

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR REPORTS THEREON
RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR REPORT

County Board of Commissioners
Red Willow County
McCook, Nebraska 69001

Board Members:

Adverse, and Unmodified Opinions

I have audited the accompanying cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Red Willow County, Nebraska as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the financial statements of the County's primary government as listed in the Table of Contents.

Summary of Opinions:

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Component Unit	Adverse
Major Funds	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Adverse Opinion on Component Unit:

In my opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse, and Unmodified Opinions section of this report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the reporting entity of Red Willow County, Nebraska as of June 30, 2024, or the changes in its financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Governmental Activities, Each Major Fund, and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information:

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the primary government of Red Willow County, Nebraska as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in the cash position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of Red Willow County, Nebraska, and to meet other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my adverse, and unmodified audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Component Unit:

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of Red Willow County, Nebraska which consists of all funds, departments, and offices that comprise the County's legal entity. The financial statements do not include financial data for the County's legally separate component unit. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require financial data for the County's legally separate component unit to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses of the government-wide financial statements has not been determined.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements were prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. My opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1. This includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, and *Government Auditing Standards*, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on Red Willow County, Nebraska effectiveness of internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Red Willow County, Nebraska ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

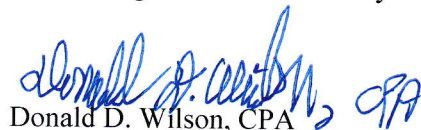
I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that I identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Red Willow County's financial statements. The budgetary comparison information, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and schedule of office activities are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated January 3, 2025 on my consideration of Red Willow County's internal control over financial reporting and my 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 my 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 Red Willow 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 Red Willow County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


Donald D. Wilson, CPA
McCook, Nebraska

January 3, 2025

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
June 30, 2024

	EXHIBIT A
	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT
ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	10,071,528
Designated Investments	89,294
	10,160,822
Total Assets	10,160,822
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Jail Bond	431,412
Nursing Home Bond	169,776
American Rescue Plan	814,066
Bridge/Road Projects	263,030
Visitor's Promotion	315,241
Veteran's Aid	9,217
Register of Deeds	49,679
Unrestricted	8,108,401
	8,108,401
TOTAL NET POSITION	10,160,822

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 2024

Exhibit B

		Program Cash Receipts		Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets
Cash	Disbursements	Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	3,079,023	466,568	185,239	(2,427,216)
Public Safety	1,971,026	91,643	112,785	(1,766,598)
Public Works	2,154,228	15,033		(2,139,195)
Public Health	449,851	220,722	5,000	(224,129)
Public Assistance	169,143	24,709		(144,434)
Culture and Recreation	865,469	522,518		(342,951)
Debt Service	469,722			(469,722)
Total Governmental Activities	9,158,462	1,341,193	303,024	(7,514,245)
General Receipts:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				3,496,058
Property taxes, levied for public health				151,848
Property taxes, levied for culture and recreation				213,390
Property taxes, levied for debt service				447,388
Motor Vehicle Tax				501,289
Intergovernmental				2,055,124
Inheritance Tax				1,239,405
Interest				519,645
Miscellaneous				306,594
Total General Receipts				8,930,741
Changes in Net Position				1,416,496
Net position - Beginning of Year				8,744,326
Net position - End of Year				10,160,822

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RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BALANCE SHEET - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2024

EXHIBIT C

	General	Road	Self Insurance	Inheritance Tax	Other Governmental Funds	Total
ASSETS						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,126,295	1,775,666	236,260	4,226,727	2,706,580	10,071,528
Designated Investments					89,294	89,294
Total Assets	<u>1,126,295</u>	<u>1,775,666</u>	<u>236,260</u>	<u>4,226,727</u>	<u>2,795,874</u>	<u>10,160,822</u>
FUND BALANCES:						
Restricted					2,052,421	2,052,421
Assigned		1,775,666	236,260	4,226,727	743,453	6,982,106
Unassigned	<u>1,126,295</u>					<u>1,126,295</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,126,295</u>	<u>1,775,666</u>	<u>236,260</u>	<u>4,226,727</u>	<u>2,795,874</u>	<u>10,160,822</u>

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RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 2024

EXHIBIT D

	Special Revenue			NonMajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Total
	General	Road	Self Insurance		
CASH RECEIPTS					
Property Taxes	3,496,058			812,626	4,308,684
Motor Vehicle Tax	501,289				501,289
Federal Grants	135,239			50,000	185,239
Intergovernmental	132,453	1,587,923		452,531	2,172,907
Inheritance Tax				1,239,407	1,239,407
Charges for Services	551,256	15,033		774,904	1,341,193
Interest	483,889			35,756	519,645
Miscellaneous	52,995	30,870	215,024	7,705	306,594
Total Cash Receipts	<u>5,353,179</u>	<u>1,633,826</u>	<u>215,024</u>	<u>2,133,522</u>	<u>10,574,958</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS					
General Government	1,905,475		1,127,353	46,195	3,079,023
Public Safety	1,703,117			267,909	1,971,026
Public Works	23,587	1,600,087		530,554	2,154,228
Public Health	1,643			448,208	449,851
Public Assistance	169,143				169,143
Culture and Recreation				865,469	865,469
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement				420,000	420,000
Interest				49,722	49,722
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>3,802,965</u>	<u>1,600,087</u>	<u>1,127,353</u>	<u>2,628,057</u>	<u>9,158,462</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>1,550,214</u>	<u>33,739</u>	<u>(912,329)</u>	<u>1,239,407</u>	<u>1,416,496</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers In	93,946	79,598	910,666	0	1,084,210
Transfers (Out)	(990,264)			(93,946)	(1,084,210)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(896,318)</u>	<u>79,598</u>	<u>910,666</u>	<u>(93,946)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>653,896</u>	<u>113,337</u>	<u>(1,663)</u>	<u>1,239,407</u>	<u>1,416,496</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>472,399</u>	<u>1,662,329</u>	<u>237,923</u>	<u>3,384,355</u>	<u>8,744,326</u>
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>1,126,295</u>	<u>1,775,666</u>	<u>236,260</u>	<u>2,795,874</u>	<u>10,160,822</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Year Ended June 30, 2024

