended December 31, 2021.

6. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the 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.

B. Detailed Notes on All Funds

1. Deposits

Reconciliation of the HRA's total cash as reported in the basic financial statements to deposits, cash on hand, and investments follows:

Cash and pooled investments	
Deposits	\$ 595,430
Certificates of deposit	<u>387,557</u>
Total cash and pooled investments	\$ 982,987
Restricted cash	
Tenant security deposits	<u>40,775</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 1,023,762</u>

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7. Component Unit Disclosures

B. Detailed Notes on All Funds

1. Deposits (Continued)

In accordance with Minnesota statutes, the HRA maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the Board of Directors. Minnesota statutes require that all HRA 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.

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.

At December 31, 2021, the HRA’s deposits had a carrying amount of \$1,023,762 and a bank balance of \$862,199. The bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance. The HRA had sufficient collateral coverage on all cash accounts.

2. Investments

Minnesota statutes generally authorize the same types of investments for the HRA as for the County. See Note 3.A.1.b.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the HRA had no investments that required disclosure regarding interest rate risk, credit risk, custodial credit risk, or concentration of credit risk.

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7. Component Unit Disclosures

B. Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

3. Capital Assets

The HRA's capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2021, follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets not depreciated				
Land	\$ 188,204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188,204
Capital assets depreciated				
Buildings	\$ 6,843,081	\$ 101,587	\$ -	\$ 6,944,668
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures	378,388	3,000	-	381,388
Total capital assets depreciated	\$ 7,221,469	\$ 104,587	\$ -	\$ 7,326,056
Less: accumulated depreciation	5,023,704	198,896	-	5,222,600
Total capital assets depreciated, net	\$ 2,197,765	\$ (94,309)	\$ -	\$ 2,103,456
Total	\$ 2,385,969	\$ (94,309)	\$ -	\$ 2,291,660

4. Long-Term Debt

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2021, was as follows:

Type of Indebtedness	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
2002 GMHF Loan	\$ 101,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,500	\$ -
MHFA Loan – AA1	165,966	-	-	165,966	-
MHFA Loan – AA2	110,389	-	-	110,389	-
USDA Loan	53,263	-	4,422	48,841	4,689
MHFA-POPHP Loan – Vart Hjem	106,740	-	-	106,740	-
MHFA-POPHP Loan – NS Manor	42,800	-	-	42,800	-
MHFA-POPHP Loan – LFD	63,099	-	-	63,099	-
2020A Housing Development Refunding Bonds	555,000	-	56,000	499,000	60,000
Compensated absences	14,844	8,417	8,453	14,808	8,632
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,213,601	\$ 8,417	\$ 68,875	\$ 1,153,143	\$ 73,321

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7. Component Unit Disclosures

B. Detailed Notes on All Funds

4. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Bonds and loans payable at December 31, 2021, consisted of the following issues:

	Original Issue Amount	Final Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding Balance December 31, 2021
2002 GMHF Loan	\$ 101,500	2027	-	\$ 101,500
MHFA Loan – AA1	165,966	2030	-	165,966
MHFA Loan – AA2	110,389	2030	-	110,389
USDA Loan	59,521	2030	4.875	48,841
MHFA-POPHP Loan – Vart Hjem	106,740	2055	-	106,740
MHFA-POPHP Loan – NS Manor	42,800	2055	-	42,800
MHFA-POPHP Loan – LFD	63,099	2055	-	63,099
2020A Housing Development Refunding Bonds	613,000	2029	1.25 - 4.50	499,000
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 1,263,015</u>			<u>\$ 1,138,335</u>

The 2002 GMHF Loan matures on April 2, 2027. The loan is noninterest-bearing, unsecured, and requires no periodic payments.

The MHFA Loan – AA1 matures on March 12, 2030. The loan is noninterest-bearing, unsecured, and requires no periodic payments.

The MHFA Loan – AA2 matures March 1, 2030. The loan is non-interest bearing, unsecured, and requires no periodic payments.

The USDA Loan matures July 7, 2030. The loan bears an interest rate of 4.875 percent in monthly interest and principle payments.

The MHFA POHP loans consist of three separate notes all of which are non-interest bearing, unsecured notes which will be forgiven in 2055 if no events of default occur as described in the loan agreements.

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7. Component Unit Disclosures

B. Detailed Notes on All Funds

4. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

On September 1, 2020, the HRA issued Housing Development Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A, in the amount of \$613,000. The bond proceeds refinanced the Housing Development Bonds of 2009. The bond bears an interest rate of 1.40 percent in semi-annual interest payments and annual principal payments. The bond is secured by all real and personal property as well as by all revenues of the housing project.

The annual minimum payment requirements for bonds and loans outstanding as of December 31, 2021, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Bonds		Notes from Direct Borrowings		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2022	\$ 60,000	\$ 6,986	\$ 4,689	\$ 2,273	\$ 73,948
2023	59,000	6,146	4,923	2,039	72,108
2024	62,000	5,320	5,168	1,794	74,282
2025	65,000	4,452	5,426	1,536	76,414
2026	59,000	3,542	5,697	1,265	69,504
2027 - 2030	194,000	5,502	400,793	2,099	602,394
	\$ 499,000	\$ 31,948	\$ 426,696	\$ 11,006	\$ 968,650
Forgivable debt	-	-	212,639	-	212,639
Totals	<u>\$ 499,000</u>	<u>\$ 31,948</u>	<u>\$ 639,335</u>	<u>\$ 11,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,181,289</u>

C. Defined Contribution Pension Plan

Plan Description

The Definiti, LLC Trust for Certain Governmental Plans (Plan) is a defined contribution retirement plan covering essentially all employees of the various participating employers. Since the participating employers are all government units, the Plan is not subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, except for the contribution limitations of Section 415. The payroll for employees covered by the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021, was \$163,163; the HRA's total payroll was \$163,163.

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7. Component Unit Disclosures

C. Defined Contribution Pension Plan

Plan Description (Continued)

The Plan and Trust are qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and their income is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Code.

The Plan is funded by employer contributions only. The rates of contributions are determined by the various adoption agreements of the participating employers. Terminating or retiring participants are entitled to certain benefits including the full amount of their contributions to the Plan as well as earnings on their contributions.

In addition to the amount of their contribution, each participant is entitled to the portion of the employer's contributions in which he or she has a vested interest. Vesting provisions are determined in accordance with the participating employers' adoption agreement. If a participating employee should die prior to retirement, then the employee or their designated beneficiary shall be entitled to the full value of the participant's account.

Benefits are payable in the form of lump sum cash settlements or purchased annuities, depending upon the election of the participant and the nature of their termination or retirement. If the Plan is terminated or contributions under the Plan are discontinued, the participating employees are entitled to benefits accrued to the date of such termination or discontinuance to the extent funded and/or to the amounts credited to the employees' accounts.

