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Auditor of State Mary Mosiman today released an audit report on Webster County, Iowa.

The County had local tax revenue of \$60,538,893 for the year ended June 30, 2017, which included \$6,106,363 in tax credits from the state. The County forwarded \$47,681,820 of the local tax revenue to the townships, school districts, cities and other taxing bodies in the County.

The County retained \$12,857,073 of the local tax revenue to finance County operations, a 3.1% decrease from the prior year. Other revenues included charges for service of \$4,413,832, operating grants, contributions and restricted interest of \$10,489,816, capital grants, contributions and restricted interest of \$83,824, tax increment financing of \$1,390,596, local option sales tax of \$1,918,718, unrestricted investment earnings of \$89,358 and other general revenues of \$585,948.

Expenses for County operations for the year ended June 30, 2017 totaled \$29,976,176, a 6.8% increase over the prior year. Expenses included \$9,846,133 for roads and transportation, \$5,235,804 for public safety and legal services and \$3,805,537 for physical health and social services.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the County Auditor's office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1710-0094-B00F>.

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WEBSTER COUNTY
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
JUNE 30, 2017

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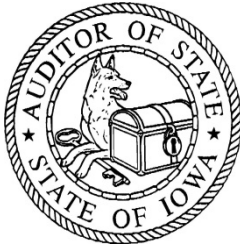
Webster County
Officials
(Before January 2017)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mark Campbell	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2017
Clark Fletcher	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2017
Robert Singer	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2017
Keith Dencklau	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2019
Merrill Leffler	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2019
Carol Messerly	County Auditor	Jan 2017
Jan Messerly	County Treasurer	Jan 2019
Lindsay Laufersweiler (formerly Boeckman)	County Recorder	Jan 2019
James Stubbs	County Sheriff	Jan 2017
Jennifer Benson	County Attorney	Jan 2019
Wesley Ray	County Assessor	Jan 2022

(After January 2017)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Keith Dencklau	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2019
Merrill Leffler	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2019
Mark Campbell	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2021
Nick Carlson	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2021
Bob Thode	Board of Supervisors	Jan 2021
Doreen Pliner	County Auditor	Jan 2021
Jan Messerly	County Treasurer	Jan 2019
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Officials of Webster County:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Webster County, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. This includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the County's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Webster County as of June 30, 2017 and the respective changes in its financial position and, where applicable, its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Information, the Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of County Contributions and the Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan on pages 9 through 15 and 56 through 65 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board which 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Webster County's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the third paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the nine years ended June 30, 2016 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 6, including the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by Title 2, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 20, 2018 on our consideration of Webster 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 Webster County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


MARY MOSIMAN, CPA
Auditor of State

April 20, 2018

Webster County

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Webster County provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the County's financial statements, which follow.

2017 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenues of the County's governmental activities increased 6.1%, or approximately \$1,817,000, from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017. Property tax decreased approximately \$568,000 and operating grants and contributions increased approximately \$2,353,000.
- Program expenses of the County's governmental activities were 6.8%, or approximately \$1,921,000, more in fiscal year 2017 than in fiscal year 2016. Physical health and social service expenses increased approximately \$557,000, county environment and education expenses increased approximately \$388,000 and non-program expenses increased approximately \$849,000.
- The County's net position increased 2.7%, or approximately \$1,853,000, over the prior year.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the County's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Webster County as a whole and present an overall view of the County's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report Webster County's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the most significant funds. The remaining financial statements provide information about activities for which Webster County acts solely as an agent or custodian for the benefit of those outside of County government (Agency Funds).

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the County's budget for the year, the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability and related contributions, as well as presenting the Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan.

Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor governmental and the individual Agency Funds. In addition, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards provides details of various federal programs benefiting the County.

REPORTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about the County's finances is, "Is the County as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information which helps answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Position presents financial information on all of the County's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the County's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future fiscal years.

The County's governmental activities are presented in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. Governmental activities include public safety and legal services, physical health and social services, mental health, county environment and education, roads and transportation, governmental services to residents, administration, interest on long-term debt and non-program activities. Property tax and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The County has three kinds of funds:

- 1) Governmental funds account for most of the County's basic services. These focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. The governmental funds include: 1) the General Fund, 2) the Special Revenue Funds, such as Mental Health, Rural Services, Secondary Roads and Drainage Districts, 3) the Debt Service Fund and 4) the Capital Projects Fund. These funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed, short-term view of the County's general governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the County's programs.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

- 2) A proprietary fund accounts for the County's Internal Service, Employee Group Health Fund. Internal Service Funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position and a Statement of Cash Flows.

- 3) Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trust or agency capacity for others which cannot be used to support the County's own programs. These fiduciary funds include Agency Funds that account for special districts, emergency management services and the County Assessor, to name a few.

The required financial statement for fiduciary funds is a Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the governmental fund financial statements follow the governmental fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in the net position of governmental activities.

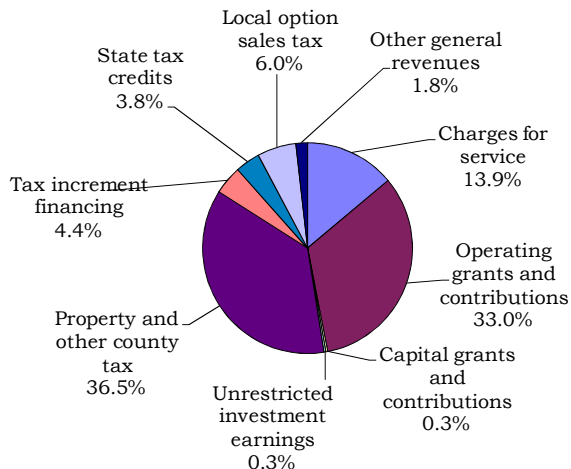
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Expressed in Thousands)		
	June 30,	
	2017	2016
Current and other assets	\$ 43,188	33,088
Capital assets	65,659	62,394
Total assets	108,847	95,482
Deferred outflows of resources	2,272	1,123
Long-term liabilities	24,172	13,430
Other liabilities	2,190	1,485
Total liabilities	26,362	14,915
Deferred inflows of resources	13,822	12,608
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	57,896	56,674
Restricted	11,681	10,894
Unrestricted	1,358	1,514
Total net position	\$ 70,935	69,082

Net position of Webster County's governmental activities increased 2.7% (approximately \$70.9 million compared to approximately \$69.1 million). The largest portion of the County's net position is invested in capital assets (e.g., land, infrastructure, intangibles, buildings and equipment), less the related debt. The debt related to the investment in capital assets is liquidated with resources other than capital assets. Restricted net position represents resources subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. Unrestricted net position – the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements – decreased approximately \$156,000 from the prior year.

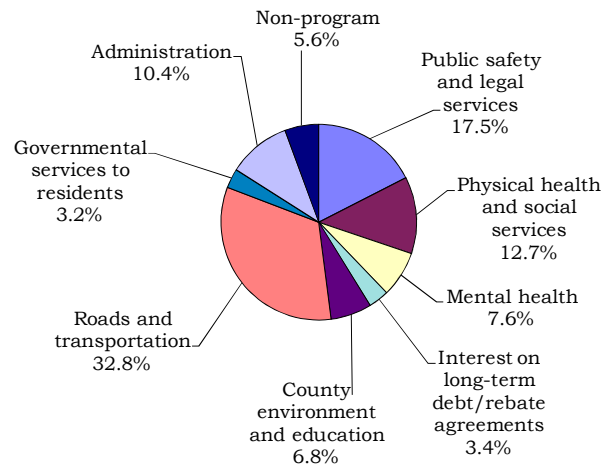
Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities
(Expressed in Thousands)

	Year ended June 30,	
	2017	2016
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for service	\$ 4,414	4,258
Operating grants and contributions	10,489	8,136
Capital grants and contributions	84	355
General revenues:		
Property and other county tax	11,649	12,217
Tax increment financing	1,391	1,354
State tax credits	1,208	1,047
Local option sales tax	1,919	1,573
Unrestricted investment earnings	89	333
Other general revenues	586	739
Total revenues	31,829	30,012
Program expenses:		
Public safety and legal services	5,236	5,230
Physical health and social services	3,806	3,249
Mental health	2,277	2,092
County environment and education	2,033	1,645
Roads and transportation	9,846	10,020
Governmental services to residents	959	1,056
Administration	3,106	2,822
Non-program	1,692	843
Interest on long-term debt/rebate agreements	1,021	1,098
Total expenses	29,976	28,055
Change in net position	1,853	1,957
Net position beginning of year	69,082	67,125
Net position end of year	\$ 70,935	69,082

Revenues by Source



Expenses by Program



Revenues for governmental activities increased approximately \$1,817,000 over the prior year. The cost of all governmental activities this year was approximately \$30.0 million compared to approximately \$28.1 million last year. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities on page 19, the amount taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities was only approximately \$15.0 million.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR FUND ANALYSIS

As Webster County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of approximately \$25,366,000, an increase of approximately \$7,094,000 over last year's total of approximately \$18,272,000. The following are the major reasons for the changes in fund balances of the major funds from the prior year:

- General Fund revenues increased approximately \$555,000 and expenditures increased approximately \$1,941,000 compared to the prior year. Capital projects expenditures increased approximately \$1,245,000 due to conservation projects at Kennedy Park and Camp Wanoki and parking lot improvements. The ending fund balance decreased approximately \$330,000 from the prior year to approximately \$8,662,000.
- The County has continued to look for ways to effectively manage the cost of mental health services. Special Revenue, Mental Health Fund revenues decreased approximately \$732,000 and expenditures increased approximately \$171,000. The County is a member of the County Social Services Mental Health Region. During the year, the County forwarded \$1,539,381 to the Region's fiscal agent to fund Region activities. The Special Revenue, Mental Health Fund balance decreased approximately \$227,000 during the year.
- Special Revenue, Rural Services Fund revenues decreased approximately \$114,000 from the prior year and expenditures increased approximately \$170,000. Transfers to the Special Revenue, Secondary Roads Fund increased approximately \$28,000 over the prior fiscal year. The Rural Services Fund balance decreased approximately \$142,000 from the prior year.
- Special Revenue, Secondary Roads Fund revenues increased approximately \$816,000 and expenditures decreased approximately \$72,000 from the prior year. The increase in revenues was due primarily to receiving approximately \$190,000 for damages to County roads from local industry during the current year while road use tax increased approximately \$346,000. The Secondary Roads Fund ending balance increased approximately \$42,000 over the prior year.
- The Special Revenue, Drainage Districts Fund ended the year with a fund balance of approximately \$351,000 compared to approximately \$362,000 at the end of the prior year. Expenditures for drainage improvements increased approximately \$471,000 while stamped drainage warrants and interest paid decreased approximately \$804,000 compared to the prior fiscal year. Proceeds from stamped warrants increased approximately \$530,000 during fiscal year 2017.
- The Capital Projects Fund ended the year with a fund balance of approximately \$2,069,000 compared to approximately \$218,000 at the end of the previous year. This large increase was due to unspent note proceeds on hand at June 30, 2017. In fiscal year 2017, expenditures increased approximately \$2,698,000 due to the new maintenance shed project.
- The Debt Service Fund ended with a fund balance of approximately \$4,841,000 compared to approximately \$8,000 at the end of the previous year. The increase is due to a balance of U. S. Treasury securities on deposit with an escrow agent to refund Series 2010 general obligation local option sales and services tax bonds at their call date in fiscal year 2019.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, Webster County amended its budget two times. The first amendment was made on May 23, 2017. The amendment was made to increase in budgeted disbursements for the physical health and social services and capital projects functions for disbursements related to the First Five grant disbursements in public health and the OHV Park Campground projects. The capital projects function was reduced approximately \$2.7 million.