EXHIBIT E

	Balance July 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2024
ASSETS				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	730,341	24,497,958	24,623,277	605,022
Total Assets	730,341	24,497,958	24,623,277	605,022
LIABILITIES				
State	305,170	3,410,590	3,459,592	256,168
Schools	282,109	14,357,968	14,417,334	222,743
Educational Service Unit	2,928	214,855	215,689	2,094
Community College	15,263	1,097,970	1,102,610	10,623
Natural Resource District	11,987	1,051,454	1,058,764	4,677
Fire Districts	3,018	476,155	477,479	1,694
Cemetery Districts	2,324	7,740	4,095	5,969
Municipalities	55,276	2,290,645	2,295,270	50,651
Historical Society	337	38,117	20,000	18,454
Nursing Home Operating	119	0	0	119
Partial Payments	0	5,835	5,835	0
Unclaimed Property	2,369	99	0	2,468
Tentative Inheritance Tax	47,686	859,535	879,673	27,548
Redemptions	0	147,352	147,352	0
Tax Increment Financing	1,755	539,643	539,584	1,814
Total Liabilities	730,341	24,497,958	24,623,277	605,022
NET POSITION	0	0	0	0

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies and procedures adopted by Red Willow County, Nebraska:

A. Reporting Entity:

Red Willow County, Nebraska (County) is a governmental entity established under and governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska (State). The County is managed by county officials who are elected on a political ballot for four-year terms. As a political subdivision of the State, the County is exempt from State and Federal income taxes. The financial statements include all funds of the County that are not legally separate. The County has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, as well as other organizations that are either fiscally dependent on the County or maintain a significant relationship with the County, such that exclusion would be misleading or incomplete. Control or dependence is determined on the criteria of 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.

The Hillcrest Nursing Home is a component unit of the County because of the significance of its operational and financial relationships with the County. The financial statements do not include the data of the Hillcrest Nursing Home, necessary for reporting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Complete financial statements of the component unit can be obtained from the Nursing Home administrative office.

Other individual County offices maintain accounting records and account for monies received and disbursed directly by these offices. Only that portion of these monies which are subsequently received by the County Treasurer is reflected in the County's financial statements.

B. Basis of Presentation:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the County as a whole. These statements include the cash activities of the primary government.

The statement of net position, cash-basis, presents the County's non-fiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in two categories:

Restricted Net Position – result when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position– has constraints on resources that are imposed by management but can be removed or modified.

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued):

Government-wide Financial Statements (Concluded):

The statement of activities, cash-basis, demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function are offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program receipts 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 and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property taxes and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements:

During the year, the County segregates transactions related to certain county functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the County at this more detailed level. The County uses two categories of funds, governmental and fiduciary. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on the major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

The following are Red Willow County's major governmental funds:

General Fund:

The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the County for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Nebraska.

Road Fund (Special Revenue):

The Road Fund is used to account for receipts and disbursements associated with the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges and is primarily funded by State tax receipts.

Self-Insurance (Special Revenue):

The Self Insurance fund is used to account for the County's self-insurance proceeds and costs.

Inheritance Tax (Special Revenue):

The Inheritance Tax Fund is used to account for receipts generated from inheritance taxes collected in accordance with State Statute. The fund balance is available to the County for any purpose.

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

B. Basis of Presentation (Concluded):
Fund Financial Statements (Concluded):

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund balances are required to be reported according to the following classifications:

Restricted fund balance – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes because of a formal action (resolution) by the County’s highest level of decision-making authority, the County Board.

Assigned fund balance – Amounts that are constrained by the County’s intent to be used for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent can be stipulated by the County Board, or by an official to whom that authority has been given. With the exception of the General Fund, this is the residual fund balance classification for all governmental funds with positive balances.

Unassigned fund balance – This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net position. The County’s only fiduciary funds are custodial funds. The custodial funds account for assets held by the County for political subdivisions in which the County acts as a fiscal agent and for taxes, state-levied shared receipts, and fines and forfeitures collected and distributed to other political subdivisions.

C. Basis of Accounting:

The funds of the County and the financial statements have been prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are taken into account only when cash is received by the County and disbursements are recorded when warrants are issued. This differs from generally accepted accounting principles, which require governmental fund accounting to follow the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual and obligations are generally recognized when they are incurred.

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONCLUDED):

D. Capital Assets:

Under the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisitions are reflected as disbursements in governmental funds. GAAP requires capital assets, which would include property, equipment and vehicles, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, culverts, and similar items which are immovable and of value only to the government), to be reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

E. Property Taxes:

Property taxes are levied by October 15 based on valuations as of April 1. Real Estate taxes become due and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of December 31. Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are payable in two installments and become delinquent on May 1 and September 1, following the levy date. Motor Vehicle taxes are due when application is made for registration of a Motor Vehicle.