Contributions Required and Contributions Made

Covered employees may elect to contribute a percentage of their gross earnings to the Plan. The HRA makes monthly contributions to the pension plan. Current contribution rates are as follows:

Employee	-
Employer	14.00%

Total contributions made during the fiscal years ending December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019, were \$25,131, \$21,186, and \$19,844, respectively.

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7. Component Unit Disclosures (Continued)

D. Risk Management

The HRA is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors or omissions; job-related illnesses or injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the HRA carries commercial insurance. The various insurance policies are subject to deductible amounts and maximum coverages. If the deductibles and maximum coverages are exceeded, this could cause the HRA to suffer losses if a loss is incurred from such incidents. The ultimate outcome of uninsured losses cannot presently be determined, and no provision for any liability that may result, if any, has been made in the financial statements. Settled claims to date have not exceeded coverage levels, and insurance coverage, by major categories of risk, is consistent with coverage in the prior year.

E. Contingencies

The HRA receives grant funds, principally from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Vouchers Choice program, the Public Housing Operating Subsidy, and Capital Fund. Monies from HUD are received directly from the federal agency. Certain expenditures are subject to audit by HUD, and the HRA is contingently liable to refund amounts received in excess of allowable expenditures. In the opinion of the HRA, no material refunds will be required as a result of expenditures disallowed by HUD.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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EXHIBIT A-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 4,454,411	\$ 4,454,411	\$ 4,807,795	\$ 353,384
Licenses and permits	40	40	13,843	13,803
Intergovernmental	785,610	785,610	1,344,019	558,409
Charges for services	518,655	518,655	712,856	194,201
Fines and forfeits	-	-	1,730	1,730
Gifts and contributions	-	-	5,025	5,025
Investment earnings	100,000	100,000	14,790	(85,210)
Miscellaneous	48,356	48,356	130,294	81,938
Total Revenues	\$ 5,907,072	\$ 5,907,072	\$ 7,030,352	\$ 1,123,280
Expenditures				
Current				
General government				
Commissioners	\$ 206,187	\$ 206,187	\$ 214,300	\$ (8,113)
Retiree insurance	21,000	21,000	54,952	(33,952)
Law library	-	-	3,294	(3,294)
County auditor	313,214	313,214	327,705	(14,491)
County treasurer	231,392	231,392	189,421	41,971
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	-	-	17,283	(17,283)
Human resources	111,411	111,411	105,506	5,905
Public examiners	52,000	52,000	80,887	(28,887)
Elections	30,000	30,000	12,419	17,581
Accounting and auditing	247,909	247,909	298,454	(50,545)
County recorder	261,355	261,355	262,959	(1,604)
County assessor	355,721	355,721	344,197	11,524
County buildings	304,097	304,097	279,298	24,799
County fair	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Veterans service officer	77,427	77,427	66,034	11,393
Coordinator	172,422	172,422	166,657	5,765
License bureau	154,898	154,898	148,569	6,329
GIS services	89,000	89,000	73,738	15,262
Collections	-	-	275,381	(275,381)
Other general government	348,251	348,251	235,917	112,334
Total general government	\$ 3,001,284	\$ 3,001,284	\$ 3,181,971	\$ (180,687)
Public safety				
Sheriff	\$ 1,888,148	\$ 1,888,148	\$ 1,916,357	\$ (28,209)
Coroner	20,000	20,000	4,800	15,200
Sheriff's contingent fund	-	-	1,132	(1,132)
Traffic diversion program	-	-	4,037	(4,037)
Water enforcement	5,000	5,000	613	4,387
Corrections and jails	161,723	161,723	185,427	(23,704)
E-911 program	-	-	137,103	(137,103)
Emergency management program	107,593	107,593	104,047	3,546
Total public safety	\$ 2,182,464	\$ 2,182,464	\$ 2,353,516	\$ (171,052)

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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***EXHIBIT A-1
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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Expenditures				
Current (Continued)				
Health				
Public health	\$ 45,626	\$ 45,626	\$ 43,323	\$ 2,303
Culture and recreation				
Historical society	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -
Viking library system	74,122	74,122	74,122	-
Total culture and recreation	\$ 104,122	\$ 104,122	\$ 104,122	\$ -
Conservation of natural resources				
County extension	\$ 78,111	\$ 78,111	\$ 78,797	\$ (686)
Soil and water conservation	124,725	124,725	124,725	-
Office of land management	295,740	295,740	269,507	26,233
Total conservation of natural resources	\$ 498,576	\$ 498,576	\$ 473,029	\$ 25,547
Economic development				
HRA	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -
COVID Relief Grants	-	-	256,500	(256,500)
Total economic development	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 331,500	\$ (256,500)
Debt service				
Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,770	\$ (20,770)
Interest	-	-	21,679	(21,679)
Total debt service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,449	\$ (42,449)
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,907,072	\$ 5,907,072	\$ 6,529,910	\$ (622,838)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)				
Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,442	\$ 500,442
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	88,328	88,328
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 588,770	\$ 588,770
Fund Balance – January 1	4,004,734	4,004,734	4,004,734	-
Fund Balance – December 31	\$ 4,004,734	\$ 4,004,734	\$ 4,593,504	\$ 588,770

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EXHIBIT A-2

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 1,371,105	\$ 1,371,105	\$ 1,386,121	\$ 15,016
Intergovernmental	10,729,841	10,729,841	5,958,508	(4,771,333)
Charges for services	78,000	78,000	39,930	(38,070)
Miscellaneous	8,000	8,000	41,348	33,348
Total Revenues	\$ 12,186,946	\$ 12,186,946	\$ 7,425,907	\$ (4,761,039)
Expenditures				
Current				
Highways and streets				
Administration	\$ 402,751	\$ 402,751	\$ 372,286	\$ 30,465
Engineering	33,753	33,753	15,577	18,176
Authorized work contribution	1,500	1,500	14	1,486
Construction	11,315,810	11,315,810	6,242,112	5,073,698
Maintenance	1,452,912	1,452,912	1,551,737	(98,825)
Shops	108,855	108,855	142,328	(33,473)
Equipment	1,031,365	1,031,365	1,291,813	(260,448)
Total highways and streets	\$ 14,346,946	\$ 14,346,946	\$ 9,615,867	\$ 4,731,079
Intergovernmental				
Highways and streets	-	-	267,424	(267,424)
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,346,946	\$ 14,346,946	\$ 9,883,291	\$ 4,463,655
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (2,160,000)	\$ (2,160,000)	\$ (2,457,384)	\$ (297,384)
Fund Balance – January 1	6,650,167	6,650,167	6,650,167	-
Increase (decrease) in inventories	-	-	103,373	103,373
Fund Balance – December 31	\$ 4,490,167	\$ 4,490,167	\$ 4,296,156	\$ (194,011)