The second amendment was made on June 27, 2017 and resulted in an increase in budgeted disbursements for the physical health and social services and mental health functions. The amendment was made for disbursements related to payments to the Mental Health Region and public health receiving and spending additional grant funds.

The County's receipts were \$1,237,979 less than budgeted, a variance of 4.0%.

Total disbursements were \$755,353 less than the final amended budget, a variance of 2.2%. Physical health and social services disbursements were \$704,060 less than budgeted and public safety and legal services disbursements were \$490,346 less than budgeted. Even with the budget amendments, the County exceeded the budgeted amounts in the non-program, debt service and capital projects functions for the year ended June 30, 2017.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2017, Webster County had approximately \$65,659,000 invested (net of depreciation) in a broad range of capital assets, including public safety equipment, buildings, park facilities, roads and bridges. This is a net increase (including additions and deletions) of approximately \$3,265,000, or 5.2%, more than last year.

Capital Assets of Governmental Activities at Year End (Expressed in Thousands)		
	June 30,	
	2017	2016
Land	\$ 2,078	2,078
Construction in progress	3,643	1,033
Buildings and improvements	13,848	13,063
Machinery and equipment	3,752	3,899
Intangibles	164	-
Infrastructure	42,174	42,321
Total	<u>\$ 65,659</u>	<u>62,394</u>

The County had depreciation expense of \$3,412,802 in fiscal year 2017 and total accumulated depreciation of \$54,911,451 at June 30, 2017. More detailed information about the County's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2017, Webster County had approximately \$16,363,000 of general obligation bonds and other debt outstanding, compared to approximately \$7,247,000 at June 30, 2016, as shown below:

Outstanding Debt of Governmental Activities at Year-End (Expressed in Thousands)		
	June 30,	
	2017	2016
General obligation capital loan notes	\$ 5,060	955
General obligation local option sales and services tax bonds	10,195	5,720
Drainage warrants	1,108	572
Total	<u>\$ 16,363</u>	<u>7,247</u>

The Constitution of the State of Iowa limits the amount of general obligation debt counties can issue to 5% of the assessed value of all taxable property within the County's corporate limits. Webster County's outstanding general obligation debt of \$17,210,839 including tax increment rebate agreements of \$1,955,839, is significantly below its constitutional debt limit of approximately \$141.7 million. Additional information about the County's long-term debt is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

Webster County's elected and appointed officials and citizens considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2018 budget, tax rates and fees charged for various County activities. One of those factors is the economy. Unemployment in the County at June 2017 stands at 4.0% versus 4.5% a year ago. This is above the State's unemployment rate of 3.2% and is below the national rate of 4.3%.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2018. Budgeted disbursements are approximately \$33.4 million, a decrease of approximately \$300,000 from the final fiscal year 2017 budget. The County considered the effect inflation and consumer demands for services have on program costs. Modest wage and cost-of-living adjustments are included in the fiscal year 2018 budget. The County has added no major new programs or initiatives to the fiscal year 2018 budget.

If these estimates are realized, the County's budgetary operating balance is expected to decrease approximately \$2.5 million by the close of fiscal year 2018.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of Webster County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Webster County Auditor's Office, 703 Central Avenue, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501.

Webster County

Basic Financial Statements

Webster County
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash, cash equivalents and pooled investments	\$ 19,856,721
U.S. Treasury securities on deposit with escrow agent	4,829,360
Receivables:	
Property tax:	
Delinquent	39,423
Succeeding year	13,559,000
Interest and penalty on property tax	603,180
Accounts	384,929
Drainage assessments:	
Current	301,627
Future	814,104
Due from other governments	1,574,248
Inventories	966,122
Prepaid expenditures	258,900
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	65,659,076
Total assets	108,846,690
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension related deferred outflows	2,271,974
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	1,543,086
Accrued interest payable	158,518
Salaries and benefits payable	407,209
Due to other governments	80,981
Long-term liabilities:	
Portion due or payable within one year:	
General obligation capital loan notes	570,000
General obligation local option sales and services tax bonds	335,000
Drainage warrants	301,627
Compensated absences	468,826
Portion due or payable after one year:	
General obligation capital loan notes	4,490,000
General obligation local option sales and services tax bonds	9,860,000
Drainage warrants	806,695
Net pension liability	6,676,536
Net OPEB liability	663,103
Total liabilities	26,361,581
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Unavailable property tax revenue	13,559,000
Pension related deferred inflows	262,815
Total deferred inflows of resources	13,821,815
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	57,896,437
Restricted for:	
Supplemental levy purposes	1,867,946
Mental health purposes	924,942
Rural services purposes	1,117,683
Secondary roads purposes	3,843,686
Drainage district purposes	253,092
Debt service	583,901
Other purposes	3,089,432
Unrestricted	1,358,149
Total net position	\$ 70,935,268

See notes to financial statements.

Webster County
Statement of Activities
Year ended June 30, 2017

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Service	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
	Expenses				
Functions/Programs:					
Governmental activities:					
Public safety and legal services	\$ 5,235,804	448,098	1,408,194	-	(3,379,512)
Physical health and social services	3,805,537	568,063	2,342,005	-	(895,469)
Mental health	2,277,047	718,326	63,060	-	(1,495,661)
County environment and education	2,032,333	302,854	697,540	35,777	(996,162)
Roads and transportation	9,846,133	108,364	5,947,422	48,047	(3,742,300)
Governmental services to residents	959,329	764,774	-	-	(194,555)
Administration	3,105,996	164,366	2,681	-	(2,938,949)
Non-program	1,692,480	1,338,987	-	-	(353,493)
Interest on long-term debt/rebate agreements	1,021,417	-	28,914	-	(992,503)
Total	\$ 29,976,076	4,413,832	10,489,816	83,824	(14,988,604)
General Revenues:					
Property and other county tax levied for:					
General purposes					11,515,676
Debt service					133,883
Tax increment financing					1,390,596
Penalty and interest on property tax					154,506
State tax credits					1,207,514
Local option sales and services tax					1,918,718
Unrestricted investment earnings					89,358
Gain on disposition of capital assets					23,506
Miscellaneous					407,936
Total general revenues					16,841,693
Change in net position					1,853,089
Net position beginning of year					69,082,179
Net position end of year					\$ 70,935,268

See notes to financial statements.

Webster County
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds

June 30, 2017

			Special	Revenue	
	General	Mental Health	Rural Services	Secondary Roads	Drainage Districts
Assets					
Cash, cash equivalents and pooled investments	\$ 8,411,852	840,116	1,159,567	2,658,397	392,719
U.S. Treasury securities on deposit with escrow agent	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables:					
Property tax:					
Delinquent	29,407	4,269	5,270	-	-
Succeeding year	7,878,000	1,143,000	2,950,000	-	-
Interest and penalty on property tax	603,180	-	-	-	-
Accounts	187,778	-	1,500	195,651	-
Drainage assessments:					
Current	-	-	-	-	301,627
Future	-	-	-	-	814,104
Due from other governments	481,365	158,274	-	788,611	-
Inventories	-	-	-	966,122	-
Prepaid expenditures	145,951	266	-	112,683	-
Total assets	\$ 17,737,533	2,145,925	4,116,337	4,721,464	1,508,450
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 183,591	2,877	41,450	492,356	42,067
Salaries and benefits payable	275,250	26,392	4,504	101,063	-
Due to other governments	77,623	-	-	3,358	-
Total liabilities	536,464	29,269	45,954	596,777	42,067
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Unavailable revenues:					
Succeeding year property tax	7,878,000	1,143,000	2,950,000	-	-
Other	661,253	4,269	5,270	-	1,115,731
Total deferred inflows of resources	8,539,253	1,147,269	2,955,270	-	1,115,731
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable:					
Inventories	-	-	-	966,122	-
Prepaid expenditures	145,951	266	-	112,683	-
Restricted for:					
Supplemental levy purposes	2,290,072	-	-	-	-
Mental health purposes	-	969,121	-	-	-
Rural services purposes	-	-	1,115,113	-	-
Secondary roads purposes	-	-	-	3,045,882	-
Drainage district purposes	-	-	-	-	350,652
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-
Other purposes	249,783	-	-	-	-
Assigned for public health	1,033,098	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	4,942,912	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	8,661,816	969,387	1,115,113	4,124,687	350,652
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 17,737,533	2,145,925	4,116,337	4,721,464	1,508,450

See notes to financial statements.

Capital Projects	Debt Service	Nonmajor	Total
2,827,424	11,999	3,095,741	19,397,815
-	4,829,360	-	4,829,360
-	477	-	39,423
-	138,000	1,450,000	13,559,000
-	-	-	603,180
-	-	-	384,929
-	-	-	301,627
-	-	-	814,104
-	-	145,998	1,574,248
-	-	-	966,122
-	-	-	258,900
2,827,424	4,979,836	4,691,739	42,728,708
758,766	-	7,773	1,528,880
-	-	-	407,209
-	-	-	80,981
758,766	-	7,773	2,017,070
-	138,000	1,450,000	13,559,000
-	477	-	1,787,000
-	138,477	1,450,000	15,346,000
-	-	-	966,122
-	-	-	258,900
-	-	-	2,290,072
-	-	-	969,121
-	-	-	1,115,113
-	-	-	3,045,882
-	-	-	350,652
-	4,841,359	571,425	5,412,784
2,068,658	-	-	2,068,658
-	-	2,662,541	2,912,324
-	-	-	1,033,098
-	-	-	4,942,912
2,068,658	4,841,359	3,233,966	25,365,638
2,827,424	4,979,836	4,691,739	42,728,708

Webster County

Webster County
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet –
Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2017

Total governmental fund balances (page 21) \$ 25,365,638

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. The cost of assets is \$120,570,527 and the accumulated depreciation is \$54,911,451.

65,659,076

Other long-term assets are not available to pay current year expenditures and, therefore, are recognized as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds.

1,787,000

The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of partial self funding of the County's health insurance benefit plan to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the Internal Service Fund are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.

444,700

Pension related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds, as follows:

Deferred outflows of resources

\$ 2,271,974

Deferred inflows of resources

(262,815)

2,009,159

Long-term liabilities, including bonds and notes payable, drainage warrants payable, compensated absences payable, other postemployment benefits payable, net pension liability and accrued interest payable, are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

(24,330,305)

Net position of governmental activities (page 18)

\$ 70,935,268

See notes to financial statements.