Counties are permitted by the State Constitution to levy a tax of up to \$.50/\$100 of assessed valuation for general governmental services, except that \$.05 of \$100 of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy may only be levied to provide financing for the County's share of receipts required under an agreement executed pursuant to the Inter-local Cooperation act. The County may allocate up to fifteen cents of its authority to other political subdivisions including: Fire Districts, Cemetery Districts, and a Historical Society. The County may levy taxes in addition to the .50-cent limitation upon a vote of the people. The levy set in October 2023 for 2023 taxes which will be materially collected in May and September 2024, was set at \$.290468/\$100 of assessed valuation. Assessed valuation for Red Willow County for the 2023 tax levy was \$1,502,271,177.

Additionally, there is currently a legislatively imposed lid limitation, which limits taxation to the prior year's level, with provisions for growth and the reduction of state aid. It may be increased by 2.5%, plus allowable growth, and an additional 1% by a three-fourths majority of the County board, or to any level by a vote of the people in the County.

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS:

The County Treasurer has generally pooled the cash resources of the various funds for investment purposes. Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits. Interest earned on pooled funds is credited to the County General Fund in accordance with Section 77-2315, R.R.S. 1943. Investments made specifically from and for a particular fund are summarized as "Designated Investments". Interest on these investments is credited to the funds from which the investment is made, also in accordance with the above-cited statute. The types of investments in which the County is authorized to invest are enumerated in State Statutes and generally include U.S. government obligations, certificates of deposit, time deposits and securities in which the state investment officer is authorized to invest. Red Willow County is a participant in an external investment pool, the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT).

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT - CONTINUED

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONCLUDED):

NPAIT is a separate legal and administrative entity organized and exists pursuant to the Inter-Local Cooperation Act and other Nebraska law. The County Treasurer had \$7,631,263 invested with NPAIT as of June 30, 2024. This carrying value of investments is stated at cost, which approximates market. All net income of the trust is determined as of the close of business on each banking day and is credited thereafter pro rata to each participants account. Since net income of the fund is allocated among participants each time net income is determined, the net asset value remains at \$1.00 per unit. Securities held by NPAIT are not held in the County's name.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. State law restricts the type of collateral securities allowed. For the purposes of classifying categories of custodial credit risk, the deposits for the County as of June 30, 2024 were entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County's agent in the County's name.

NOTE 3: INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

The details of inter-fund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

<u>Transfers To</u>	<u>Transfers From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Child Support Incentive	34,771
General	American Rescue Plan	59,175
Road	General	79,598
Self-Insurance	General	910,666

Transfers generally move resources from the General Fund, statutorily required to collect the resources, to the fund statutorily required to expend the resources. The transfer from child support incentive closed the fund. The transfer from American Rescue Plan was for accrued interest.

NOTE 4: RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

The Retirement Program for Nebraska Counties is a multiple-employer cash balance benefit plan, or a defined contribution plan administered by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Board (NPERB) in accordance with the provisions of the County Employees Retirement Act beginning at State Statute Section 23-2301.

Each member who is employed and participating in the retirement system prior to January 1, 2003, may either elect to continue participation in the defined contribution benefit plan or elect to participate in the cash balance benefit plan. All new members as of January 1, 2003, will participate in the cash balance benefit plan. In a cash balance benefit plan, benefits depend on amounts contributed to the plan plus interest credits. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. All elected officials and full-time employees who have attained the age of twenty will begin immediate plan participation upon hire. Permanently employed part-time employees may exercise the option to begin immediate participation. Employees contribute 4.5% of their salary and the County match is 6.75% of the salary.

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT - CONTINUED

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 4: RETIREMENT PROGRAM (CONCLUDED):

Commissioned law enforcement personnel employed by the County contribute 5.5% of their salary and the County match is 7.75% of the salary. The employee and employer's contributions are kept in separate accounts. The employer's account is fully vested. The employee's account is vested 100% after three years of participation in the plan. Prior service benefits are paid directly by the County to the retired employee. The County's contributions to NPERB for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$203,934, \$202,567, and \$185,825 respectively. Prior service benefits were \$0, \$90, and \$90 respectively for each of the three fiscal years.

NOTE 5: BONDS PAYABLE COMMITMENTS:

The following is a summary of changes in long-term commitments of the County for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2024</u>
Bonds:				
Jail Bond Series 2020	2,755,000		290,000	2,465,000
Hillcrest Series 2022	<u>1,165,000</u>		<u>135,000</u>	<u>1,030,000</u>
Total	<u>3,920,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>425,000</u>	<u>3,495,000</u>

A summary of the annual requirements to service the bonds as of June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Year Ended	Jail Bond			Hillcrest Nursing Home Bond		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 30, 2025	295,000	36,630	331,630	135,000	9,129	144,129
June 30, 2026	295,000	32,942	327,942	140,000	8,372	148,372
June 30, 2027	300,000	28,925	328,925	140,000	7,427	147,427
June 30, 2028	305,000	24,538	329,538	140,000	6,308	146,308
June 30, 2029	310,000	19,770	329,770	140,000	4,943	144,943
June 30, 2030	315,000	14,613	329,613	145,000	3,304	148,304
June 30, 2031	320,000	9,055	329,055	140,000	1,560	141,560
June 30, 2032	<u>325,000</u>	<u>3,087</u>	<u>328,087</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>50,325</u>
Total	<u>2,465,000</u>	<u>169,560</u>	<u>2,634,560</u>	<u>1,030,000</u>	<u>41,368</u>	<u>1,071,368</u>

Jail Building Bond , Series 2020 Refunding:

Due serially in annual principal payments of \$285,000 to \$325,000, plus interest at .9% to 1.9%. Final payment is due December 15, 2031. These are General Obligation Refunding Bonds issued June 25, 2020, in the amount of \$3,610,000 for the construction of a new jail. Bonds maturing on and after June 25, 2025, are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity, in any order of maturity, in integral multiples of \$5,000. Interest on the Bonds at the respective rates for each maturity is payable semiannually on December 15th and June 15th each year. The maximum annual debt service payable on the bonds will not exceed a levy of 5.2¢ per \$100 upon all the taxable property in the County, subject to the County's constitutional levy limitation.