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EXHIBIT A-3

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
HUMAN SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 1,230,983	\$ 1,230,983	\$ 1,138,111	\$ (92,872)
Intergovernmental	1,866,855	1,866,855	1,855,216	(11,639)
Charges for services	938,241	938,241	975,424	37,183
Miscellaneous	52,800	52,800	231,382	178,582
Total Revenues	\$ 4,088,879	\$ 4,088,879	\$ 4,200,133	\$ 111,254
Expenditures				
Current				
Human services				
Income maintenance	\$ 1,151,698	\$ 1,151,698	\$ 1,056,016	\$ 95,682
Social services	2,937,181	2,937,181	2,641,860	295,321
Total human services	\$ 4,088,879	\$ 4,088,879	\$ 3,697,876	\$ 391,003
Debt service				
Principal	-	-	137,950	(137,950)
Interest	-	-	171,075	(171,075)
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,088,879	\$ 4,088,879	\$ 4,006,901	\$ 81,978
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 193,232	\$ 193,232
Fund Balance – January 1	3,621,024	3,621,024	3,621,024	-
Fund Balance – December 31	\$ 3,621,024	\$ 3,621,024	\$ 3,814,256	\$ 193,232

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EXHIBIT A-4

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability				
Service cost	\$ 96,175	\$ 81,753	\$ 84,154	\$ 88,313
Interest	22,482	31,240	25,570	23,981
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	(149,208)	-	-
Changes of assumption or other inputs	40,894	11,137	(23,128)	-
Benefit payments	<u>(26,807)</u>	<u>(45,373)</u>	<u>(28,686)</u>	<u>(90,816)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	\$ 132,744	\$ (70,451)	\$ 57,910	\$ 21,478
Total OPEB Liability – Beginning	<u>692,369</u>	<u>762,820</u>	<u>704,910</u>	<u>683,432</u>
Total OPEB Liability – Ending	<u><u>\$ 825,113</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 692,369</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 762,820</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 704,910</u></u>
 Covered-employee payroll	 \$ 4,758,835	 \$ 4,609,041	 \$ 4,613,308	 \$ 4,478,940
Total OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	17.34%	15.02%	16.54%	15.74%

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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EXHIBIT A-5

**SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
PERA GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Measurement Date	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability / Asset	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with Grant County (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the State's Related Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a + b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (a/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2021	0.0565 %	\$ 2,412,803	\$ 73,650	\$ 2,486,453	\$ 4,067,287	59.32 %	87.00 %
2020	0.0568	3,405,420	105,098	3,510,518	4,010,998	84.90	79.06
2019	0.0561	3,101,643	96,496	3,198,139	3,971,480	78.10	80.23
2018	0.0580	3,217,602	105,539	3,323,141	3,889,797	82.72	79.53
2017	0.0552	3,523,932	44,294	3,568,226	3,554,744	99.13	75.90
2016	0.0514	4,173,425	54,537	4,227,962	3,034,606	137.53	68.91
2015	0.0507	2,627,537	N/A	2,627,537	2,810,449	93.49	78.19

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The measurement date for each year is June 30.

N/A – Not Applicable

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EXHIBIT A-6

**SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
PERA GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Year Ending	Statutorily Required Contributions (a)	Actual Contributions in Relation to Statutorily Required Contributions (b)	Contribution (Deficiency) Excess (b - a)	Covered Payroll (c)	Actual Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
2021	\$ 318,900	\$ 318,900	\$ -	\$ 4,254,373	7.50 %
2020	304,076	304,076	-	4,054,330	7.50
2019	297,625	297,625	-	3,968,327	7.50
2018	291,577	291,577	-	3,887,678	7.50
2017	277,316	277,316	-	3,697,540	7.50
2016	239,010	239,010	-	3,186,794	7.50
2015	217,945	231,921	13,976	2,905,932	7.98

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.
The County's year-end is December 31.

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EXHIBIT A-7

**SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
PERA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES POLICE AND FIRE PLAN
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Measurement Date	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability / Asset	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with Grant County (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the State's Related Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a + b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (a/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2021	0.0673 %	\$ 519,485	\$ 23,346	\$ 542,831	\$ 795,277	65.32 %	93.66 %
2020	0.0670	883,132	20,812	903,944	757,242	116.62	87.19
2019	0.0710	757,997	N/A	757,997	752,046	100.79	89.26
2018	0.0705	751,457	N/A	751,457	743,327	101.09	88.84
2017	0.0550	742,565	N/A	742,565	560,023	132.60	85.43
2016	0.0560	2,247,377	N/A	2,247,377	501,532	448.10	63.88
2015	0.0550	624,929	N/A	624,929	490,276	127.46	86.61

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.
The measurement date for each year is June 30.

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EXHIBIT A-8

**SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
PERA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES POLICE AND FIRE PLAN
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Year Ending	Statutorily Required Contributions (a)	Actual Contributions in Relation to Statutorily Required Contributions (b)	Contribution (Deficiency) Excess (b - a)	Covered Payroll (c)	Actual Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
2021	\$ 137,952	\$ 137,952	\$ -	\$ 779,389	17.70 %
2020	138,871	138,871	-	784,583	17.70
2019	125,693	125,693	-	741,554	16.95
2018	124,345	124,345	-	767,561	16.20
2017	103,045	103,045	-	636,083	16.20
2016	83,446	83,446	-	515,101	16.20
2015	81,683	85,392	3,709	504,214	16.94

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The County's year-end is December 31.

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**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

1. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds, except the Ditch Special Revenue Fund, the Courthouse Improvement and County Ditch 29 Debt Service Funds, and the Trust Payment Permanent Fund. A budget was not adopted for the Ditch Special Revenue Fund because it is based on taxing and special assessments which cannot be determined on an annual basis. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end unless specifically carried over to the next budget year by Board action.

On or before mid-June of each year, all departments and agencies submit requests for appropriations to the Grant 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.

2. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Excess</u>
General Fund	\$ 6,529,910	\$ 5,907,072	\$ 622,838

3. Other Postemployment Benefits Funded Status

See Note 3.D in the notes to the financial statements for additional information regarding the County's other postemployment benefits.

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4. Employer Contributions to Other Postemployment Benefits

Assets have not been accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph four of GASB Statement 75 to pay related benefits.

5. Other Postemployment Benefits – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred:

2021

- The discount rate was changed from 2.90 percent to 2.00 percent.

2020

- The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short-term and long-term medical increases.
- The mortality tables were updated from the RP-2014 Mortality Tables (Blue Collar for Public Safety, White Collar for Others) with MP-2017 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Safety) with MP-2019 Generational Improvement Scale.
- The salary increase rates were changed from a flat 3.00 percent per year for all employees to rates which vary by service and employee classification.
- The discount rate was changed from 3.80 percent to 2.90 percent.

2019

- The discount rate was changed from 3.30 percent to 3.80 percent.

2018

- The mortality tables were updated from the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2015 Generational Improvement Scale (with Blue Collar adjustment for Police and Fire personnel) to the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2017 Generational Improvement Scale (with Blue Collar adjustment for Police and Fire personnel).

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6. Defined Benefit Pension Plans – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

The following changes were reflected in the valuation performed on behalf of the Public Employees Retirement Association for the fiscal year June 30:

General Employees Retirement Plan

2021

- The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

2020

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50 percent to 2.25 percent.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25 percent less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years two to five and slightly higher thereafter.