Webster County

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds

Year ended June 30, 2017

			Special
	General	Mental Health	Rural Services
Revenues:			
Property and other county tax	\$ 7,561,600	1,150,469	2,806,078
Tax increment financing	-	-	-
Local option sales and services tax	-	-	-
Interest and penalty on property tax	100,653	-	-
Intergovernmental	5,351,988	887,829	236,512
Licenses and permits	363	-	40,885
Charges for service	1,067,942	12,147	56,100
Use of money and property	248,396	-	1,385
Miscellaneous	596,048	-	20
Total revenues	14,926,990	2,050,445	3,140,980
Expenditures:			
Operating:			
Public safety and legal services	5,099,100	-	-
Physical health and social services	3,676,407	-	53,900
Mental health	-	2,277,648	-
County environment and education	1,067,312	-	778,441
Roads and transportation	-	-	-
Governmental services to residents	908,738	-	-
Administration	2,800,582	-	-
Non-program	402,723	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-
Capital projects	1,445,313	-	-
Total expenditures	15,400,175	2,277,648	832,341
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(473,185)	(227,203)	2,308,639
Other financing sources (uses):			
Sale of capital assets	-	-	-
General obligation bond/note proceeds	-	-	-
Premium on bond/note	-	-	-
Transfers in	413,301	-	-
Transfers out	(269,715)	-	(2,450,578)
Drainage warrants issued	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	143,586	-	(2,450,578)
Change in fund balances	(329,599)	(227,203)	(141,939)
Fund balances beginning of year	8,991,415	1,196,590	1,257,052
Fund balances end of year	\$ 8,661,816	969,387	1,115,113

See notes to financial statements.

Revenue					
Secondary Roads	Drainage Districts	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Nonmajor	Total
-	-	-	133,406	-	11,651,553
-	-	-	-	1,390,596	1,390,596
959,359	-	-	-	959,359	1,918,718
-	-	-	13,598	-	114,251
5,489,408	3,620	-	-	133,590	12,102,947
46,190	-	-	-	-	87,438
46	-	-	-	5,896	1,142,131
8,687	-	-	28,914	13,549	300,931
738,416	376,100	-	-	131,101	1,841,685
7,242,106	379,720	-	175,918	2,634,091	30,550,250
-	-	-	-	-	5,099,100
-	-	-	-	-	3,730,307
-	-	-	-	-	2,277,648
-	-	-	-	56,573	1,902,326
8,047,880	-	-	-	-	8,047,880
-	-	-	-	10,177	918,915
-	-	-	-	-	2,800,582
-	909,078	-	-	-	1,311,801
-	330,473	-	1,285,821	540,730	2,157,024
1,356,132	-	2,945,124	-	-	5,746,569
9,404,012	1,239,551	2,945,124	1,285,821	607,480	33,992,152
(2,161,906)	(859,831)	(2,945,124)	(1,109,903)	2,026,611	(3,441,902)
2,551	-	-	-	-	2,551
-	-	4,689,985	4,790,015	-	9,480,000
-	-	105,539	99,748	-	205,287
2,720,293	-	-	1,053,824	-	4,187,418
(518,936)	-	-	-	(948,189)	(4,187,418)
-	848,217	-	-	-	848,217
2,203,908	848,217	4,795,524	5,943,587	(948,189)	10,536,055
42,002	(11,614)	1,850,400	4,833,684	1,078,422	7,094,153
4,082,685	362,266	218,258	7,675	2,155,544	18,271,485
4,124,687	350,652	2,068,658	4,841,359	3,233,966	25,365,638

Webster County

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances –
Governmental Funds to the Statement
of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2017

Change in fund balances - Total governmental funds (page 25) \$ 7,094,153

**Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities
are different because:**

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Capital outlay expenditures and contributed capital assets exceeded depreciation expense in the current year, as follows:

Expenditures for capital assets	\$ 6,629,980	
Capital assets contributed by the Iowa Department of Transportation	19,774	
Capital assets contributed by others	35,777	
Depreciation expense	<u>(3,412,802)</u>	3,272,729

In the Statement of Activities, the gain on the disposition of capital assets is reported, whereas the governmental funds report the proceeds from the disposition as an increase in financial resources.

(8,115)

Because some revenues will not be collected for several months after the County's year end, they are not considered available revenues and are recognized as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds, as follows:

Property tax	(1,994)	
Other	<u>629,372</u>	627,378

Proceeds from issuing long-term liabilities provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Current year issuances exceeded repayments, as follows:

Issued	(10,328,217)	
Repaid	<u>1,211,570</u>	(9,116,647)

The current year County share of IPERS contributions is reported as expenditures in the governmental funds but is reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position.

848,620

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 the governmental funds, as follows:

Compensated absences	2,464	
Other postemployment benefits	(38,079)	
Pension expense	(875,319)	
Interest on long-term debt	<u>(75,963)</u>	(986,897)

The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of partial self funding of the County's health insurance benefit plan to individual funds. The change in net position of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities.

121,868

Change in net position of governmental activities (page 19)

\$ 1,853,089

See notes to financial statements.

Webster County
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2017

	<u>Internal Service - Employee Group Health</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 458,906
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	<u>14,206</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 444,700</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Webster County
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and
Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund

Year ended June 30, 2017

		<u>Internal Service - Employee Group Health</u>
Operating revenues:		
Reimbursements from operating funds		\$ 2,051,935
Reimbursements from employees and others		275,937
COBRA reimbursements		<u>58,923</u>
Total operating revenues		2,386,795
Operating expenses:		
Insurance premiums	\$ 1,895,709	
Medical claims	330,230	
Administrative fees	<u>40,893</u>	<u>2,266,832</u>
Operating income		119,963
Non-operating revenues:		
Interest income		<u>1,905</u>
Net income		121,868
Net position beginning of year		<u>322,832</u>
Net position end of year		<u><u>\$ 444,700</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

Webster County
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
Year ended June 30, 2017

	Internal Service - Employee Group Health
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from operating fund contributions	\$ 2,051,935
Cash received from employees and others	275,937
Cash received from COBRA reimbursements	58,923
Cash paid for insurance premiums	(1,895,709)
Cash paid for medical claims	(326,688)
Cash paid for administrative expenses	(40,893)
Net cash provided by operating activities	123,505
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on investments	1,905
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	125,410
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	333,496
Cash and cash equivalents end of year	\$ 458,906
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income	\$ 119,963
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Increase in accounts payable	3,542
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 123,505

See notes to financial statements.

Webster County
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds

June 30, 2017

Assets

Cash, cash equivalents and pooled investments:

County Treasurer	\$ 3,461,875
Other County officials	114,019

Receivables:

Property tax:

Delinquent	188,550
Succeeding year	42,623,000

Accounts	29,110
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Special assessments	556,881
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Drainage assessments	86,857
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Due from other governments	69,650
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Prepaid items	<u>2,555</u>
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Total assets	<u><u>47,132,497</u></u>
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Liabilities

Accounts payable	76,680
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Salaries and benefits payable	15,103
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Due to other governments	46,563,918
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Trusts payable	373,932
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Stamped warrants payable	90,251
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Compensated absences	<u>12,613</u>
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Total liabilities	<u><u>47,132,497</u></u>
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Net position	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

Webster County

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2017

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Webster County is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The County operates under the Board of Supervisors form of government. Elections are on a partisan basis. Other elected officials operate independently with the Board of Supervisors. These officials are the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff and Attorney. The County provides numerous services to citizens, including law enforcement, health and social services, parks and cultural activities, planning and zoning, roadway construction and maintenance and general administrative services.

The County's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Webster County has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The County has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the County are such that exclusion would cause the County's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the County to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the County.

These financial statements present Webster County (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the County.

Blended Component Units – The following component units are entities which are legally separate from the County, but are so intertwined with the County they are, in substance, the same as the County. They are reported as part of the County and blended into the appropriate funds.

Certain drainage districts have been established pursuant to Chapter 468 of the Code of Iowa for the drainage of surface waters from agricultural and other lands or the protection of such lands from overflow. Although these districts are legally separate from the County, they are controlled, managed and supervised by the Webster County Board of Supervisors. These drainage districts are reported as a Special Revenue Fund. The County has other drainage districts that are managed and supervised by elected trustees. The financial transactions of these districts are reported as an Agency Fund. Financial information of the individual drainage districts can be obtained from the Webster County Auditor's Office.

Jointly Governed Organizations – The County participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the County but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The County Board of Supervisors are members of or appoint representatives to the following boards and commissions: Webster County Assessor's Conference Board, Webster County Emergency Management Commission and Webster County Joint E-911 Service Board. Financial transactions of these organizations are included in the County's financial statements only to the extent of the County's fiduciary relationship with the organization and, as such, are reported in the Agency Funds of the County.

The County also participates in the North Central Iowa Regional Solid Waste Agency, the Webster County Telecommunications Board, Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center, Region V Narcotic Task Force, Mid-Iowa Development Association Council of Governments, Hazardous Materials Response Commission, County Social Services and Local Emergency Planning Commission, jointly governed organizations established pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. In addition, the County participates in the following jointly governed organizations: Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services, Iowa Central Industries, Your Own Limited Resources, Inc., the North Central Alcoholism Research Foundation, Webster County Economic Development Corporation and North Central Mental Health Center.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the County and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are supported by property tax, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Net Position presents the County's nonfiduciary assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in the following categories.

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation did not result in any restricted net position.

Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net position is often subject to constraints imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements – Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. All general tax revenues and other revenues not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue:

The Mental Health Fund is used to account for property tax and other revenues designated to be used to fund mental health, intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities services.

The Rural Services Fund is used to account for property tax and other revenues to provide services which are primarily intended to benefit those persons residing in the county outside of incorporated city areas.

The Secondary Roads Fund is used to account for the road use tax allocation from the State of Iowa, required transfers from the General Fund and the Special Revenue, Rural Services Fund and other revenues to be used for the secondary roads construction and maintenance.

The Drainage Districts Fund is used to account for drainage district assessments and drainage district construction and maintenance activity.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for property tax and other revenues to be used for the payment of interest and principal on the County's general long-term debt.

Additionally, the County reports the following funds:

Proprietary Fund – An Internal Service Fund is utilized to account for the financing of goods or services purchased by one department of the County and provided to other departments or agencies on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Funds – Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the County as an agent for individuals, private organizations, certain jointly governed organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current year or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current year. For this purpose, the County considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

When an expenditure is incurred in governmental funds which can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the County's policy is to pay the expenditure from restricted fund balance and then from less-restrictive classifications – committed, assigned and then unassigned fund balances.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the County's Internal Service Fund is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the Internal Service Fund include the cost of services and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The County maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the County are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Pooled Investments – The cash balances of most County funds are pooled and invested. Interest earned on investments is recorded in the General Fund unless otherwise provided by law. Investments are stated at fair value except for investments in non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at amortized cost.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable – Property tax in governmental funds is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date the tax asking is certified by the County Board of Supervisors. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Supervisors to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the Board of Supervisors is required to certify its budget in March of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds become due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1½ % per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2015 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified by the County Board of Supervisors in March 2016.

Interest and Penalty on Property Tax Receivable – Interest and penalty on property tax receivable represents the amount of interest and penalty that was due and payable but has not been collected.