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT - CONTINUED

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 5: BONDS PAYABLE COMMITMENTS (CONCLUDED):

Hillcrest Nursing Home Bond, Series 2022 Refunding

Due serially in annual principal payments of \$110,000 to \$140,000, plus interest at .75% to 3.75%. Final payment is due October 1, 2031. These are General Obligation Refunding Bonds issued August 4, 2021, in the amount of \$1,295,000 for improvements at the Hillcrest Nursing Home. Bonds maturing on and after August 4, 2026, are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity, in any order of maturity, in integral multiples of \$5,000. Interest on the Bonds at the respective rates for each maturity is payable semiannually on October 1 and April 1 each year. The Nursing Home Bond is a general obligation of Red Willow County, payable, unless paid from other sources, out of the funds of the County, which may be raised among other sources, by taxes levied by valuation on all taxable property in the County.

NOTE 6: LOAN PAYABLE COMMITMENTS:

The following is a summary of the changes in the loan payable commitment during the fiscal year:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2024
Road Equipment	139,370	0	38,857	100,513

A summary of the commitment under loan agreements provides for annual payments as follows:

Year Ended	Commitments		
	Principal	Interest	Total
June 30, 2025	40,057	2,915	42,972
June 30, 2026	41,246	1,725	42,971
June 30, 2027	19,210	398	19,608
Total	100,513	5,038	105,551

Tractor:

Due in annual principal and interest payments of \$19,608, with interest at 2.05%. Final payment is due March 15, 2026. This loan was for the purchase of a John Deere Tractor.

Tractor:

Due in annual principal and interest payments of \$23,362, with interest at 3.99%. Final payment is due January 2, 2027. This loan was for the purchase of a New Holland Tractor.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT - CONTINUED

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 7: FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS:

The County receives substantial grants from the federal and state governments, all of which are subject to audit by the respective governments. Subsequent audits may disallow disbursements financed by governmental grant programs, although past audits have resulted in no violations of grant regulations and no requests for reimbursement. It is the opinion of management that requests for reimbursement, if any, by either the federal or state governments based on subsequent audits will not be material in relation to the County's financial statements as of June 30, 2024.

NOTE 8: ACCUMULATED COMPENSATED ABSENCES:

It is the County's Policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave. Upon separation from the County's service, the accumulated vacation would be paid but the sick leave would be forfeited. The cost of vacation and sick leave are recognized when payments are made to the employee.

NOTE 9: JOINT VENTURE:

Red Willow County has entered into an agreement with the other counties in Region II in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Public Institutions to provide services to carry out the provisions of the Nebraska Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services Act and the related alcoholism and drug abuse services and the Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Acts). Region II consists of the following counties: Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Keith, Lincoln, Perkins, Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Dawson, Gosper, Dundy, Hitchcock and Red Willow. Each county contributes to the financial support of the Region activities based on formulas developed by the Region governing board. Funding is provided by a combination of federal, state, local, and private funding. Red Willow County contributed \$68,659 toward the operation of Region II during fiscal year 2024. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Region is audited annually in accordance with State Statute. Financial information for the Region is available from Region II.

NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT:

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the period ended June 30, 2024, the County managed its risks as follows:

Liability Insurance

The County has purchased liability insurance for risks related to torts; theft or damage to property; and errors and omissions of public officials from a commercial insurance carrier. Settled Claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT - CONCLUDED

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT (CONCLUDED):

Employee Health Insurance

On November 1, 1992, Red Willow County began a partial self-funded employee health insurance plan. The County has contracted with Lucent Health, a group insurance firm, for benefit administration and payment of claims. Red Willow County pays Regional Care monthly actual claims paid for plan-covered employees and projected claims assessments.

In partial self-funded insurance, the County selects the amount of risk they wish to assume, and purchases "stop loss" insurance for all excess amounts. Red Willow County entered into an agreement with Benchmark Insurance for aggregate and specific reinsurance. Shown here are the reinsurance coverage's:

Aggregate eligible expenses: Medical, Dental and Prescription Card Services.

Per Covered person	\$40,000
Aggregate Specific	\$20,000
Specific Reimbursement Limit per covered person	unlimited
Specific Lifetime Reimbursement per covered person	unlimited

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

EXHIBIT F

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
CASH RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	4,008,908	4,008,908	3,997,347	(11,561)
Federal	80,000	80,000	135,239	55,239
State	46,000	46,000	56,547	10,547
Local	679,093	679,093	1,164,046	484,953
Total Cash Receipts	4,814,001	4,814,001	5,353,179	539,178
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
General Government:				
Board of Commissioners	91,654	91,654	86,518	5,136
Clerk	198,909	198,909	186,881	12,028
Treasurer	299,557	299,557	283,585	15,972
Assessor	307,904	307,904	280,803	27,101
Election Commissioner	56,350	56,350	24,617	31,733
Planning and Zoning	20,000	20,000	11,317	8,683
Clerk of the District Court	129,306	129,306	120,089	9,217
County Court System	28,000	28,000	24,424	3,576
District Judge	38,714	38,714	34,264	4,450
Building and Grounds	129,185	129,185	105,521	23,664
Extension Office	146,620	146,620	142,789	3,831
Employment Security	5,000	5,000	1,203	3,797
Miscellaneous	697,753	697,753	603,464	94,289
Total General Government	2,148,952	2,148,952	1,905,475	243,477
Public Safety:				
Sheriff	583,132	583,132	490,059	93,073
Attorney	207,712	207,712	205,343	2,369
Jail	1,056,930	1,056,930	865,839	191,091
Probation Officer	16,844	16,844	16,844	0
Juvenile Detention	10,000	10,000	1,372	8,628
Emergency Management	17,410	17,410	13,375	4,035
Miscellaneous	122,700	122,700	110,285	12,415
Total Public Safety	2,014,728	2,014,728	1,703,117	311,611
Public Works:				
Surveyor	9,106	9,106	8,602	504
Noxious Weed Control	32,295	32,295	14,985	17,310
Total Public Works	41,401	41,401	23,587	17,814
Public Health:				
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,643	(643)
Total Public Health	1,000	1,000	1,643	(643)
Public Assistance:				
County Relief	5,400	5,400	1,300	4,100
Veteran's Service Officer	85,895	85,895	81,583	4,312
Institutions	75,157	75,157	68,659	6,498
Miscellaneous	21,000	21,000	17,601	3,399
Total Public Assistance	187,452	187,452	169,143	18,309