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6. Other Postemployment Benefits – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

General Employees Retirement Plan

2020 (Continued)

- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 Disabled Annuitant Mortality table to the Pub-2010 General/Teacher Disabled Retiree Mortality table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100 percent Joint and Survivor option changed from 35 percent to 45 percent. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100 percent Joint and Survivor option changed from 15 percent to 30 percent. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.
- Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.00 percent for the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023, and 0.00 percent thereafter. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019

- The mortality projection scale was changed from Scale MP-2017 to Scale MP-2018.

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6. Defined Benefit Pension Plans – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

General Employees Retirement Plan (Continued)

2018

- The mortality projection scale was changed from Scale MP-2015 to Scale MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter, to 1.25 percent per year.
- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00 percent, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Post-retirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00 percent per year with a provision to increase to 2.50 percent upon attainment of 90 percent funding to 50 percent of the Social Security cost of living adjustment, not less than 1.00 percent and not more than 1.50 percent, beginning January 1, 2019.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age; does not apply to the Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

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6. Defined Benefit Pension Plans – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

General Employees Retirement Plan (Continued)

2017

- The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.80 percent for active members and 60 percent for vested and non-vested deferred members (30 percent for deferred Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund members). The revised CSA loads are now 0.00 percent for active member liability, 15 percent for vested deferred member liability, and 3.00 percent for non-vested deferred member liability.
- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year for all years to 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter.
- Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund plan provisions change the employer supplemental contribution to \$21 million in calendar years 2017 and 2018 and returns to \$31 million through calendar year 2031. The state's required contribution is \$16 million in PERA's fiscal years 2018 and 2019 and returns to \$6 million annually through calendar year 2031.

2016

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2035 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter, to 1.00 percent for all future years.
- The assumed investment rate was changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent. The single discount rate was also changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed payroll growth and inflation were decreased by 0.25 percent. Payroll growth was reduced from 3.50 percent to 3.25 percent. Inflation was reduced from 2.75 percent to 2.50 percent.

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6. Defined Benefit Pension Plans – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions (Continued)

Public Employees Police and Fire Plan

2021

- The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent.
- The inflation assumption was changed from 2.50 percent to 2.25 percent.
- The payroll growth assumption was changed from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 Public Safety Mortality table. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.
- The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality table (with future mortality improvement according to Scale MP-2019) to the Pub-2010 Public Safety Disabled Annuitant Mortality table (with future mortality improvement according to Scale MP-2020).
- Assumed rates of salary increase were modified as recommended in the July 14, 2020, experience study. The overall impact is a decrease in gross salary increase rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the July 14, 2020, experience study. The changes result in slightly more unreduced retirements and fewer assumed early retirements.
- Assumed rates of withdrawal were changed from select and ultimate rates to service-based rates. The changes result in more assumed terminations.
- Assumed rates of disability were increased for ages 25-44 and decreased for ages over 49. Overall, proposed rates result in more projected disabilities.
- Assumed percent married for active female members was changed from 60 percent to 70 percent. Minor changes to form of payment assumptions were applied.

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6. Defined Benefit Pension Plans – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

Public Employees Police and Fire Plan (Continued)

2020

- The mortality projection scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.

2019

- The mortality projection scale was changed from Scale MP-2017 to Scale MP-2018.

2018

- The mortality projection scale was changed from Scale MP-2016 to Scale MP-2017.
- Post-retirement benefit increases changed to 1.00 percent for all years with no trigger.
- An end date of July 1, 2048, was added to the existing \$9.0 million state contribution. Additionally, annual state aid will equal \$4.5 million in fiscal years 2019 and 2020, and \$9.0 million thereafter, until the plan reaches 100 percent funding, or July 1, 2048, if earlier.
- Member contributions were changed effective January 1, 2019, and January 1, 2020, from 10.80 percent to 11.30 and 11.80 percent of pay, respectively. Employer contributions were changed effective January 1, 2019, and January 1, 2020, from 16.20 percent to 16.95 and 17.70 percent of pay, respectively. Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00 percent, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

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6. Defined Benefit Pension Plans – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

Public Employees Police and Fire Plan (Continued)

2017

- The assumed salary increases were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2016, experience study. The net effect is proposed rates that average 0.34 percent lower than the previous rates.
- The assumed rates of retirement were changed, resulting in fewer retirements.
- The CSA load was 30 percent for vested and non-vested, deferred members. The CSA load has been changed to 33 percent for vested members and 2.00 percent for non-vested members.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants was changed from the RP-2000 fully generational table to the RP-2014 fully generational table (with a base year of 2006), with male rates adjusted by a factor of 0.96. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale AA to Scale MP-2016. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2000 disabled mortality table to the mortality table assumed for healthy retirees.
- The assumed termination rates were decreased to 3.00 percent for the first three years of service. Rates beyond the select period of three years were adjusted, resulting in more expected terminations overall.
- The assumed percentage of married female members was decreased from 65 percent to 60 percent.
- The assumed age difference was changed from separate assumptions for male members (wives assumed to be three years younger) and female members (husbands assumed to be four years older) to the assumption that males are two years older than females.
- The assumed percentage of female members electing joint and survivor annuities was increased.

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6. Defined Benefit Pension Plans – Changes in Significant Plan Provisions, Actuarial Methods, and Assumptions

Public Employees Police and Fire Plan

2017 (Continued)

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent for all years to 1.00 percent per year through 2064 and 2.50 percent thereafter.
- The single discount rate was changed from 5.60 percent per annum to 7.50 percent per annum.

2016

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2037 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter, to 1.00 percent for all future years.
- The assumed investment rate was changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent. The single discount rate was changed from 7.90 percent to 5.60 percent.
- The assumed payroll growth and inflation were decreased by 0.25 percent. Payroll growth was reduced from 3.50 percent to 3.25 percent. Inflation was reduced from 2.75 percent to 2.50 percent.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GRANT COUNTY
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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The Ditch Fund accounts for the financing and related costs of all County ditches.

The Solid Waste Fund accounts for the financing and costs related to the collection and disposal of solid waste and the County recycling activities.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Courthouse Improvement Fund accounts for the retirement of bonds issued for the Courthouse improvement.

PERMANENT FUND

The Trust Payment Fund accounts for resources legally restricted to the extent that only earnings and not principal from the Trust Payment Permanent Fund may be used for County purposes.

