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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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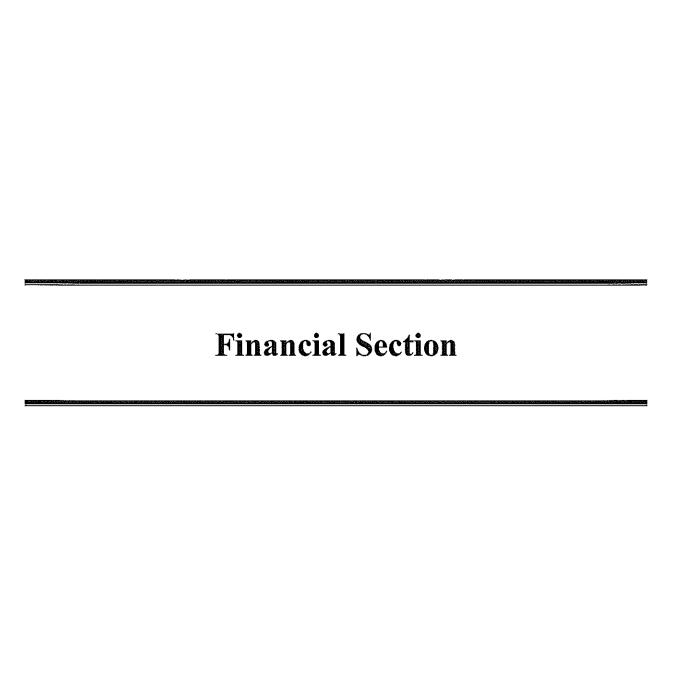
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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council Town of Fletcher, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Fletcher, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Town of Fletcher ABC Board. Those financial statements were audited by another auditor whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Town of Fletcher ABC Board, is based solely on the report of another auditor. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The financial statements of the Town of Fletcher ABC Board were not audited in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

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 entity'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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. A 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 that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Fletcher, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance and Other Postemployment Benefits Schedules of Funding Progress and Schedules of Employer Contributions on pages iii-xiv and 34-37 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, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Fletcher, North Carolina's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated October 8, 2013, on our consideration of the Town of Fletcher, North Carolina'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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering Town of Fletcher, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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October 8, 2013

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Fletcher (the Town), we offer readers of the Town of Fletcher's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Fletcher for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Town's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

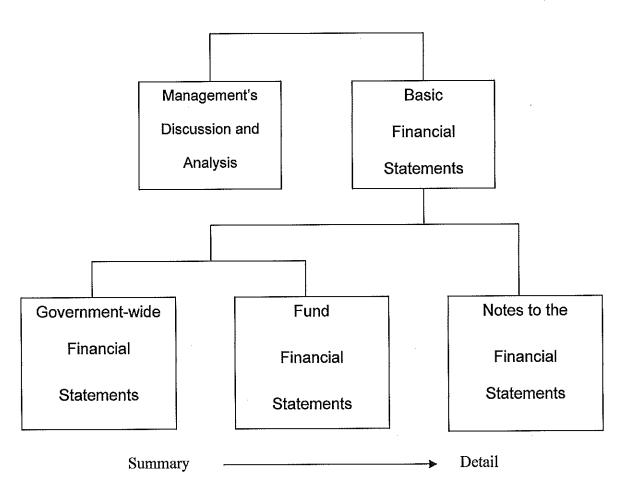
- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Fletcher *exceeded* its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$10,297,171 (net position).
- The government's total net position *increased* by \$719,934, primarily due to *increases* in the *governmental type* activities net position.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental fund reported combined ending fund balances of \$8,271,542, with a net change of (\$2,710,738) in fund balance. Approximately 72.35 percent of this total amount, or \$5,984,439, is non spendable or restricted.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,145,672, or 43.18 percent of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The Town of Fletcher's total debt decreased by \$339,632 (3.52%) during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this decrease was principal payments on debt.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements consist of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the Town through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Town.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report

Figure 1



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Exhibits 1 and 2) in the basic financial statements are the **Government-wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the Town's financial status.

The next statements (Exhibits 3 through 5) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are two parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; and 2) the budgetary comparison statements.