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	EXHIBIT F CONCLUDED
	Original	Final		Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
Total Cash Disbursements	4,393,533	4,393,533	3,802,965	590,568
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	420,468	420,468	1,550,214	1,129,746
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating Transfers In	818,500	818,500	93,946	(724,554)
Operating Transfers (Out)	(1,412,236)	(1,412,236)	(990,264)	421,972
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(593,736)	(593,736)	(896,318)	(302,582)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(173,268)	(173,268)	653,896	827,164
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	473,158	473,158	472,399	(759)
Fund Balance, End of Year	299,890	299,890	1,126,295	826,405

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RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
ROAD FUND**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

EXHIBIT G

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
CASH RECEIPTS:				
State	1,574,787	1,574,787	1,587,628	12,841
Local	20,295	20,295	46,198	25,903
Total Cash Receipts	<u>1,595,082</u>	<u>1,595,082</u>	<u>1,633,826</u>	<u>38,744</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
Public Works:				
Road Department	1,915,100	1,915,100	1,600,087	315,013
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>1,915,100</u>	<u>1,915,100</u>	<u>1,600,087</u>	<u>315,013</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(320,018)</u>	<u>(320,018)</u>	<u>33,739</u>	<u>353,757</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers In	371,715	371,715	79,598	(292,117)
Operating Transfers (Out)				
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>371,715</u>	<u>371,715</u>	<u>79,598</u>	<u>(292,117)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	51,697	51,697	113,337	61,640
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>1,662,329</u>	<u>1,662,329</u>	<u>1,662,329</u>	
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>1,714,026</u>	<u>1,714,026</u>	<u>1,775,666</u>	<u>61,640</u>

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RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SELF INSURANCE**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

EXHIBIT H

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
CASH RECEIPTS:				
Local	80,000	80,000	215,024	135,024
Total Cash Receipts	80,000	80,000	215,024	135,024
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
General Government	1,358,444	1,358,444	1,127,353	231,091
Total Cash Disbursements	1,358,444	1,358,444	1,127,353	231,091
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	(1,278,444)	(1,278,444)	(912,329)	366,115
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers In	1,040,521	1,040,521	910,666	(129,855)
Operating Transfers (Out)				
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,040,521	1,040,521	910,666	(129,855)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(237,923)	(237,923)	(1,663)	236,260
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	237,923	237,923	237,923	0
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	236,260	236,260

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RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
INHERITANCE TAX**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

EXHIBIT I

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
CASH RECEIPTS:				
Local	500,000	500,000	1,239,407	739,407
Total Cash Receipts	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>1,239,407</u>	<u>739,407</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
Public Works	600,000	600,000		600,000
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>600,000</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>1,239,407</u>	<u>1,339,407</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating Transfers In				
Operating Transfers (Out)	(818,500)	(818,500)		818,500
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(818,500)</u>	<u>(818,500)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>818,500</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(918,500)	(918,500)	1,239,407	2,157,907
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>2,987,320</u>	<u>2,987,320</u>	<u>2,987,320</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>2,068,820</u>	<u>2,068,820</u>	<u>4,226,727</u>	<u>2,157,907</u>

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RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY REPORTING**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1: GAAP REQUIREMENTS:

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund, and for each major special revenue fund that have a legally adopted annual budget. GAAP further requires the budgetary comparison schedules to include the original budget and final budget amounts. The original budget is the first complete appropriated budget adjusted by reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes before the beginning of the fiscal year. The final budget is the original budget adjusted by all reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes applicable to the fiscal year as approved by the County Board.

NOTE 2: BUDGET POLICY:

The County follows these procedures to establish the budgetary data reflected in the schedules in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Nebraska Budget Act.

On or before August 1 the finance committee or other designated budget-making authority prepares and transmits a budget for each County fund showing the requirements, the outstanding warrants, the operating reserve to be maintained, the cash on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, the revenue from sources other than taxation, and the amount to be raised by taxation. The budget, like the County financial statements, is prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. The budget contains only those receipts which have actually been received by the County Treasurer.

The County Board must hold at least one public hearing. Prior to September 20, after the action of the State Board of Equalization and Assessment has been certified to the County Clerk, the budget, as revised, is adopted and the amounts provided therein are appropriated.