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ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT B-1

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>Special Revenue</u>		<u>Courthouse Improvement Debt Service</u>	<u>Trust Payment Permanent</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Ditch</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>			
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 399,114	\$ 328,372	\$ 935,806	\$ 118,205	\$ 1,781,497
Taxes receivable – net	-	-	8,040	-	8,040
Special assessments receivable					
Delinquent	147	3,710	-	-	3,857
Accounts receivable – net	-	14,535	-	-	14,535
Accrued interest receivable	22	-	-	-	22
Total Assets	\$ 399,283	\$ 346,617	\$ 943,846	\$ 118,205	\$ 1,807,951
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</u>					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 8,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,683
Salaries payable	-	789	-	-	789
Due to other governments	504	19,815	-	-	20,319
Total Liabilities	\$ 504	\$ 29,287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,791
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Unavailable revenues	\$ 13	\$ 3,081	\$ 2,530	\$ -	\$ 5,624
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable					
Trust principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,205	\$ 118,205
Restricted					
Debt service	-	-	941,316	-	941,316
Ditch maintenance and construction	401,819	-	-	-	401,819
Assigned					
Sanitation	-	314,249	-	-	314,249
Unassigned	(3,053)	-	-	-	(3,053)
Total Fund Balances	\$ 398,766	\$ 314,249	\$ 941,316	\$ 118,205	\$ 1,772,536
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 399,283	\$ 346,617	\$ 943,846	\$ 118,205	\$ 1,807,951

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT B-2

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Special Revenue		Courthouse Improvement	Trust Payment	
	Ditch	Solid Waste	Debt Service	Permanent	Total
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 405,171	\$ -	\$ 405,171
Special assessments	89,982	130,821	-	-	220,803
Intergovernmental	-	88,540	147,046	-	235,586
Charges for services	-	544,012	-	-	544,012
Investment earnings	1,645	-	-	-	1,645
Miscellaneous	2,658	200	-	-	2,858
Total Revenues	\$ 94,285	\$ 763,573	\$ 552,217	\$ -	\$ 1,410,075
Expenditures					
Current					
Sanitation	\$ -	\$ 746,646	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 746,646
Conservation of natural resources	53,896	-	-	-	53,896
Debt service					
Principal	-	-	110,000	-	110,000
Interest	-	-	117,019	-	117,019
Total Expenditures	\$ 53,896	\$ 746,646	\$ 227,019	\$ -	\$ 1,027,561
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 40,389	\$ 16,927	\$ 325,198	\$ -	\$ 382,514
Fund Balance – January 1	358,377	297,322	616,118	118,205	1,390,022
Fund Balance – December 31	\$ 398,766	\$ 314,249	\$ 941,316	\$ 118,205	\$ 1,772,536

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT B-3

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
SOLID WASTE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 130,824	\$ 130,824	\$ 130,821	\$ (3)
Intergovernmental	69,692	69,692	88,540	18,848
Charges for services	535,441	535,441	544,012	8,571
Miscellaneous	-	-	200	200
Total Revenues	\$ 735,957	\$ 735,957	\$ 763,573	\$ 27,616
Expenditures				
Current				
Sanitation				
Waste collection	\$ 453,095	\$ 453,095	\$ 462,937	\$ (9,842)
Recycling	254,200	254,200	275,006	(20,806)
Household hazardous waste	20,000	20,000	8,703	11,297
Total Expenditures	\$ 727,295	\$ 727,295	\$ 746,646	\$ (19,351)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 8,662	\$ 8,662	\$ 16,927	\$ 8,265
Fund Balance – January 1	297,322	297,322	297,322	-
Fund Balance – December 31	\$ 305,984	\$ 305,984	\$ 314,249	\$ 8,265

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

The State Revenue Fund accounts for the collection and payment of money due to the State of Minnesota.

The Taxes and Penalties Fund is used to account for collection of taxes and penalties and their payment to the various taxing districts.

The Assertive Community Treatment Fund accounts for the collection and payment of money related to assertive community treatment services provided by the Region 4 South Adult Mental Health Consortium.

The Adult Mental Health Initiative Fund accounts for the collection and payment of money related to adult mental health initiative services provided by the Region 4 South Adult Mental Health Consortium.

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ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT C-1

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>State Revenue</u>	<u>Taxes and Penalties</u>	<u>Assertive Community Treatment</u>	<u>Adult Mental Health Initiative</u>	<u>Total Custodial Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ -	\$ 114,278	\$ 783,668	\$ -	\$ 897,946
Taxes receivable for other governments	-	156,880	-	-	156,880
Accounts receivable	2,291	-	137,075	6,986	146,352
Due from other governments	-	-	-	13,375	13,375
Prepaid items	-	-	3,554	3,013	6,567
Rent deposit	-	-	2,099	525	2,624
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,291</u>	<u>\$ 271,158</u>	<u>\$ 926,396</u>	<u>\$ 23,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,223,744</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Salaries payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,108	\$ 8,915	\$ 34,023
Due to other governments	2,291	114,278	-	238,448	355,017
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,291</u>	<u>\$ 114,278</u>	<u>\$ 25,108</u>	<u>\$ 247,363</u>	<u>\$ 389,040</u>
<u>Net Position</u>					
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 156,880</u>	<u>\$ 901,288</u>	<u>\$ (223,464)</u>	<u>\$ 834,704</u>

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT C-2

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>State Revenue</u>	<u>Taxes and Penalties</u>	<u>Assertive Community Treatment</u>	<u>Adult Mental Health Initiative</u>	<u>Total Custodial Funds</u>
<u>Additions</u>					
Property tax collections for other governments	\$ -	\$ 6,504,733	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,504,733
License and fees collected for state	27,934	-	-	-	27,934
Payments from state	-	-	187,948	1,205,091	1,393,039
Payments from other entities and individuals	-	-	1,062,256	70,645	1,132,901
Total Additions	<u>\$ 27,934</u>	<u>\$ 6,504,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,250,204</u>	<u>\$ 1,275,736</u>	<u>\$ 9,058,607</u>
<u>Deductions</u>					
Payments of property tax to other governments	\$ -	\$ 6,680,918	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,680,918
Payments to state	27,934	-	-	-	27,934
Payments to other entities and individuals	-	-	319,817	814,220	1,134,037
Administrative expense	-	-	752,036	198,983	951,019
Total Deductions	<u>\$ 27,934</u>	<u>\$ 6,680,918</u>	<u>\$ 1,071,853</u>	<u>\$ 1,013,203</u>	<u>\$ 8,793,908</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (176,185)</u>	<u>\$ 178,351</u>	<u>\$ 262,533</u>	<u>\$ 264,699</u>
Net Position – January 1	<u>-</u>	<u>333,065</u>	<u>722,937</u>	<u>(485,997)</u>	<u>570,005</u>
Net Position – December 31	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 156,880</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 901,288</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (223,464)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 834,704</u></u>

OTHER SCHEDULES

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**BALANCE SHEET – BY DITCH
DITCH SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Assets		
	Cash	Special Assessments Receivable	Accrued Interest
		Delinquent	Receivable
County Ditches			
#1	\$ 14,204	\$ -	\$ 1
#3	45,952	-	3
#5	9,436	-	1
#6	2,164	-	-
#8	70,056	-	4
#9	47,109	-	3
#11	(2,709)	-	-
#13	2,126	-	-
#15	14,605	-	1
#21	11,227	13	1
#22	2,336	-	-
#23	7,211	-	-
#29	42,245	-	3
#30	9,512	-	1
#31	3,373	-	-
#32	8,999	-	1
#33	15,553	134	1
Consolidated			
#2	35,052	-	2
Judicial Ditches			
#1	6,017	-	-
#2	54,486	-	-
Admin Fees	160	-	-
Total	\$ 399,114	\$ 147	\$ 22