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how they have changed. Net position is the difference between the Town's total assets and deferred outflows of resources and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into two categories: 1) governmental activities; and 2) component units. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes and state and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The final category is the component unit. Although legally separate from the Town, the Fletcher ABC Board is important to the Town because the Town exercises control over the Board by appointing its members and because the Board is required to distribute its profits to the Town.

The government-wide financial statements are on Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Exhibits 3 through 5) provide a more detailed look at the Town's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Town's budget ordinance. All of the funds of the Town are governmental funds.

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

The Town adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the Town, the management of the Town, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the Town to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the Town complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the Town succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the board; 2) the final budget as amended by the board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are on pages 10-33 of this report.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning the Town's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 34 of this report.

Independence with Other Entities

The Town depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the Federal Government and the State of North Carolina. Because of this dependency, the Town is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to Federal and State laws and Federal and State appropriations. It is also subject to changes in investment earnings and asset values associated with U.S. Treasury Securities because of actions by foreign government and other holders of publicly held U.S. Treasury Securities.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Town of Fletcher, Net Position Figure 2

Governmental Activities June 30 2013 2012 \$ 8,740,063 \$ 11,163,092 Current and other assets 11,369,284 8,252,571 Capital assets 19,415,663 20,109,347 Total assets and defered outflows of resources 9,415,944 9,734,934 Long-term liabilities outstanding 93,620 387,451 Other liabilities 9,872 8,781 Deferred inflows of resources 9,838,426 9,812,176 Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources Net position: 6,364,610 6,462,717 Net investment in capital assets 1,236,802 1,282,456 Restricted 1,877,718 2,650,105 Unrestricted 10,297,171 9,577,237 Total net position

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the Town exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$10,297,171 as of June 30, 2013. The Town's net position *increased* by \$719,934 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

However, the largest portion (61.81%) reflects the Town's net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment). The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's net investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Town's net position, \$1,282,456 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$2,650,105 is unrestricted.

Several particular aspects of the Town's financial operations positively influenced the unrestricted portion of net position:

- Increased sales tax revenues of approximately \$100,000 due to increase in economic activity in Henderson County.
- The Town continued its diligence in the collection of property taxes by attaining a tax collection percentage of 98.22% which is comparable to the statewide average of 97.42%

Town of Fletcher's Change in Net Position Figure 3

| | Governmental Activities | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| | | Years End | ed Ju | ne 30 |
| | | 2013 | | 2012 |
| Revenues | | | • | |
| Program revenues: | | | | |
| Charges for service | \$ | 144,051 | \$ | 153,972 |
| Operating grants and contributions | | 207,242 | | 212,761 |
| Capital grants and contributions | | - | | - |
| General revenues: | | | | |
| Property taxes | | 3,155,384 | | 3,063,981 |
| Other taxes | | 1,228,141 | | 1,184,193 |
| Grants and contributions not restricted | | | | |
| to specific programs | | 646,991 | | 648,223 |
| Other | | 32,127 | | 22,918 |
| Total revenues | | 5,413,936 | • | 5,286,048 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| General government | | 636,418 | | 683,886 |
| Public safety | | 2,133,284 | | 2,027,647 |
| Transportation | | 986,566 | | 913,005 |
| Economic and physical development | | 251,857 | | 236,932 |
| Cultural and recreation | | 474,672 | | 454,945 |
| Interest on long term debt | | 211,205 | | 33,419 |
| Total expenses | | 4,694,002 | | 4,349,834 |
| Increase in net position | | 719,934 | | 936,214 |
| Net position, July 1 | <u> </u> | 9,577,237 | | 8,641,023 |
| Net position, June 30 | _\$ | 10,297,171 | \$ | 9,577,237 |

Governmental Activities – Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$719,934.

Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Tax revenues remained steady.
- Recreational programs continued to generate revenues to offset programs and services.
- State sales tax revenue was higher than projected (10 percent).

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds — The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, Town of Fletcher's fund balance available in the General Fund was \$2,981,791 while total fund balance reached \$3,569,559. The Town currently has an available fund balance of 60.01% of general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 71.84% of the same amount.