Drainage Assessments Receivable – Drainage assessments receivable represent amounts assessed to individuals for work done on drainage districts which benefit their property. These assessments are payable by individuals in not less than 10 nor more than 20 annual installments. Each annual installment with interest on the unpaid balance is due on September 30 and is subject to the same interest and penalties as other taxes. Delinquent drainage assessments receivable represent assessments

which are due and payable but have not been collected. Succeeding year drainage assessments receivable represents remaining assessments which are payable but not yet due.

Current drainage assessments receivable represent assessments which are due and payable but have not been collected. Future drainage assessments receivable represent amounts which will be assessed to individuals and levied against their property in the future for work already done on drainage districts which benefit their property.

Special Assessments Receivable – Special assessments receivable represent the amounts due from individuals for work done which benefits their property. These assessments are payable by individuals in not more than 15 annual installments. Each annual installment with interest on the unpaid balance is due on September 30 and is subject to the same interest and penalties as other taxes. Special assessments receivable represent assessments which are due and payable but have not been collected.

Due from Other Governments – Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments.

Inventories – Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method. Inventories in the Special Revenue Funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, furniture and equipment and intangibles acquired after July 1, 1980 are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Acquisition value is the price that would have been paid to acquire a capital asset with equivalent service potential. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Reportable capital assets are defined by the County as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

Asset Class	Amount
Buildings and improvements	\$ 25,000
Land and improvements	5,000
Equipment and vehicles	5,000
Intangibles	50,000
Infrastructure	50,000

Capital assets of the County are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful lives (In Years)
Building improvements	25 - 50
Land and improvements	10 - 50
Equipment and vehicles	3 - 20
Intangibles	5 - 20
Infrastructure	10 - 65

Deferred Outflows of Resources – Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Deferred outflows of resources consist of unrecognized items not yet charged to pension expense, the unamortized portion of the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments and contributions from the County after the measurement date but before the end of the County's reporting period.

Due to Other Governments – Due to other governments represents taxes and other revenues collected by the County and payments for services which will be remitted to other governments.

Trusts Payable – Trusts payable represents amounts due to others which are held by various County officials in fiduciary capacities until the underlying legal matters are resolved.

Compensated Absences – County employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and compensatory time for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the government-wide, proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental fund financial statements only for employees who have resigned or retired. The compensated absences liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2017. The compensated absences liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General Fund and the Special Revenue, Mental Health, Rural Services and Secondary Roads Funds.

Long-Term Liabilities – In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or proprietary fund Statement of Net Position.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Pensions – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) and additions to/deductions from IPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on

the same basis as they are reported by IPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions, are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The net pension liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General Fund and the Special Revenue, Mental Health, Rural Services and Secondary Roads Funds.

Deferred Inflows of Resources – Deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Available means collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources in the governmental fund financial statements represent the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current year or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. Deferred inflows of resources consist of property tax receivable and other receivables not collected within sixty days after year end.

Deferred inflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position consist of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized until the year for which it is levied and the unrecognized items not yet charged to pension expense.

Fund Equity – In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – Amounts which cannot be spent because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Amounts restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or state or federal laws or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Assigned – Amounts the Board of Supervisors intends to use for specific purposes.

Unassigned – All amounts not included in the preceding classifications.

Net Position – The net position of the Internal Service, Employee Group Health Fund is designated for anticipated future catastrophic losses of the County.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2017, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the non-program, debt service and capital projects functions.

(2) Cash, Cash Equivalents and Pooled Investments

The County's deposits in banks at June 30, 2017 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to ensure there will be no loss of public funds.

The County is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Supervisors; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2017, an escrow agent held investments for the County with a carrying and fair value of \$4,829,360. The investments mature as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$ 30,954	Dec 1, 2017
U.S. Treasury Notes	31,037	Jun 1, 2018
U.S. Treasury Notes	31,132	Dec 1, 2018
U.S. Treasury Notes	<u>4,736,237</u>	Jun 1, 2019
	<u>\$ 4,829,360</u>	

The County uses the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The recurring fair value measurement for the U.S. Government Treasury Notes of \$4,829,360 was determined using the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. (Level 1 inputs)

(3) Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2017 is as follows:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Special Revenue: Urban Renewal Tax Increment Financing	<u>\$ 413,301</u>
Special Revenue: Secondary Roads	General	269,715
	Special Revenue: Rural Services	<u>2,450,578</u>
		<u>2,720,293</u>
Debt Service	Special Revenue: Secondary Roads	518,936
	Local Option Sales and Services Tax	<u>534,888</u>
		<u>1,053,824</u>
Total		<u>\$ 4,187,418</u>

Transfers generally move resources from the fund statutorily required to collect the resources to the fund statutorily required to expend the resources.

(4) Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,078,021	-	-	2,078,021
Construction in progress, road network	501,541	1,362,288	(1,779,220)	84,609
Construction in progress	531,894	3,026,567	-	3,558,461
Total capital assets not being depreciated	3,111,456	4,388,855	(1,779,220)	5,721,091
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	25,089,370	180,100	(4,485,833)	20,783,637
Improvements other than buildings	199,320	1,204,755	-	1,404,075
Equipment and vehicles	12,562,573	927,529	(792,101)	12,698,001
Intangibles, other	-	164,292	-	164,292
Infrastructure, road network	76,771,991	1,779,220	-	78,551,211
Infrastructure, other	1,248,220	-	-	1,248,220
Total capital assets being depreciated	115,871,474	4,255,896	(5,277,934)	114,849,436
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	12,067,217	460,620	(4,348,216)	8,179,621
Improvements other than buildings	157,892	1,973	-	159,865
Equipment and vehicles	8,663,925	1,023,457	(741,603)	8,945,779
Infrastructure, road network	35,550,846	1,876,823	-	37,427,669
Infrastructure, other	148,588	49,929	-	198,517
Total accumulated depreciation	56,588,468	3,412,802	(5,089,819)	54,911,451
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	59,283,006	843,094	(188,115)	59,937,985
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 62,394,462</u>	<u>5,231,949</u>	<u>(1,967,335)</u>	<u>65,659,076</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:	
Public safety and legal services	\$ 396,342
Physical health and social services	43,256
Mental health	5,307
County environment and education	117,120
Roads and transportation	2,674,217
Governmental services to residents	32,003
Administration	144,557
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,412,802</u>

(5) Due to Other Governments

The County purchases services from other governmental units and also acts as a fee and tax collection agent for various governmental units. Tax collections are remitted to those governments in the month following collection. A summary of amounts due to other governments at June 30, 2017 is as follows:

Fund	Description	Amount
General	Services	\$ 77,623
Special Revenue:		
Secondary Roads	Services	3,358
Total for governmental funds		<u>\$ 80,981</u>
Agency:		
Agricultural Extension Education	Collections	262,688
County Assessor		2,330,364
Schools		23,085,593
Community Colleges		1,578,008
Corporations		16,771,250
Townships		442,603
Auto License and Use Tax		911,150
Special Districts		642,158
All other		<u>540,104</u>
Total for agency funds		<u>\$ 46,563,918</u>

(6) Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2017 is as follows:

	General Obligation Capital Loan Notes	General Obligation Local Option Sales and Services Tax Bonds	Drainage Warrants	Compen- sated Absences	Net Pension Liability	Other Post- employment Benefits	Total
Balance beginning of year	\$ 955,000	5,720,000	571,675	471,290	5,086,807	625,024	13,429,796
Increases	4,675,000	4,805,000	848,217	527,795	1,589,729	76,832	12,522,573
Decreases	570,000	330,000	311,570	530,259	-	38,753	1,780,582
Balance end of year	<u>\$ 5,060,000</u>	<u>10,195,000</u>	<u>1,108,322</u>	<u>468,826</u>	<u>6,676,536</u>	<u>663,103</u>	<u>24,171,787</u>
Due within one year	<u>\$ 570,000</u>	<u>335,000</u>	<u>301,627</u>	<u>468,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,675,453</u>

General Obligation Capital Loan Notes

On December 18, 2012, the County issued \$1,340,000 of general obligation capital loan notes, Series 2012 pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of paying costs of aiding in the planning, undertaking and carrying out of an urban renewal project, including funds paid to the City of Fort Dodge to fund the oversizing of sewer and water services to accommodate future expansion of the County's Industrial Park. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the County retired \$130,000 of notes.

On July 29, 2016, the County issued \$4,675,000 of general obligation capital loan notes, Series 2016B pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of paying costs of aiding in the planning, undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects under the authority of chapter 403, including a portion of the costs of building, furnishing and equipping the Otho Shed Maintenance Complex Project. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the County retired \$440,000 of notes.

A summary of the general obligation capital loan notes indebtedness is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012			
	Issued Dec 18, 2012			
	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	0.90%	\$ 135,000	11,455	146,455
2019	1.10	135,000	10,240	145,240
2020	1.30	135,000	8,755	143,755
2021	1.50	140,000	7,000	147,000
2022	1.70	140,000	4,900	144,900
2023	1.80	140,000	2,520	142,520
Total		\$ 825,000	44,870	869,870

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2016B						
	Issued Jul 29, 2016						
	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total	Total		
					Principal	Interest	Total
2018	2.00%	\$ 435,000	84,700	519,700	570,000	96,155	666,155
2019	2.00	440,000	76,000	516,000	575,000	86,240	661,240
2020	2.00	450,000	67,200	517,200	585,000	75,955	660,955
2021	2.00	460,000	58,200	518,200	600,000	65,200	665,200
2022	2.00	470,000	49,000	519,000	610,000	53,900	663,900
2023-2026	2.00	1,980,000	100,000	2,080,000	2,120,000	102,520	2,222,520
Total		\$ 4,235,000	435,100	4,670,100	5,060,000	479,970	5,539,970

General Obligation Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOST) Bonds

On December 30, 2010, the County issued \$7,500,000 of Series 2010 of general obligation local option sales and services tax bonds pursuant to the provisions of Section 423B.9(4) of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of paying costs to remodel, improve, extend and equip the existing County Law Enforcement Center, to build and equip the new County Jail and to acquire land, if necessary.

On July 29, 2016, the County issued \$4,805,000 of general obligation local option sales and services tax bonds refunding bonds for the crossover advance refunding of \$4,705,000 of general obligation bonds dated December 30, 2010. The bonds will be called on June 1, 2019.

For the crossover advance refunding, the County entered into an escrow agreement whereby the proceeds from the general obligation refunding bonds were converted into U.S. government securities. These securities, along with additional cash, were placed with an escrow agent to pay the principal and interest on the refunding general obligation bonds (new debt) until the crossover refunding date. On the crossover date of June 1, 2019, the refunded general obligation local option sales and services tax bonds (old debt) will be paid using the amounts held by the escrow agent. From that point forward, the local option sales tax revenues will be used to pay the general obligation local option sales and services tax refunding bonds (new debt). The transactions and balances of the escrow account are recorded by the County since the refunded debt is not considered extinguished.

The refunding was undertaken to reduce total debt service payments over the next 13 years by \$522,325 and resulted in an economic gain of \$425,709.