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		Deferred Inflows of Resources		Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	
		Liabilities Due to Other Governments	Unavailable Revenue	Fund Balances Restricted (Unassigned)	
Total					
\$	14,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,205	\$ 14,205
	45,955	-	-	45,955	45,955
	9,437	-	-	9,437	9,437
	2,164	-	-	2,164	2,164
	70,060	-	-	70,060	70,060
	47,112	-	-	47,112	47,112
	(2,709)	-	-	(2,709)	(2,709)
	2,126	-	-	2,126	2,126
	14,606	-	-	14,606	14,606
	11,241	-	1	11,240	11,241
	2,336	-	-	2,336	2,336
	7,211	-	-	7,211	7,211
	42,248	-	-	42,248	42,248
	9,513	-	-	9,513	9,513
	3,373	-	-	3,373	3,373
	9,000	-	-	9,000	9,000
	15,688	-	12	15,676	15,688
	35,054	-	-	35,054	35,054
	6,017	-	-	6,017	6,017
	54,486	-	-	54,486	54,486
	160	504	-	(344)	160
\$	399,283	\$ 504	\$ 13	\$ 398,766	\$ 399,283

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

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**SCHEDULE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Appropriations and Shared Revenue

State

Highway users tax	\$ 5,337,581
County program aid	516,404
Market value credit	156,591
PERA	21,154
Disparity reduction aid	6,099
Aquatic invasive species aid	52,805
Police aid	99,586
Riparian protection aid	99,756
E-911	107,448
SCORE	71,066
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Total appropriations and shared revenue	<u>\$ 6,468,490</u>
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Reimbursement for services

Minnesota Department of Human Services	<u>\$ 197,040</u>
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Payments

Local

Payments in lieu of taxes	\$ 75,613
Local contributions	135,174
Qualified energy conservation payments	105,336
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Total payments	<u>\$ 316,123</u>
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Grants

State

Minnesota Department/Board of	
Corrections	\$ 9,683
Public Safety	68,482
Natural Resources	200,177
Human Services	567,282
Veterans Affairs	7,500
Peace Officers Standards and Training Board	11,334
Pollution Control Agency	36,074
Management and Budget	256,250
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Total state	<u>\$ 1,156,782</u>
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**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

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**SCHEDULE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Grants	
Federal	
Department of	
Agriculture	\$ 114,860
Transportation	152,690
Health and Human Services	795,894
Homeland Security	<u>191,450</u>
Total federal	\$ <u>1,254,894</u>
Total state and federal grants	\$ <u>2,411,676</u>
Total Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ <u><u>9,393,329</u></u>

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT D-3

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services SNAP Cluster State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	212MN101S2514	\$ 114,860	\$ -
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway Planning and Construction Cluster COVID-19 – Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	00026	\$ 124,385	\$ -
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Cluster				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	A-ENFRC21-2021- GRANTS-015	2,926	783
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	A-ENFRC21-2021- GRANTS-015	7,213	1,062
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608	A-ENFRC21-2021- GRANTS-015	6,695	848
Passed Through City of St. Cloud, Minnesota				
E-911 Grant Program	20.615	A-DECN-NGGIS- 2019-CMESB-1	1,822	-
E-911 Grant Program (Total E-911 Grant Program 20.615 \$11,471)	20.615	A-DECN-CPE- 2019-CMESB-4	9,649	-
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			\$ 152,690	\$ 2,693
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed Through Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging Aging Cluster Special Programs for the Aging – Title III, Part B – Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	314-21-003B	\$ 18,875	\$ -
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	2101MNFPS	4,532	-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	2101MNTANF	55,918	-
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	2101MNCSES	22,597	-
Child Support Enforcement (Total Child Support Enforcement 93.563 \$168,614)	93.563	2001MNCES	146,017	-
Refugee and Entrant Assistance – State Administered Programs CCDF Cluster	93.566	2101MNCMA	260	-
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	2101MNCDF	1,957	-
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	93.590	1901MNBCAP	2,229	-
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	2001MNCWSS	2,837	-
COVID-19 – Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program (Total Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program 93.645 \$4,718)	93.645	2001MNCWC3	1,881	-

The notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are an integral part of this schedule.

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grant Numbers	Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services (Continued)				
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	2101MNFOST	49,839	-
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	2101MNSOSR	74,414	-
John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood	93.674	2101MNCILP	1,000	-
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	2105MN5021	582	-
Medicaid Cluster				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	2105MN5ADM	408,623	-
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	2105MN5MAP	3,868	-
(Total Medical Assistance Program 93.778 \$412,491)				
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			\$ 795,429	\$ -
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	4442-DR	\$ 9,159	\$ -
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	A-EMPG-2019- GRANTCO-028	15,606	-
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	A-EMPG-2020- GRANTCO-028	15,595	-
(Total Emergency Management Performance Grants 97.042 \$31,201)				
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			\$ 40,360	\$ -
Total Federal Awards			\$ 1,103,339	\$ 2,693
Totals by Cluster				
Total expenditures for SNAP Cluster			\$ 114,860	
Total expenditures for Highway Safety Cluster			10,139	
Total expenditures for Highway Planning and Construction Cluster			124,385	
Total expenditures for Aging Cluster			18,875	
Total expenditures for CCDF Cluster			1,957	
Total expenditures for Medicaid Cluster			412,491	

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by Grant County. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements. The Schedule does not include \$597,254 in federal awards expended by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Grant County component unit. The component unit is legally separate from the primary government and expended less than \$750,000 of federal awards for the year ended December 31, 2021; therefore, was not subject to the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Grant County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2021. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Uniform Guidance. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Grant County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of Grant County.

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

2. De Minimis Cost Rate

Grant County has elected to not use the ten percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

3. Reconciliation to Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue

	Assistance Listing Number	Amount
Federal grant revenue per Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue		\$ 1,254,894
Grants received more than 60 days after year-end, unavailable in 2021		
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	249
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	11,637
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	93.590	709
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	1,229
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	402
Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	132,947
Grants unavailable in 2020, recognized as revenue in 2021		
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	93.590	(14,691)
Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	(284,037)
Expenditures Per Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards		<u>\$ 1,103,339</u>

MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE SECTION



**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***

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of County Commissioners
Grant County
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely reported component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Grant County, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 28, 2022. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Grant County, the discretely reported component unit, as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Grant County's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County'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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's

financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2021-001 and 2021-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Grant County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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

In connection with our audit, we noted that Grant County failed to comply with the provisions of the miscellaneous provisions section of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Counties*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as described in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2021-004. Also, in connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Grant County failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting – bid laws, depositories of public funds and public investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, and claims and disbursements sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Counties*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the County's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

Grant County's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Grant County's responses to the internal control and legal compliance findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The County's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting, compliance, and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Counties* and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/Julie Blaha