The County Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund through resolution; however, revisions that alter the total disbursements of any fund require that an additional public hearing be held. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

June 30, 2024

SCHEDULE 1

	Special Revenue Funds (Schedule 3)	Debt Service Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds (Exhibit C)
		Jail Bond	Nursing Home Bond	
ASSETS				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,105,392	431,412	169,776	2,706,580
Designated Investments	89,294	_____	_____	89,294
Total Assets	2,194,686	431,412	169,776	2,795,874
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted	1,451,233	431,412	169,776	2,052,421
Assigned	743,453	_____	_____	743,453
Total Fund Balances	2,194,686	431,412	169,776	2,795,874

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 2024

SCHEDULE 2

	Special Revenue Funds (Schedule 4)	Debt Service Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds (Exhibit D)
		Jail Bond	Nursing Home Bond	
CASH RECEIPTS				
Property Taxes	365,238	312,489	134,899	812,626
Federal Grants	50,000			50,000
Intergovernmental	441,048	8,046	3,437	452,531
Charges for Services	774,904			774,904
Interest	35,756			35,756
Miscellaneous	7,705			7,705
Total Cash Receipts	<u>1,674,651</u>	<u>320,535</u>	<u>138,336</u>	<u>2,133,522</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	45,395	400	400	46,195
Public Safety	267,909			267,909
Public Works	530,554			530,554
Public Health	448,208			448,208
Culture and Recreation	865,469			865,469
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement		290,000	130,000	420,000
Interest		39,995	9,727	49,722
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>2,157,535</u>	<u>330,395</u>	<u>140,127</u>	<u>2,628,057</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(482,884)</u>	<u>(9,860)</u>	<u>(1,791)</u>	<u>(494,535)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In	0			0
Transfers (Out)	<u>(93,946)</u>			<u>(93,946)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(93,946)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(93,946)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(576,830)	(9,860)	(1,791)	(588,481)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>2,771,516</u>	<u>441,272</u>	<u>171,567</u>	<u>3,384,355</u>
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u><u>2,194,686</u></u>	<u><u>431,412</u></u>	<u><u>169,776</u></u>	<u><u>2,795,874</u></u>

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

June 30, 2024

SCHEDULE 3

	Highway Buyback	Visitor's Promotion	Visitor's Improvement	Fair	Fair Sinking
ASSETS					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	263,030	40,597	274,644	99,617	44,513
Designated Investments					
Total Assets	263,030	40,597	274,644	99,617	44,513
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted	263,030	40,597	274,644		
Assigned				99,617	44,513
Total Fund Balances	263,030	40,597	274,644	99,617	44,513
	Register of Deeds P&M	Horse Arena	Veteran's Aid	STOP Diversion	Drug Law Enforcement
ASSETS					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	49,679		9,217	35,093	1,453
Designated Investments		89,294			
Total Assets	49,679	89,294	9,217	35,093	1,453
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted	49,679		9,217		
Assigned		89,294		35,093	1,453
Total Fund Balances	49,679	89,294	9,217	35,093	1,453
	American Rescue Plan	Local Assistance Tribal Consistency	Health Department	Waste Disposal	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (Schedule 1)
ASSETS					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	714,066	100,000	97,100	376,383	2,105,392
Designated Investments					89,294
Total Assets	714,066	100,000	97,100	376,383	2,194,686
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted	714,066	100,000			1,451,233
Assigned			97,100	376,383	743,453
Total Fund Balances	714,066	100,000	97,100	376,383	2,194,686

RED WILLOW COUNTY NEBRASKA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2024

SCHEDULE 4

	Highway Buyback	Child Support Incentive	Visitor's Promotion	Visitor's Improvement	Fair	Fair Sinking
CASH RECEIPTS						
Property Taxes					213,390	
Federal Grants						
Intergovernmental	155,593		79,025	79,025	5,176	
Charges for Services					236,208	7,587
Interest						
Miscellaneous			7,000			
Total Cash Receipts	155,593	0	86,025	79,025	454,774	7,587
CASH DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government						
Public Safety						
Public Works	155,314					
Public Health						
Culture and Recreation			113,385	6,377	456,665	
Total Cash Disbursements	155,314	0	113,385	6,377	456,665	0
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	279	0	(27,360)	72,648	(1,891)	7,587
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers In						
Transfers (Out)		(34,771)				
Total Other Financing Sources	0	(34,771)	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	279	(34,771)	(27,360)	72,648	(1,891)	7,587
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	262,751	34,771	67,957	201,996	101,508	36,926
Fund Balances, End of Year	263,030	0	40,597	274,644	99,617	44,513

RED WILLOW COUNTY NEBRASKA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

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SCHEDULE 4
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	Register of Deeds P&M	Horse Arena	Veteran's Aid	STOP Diversion	Drug Law Enforcement	American Rescue Plan
CASH RECEIPTS						
Property Taxes						
Federal Grants						
Intergovernmental			55			
Charges for Services	6,895	278,723		2,100		
Interest		3,692				32,064
Miscellaneous					400	
Total Cash Receipts	6,895	282,415	55	2,100	400	32,064
CASH DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government	2,197					43,198
Public Safety				5,000		47,476
Public Works						375,240
Public Health						78,653
Culture and Recreation		267,010				22,032
Total Cash Disbursements	2,197	267,010	0	5,000	0	566,599
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	4,698	15,405	55	(2,900)	400	(534,535)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers In						
Transfers (Out)						(59,175)
Total Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0	0	(59,175)
Net Change in Fund Balances	4,698	15,405	55	(2,900)	400	(593,710)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	44,981	73,889	9,162	37,993	1,053	1,307,776
Fund Balances, End of Year	49,679	89,294	9,217	35,093	1,453	714,066