A summary of the general obligation local option sales and services tax bonds indebtedness is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation LOST Bonds, Series 2010			
	Issued Dec 30, 2010			
	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	3.00%	\$ 335,000	196,138	531,138
2019	3.00	5,055,000	186,087	5,241,087
Total		\$ 5,390,000	382,225	5,772,225

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Refunding LOST Bonds, Series 2016A						
	Issued Jul 29, 2016						
	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	2.00%	\$ -	96,100	96,100	335,000	292,238	627,238
2019	2.00	-	96,100	96,100	5,055,000	282,187	5,337,187
2020	2.00	440,000	96,100	536,100	440,000	96,100	536,100
2021	2.00	445,000	87,300	532,300	445,000	87,300	532,300
2022	2.00	455,000	78,400	533,400	455,000	78,400	533,400
2023-2027	2.00	2,425,000	251,500	2,676,500	2,425,000	251,500	2,676,500
2028-2029	2.00	1,040,000	31,300	1,071,300	1,040,000	31,300	1,071,300
Total		\$ 4,805,000	736,800	5,541,800	10,195,000	1,119,025	11,314,025

The County has pledged future local option sales and services tax receipts to repay the general obligation local option sales and services tax bonds. The bonds are payable and secured by a pledge of 50% of the local option sales and services tax receipts and, if the 50% portion of the local option sales tax receipts is insufficient, the County may levy an annual tax on all of the taxable property in the County.

Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds required 28% of net revenues. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the County retired \$330,000 of bonds. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$11,314,025. For the current year, principal and interest paid and total local option sales and services tax revenue were \$534,388 and \$1,918,718, respectively.

The resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds includes the following provisions:

- (a) The bonds will be redeemed from the future collections of local option sales and services tax and, as needed in order to supplement the local option sales and services tax receipts, an annual property tax levy.
- (b) The local option sales and services tax receipts shall be deposited in a Local Option Sales and Services Tax Fund (Revenue Fund), which shall be used and disbursed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds.
- (c) Sufficient transfers shall be made from the Revenue Fund to a separate bond sinking account within the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of making the bond principal and interest payments when due. The Revenue Fund shall set aside sufficient revenues to pay the principal and interest coming due in the next succeeding fiscal year. If the revenues are insufficient to pay the principal and interest coming due in the next succeeding fiscal year, property tax will be levied for the next fiscal year.

Drainage Warrants

Drainage warrants are warrants which are legally drawn on drainage district funds but are not paid for lack of funds in accordance with Chapter 74 of the Code of Iowa. The warrants bear interest at rates in effect at the time the warrants are first presented. Warrants will be paid as funds are available.

Drainage warrants are paid from the Special Revenue, Drainage Districts Fund solely from drainage assessments against benefited properties.

(7) Pension Plan

Plan Description – IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the County, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the County are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at 7401 Register Drive, PO Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits – A Regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, any time after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits. Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- A multiplier based on years of service.
- The member's highest five-year average salary, except members with service before June 30, 2012 will use the highest three-year average salary as of that date if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.

Sheriffs, deputies and protection occupation members may retire at normal retirement age, which is generally at age 55. Sheriffs, deputies and protection occupation members may retire any time after reaching age 50 with 22 or more years of covered employment.

The formula used to calculate a Sheriff's, deputy's and protection occupation member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- 60% of average salary after completion of 22 years of service, plus an additional 1.5% of average salary for more than 22 years of service but not more than 30 years of service.
- The member's highest three-year average salary.

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25% for each month the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned on or after July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50% for each month the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits – A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions – Contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. State statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the "entry age normal" actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

In fiscal year 2017, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 5.95% of covered payroll and the County contributed 8.93% of covered payroll for a total rate of 14.88%. The Sheriff, deputies and the County each contributed 9.63% of covered payroll, for a total rate of 19.26%. Protection occupation members contributed 6.56% of covered payroll and the County contributed 9.84% of covered payroll, for a total rate of 16.40%.

The County's contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2017 totaled \$848,620.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – At June 30, 2017 the County reported a liability of \$6,676,536 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016 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 share of contributions to IPERS relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2016, the County's proportion was 0.1060893%, which was an increase of 0.0031276% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the County recognized pension expense of \$875,319. At June 30, 2017, the County reported 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 experience	\$ 55,351	134,169
Changes of assumptions	95,551	23,966
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on IPERS' investments	1,214,925	-
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and the County's proportionate share of contributions	57,527	104,680
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	848,620	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,271,974</u>	<u>262,815</u>

\$848,620 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2018	\$ 119,971
2019	119,971
2020	600,307
2021	333,458
2022	(13,168)
Total	<u>\$ 1,160,539</u>

There were no non-employer contributing entities to IPERS.

Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of inflation (effective June 30, 2014)	3.00% per annum.
Rates of salary increase (effective June 30, 2010)	4.00 to 17.00% average, including inflation. Rates vary by membership group.
Long-term investment rate of return (effective June 30, 1996)	7.50% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation.
Wage growth (effective June 30, 1990)	4.00% per annum, based on 3.00% inflation and 1.00% real wage inflation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies with dates corresponding to those listed above.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

The long-term expected rate of return on IPERS' investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Core plus fixed income	28%	1.90%
Domestic equity	24	5.85
International equity	16	6.32
Private equity/debt	11	10.31
Real estate	8	3.87
Credit opportunities	5	4.48
U.S. TIPS	5	1.36
Other real assets	2	6.42
Cash	1	(0.26)
	<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and contributions from the County will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, IPERS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on IPERS' investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, 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% lower (6.50%) or 1% higher (8.50%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 11,782,272	6,676,536	2,370,979

IPERS' Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about IPERS' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS' website at www.ipers.org.

Payables to IPERS – All legally required County contributions and legally required employee contributions which had been withheld from employee wages were remitted by the County to IPERS by June 30, 2017.

(8) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description – The County operates a single-employer health benefit plan which provides medical/prescription drug benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses. There are 178 active and 7 retired members in the plan. Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The health coverage, which is a partially self-funded medical plan, is administered by Group Services, Incorporated. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefits as active employees, which results in an implicit rate subsidy and an OPEB liability.

Funding Policy – The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the County. The County currently finances the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation – The County's annual OPEB cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the County, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding which, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed 30 years.

The following table shows the components of the County's annual OPEB cost for the year ended June 30, 2017, the amount actually contributed to the plan and changes in the County's net OPEB obligation:

Annual required contribution	\$ 87,077
Interest on net OPEB obligation	28,126
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(38,371)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	76,832
Contributions made	<u>(38,753)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	38,079
Net OPEB obligation beginning of year	<u>625,024</u>
Net OPEB obligation end of year	<u>\$ 663,103</u>

For calculation of the net OPEB obligation, the actuary has set the transition day as July 1, 2008. The end of year net OPEB obligation was calculated by the actuary as the cumulative difference between the actuarially determined funding requirements and the actual contributions for the year ended June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the County contributed \$38,753 to the medical plan. Plan members eligible for benefits contributed \$48,970, or 55.82% of the premium costs.

The County's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan and the net OPEB obligation are summarized as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Annual OPEB Cost	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
2015	\$ 79,220	8.7%	\$ 551,686
2016	78,034	6.0	625,024
2017	76,832	50.4	663,103

Funded Status and Funding Progress – As of July 1, 2014, the most recent actuarial valuation date for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the actuarial accrued liability was \$665,000, with no actuarial value of assets, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$665,000. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was approximately \$9,104,000 and the ratio of the UAAL to covered payroll was 7.3%. As of June 30, 2017, there were no trust fund assets.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions – Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality and the health care cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan, presented as Required Supplementary Information in the section following the Notes to Financial Statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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

As of the July 1, 2014 actuarial valuation date, the unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions include a 4.5% investment return rate based on the County's funding policy. The projected annual medical trend rate is 5% for all years.

Mortality rates are from the RP2000 Group Annuity Mortality Table, applied on a gender-specific basis. Annual retirement and termination probabilities were developed from the retirement probabilities from the Actuary's Pension Handbook and applying the termination factors using the Scale T-2 tables.

Projected claim costs of the medical plan are \$587 per month for retirees less than age 65 and \$1,395 per month for family plans of retirees less than age 65 under Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) plan 9. The salary increase rate was assumed to be 3% per year. The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll expense on an open basis over 30 years.

(9) Risk Management

The County is a member of the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 331.301 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 753 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses and reinsurance expenses estimated for the fiscal year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained at a level determined by the Board not to exceed 300% of basis rate.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual property operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, reinsurance premiums, losses and loss expenses for property risks estimated for the fiscal year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The County's property and casualty contributions to the Pool are recorded as expenditures from its operating funds at the time of payment to the Pool. The County's contributions to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2017 were \$275,137.

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials' liability risks up to \$500,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$500,000 are reinsured through reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements up to the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the County's risk-sharing certificate. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$250,000 each occurrence, each location. Property risks exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured through reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements up to the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the County's risk-sharing certificate.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim, property loss or series of claims or losses exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the County's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event a casualty claim, property loss or series of claims or losses exhausts the Pool's Funds and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims or losses shall be the obligation of the respective individual member against whom the claim was made or the loss was incurred.

The County does not report a liability for losses in excess of reinsurance or excess risk-sharing recoveries unless it is deemed probable such losses have occurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, at June 30, 2017, no liability has been recorded in the County's financial statements. As of June 30, 2017, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance coverage since the Pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Upon withdrawal, a formula set forth in the Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members is applied to determine the amount (if any) to be refunded to the withdrawing member.

The County also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with workers compensation and employee blanket bond in the amount of \$1,000,000 and \$100,000, respectively. The County assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(10) Employee Health Insurance Plan

The Internal Service, Employee Group Health Fund was established to account for the partial self-funding of the County's group health insurance plan. The plan is funded by both employee and County contributions and is administered through a service agreement with Group Services. All benefits in excess of Plan deductibles are paid through the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), which in turn provides for its own reinsurance stop/loss limits and submits its own required state filings.

The payments of plan contributions to the Internal Service, Employee Group Health Fund are recorded as expenditures from the operating funds. Under the administrative services agreement, monthly payments of service fees and claims processed are made to Group Services into a Safe-T fund. Claims are processed from the Safe-T fund to ensure timely payment. The County's contribution to the fund for the year ended June 30, 2017 was \$2,051,935.

The amounts payable from the Internal Service, Employee Group Health Fund at June 30, 2017 for incurred but not reported (IBNR) and reported but not paid claims has been estimated but has not been actuarially determined since the County is exempt from obtaining an actuarial opinion under Chapter 509A.15(4) of the Code of Iowa. The combined County liability for unpaid claims is as follows:

Unpaid claims beginning of year	\$ 10,664
Incurred claims (including claims incurred but not reported at June 30, 2017)	330,230
Payments on claims during the year	<u>326,688</u>
Unpaid claims end of year	<u>\$ 14,206</u>

(11) Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

The County has issued a total of \$670,000 of industrial development revenue bonds under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Code of Iowa, of which \$394,681 is outstanding at June 30, 2017. The bonds and related interest are payable solely from the rents payable by tenants of the properties constructed and the bond principal and interest do not constitute liabilities of the County.