JULIE BLAHA
STATE AUDITOR

/s/Dianne Syverson

DIANNE SYVERSON, CPA
DEPUTY STATE AUDITOR

September 28, 2022



**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM
AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of County Commissioners
Grant County
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Grant County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Grant County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2021. Grant County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, Grant County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Grant County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Grant County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Other Matter – Federal Expenditures Not Included in the Compliance Audit

Grant County's basic financial statements include the operations of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) of Grant County component unit, which expended \$597,254 in federal awards which are not included in Grant County's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards during the year ended December 31, 2021. Our compliance audit, described in the "Opinion on Each Major Federal Program," does not include the operations of the HRA of Grant County component unit because the component unit is legally separate from the primary government, and because it expended less than \$750,000 of Federal awards for the year ended December 31, 2021, it was not subject to Uniform Guidance audit requirements.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Grant County's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Grant County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance, and therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Grant County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit;
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Grant County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances; and
- obtain an understanding of Grant County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Grant County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2021-003. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Grant County's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Grant County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify a deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2021-003, to be a significant deficiency.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Grant County's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Grant County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/Julie Blaha

JULIE BLAHA
STATE AUDITOR

/s/Dianne Syverson

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DEPUTY STATE AUDITOR

September 28, 2022

**GRANT COUNTY
ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: **Unmodified**

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? **Yes**

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? **No**

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? **Yes**

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: **Unmodified**

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? **Yes**

The major federal programs are:

Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
93.563	Child Support Enforcement
93.778	Medicaid Cluster

The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$750,000.

Grant County qualified as a low-risk auditee? **No**

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

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

2021-001 Departmental Internal Accounting Controls

Prior Year Finding Number: 2020-001

Repeat Finding Since: 1996

Type of Finding: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Severity of Deficiency: Significant Deficiency

Criteria: Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. Adequate segregation of duties is a key internal control in preventing and detecting errors or irregularities. To protect County assets, proper segregation of the record-keeping, custody, and authorization functions should be in place, and where management decides segregation of duties may not be cost effective, compensating controls should be in place.

Condition: The limited number of personnel within several Grant County offices results in a lack of segregation of accounting duties necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control. The smaller offices that collect fees generally have one staff person who is responsible for billing, collecting, recording, and depositing receipts as well as reconciling bank accounts. Also, staff who authorize the payment of bills have access to add new vendors.

Context: This is not unusual in operations the size of Grant 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.

Effect: Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the County's ability to detect misstatements in a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Cause: Due to limited economic resources, the County has informed us that it is impractical for it to hire enough staff to achieve a desirable level of segregation of duties in every department.

Recommendation: We recommend Grant County's elected officials and management be mindful that limited staffing increases the risks in safeguarding the County's assets and the proper recording of its financial activity and, where possible, implement oversight procedures to ensure that internal control policies and procedures are being followed by staff.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

View of Responsible Official: Acknowledge

2021-002 Documenting and Monitoring Internal Controls

Prior Year Finding Number: 2020-002

Repeat Finding Since: 2012

Type of Finding: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Severity of Deficiency: Significant Deficiency

Criteria: County 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.

Condition: Grant County maintains narratives to document the controls in place over its significant transaction cycles. However, there is no formal risk assessment process in place 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.

Context: Local governments tend to establish controls, but fail to periodically review those controls to ensure they are appropriate for all of the changes that take place over time.

Effect: The internal control environment is constantly changing with changes in staffing, information systems, processes, and the services provided. Changes may have taken place that reduce or negate the effectiveness of internal controls, which may go unnoticed without a formal and timely risk assessment process in place.

Cause: The County has informed us that it lacks resources dedicated to establish a formal process for assessing risks, documenting the internal controls established to reduce those risks, and monitoring of those controls.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Recommendation: Grant County management should document the significant internal controls in its accounting system, including an assessment of risk and the processes used to minimize the risks. A formal plan should 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.

View of Responsible Official: Acknowledge

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

2021-003 Eligibility

Prior Year Finding Number: N/A

Repeat Finding Since: N/A

Type of Finding: Internal Control Over Compliance and Compliance

Severity of Deficiency: Significant Deficiency and Other Matter

Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program: 93.778 Medical Assistance Program

Award Number and Year: 2105MN5ADM, 2021

Pass-Through Agency: Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

Criteria: Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* § 200.303 states that the auditee must establish and maintain effective internal control over the federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the auditee is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award.

Condition: The Minnesota Department of Human Services maintains the computer system, MAXIS, which is used by the County to support the eligibility determination process. The following exceptions were noted in our sample of 40 case files tested:

- Two case files had asset information in MAXIS that did not have supporting documentation in the case file or did not agree with supporting documentation,
- One case file included assets over the asset limit allowed by the program and there were no case notes included to explain why the recipient was eligible, and

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

- One transferred case file did not include an application.

Questioned Costs: Not applicable. The County administers the program, but benefits to participants in this program are paid by the State of Minnesota.

Context: The State of Minnesota and the County split the eligibility determination process. The County performs the “intake function” needed (meeting with the social services client to determine income and categorical eligibility), while the State maintains the MAXIS system, which supports the eligibility determination and actually pays the benefits to participants.

The sample size was based on the guidance from chapter 11 of the AICPA Audit Guide, *Government Auditing Standards and Single Audits*.

Effect: The lack of proper documentation and follow-up of issues as well as not updating information in MAXIS increases the risk that clients will receive benefits when they are not eligible. Supervisory reviews not performed on a consistent basis increases the probability that staff errors will go undetected.

Cause: Program personnel entering case file information into MAXIS did not ensure all required information was obtained and/or retained.

Recommendation: We recommend the County implement additional procedures to provide reasonable assurance that all necessary documentation to support eligibility determinations is obtained and issues are followed up on in a timely manner.

View of Responsible Official: Concur

IV. OTHER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2021-004 Publication of Board Minutes

Prior Year Finding Number: 2020-007

Repeat Finding Since: 2020

Type of Finding: Minnesota Legal Compliance

Criteria: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375.12, within 30 days of each meeting, the County Board must have the official proceedings of its sessions or a summary published in a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the County.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Condition: Based on a review of the affidavits of publication related to the publishing of a summary of Board minutes for 2021, not all of the summaries were published in the County's official newspaper within the 30-day requirement.

Context: Of the 33 published summaries reviewed, three were not published within the 30-day requirement.

Effect: Noncompliance with Minn. Stat. § 375.12.

Cause: The summary of Board minutes were not submitted for publishing to the newspaper within the time frame required.

Recommendation: We recommend the County publish its summaries of the County Board minutes in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 375.12.

View of Responsible Official: Concur



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REPRESENTATION OF GRANT COUNTY ELBOW LAKE, MINNESOTA

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Finding Number: 2021-001

Finding Title: Departmental Internal Accounting Controls

Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action:

Chad Van Santen, Grant County Auditor

Corrective Action Planned:

Grant County will continue to monitor departmental internal accounting controls with the limited number of staff in certain offices. Management will work on drafting and implementing formal policies and procedures.