RED WILLOW COUNTY NEBRASKA
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SCHEDULE 4
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	Local Assistance Tribal Consistency	Health Department	Waste Disposal	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (Schedule 2)
CASH RECEIPTS				
Property Taxes		151,848		365,238
Federal Grants	50,000			50,000
Intergovernmental		9,389	112,785	441,048
Charges for Services		220,722	22,669	774,904
Interest				35,756
Miscellaneous		305		7,705
Total Cash Receipts	50,000	382,264	135,454	1,674,651
CASH DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government				45,395
Public Safety			215,433	267,909
Public Works				530,554
Public Health		369,555		448,208
Culture and Recreation				865,469
Total Cash Disbursements	0	369,555	215,433	2,157,535
Excess of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	50,000	12,709	(79,979)	(482,884)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In				0
Transfers (Out)				(93,946)
Total Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	(93,946)
Net Change in Fund Balances	50,000	12,709	(79,979)	(576,830)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	50,000	84,391	456,362	2,771,516
Fund Balances, End of Year	100,000	97,100	376,383	2,194,686

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS

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SCHEDULE 5

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
HIGHWAY BUYBACK				
CASH RECEIPTS	155,593	155,593	155,593	0
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	155,593	155,593	155,314	279
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	279	279
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	262,751	262,751	262,751	
Fund Balance, End of Year	262,751	262,751	263,030	279
CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVE				
CASH RECEIPTS	12,000	12,000	0	(12,000)
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	46,771	46,771	0	46,771
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating Transfers In				
Operating Transfers (Out)			(34,771)	(34,771)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(34,771)	(34,771)	(34,771)	0
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	34,771	34,771	34,771	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	0	0
VISITOR'S PROMOTION				
CASH RECEIPTS	92,043	92,043	86,025	(6,018)
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	160,000	160,000	113,385	46,615
Net Change in Fund Balance	(67,957)	(67,957)	(27,360)	40,597
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	67,957	67,957	67,957	0
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	40,597	40,597
VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT				
CASH RECEIPTS	80,004	80,004	79,025	(979)
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	282,000	282,000	6,377	275,623
Net Change in Fund Balance	(201,996)	(201,996)	72,648	274,644
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	201,996	201,996	201,996	0
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	274,644	274,644
FAIR				
CASH RECEIPTS	632,540	632,540	454,774	(177,766)
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	734,048	734,048	456,665	277,383
Net Change in Fund Balance	(101,508)	(101,508)	(1,891)	99,617
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	101,508	101,508	101,508	0
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	99,617	99,617

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SCHEDULE 5
CONTINUED

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
FAIR SINKING				
CASH RECEIPTS	5,000	5,000	7,587	2,587
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	41,926	41,926	0	41,926
Net Change in Fund Balance	(36,926)	(36,926)	7,587	44,513
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	36,926	36,926	36,926	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	44,513	44,513
REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M				
CASH RECEIPTS	5,000	5,000	6,895	1,895
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	49,981	49,981	2,197	47,784
Net Change in Fund Balance	(44,981)	(44,981)	4,698	49,679
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	44,981	44,981	44,981	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	49,679	49,679
HORSE ARENA				
CASH RECEIPTS	704,943	704,943	282,415	(422,528)
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	778,832	778,832	267,010	511,822
Net Change in Fund Balance	(73,889)	(73,889)	15,405	89,294
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	73,889	73,889	73,889	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	89,294	89,294
VETERAN'S AID				
CASH RECEIPTS	55	55	55	0
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	9,217	9,217	0	9,217
Net Change in Fund Balance	(9,162)	(9,162)	55	9,217
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	9,162	9,162	9,162	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	9,217	9,217
STOP DIVERSION				
CASH RECEIPTS	1,100	1,100	2,100	1,000
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	39,093	39,093	5,000	34,093
Net Change in Fund Balance	(37,993)	(37,993)	(2,900)	35,093
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	37,993	37,993	37,993	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	35,093	35,093

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
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**SCHEDULE 5
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	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT				
CASH RECEIPTS	0	0	400	400
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	1,053	1,053	0	1,053
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,053)	(1,053)	400	1,453
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	1,053	1,053	1,053	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	1,453	1,453
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN				
CASH RECEIPTS	25,000	25,000	32,064	7,064
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	1,334,205	1,334,205	625,774	708,431
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:				
Operating Transfers In	2,188	2,188	0	(2,188)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,307,017)	(1,307,017)	(593,710)	713,307
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	1,307,017	1,307,017	1,307,776	759
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	714,066	714,066
LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRIBAL CONSISTENCY				
CASH RECEIPTS	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(50,000)	(50,000)	50,000	100,000
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	100,000	100,000
HEALTH DEPARTMENT				
CASH RECEIPTS	357,159	357,159	382,264	25,105
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	441,550	441,550	369,555	71,995
Net Change in Fund Balance	(84,391)	(84,391)	12,709	97,100
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	84,391	84,391	84,391	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	97,100	97,100
WASTE DISPOSAL				
CASH RECEIPTS	0	0	135,454	135,454
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	454,174	454,174	215,433	238,741
OTHER FINANCING (USES):				
Operating Transfers (Out)	(2,188)	(2,188)	0	2,188
Net Change in Fund Balance	(456,362)	(456,362)	(79,979)	376,383
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	456,362	456,362	456,362	
Fund Balance, End of Year	0	0	376,383	376,383

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
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SCHEDULE 5
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	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
JAIL BOND				
CASH RECEIPTS	324,123	324,123	320,535	(3,588)
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	330,395	330,395	330,395	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(6,272)	(6,272)	(9,860)	(3,588)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	441,272	441,272	441,272	
Fund Balance, End of Year	435,000	435,000	431,412	(3,588)
HILLCREST NURSING HOME BOND				
CASH RECEIPTS	138,560	138,560	138,336	(224)
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	140,127	140,127	140,127	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,567)	(1,567)	(1,791)	(224)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	171,567	171,567	171,567	
Fund Balance, End of Year	170,000	170,000	169,776	(224)