(12) Development Agreements

In September 2012, the County entered into a development agreement with CJ Bio America, Inc. (the Developer). The Developer agreed to construct a facility within the Webster County Regional Urban Renewal Area. The County agreed to provide an economic development grant to the Developer up to \$4,444,000 for reimbursement of costs to construct a rail spur to the facility and site preparation of the facility plus interest at 3.23% per annum. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the County made principal and interest payments of \$366,121 and \$138,578, respectively, to the Developer. At June 30, 2017 the balance owed on the agreement is \$3,720,864.

In July 2013, the County entered into three development agreements with New Co-Operative, Inc. (the Developer). The Developer agreed to construct certain minimum improvements at three locations within the Webster County Regional Urban Renewal Area. The County agreed to make six annual tax increment financing rebate payments to the Developer for the Roelyn facility, not to exceed a cumulative total of \$120,000. The County agreed to make five annual tax increment financing rebate payments to the Developer for the Lanyon facility, not to exceed a cumulative total of \$50,000. The County agreed to make five annual tax increment financing rebate payments to the Developer for the Barnum facility, not to exceed a cumulative total of \$75,000. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the County made payments of \$36,031 to the Developer. At June 30, 2017, the balance owed on the agreements is \$173,895.

These agreements are not general obligations of the County. However, the agreements are subject to the constitutional debt limitation of the County, except for \$1,938,920 which has not been appropriated by the Board of Supervisors at June 30, 2017.

(13) Tax Abatements

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 77 defines tax abatements as a reduction in tax revenues that results from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

County Tax Abatements

The County provides tax abatements for urban renewal and economic development projects with tax increment financing as provided for in Chapters 15A and 403 of the Code of Iowa. For these types of projects, the County enters into agreements with developers which require the County, after developers meet the terms of the agreements, to rebate a portion of the property tax paid by the developers, to pay the developers an economic development grant or to pay the developers a predetermined dollar amount. No other commitments were made by the County as part of these agreements.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the County's abatements under the urban renewal and economic development projects reduced County property tax revenues by \$245,954.

Tax Abatements of Other Entities

Property tax revenues of the County were reduced by the following amounts for the year ended June 30, 2017 under agreements entered into by the following entities:

Entity	Tax Abatement Program	Amount of Tax Abated
City of Fort Dodge	Urban renewal and economic development projects	\$ 61,910

(14) County Financial Information Included in County Social Services

County Social Services (CSS), a jointly governed organization formed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E and Chapter 331.390 of the Code of Iowa, which became effective April 1, 2013, included the following member counties: Allamakee, Black Hawk, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Kossuth, Mitchell, Pocahontas, Tama, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth and Wright counties. The agreement was amended on April 1, 2014 to also include Emmet County. The financial activity of the County's Special Revenue, Mental Health Fund is included in CSS for the year ended June 30, 2017, as follows:

Revenues:		
Property and other county tax		\$ 1,150,469
Intergovernmental revenues:		
State tax credits	\$ 181,650	
Payments from fiscal agent	697,702	
Other	<u>8,477</u>	887,829
Charges for services		<u>12,147</u>
Total revenues		<u>2,050,445</u>
Expenditures:		
Services to persons with mental illness		174,941
General administration:		
Direct administration	105,464	
Distribution to regional fiscal agent	<u>1,539,381</u>	1,644,845
County provided case management		<u>457,862</u>
Total expenditures		<u>2,277,648</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenues		(227,203)
Fund balance beginning of year		<u>1,196,590</u>
Fund balance end of year		<u>\$ 969,387</u>

(15) New Accounting Pronouncement

The County adopted the tax abatement disclosure guidance set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures. The Statement sets forth guidance for the disclosure of information about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements which will make these transactions more transparent to financial statement users. Adoption of the guidance did not have an impact on amounts reported in the financial statements. The Notes to Financial Statements include information about the County's tax abatements and tax abatements of other entities which impact the County.

(16) Prospective Accounting Change

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. This statement will be implemented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The revised requirements establish new financial reporting requirements for state and local governments which provide their employees with postemployment benefits other than pensions, including additional note disclosures and required supplementary information. In addition, the Statement of Net Position is expected to include a significant liability for the County's other postemployment benefits.

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Required Supplementary Information

Webster County
Budgetary Comparison Schedule of
Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Balances –
Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) – All Governmental Funds

Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2017

	Actual	Less Funds not Required to be Budgeted	Net
Receipts:			
Property and other county tax	\$ 14,786,566	-	14,786,566
Interest and penalty on property tax	100,652	-	100,652
Intergovernmental	12,126,761	3,620	12,123,141
Licenses and permits	87,783	-	87,783
Charges for service	1,113,139	-	1,113,139
Use of money and property	300,931	9,265	291,666
Miscellaneous	1,508,095	507,200	1,000,895
Total receipts	30,023,927	520,085	29,503,842
Disbursements:			
Public safety and legal services	5,109,300	-	5,109,300
Physical health and social services	3,693,203	-	3,693,203
Mental health	2,270,027	-	2,270,027
County environment and education	1,891,928	30,461	1,861,467
Roads and transportation	8,896,171	-	8,896,171
Governmental services to residents	917,402	-	917,402
Administration	2,800,551	-	2,800,551
Non-program	1,303,500	899,344	404,156
Debt service	2,157,774	330,472	1,827,302
Capital projects	5,146,021	-	5,146,021
Total disbursements	34,185,877	1,260,277	32,925,600
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	(4,161,950)	(740,192)	(3,421,758)
Other financing sources, net	11,040,006	848,217	10,191,789
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over (under) disbursements and other financing uses	6,878,056	108,025	6,770,031
Balance beginning of year	17,349,119	394,599	16,954,520
Balance end of year	\$ 24,227,175	502,624	23,724,551

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Budgeted Amounts		Final to
Original	Final	Net
		Variance
14,961,917	15,444,301	(657,735)
109,500	-	100,652
12,230,016	13,433,170	(1,310,029)
49,700	69,775	18,008
1,024,600	977,260	135,879
281,300	208,715	82,951
284,850	608,600	392,295
28,941,883	30,741,821	(1,237,979)
5,407,766	5,599,646	490,346
3,570,114	4,397,263	704,060
2,189,957	2,533,627	263,600
2,109,683	1,989,585	128,118
8,900,000	8,940,000	43,829
984,993	1,051,160	133,758
2,931,137	3,094,349	293,798
150,000	265,000	(139,156)
2,606,109	1,745,786	(81,516)
6,745,000	4,064,537	(1,081,484)
35,594,759	33,680,953	755,353
(6,652,876)	(2,939,132)	(482,626)
4,900,000	480,000	9,711,789
(1,752,876)	(2,459,132)	9,229,163
11,751,879	16,611,669	342,851
9,999,003	14,152,537	9,572,014

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget to GAAP Reconciliation

Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2017

	Governmental Funds		
	Cash Basis	Accrual Adjustments	Modified Accrual Basis
Revenues	\$ 30,023,927	526,323	30,550,250
Expenditures	34,185,877	(193,725)	33,992,152
Net	(4,161,950)	720,048	(3,441,902)
Other financing sources, net	11,040,006	(503,951)	10,536,055
Beginning fund balances	17,349,119	922,366	18,271,485
Ending fund balances	\$ 24,227,175	1,138,463	25,365,638

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2017

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the County Board of Supervisors annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds except blended component units, the Internal Service Fund and Agency Funds, and appropriates the amount deemed necessary for each of the different County offices and departments. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon ten major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. These ten functions are: public safety and legal services, physical health and social services, mental health, county environment and education, roads and transportation, governmental services to residents, administration, non-program, debt service and capital projects. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. Legal budgetary control is also based upon the appropriation to each office or department. During the year, two budget amendments decreased budgeted disbursements by \$1,913,806. The budget amendment is reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

In addition, annual budgets are similarly adopted in accordance with the Code of Iowa by the appropriate governing body as indicated: for the County Extension Office by the County Agricultural Extension Council, for the County Assessor by the County Conference Board, for the E-911 System by the Joint E-911 Service Board and for Emergency Management Services by the County Emergency Management Commission.

During the year ended June 30, 2017, disbursements exceed the amounts budgeted in the non-program, debt service and capital projects functions.

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Webster County

Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
For the Last Three Years*
(In Thousands)

Required Supplementary Information

	2017	2016	2015
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.1060893%	0.1029617%	0.0988487%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 6,677	5,087	3,920
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 9,033	8,896	8,651
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	73.92%	57.18%	45.31%
IPERS' net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	81.82%	85.19%	87.61%

* In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, the amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30 of the preceding fiscal year.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Webster County

Schedule of County Contributions

Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
For the Last Ten Years
(In Thousands)

Required Supplementary Information

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 849	824	814	792
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(849)	(824)	(814)	(792)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	-	-	-
County's covered-employee payroll	\$ 9,328	9,033	8,896	8,651
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.10%	9.12%	9.15%	9.16%

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

- * County's covered-employee payroll information was not readily available. Therefore, contributions as a percentage of covered payroll could not be calculated.

2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
741	683	573	554	516	467
(741)	(683)	(573)	(554)	(516)	(467)
-	-	-	-	-	-
8,265	8,094	7,694	7,907	7,702	*
8.97%	8.44%	7.45%	7.01%	6.70%	*

Webster County

Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Pension Liability

Year ended June 30, 2017

Changes of benefit terms:

Legislation enacted in 2010 modified benefit terms for Regular members. The definition of final average salary changed from the highest three to the highest five years of covered wages. The vesting requirement changed from four years of service to seven years. The early-retirement reduction increased from 3% per year measured from the member's first unreduced retirement age to a 6% reduction for each year of retirement before age 65.

Legislative action in 2008 transferred four groups – emergency medical service providers, county jailers, county attorney investigators and National Guard installation security officers – from Regular membership to the protection occupation group for future service only.

Changes of assumptions:

The 2014 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 4.00% to 3.75% per year.
- Adjusted male mortality rates for retirees in the Regular membership group.
- Reduced retirement rates for sheriffs and deputies between the ages of 55 and 64.
- Moved from an open 30-year amortization period to a closed 30-year amortization period for the UAL (unfunded actuarial liability) beginning June 30, 2014. Each year thereafter, changes in the UAL from plan experience will be amortized on a separate closed 20-year period.

The 2010 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Adjusted retiree mortality assumptions.
- Modified retirement rates to reflect fewer retirements.
- Lowered disability rates at most ages.
- Lowered employment termination rates.
- Generally increased the probability of terminating members receiving a deferred retirement benefit.
- Modified salary increase assumptions based on various service duration.