Anticipated Completion Date:

December 31, 2023

Finding Number: 2021-002

Finding Title: Documenting and Monitoring Internal Controls

Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action:

Chad Van Santen, Grant County Auditor

Corrective Action Planned:

Grant County will attempt to establish a formal plan of monitoring internal controls; until such time, management will continue to maintain narratives to document the controls in place.

Anticipated Completion Date:

December 31, 2023

Finding Number: 2021-003

Finding Title: Eligibility

Program: Medical Assistance Program (Assistance Listing # 93.778)

Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action:

Tracy Bowman, Fiscal Manager – Western Prairie Human Services

Corrective Action Planned:

Grant County has entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with Pope County as of 01/01/2022 to form a separate entity, Western Prairie Human Services. The Medical Assistance Program is under the direction of the newly formed entity and will no longer be under Grant County.

Anticipated Completion Date:

January 1, 2022

Finding Number: 2021-004

Finding Title: Publication of Board Minutes

Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action:

Chad Van Santen, Grant County Auditor

Corrective Action Planned:

The Grant County Auditor work will develop a process to ensure that approved board minutes are published within the required 30 days and work with the publishing vendor to review they are published in compliance with MN Statute 375.12.

Anticipated Completion Date:

December 31, 2022

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Finding Number: 2020-001

Year of Finding Origination: 1996

Finding Title: Departmental Internal Controls

Summary of Condition: The limited number of personnel within several Grant County offices results in a lack of segregation of accounting duties necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control. The smaller offices that collect fees generally have one staff person who is responsible for billing, collecting, recording, and depositing receipts as well as reconciling bank accounts. Also, staff who authorize the payment of bills have access to add new vendors.

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: Grant County will continue to monitor departmental internal accounting controls with the limited number of staff in certain offices. Management will work on drafting and implementing formal policies and procedures.

Status: Not Corrected. Grant County management is aware of the risks associated with the absence of an adopted procedure policy over departmental internal accounting controls but was unable to correct due to the limited resources and personnel. Management will continue to monitor the condition and work on drafting formal policies and procedures. Revenues collected by departments are brought to the Auditors office for receipt processing and then directed to the Treasurer's office for deposit. Monthly reports are available to department heads on a monthly basis or as requested for review and accuracy.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?

Yes _____ No X

Finding Number: 2020-002

Year of Finding Origination: 2012

Finding Title: Documenting and Monitoring Internal Controls

Summary of Condition: Grant County maintains narratives to document the controls in place over its significant transaction cycles. However, there is no formal risk assessment process in place 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.

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: Grant County will attempt to establish a formal plan of monitoring internal controls; until such time, management will continue to maintain narratives to document the controls in place.

Status: Not Corrected. Grant County management is aware of the need to establish a formal plan for monitoring internal controls and will continue to work on development of such in the future but was unable to correct due to the limited resources and personnel. Until such time that a plan is formalized, management will continue to maintain narratives to document controls currently in place.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?
Yes _____ No X

Finding Number: 2020-003

Year of Finding Origination: 2020

Finding Title: Inventory Controls

Summary of Condition: The Highway Department uses a computerized perpetual inventory system (Costrite). This system was not consistently updated during 2020. In addition, the Department staff completed a year-end inventory, but the records could not be located at the time of the audit.

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: Grant County will do a physical inventory and make adjustments as needed to the sign, oil, and gravel inventory by the end of 2021. Starting in 2022 inventory will be recorded when purchased and withdrawals will be input into the system on a monthly basis.

Status: Fully Corrected. Corrective action was taken.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?
Yes _____ No X

Finding Number: 2020-004

Year of Finding Origination: 2019

Finding Title: Audit Adjustments

Summary of Condition: Audit adjustments were identified that resulted in significant changes to the County's financial statements. These adjustments were reviewed and approved by the appropriate County staff and are properly reflected in the financial statements.

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: Grant County will establish a process to ensure the accuracy of audit entries in conjunction with the internal controls plan. Until this plan

is met, journal entries being made by other departments will be reviewed by the County Auditor prior to posting.

Status: Fully Corrected. Corrective action was taken.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?

Yes _____ No X

Finding Number: 2020-005

Year of Finding Origination: 2020

Finding Title: Subrecipient Monitoring

Program: Coronavirus Relief Fund (AL No. 21.019)

Summary of Condition: Subrecipient documentation did not show that all required award information, such as the federal assistance listing number and the name of the federal awarding agency, were provided to the subrecipient, risk assessment procedures were not documented over the subrecipients, monitoring documentation was not in sufficient detail to determine if the subrecipient expenditures occurred during the period of performance, verification of audit requirements for subrecipients was not documented, and the County had no documented policies and procedures for subrecipient monitoring.

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: Grant County will establish a process to ensure compliance monitoring of subrecipient funding for all federal awards.

Status: Fully Corrected. Corrective action was taken.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?

Yes _____ No X

Finding Number: 2020-006

Year of Finding Origination: 2010

Finding Title: Reporting

Program: Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)
(AL No. 97.036)

Summary of Condition: No quarterly progress reports were submitted for any Large Projects in either 2019 or 2020 to Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), a division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: Grant County has been completing the reporting on a timely basis upon being notified of the requirements as of September 2021.

Status: Fully Corrected. Corrective action was taken.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?

Yes _____ No X

Finding Number: 2020-007

Year of Finding Origination: 2020

Finding Title: Publication of Board Minutes

Summary of Condition: Based on review of the affidavits of publication related to the publishing of a summary of Board minutes for 2020, not all of the summaries were published in the County's official newspaper within the 30-day requirement

Summary of Corrective Action Previously Reported: The Grant County Auditor will develop a process to ensure that approved board minutes are published within the required 30 days and work with the publishing vendor to review they are published in compliance with MN Statute 375.12.

Status: Not Corrected. The Grant County Auditor work will develop a process to ensure that approved board minutes are published within the required 30 days and work with the publishing vendor to review they are published in compliance with MN Statute 375.12.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?

Yes _____ No ☒ X

Finding Number: 2017-002

Year of Finding Origination: 2017

Finding Title: Procurement, Suspension, and Debarment

Program: Medical Assistance Program (AL No. 93.778)

Summary of Condition: One procurement transaction selected for testing did not have sufficient documentation to detail the history of the procurement, nor that there was full and open competition. In addition, there was no documentation that verification procedures were performed to determine that the vendor was not suspended or debarred, or that other exclusions applied.

Summary Corrective Action Previously Reported: Social Services continues to work on the procurement procedure and following the policy guidelines. There are shared costs in the building that Social Services is located in and we are continuing to streamline the purchasing for shared costs to ensure that we are meeting the necessary measures. There are still contracts needing updating and the County Attorney's Office is working on this.

Status: Partially Corrected. Grant County has entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with Pope County as of 01/01/2022 to form a separate entity, Western Prairie Human Services which should resolve the medical assistance program procurement finding in 2022.

Was corrective action taken significantly different than the action previously reported?

Yes _____ No ☒ X