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES

For The Year Ended June 30, 2024

SCHEDULE 6

	<u>County Clerk</u>	<u>Clerk of the District Court</u>	<u>County Sheriff</u>	<u>County Attorney</u>	<u>Veteran's Service Officer</u>	<u>Health Department</u>	<u>County Fair</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance July 1, 2023	34,228	76,634	6,294	300	3,401	11,277	108,288	240,422
Receipts								
Licenses and Permits	2,386	8,645	60,973					72,004
Charges for Services	74,594	48,921	9,310	2,170		216,075	504,398	855,468
Miscellaneous	2,427	874			34			3,335
State Fees	97,649	20,689						118,338
Other Liabilities	13,812	399,688	63,304			411	108,610	585,825
Total Receipts	<u>190,868</u>	<u>478,817</u>	<u>133,587</u>	<u>2,170</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>216,486</u>	<u>613,008</u>	<u>1,634,970</u>
Disbursements								
Payments to County Treasurer	84,637	59,574	58,716	2,170		225,722	482,092	912,911
Payments to State Treasurer	106,828	21,872						128,700
Other Liabilities	12,470	408,234	64,037			411	110,740	595,892
Total Disbursements	<u>203,935</u>	<u>489,680</u>	<u>122,753</u>	<u>2,170</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>226,133</u>	<u>592,832</u>	<u>1,637,503</u>
Balance June 30, 2024	<u><u>21,161</u></u>	<u><u>65,771</u></u>	<u><u>17,128</u></u>	<u><u>300</u></u>	<u><u>3,435</u></u>	<u><u>1,630</u></u>	<u><u>128,464</u></u>	<u><u>237,889</u></u>
BALANCE CONSISTS OF:								
Due to County Treasurer	10,615	1,672	15,150	300		1,380	83,819	112,936
Due to State Treasurer	6,603	1,846						8,449
Petty Cash	150	250	1,200		3,435	250	44,645	49,930
Due to Others	3,793	62,003	778					66,574
Balance June 30, 2024	<u><u>21,161</u></u>	<u><u>65,771</u></u>	<u><u>17,128</u></u>	<u><u>300</u></u>	<u><u>3,435</u></u>	<u><u>1,630</u></u>	<u><u>128,464</u></u>	<u><u>237,889</u></u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR 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

County Board of Commissioners
Red Willow County
McCook, Nebraska 69001

Board Members:

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Red Willow County, Nebraska, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Red Willow County, Nebraska financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated January 3, 2025. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and do not include the financial data of the Hillcrest Nursing Home, a component unit of Red Willow County, Nebraska.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Red Willow County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Red Willow County's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

My 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 were not identified. However, as discussed below, I identified a certain deficiency in internal control that I consider to be a material weakness.

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 that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. I consider the following deficiency to be a material weakness:

Independent Auditor 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*

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The County offices, which collect and remit money to the County Treasurer, had a lack of segregation of duties since one person could handle all aspects of processing a transaction from beginning to end. Good Internal control includes a plan of organization, procedures, and records designed to safeguard assets and provide reliable financial records.

Management Response: Due to a limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties may not be possible without additional cost.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. I consider deficiencies 2024-001, and 2024-002 as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

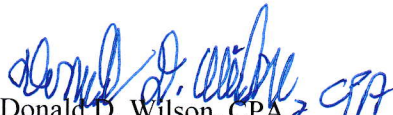
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Red Willow County, Nebraska financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matter that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Red Willow County, Nebraska management responses to the findings identified in my audit is described above, and in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Red Willow County, Nebraska responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.


Donald D. Wilson, CPA
McCook, Nebraska

January 3, 2025

RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

COUNTY BOARD

2024-001 Duplicate Claim:

Good Internal Control requires procedures to ensure that a detailed review of all claims is performed prior to payment to identify and prevent duplicate payments.

During the audit, I identified a duplicate payment totaling \$5,956 to 20/20 Technologies. A claim was approved on November 27, 2023, and December 12, 2023, for \$5,956 on the same invoice. This claim was approved from the American Rescue Plan. Upon the auditor recommendation a refund check was received and receipted back into the American Rescue Plan Fund on December 30, 2024.

I recommend the County Board implement procedures for reviewing all claims prior to approval to ensure they are not duplicate payments.

Board's Response:

The duplicate payment to 20/20 Technologies was overlooked by the Clerk's Office and by all three of us. We will endeavor to look most closely at the claims from this point on. We greatly appreciate your expertise and thoughtful criticism in helping us meet our statutory obligations to the taxpayers of Red Willow County.

COUNTY TREASURER:

2024-002 Transfer Not Made:

Neb. Rev. Statute §39-2509 requires a match on the Highway Allocation Dollars received. Also, Internal Control would require transfers be completed upon board approval.

On September 18, 2023, the County Board approved Resolution 1496 directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$371,715.30 from the General Fund to the Road Fund in order to meet the 25% match of the Highway Allocation Funds. This transfer was not made by the County Treasurer until July of 2024. With this transfer not being completed until the following fiscal year the County may not be in compliance with the Statute quoted above.

I recommend the County Treasurer make transfers as approved by the County Board.

Official's Response:

I recognize that this error should not have happened, and it has been corrected. There was some confusion throughout this past year with transfers and how they should be done. In the past years, transfers for the road fund and self-insurance had always been done through the tax year. However, it has been brought to my attention that since it is based on the budget, it should be fulfilled within the fiscal year. The resolutions then also got worded differently. Therefore, when the resolution was signed and delivered, I did not realize that the way it was worded, it should have been done that day.