Webster County

Schedule of Funding Progress for the
Retiree Health Plan
(In Thousands)

Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended June 30,	Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b - a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
2009	Jul 1, 2008	-	\$ 965	965	0.0%	\$ 7,234	13.3%
2010	Jul 1, 2008	-	965	965	0.0	7,598	12.7
2011	Jul 1, 2008	-	965	965	0.0	7,280	13.3
2012	Jul 1, 2011	-	621	621	0.0	7,339	8.5
2013	Jul 1, 2011	-	621	621	0.0	7,707	8.1
2014	Jul 1, 2011	-	621	621	0.0	8,079	7.7
2015	Jul 1, 2014	-	665	665	0.0	8,366	7.9
2016	Jul 1, 2014	-	665	665	0.0	8,764	7.6
2017	Jul 1, 2014	-	665	665	0.0	9,104	7.3

See Note 8 in the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements for the plan description, funding policy, annual OPEB cost, net OPEB obligation, funded status and funding progress.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Webster County

Supplementary Information

Webster County
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

June 30, 2017

		<u>Special</u>
	<u>County Recorder's Records Management</u>	<u>Resource Enhancement and Protection</u>
Assets		
Cash, cash equivalents and pooled investments	\$ 26,931	35,968
Receivables:		
Succeeding year property tax	-	-
Due from other governments	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 26,931</u>	<u>35,968</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ -	7,773
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Unavailable revenues:		
Succeeding year property tax	-	-
Fund balances:		
Restricted for debt service	-	-
Restricted for other purposes	26,931	28,195
Total fund balances	<u>26,931</u>	<u>28,195</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 26,931</u>	<u>35,968</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Revenue			
Urban Renewal Tax Increment Financing	Local Option Sales and Services Tax	Friends of Webster County Conservation	Total
571,425	2,351,512	109,905	3,095,741
1,450,000	-	-	1,450,000
-	145,998	-	145,998
2,021,425	2,497,510	109,905	4,691,739
-	-	-	7,773
1,450,000	-	-	1,450,000
571,425	-	-	571,425
-	2,497,510	109,905	2,662,541
571,425	2,497,510	109,905	3,233,966
2,021,425	2,497,510	109,905	4,691,739

Webster County
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Year ended June 30, 2017

			Special
	County Recorder's Records Management	Resource Enhancement and Protection	Urban Renewal Tax Increment Financing
Revenues:			
Tax increment financing	\$ -	-	1,390,596
Local option sales and services tax	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	21,943	111,647
Charges for service	5,896	-	-
Use of money and property	132	223	3,929
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total revenues	6,028	22,166	1,506,172
Expenditures:			
Operating:			
County environment and education	-	26,112	-
Government services to residents	10,177	-	-
Debt service	-	-	540,730
Total expenditures	10,177	26,112	540,730
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(4,149)	(3,946)	965,442
Other financing uses:			
Transfers out	-	-	(413,301)
Change in fund balances	(4,149)	(3,946)	552,141
Fund balances beginning of year	31,080	32,141	19,284
Fund balances end of year	\$ 26,931	28,195	571,425

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Revenue			
Local Option Sales and Services Tax	Friends of Webster County Conservation		Total
-	-		1,390,596
959,359	-		959,359
-	-		133,590
-	-		5,896
-	9,265		13,549
-	131,101		131,101
959,359	140,366		2,634,091
-	30,461		56,573
-	-		10,177
-	-		540,730
-	30,461		607,480
959,359	109,905		2,026,611
(534,888)	-		(948,189)
424,471	109,905		1,078,422
2,073,039	-		2,155,544
2,497,510	109,905		3,233,966

Webster County
Combining Schedule of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds

June 30, 2017

	County Offices	Agricultural Extension Education	County Assessor	Schools	Community Colleges
Assets					
Cash, cash equivalents and pooled investments:					
County Treasurer	\$ -	2,721	1,347,392	237,373	18,265
Other County officials	114,019	-	-	-	-
Receivables:					
Property tax:					
Delinquent	-	967	3,900	90,220	5,743
Succeeding year	-	259,000	1,044,000	22,758,000	1,554,000
Accounts	569	-	-	-	-
Special assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Drainage assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid items	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 114,588	262,688	2,395,292	23,085,593	1,578,008
Liabilities					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ -	-	41,671	-	-
Salaries and benefits payable	-	-	12,554	-	-
Due to other governments	27,715	262,688	2,330,364	23,085,593	1,578,008
Trusts payable	86,873	-	-	-	-
Stamped warrants payable	-	-	-	-	-
Compensated absences	-	-	10,703	-	-
Total liabilities	\$ 114,588	262,688	2,395,292	23,085,593	1,578,008

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Corpor- ations	Townships	Auto License and Use Tax	Special Districts	Other	Total
172,768	3,926	911,150	45,734	722,546	3,461,875
-	-	-	-	-	114,019
86,482	677	-	543	18	188,550
16,512,000	438,000	-	39,000	19,000	42,623,000
-	-	-	-	28,541	29,110
-	-	-	556,881	-	556,881
-	-	-	-	86,857	86,857
-	-	-	-	69,650	69,650
-	-	-	-	2,555	2,555
16,771,250	442,603	911,150	642,158	929,167	47,132,497
-	-	-	-	35,009	76,680
-	-	-	-	2,549	15,103
16,771,250	442,603	911,150	642,158	512,389	46,563,918
-	-	-	-	287,059	373,932
-	-	-	-	90,251	90,251
-	-	-	-	1,910	12,613
16,771,250	442,603	911,150	642,158	929,167	47,132,497

Webster County

Combining Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds

Year ended June 30, 2017

Assets and Liabilities	County Offices	Agricultural Extension Education	County Assessor	Schools	Community Colleges
Balances beginning of year	\$ 120,880	255,074	1,716,703	22,121,929	1,725,993
Additions:					
Property and other county tax	-	260,102	1,073,705	22,782,128	1,562,080
E911 surcharge	-	-	-	-	-
State tax credits	-	26,089	78,050	2,376,536	176,782
Office fees and collections	763,036	-	-	-	-
Auto licenses, use tax and postage	-	-	-	-	-
Assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Trusts	700,108	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Total additions	1,463,144	286,191	1,151,755	25,158,664	1,738,862
Deductions:					
Agency remittances:					
To other funds	414,088	-	-	-	-
To other governments	344,126	278,577	473,166	24,195,000	1,886,847
Trusts paid out	711,222	-	-	-	-
Total deductions	1,469,436	278,577	473,166	24,195,000	1,886,847
Balances end of year	\$ 114,588	262,688	2,395,292	23,085,593	1,578,008

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Corpor- ations	Townships	Auto License and Use Tax	Special Districts	Other	Total
16,143,270	414,420	906,877	662,442	698,479	44,766,067
16,586,458	445,589	-	54,373	18,536	42,782,971
-	-	-	-	147,084	147,084
2,212,777	26,009	-	2,101	505	4,898,849
-	-	-	-	-	763,036
-	-	11,447,309	-	2,243	11,449,552
-	-	-	12,125	13,722	25,847
-	-	-	-	543,206	1,243,314
-	-	-	-	924,270	924,270
18,799,235	471,598	11,447,309	68,599	1,649,566	62,234,923
-	-	337,242	-	91,931	843,261
18,171,255	443,415	11,105,794	88,883	862,284	57,849,347
-	-	-	-	554,914	1,266,136
18,171,255	443,415	11,443,036	88,883	1,509,129	59,958,744
16,771,250	442,603	911,150	642,158	838,916	47,042,246

Webster County

Schedule of Revenues By Source and Expenditures By Function -
All Governmental Funds

For the Last Ten Years

				Modified
	2017	2016	2015	2014
Revenues:				
Property and other county tax	\$ 13,042,149	13,576,833	12,385,396	12,723,473
Local option sales and services tax	1,918,718	1,573,301	1,880,690	1,893,684
Interest and penalty on property tax	114,251	123,915	107,475	108,693
Intergovernmental	12,102,947	12,158,839	10,258,645	9,588,387
Licenses and permits	87,438	81,105	69,125	151,144
Charges for service	1,142,131	1,211,296	950,787	1,053,980
Use of money and property	300,931	337,041	331,122	311,746
Miscellaneous	1,841,685	1,452,109	3,295,467	1,919,319
Total	<u>\$ 30,550,250</u>	<u>30,514,439</u>	<u>29,278,707</u>	<u>27,750,426</u>
Expenditures:				
Operating:				
Public safety and legal services	\$ 5,099,100	5,051,463	4,881,381	5,021,524
Physical health and social services	3,730,307	3,263,395	3,783,515	3,172,397
Mental health	2,277,648	2,107,003	2,560,537	2,632,711
County environment and education	1,902,326	1,598,699	1,617,169	1,431,400
Roads and transportation	8,047,880	8,474,864	7,934,669	6,908,561
Governmental services to residents	918,915	1,253,737	872,026	852,146
Administration	2,800,582	2,754,503	2,682,624	2,833,233
Non-program	1,311,801	477,174	1,034,739	1,929,837
Debt service	2,157,024	2,631,987	3,743,804	2,122,573
Capital projects	5,746,569	1,448,661	1,807,581	1,473,512
Total	<u>\$ 33,992,152</u>	<u>29,061,486</u>	<u>30,918,045</u>	<u>28,377,894</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Accrual Basis					
2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
12,271,342	12,498,762	12,470,783	11,170,681	10,528,511	10,257,149
1,687,493	1,649,410	1,666,772	1,405,986	803,332	826,329
101,378	110,909	113,651	121,908	125,291	120,461
11,016,312	12,498,776	12,673,182	10,834,057	11,918,133	12,099,302
81,387	111,405	77,399	58,905	31,547	44,819
1,031,580	995,824	1,122,883	930,734	948,881	939,967
306,804	390,636	269,193	307,683	426,764	701,379
1,168,167	1,526,016	1,398,371	570,869	942,772	537,801
27,664,463	29,781,738	29,792,234	25,400,823	25,725,231	25,527,207
5,019,591	5,047,832	4,482,641	4,517,607	4,719,053	4,625,204
2,725,211	2,508,348	2,302,259	2,418,882	2,164,245	1,990,046
3,522,224	5,741,501	3,901,371	4,203,328	4,440,537	4,983,980
1,434,580	1,183,265	1,105,897	1,165,709	1,141,169	1,079,285
6,615,707	7,028,654	6,699,446	6,591,364	7,848,518	6,379,563
878,055	763,062	662,741	732,356	798,823	753,660
2,668,289	2,451,572	2,366,009	2,482,172	2,655,140	2,610,725
1,998,639	1,516,230	1,157,295	1,959,580	1,739,170	755,011
1,549,368	2,431,117	1,869,470	1,308,033	720,291	745,429
3,803,829	6,329,798	3,820,123	2,185,346	1,577,162	1,890,975
30,215,493	35,001,379	28,367,252	27,564,377	27,804,108	25,813,878

Schedule 6**Webster County****Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

Year ended June 30, 2017

<u>Grantor/Program</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Program Expenditures</u>
Indirect:			
U. S. Department of Agriculture:			
Iowa Department of Public Health:			
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	5886AO50	\$ 128,526
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	5887AO50	<u>258,710</u>
			<u>387,236</u>
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	5886NU10	5,195
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	5887NU10	13,238
Iowa Department of Human Services:			
Human Services Administrative Reimbursements:			
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561		<u>20,375</u>
			<u>38,808</u>
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship:			
WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)	10.572		<u>540</u>
U.S. Department of Justice:			
Iowa Department of Justice:			
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	VA-17-51-16	<u>35,000</u>
City of Fort Dodge:			
Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	2017-H2333-IA-DJ	<u>2,535</u>
U. S. Department of Transportation:			
Iowa Department of Transportation:			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BROS-2690(621)--8J-94	<u>10,805</u>
Iowa Department of Public Safety - Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau:			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	PAP 16-402-MOOP, Task 36-40-00	3,362
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	PAP 17-402-MOOP, Task 36-60-00	<u>1,053</u>
			<u>4,415</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
Elderbridge Agency on Aging, Inc.:			
Special Programs for the Aging Title III, Part D_Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043	ES04518	2,000
Special Programs for the Aging Title III, Part D_Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043	ES04501	<u>8,700</u>
			<u>10,700</u>
Special Programs for the Aging Title III, Part B_Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	ESO4502	<u>20,050</u>

Webster County
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year ended June 30, 2017

Grantor/Program	CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Program Expenditures
Indirect (continued):			
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
Iowa Department of Public Health:			
Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Aligned Cooperative Agreements	93.074	5885BT494	5,064
Cooperative Agreements	93.074	5887BT60	80,910
			<u>85,974</u>
Family Planning Services	93.217	831-FY2017	<u>81,393</u>
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	5886I480	1,785
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	5888I480	3,250
			<u>5,035</u>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Investigations and Technical Assistance	93.283	5887MH25	<u>1,715</u>
PPHF Capacity Building Assistance to Strengthen Public Health Immunization Infrastructure and Performance financed in part by Prevention and Public Health Funds	93.539	5886I480	13,726
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	5886CH60	17,109
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	5887CH60	6,150
			<u>23,259</u>
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	5886MH31	2,975
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	5887MH25	25,279
			<u>28,254</u>
ACA - State Innovation Models: Funding for Model Design and Model Testing Assistance	93.624	5887SIM14	198,012
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	5886MH31	13,392
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	5887MH25	71,449
			<u>84,841</u>
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991	5887DH34	<u>70,985</u>
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	5886MH31	75,038
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	5887MH25	185,075
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	5886CH60	5,950
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	5887CH60	37,761
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	5886DH16	200
			<u>304,024</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
Iowa Department of Human Services:			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	ACFS 14-199	63,756
Human Services Administrative Reimbursements:			
Refugee and Entrant Assistance_State Administered Programs	93.566		54
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596		5,398
Foster Care_Title IV-E	93.658		7,642
Adoption Assistance	93.659		2,650
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		6,378
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767		144
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		38,602
Federal Emergency Management Agency:			
Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management:			
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMPG-17-PT-94	5,812
Total			<u>\$ 1,537,743</u>

Webster County

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

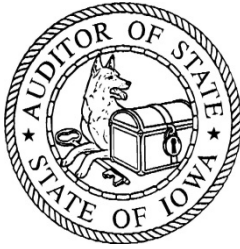
Year ended June 30, 2017

Basis of Presentation – The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Webster County under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2017. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the 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). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Webster County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in financial position or cash flows of Webster County.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Expenditures reported in the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Indirect Cost Rate – Webster County has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
Government Auditing Standards

To the Officials of Webster County:

We have audited in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Webster County, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 20, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Webster County's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures 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 Webster County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Webster County's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control 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 such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the County'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 which is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We consider the deficiencies described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items II-A-17 and II-B-17 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Webster County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters which are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters which are described in Part IV of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the County's operations for the year ended June 30, 2017 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the County. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.


Webster County's Responses to the Findings

Webster County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Webster 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 and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control 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 and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Webster County during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.


MARY MOSIMAN, CPA
Auditor of State

April 20, 2018

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance
for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance
Required by the Uniform Guidance**

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance
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To the Officials of Webster County:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Webster County, Iowa's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. Webster County's major federal programs are identified in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for Webster County's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and Title 2, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Webster County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Webster County's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Webster County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017.


Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Webster County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Webster County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the major federal programs to determine the auditing procedures appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Webster County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct non-compliance 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 material non-compliance 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance we consider to be a material weakness. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.


MARY MOSIMAN, CPA
Auditor of State

April 20, 2018

Webster County
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year ended June 30, 2017

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results:

- a) Unmodified opinions were issued on the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- b) Material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
- c) The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.
- d) No material weaknesses in internal control over the major programs were noted.
- e) An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program.
- f) The audit disclosed no instances of non-compliance which were required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance, Section 200.516.
- g) The major programs were as follows:
 - CFDA Number 10.557 – Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.
 - CFDA Number 93.994 – Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States.
- h) The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.
- i) Webster County did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

Webster County

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2017

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

II-A-17 Segregation of Duties

Criteria – Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. A good system of internal control provides for adequate segregation of duties so no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to completion. In order to maintain proper internal control, duties should be segregated so the authorization, custody and recording of transactions are not under the control of the same employee. This segregation of duties helps prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and maximizes the accuracy of the County's financial statements.

Condition – Generally, one or two individuals in the offices identified may have control over the following areas for which no compensating controls exist:

	<u>Applicable Offices</u>
(1) Incoming mail is not opened by an employee who is not authorized to make entries to the accounting records. A listing of cash and checks received is not prepared or prepared listing is not traced to general ledger and bank deposit.	County Treasurer and County Sheriff
(2) Bank reconciliations are not prepared by someone who doesn't sign checks, handle or record cash.	County Treasurer and County Recorder
(3) Bank reconciliations are not reviewed periodically by an independent person for propriety.	County Treasurer and County Recorder
(4) Responsibilities for collection, deposit preparation and reconciliation functions are not segregated from those for recording and accounting for cash.	County Recorder, County Sheriff and County Treasurer
(5) The person who signs checks is not independent of the person preparing the checks, approving disbursements, recording cash disbursements and handling cash.	County Recorder and County Sheriff
(6) Voided receipts are not periodically reviewed by an independent person for propriety.	County Sheriff

Webster County

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2017

Cause – The County offices noted above have a limited number of employees and procedures have not been designed to adequately segregate duties or provide compensating controls through additional oversight of transactions and processes.

Effect – Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the County's ability to prevent or detect and correct misstatements, errors or misappropriation on a timely basis by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation – Each official should review the control activities of their office to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances. The official should utilize current personnel, including elected officials, to provide additional control through review of financial transactions, reconciliations and reports. Many of the components of this comment are repeated from the previous year.

Responses –

County Treasurer – In response to the incoming mail, we are working on a solution. The bank reconciliation has been corrected. We are working on bank reconciliations being reviewed by an independent person for propriety. Responsibilities for collection, deposit preparation and reconciliation functions have been corrected.

County Recorder – With the amount of staff in the office, we continue to implement best practices to be in compliance with segregation of duties.

County Sheriff – We are preparing a list of cash and checks received at this time. We currently have these duties segregated as much as we can with the amount of office employees we currently have. We do have dual signatures required on all checks for every account. We are running monthly reports of void receipts for review.

Conclusions – Responses accepted.

II-B-17

Financial Reporting

Criteria – A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements of the financial statements on a timely basis. Properly designed policies and procedures and implementation of the policies and procedures are an integral part of ensuring the reliability and accuracy of the County's financial statements.

Condition – Material amounts of receivables, payables and capital asset additions and deletions were not properly recorded in the County's financial statements. Additionally, prepaid expenditures were not properly recorded. Adjustments were subsequently made to properly include these amounts in the financial statements.

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Cause – County policies do not require and procedures have not been established to require independent review of year end cut-off transactions to ensure the County's financial statements are accurate and reliable.

Effect – Lack of policies and procedures resulted in County employees not detecting the errors in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. As a result, material adjustments to the County's financial statements were necessary.

Recommendation – The County should establish procedures to ensure all receivables, payables, capital asset/infrastructure additions and deletions and prepaid expenditures are identified and properly reported in the County's financial statements. This is a repeat comment.

Responses –

Auditor – Policies will be established for an end of year email and reminder to all Department heads to document their claims for accruals. The new clerk has been trained to watch these closer. Capital assets will be reviewed prior to year-end to clean up errors. Regarding prepaid expenditures, Department heads will be notified to note prepaid expenditures on their claims.

Treasurer – We have sent emails to the Department heads in June about receivable accruals to remind them.

Conclusions – Responses accepted.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

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Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs For Federal Awards:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

No matters were noted.

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES

No material weaknesses in internal control over the major programs were noted.

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Part IV: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- IV-A-17 Certified Budget – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2017 exceeded the amounts budgeted in the non-program, debt service and capital projects functions.

Recommendation – The budget should have been amended in sufficient amounts in accordance with Chapter 331.435 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response – A concentrated effort will be made to ensure this error will not occur again.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- IV-B-17 Questionable Expenditures – Certain disbursements we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 since the public benefits to be derived have not been clearly documented were noted. These disbursements are detailed as follows:

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Public Health Petty Cash	Becker Florist	\$ 101
	Walmart - Coffee	13
	Money order	20
HyVee	Food for Public Health	264
Rotary Club of Fort Dodge	Membership dues for Public Health	150
Lands' End Business	Clothing for Public Health employees	2,403

According to the opinion, it is possible for such disbursements to meet the test of serving a public purpose under certain circumstances, although such items will certainly be subject to a deserved close scrutiny. The line to be drawn between a proper and an improper purpose is very thin.

Recommendation – The County should determine and document the public purpose served by these disbursements before authorizing any further payments. If this practice is continued, the County should establish written policies and procedures, including the requirement for proper documentation. Documentation should include a list of those who received the meals. In addition, the County should report taxable meals and clothing suited for general use provided to employees on the employee's W-2's.

Response – A policy will be researched for this and implemented with all Department heads.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- IV-C-17 Travel Expense – No expenditures of County money for travel expenses of spouses of County officials or employees were noted.

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- IV-D-17 Business Transactions – Business transactions between the County and County officials or employees are detailed as follows:

Name, Title and Business Connection	Transaction Description	Amount
Krystal Steck, Auditor's Office Drainage clerk, daughter of Dan Rasmussen owner of Rasmussen Tiling	Tiling	\$ 12,588
Sara Lewis, Auditor's Office employee, daughter-in-law of owners of Rosalez Lock & Key	Lock & key services	2,916

In accordance with Chapter 331.342(2)(d) of the Code of Iowa, the transactions with Rasmussen Tiling and Rosalez Lock & Key do not appear to represent conflicts of interest since the Auditor's office employees' employment is not directly affected as a result of the contract.

- IV-E-17 Bond Coverage – Surety bond coverage of County officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure the coverage is adequate for current operations.

- IV-F-17 Board Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.

- IV-G-17 Deposits and Investments – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the County's investment policy were noted.

- IV-H-17 Resource Enhancement and Protection Certification – The County properly dedicated property tax revenue to conservation purposes as required by Chapter 455A.19(1)(b) of the Code of Iowa in order to receive the additional REAP funds allocated in accordance with subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3).

- IV-I-17 Annual Urban Renewal Report – The Annual Urban Renewal Report was properly approved and certified to the Iowa Department of Management on or before December 1. The County understated the amount reported as TIF debt outstanding since the June 30, 2016 balances were reported rather than the June 30, 2015 balances.

Recommendation – The County should ensure the correct debt amounts are reported.

Response – We will ensure the correct debt amounts are reported in the future.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- IV-J-17 County Extension Office – The County Extension Office is operated under the authority of Chapter 176A of the Code of Iowa and serves as an agency of the State of Iowa. This fund is administered by an Extension Council separate and distinct from County operations and, consequently, is not included in Exhibits A or B.

Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2017 for the County Extension Office did not exceed the amount budgeted.

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