At June 30, 2013, the governmental funds of the Town of Fletcher reported a fund balance of \$8,271,542 with a net decrease in fund balance of \$2,710,738. Included in this change in fund balance is an increase in the General Fund and a decrease in the Town Hall Capital Project Fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights – During the fiscal year, the Town revised the budget on four occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as Federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

- An amendment was made to fund expenditures to account for an underpayment to Fletcher Fire and Rescue.
- An amendment was made to increase appropriations in Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay to build a Fitness Station in Fletcher Community Park.
- An amendment was made to fund expenditures for debris removal in Fletcher Community Park due to heavy rains.
- An amendment was made to increase appropriations in Powell Bill to resurface three Town streets.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets – The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2013 and 2012, totaled \$11,369,284 and \$8,252,571, respectively (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, land, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles.

Major capital asset transactions during the year include the following additions:

- Acquisition of new police cars of \$104,332.
- Acquisition of an administration car of \$23,715.
- Acquisition of a new Town Hall server of \$7,908.
- Construction of a dog park in the amount of \$10,673.
- Construction of a fitness station in park in the amount of \$17,469.
- Construction in progress for Town Hall capital assets of \$3,151,031.

Capital asset disposals for the year ended June 30, 2013 included vehicles and equipment totaling \$99,913.

Town of Fletcher's Capital Assets Figure 4

| | | rnmental tivities |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | Jı | ine 30 |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Land | \$ 2,586,847 | \$ 2,586,847 |
| Construction in progress | 5,101,774 | 1,950,743 |
| Land improvements | 2,589,587 | 2,607,922 |
| Buildings and improvements | 691,968 | 722,472 |
| Equipment and furniture | 147,432 | 146,146 |
| Vehicles | 251,676 | 238,441 |
| Total | \$ 11,369,284 | \$ 8,252,571 |

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in note 4 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-term Debt – As of June 30, 2013, the Town's long-term debt consisted of installment purchase contracts.

Town of Fletcher's Outstanding Debt Figure 5

| | | rnmental tivities |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | Jı | ine 30 |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Installment purchase contracts | \$ 9,300,000 | \$ 9,639,632 |

Town of Fletcher's Outstanding Debt

The Town's total debt decreased by \$339,632 (3.52%) during the fiscal year, primarily due to principal payments.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to eight percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for the Town is \$77,807,494.

Additional information regarding the Town's long-term debt can be found in note 9 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following key economic indicators were used in the budget preparation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

- Economic growth is unpredictable for the coming year. Estimates for growth in the economy range from 1% to 3% based on a number of factors.
- Business spending and consumer spending is expected to increase at a moderate pace. Consequently, sales tax revenue should remain strong for the Town. The Town will increase the amount budgeted from \$1,000,000 to \$1,088,000.
- Commercial/Industrial growth in Fletcher continues to be robust. Blue Ridge Metals and Raflatac completed expansions this past year. Legacy Paddlesports completed their relocation from Greensboro to an existing facility in Fletcher. Continental Automotive Systems will be completing a physical expansion of their facility this year.

- Two local hospitals (Mission and Pardee) are expected to complete construction on a new medical facility that will provide urgent care, imaging, lab services, and physician offices. A second phase of the project will include a new YMCA facility on the same property.
- Residential construction activity continues to remain slow. A few new units are being constructed on a previously approved townhome project called the Village at Windstone.
- An increase in the overall budget for Fletcher is primarily from growth in the property tax base.
- The Town Hall project is a major capital improvement that was started last year and is anticipated to be complete by the end of this fiscal year. It is currently on budget.
- The only other major capital project budgeted for this year is conversion to an automated solid waste collection service in our Public Works Department. This will require an investment of \$454,000 in new equipment for curbside garbage collection services.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

Certain goals and priorities were identified in the new budget year. Those goals included the following:

- Completion of the Town Hall project by the spring of 2014.
- Continue to provide high service levels through an increase in revenue to compensate for rising personnel expenses.
- The acquisition of equipment necessary for the automation of solid waste collection.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Heather N. Taylor, Finance Officer, 4005 Hendersonville Road, Fletcher, North Carolina 28732. You can also call (828) 687-3985, visit our website www.fletchernc.org or send an email to <a href="https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https://https:



Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Statement of Net Position June 30, 2013

| | | Primary overnment | Component Unit Town of Fletcher ABC Board | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| | | vernmental Activities | | | |
| Assets | - | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 2,357,069 | \$ | 189,950 | |
| Taxes receivable (net) | | 96,300 | | - | |
| Accounts receivable | | 560,465 | | 95 | |
| Due from other fund | | 3,916 | | - | |
| Inventories | | •• | | 143,514 | |
| Prepaid items | | 22,951 | | 14,072 | |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | - | 5,699,362 | | | |
| Total current assets | - | 8,740,063 | | 347,631 | |
| Non-current assets: | | | | | |
| Capital assets (Note 3): | | | | | |
| Land, non-depreciable improvements, and construction | | | | | |
| in progress | | 7,688,621 | | 241,372 | |
| Other capital assets, net of depreciation | | 3,680,663 | - | 812,549 | |
| Total capital assets | | 11,369,284 | <u> </u> | 1,053,921 | |
| Total assets | | 20,109,347 | | 1,401,552 | |

| | Primary Government | Component Unit | | |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| | Governmental | Town of Fletcher ABC Board | | |
| Liabilities | • | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 359,524 | \$ 107,173 | | |
| Accrued interest payable | 23,575 | - | | |
| Due to other fund | 3,916 | - | | |
| Due to other government | 436 | - | | |
| Current portion of long-term liabilities | 6,749,379 | 66,669 | | |
| Total current liabilities | 7,136,830 | 173,842 | | |
| Long-term liabilities: | | | | |
| Due in more than one year | 2,666,565 | 318,566 | | |
| Total liabilities | 9,803,395 | 492,408 | | |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources | | | | |
| Prepaid taxes | 8,781 | | | |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | 8,781 | | | |
| Net Position | | | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 6,364,610 | 668,686 | | |
| Restricted for: | | | | |
| Prepaid items | 22,951 | - | | |
| Stabilization by State Statue | 564,817 | = | | |
| Streets | 681,145 | _ | | |
| Police | 13,543 | - | | |
| Working Capital | - | 49,089 | | |
| Unrestricted | 2,650,105 | 191,369 | | |
| Total net position | \$ 10,297,171 | \$ 909,144 | | |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | | | Program Revenues | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------|---|
| Functions/Programs | Expenses | | Charges for Service | | Operating Grants and Contributions | | Capital Grants and Contributions | |
| Primary government: | | | | | | | | |
| Governmental Activities: | | | | | | | | |
| General government | \$ | 636,418 | \$ | 4,965 | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| Public safety | | 2,133,284 | | 36,672 | | 5,110 | | - |
| Transportation | | 986,566 | | - | | 188,692 | | - |
| Economic and physical development | | 251,857 | | - | | - | | - |
| Cultural and recreation | | 474,672 | | 102,414 | | 13,440 | | - |
| Interest on long-term debt | | 211,205 | | _ | | | | |
| Total governmental activities | \$ | 4,694,002 | \$ | 144,051 | \$ | 207,242 | \$ | - |
| Component Unit: | | | | | | | | |
| ABC Board | \$ | 1,634,213 | _\$_ | 1,655,097 | \$ | - | \$ | |

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes, levied for general purpose

Other taxes

Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs

Unrestricted investment earnings

Gain on the sale of capital assets

Miscellaneous

Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position, beginning

Net position, ending

Exhibit 2

| Net (Expense) Revenue and |
|---------------------------|
| Changes in Net Position |

| Primary Government | Component Unit |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Government | Chit |
| Governmental | Town of Fletcher ABC Board |
| Activities | ABC Board |
| | |
| \$ (631,453) | \$ - |
| (2,091,502) | - |
| (797,874) | - |
| (251,857) | - |
| (358,818) | - |
| (211,205) | |
| (4,342,709) | |
| | 20,884 |
| 3,155,384 | - |
| 1,228,141 | - |
| 646,991 | - |
| 5,629 | 171 |
| 9,180 | - |
| 17,318 | |
| 5,062,643 | 171 |
| 719,934 | 21,055 |
| 9,577,237 | 888,089 |
| \$ 10,297,171 | \$ 909,144 |



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Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2013

| | Major Funds | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-------|------------|
| | | General | | Capital | Go | vernmental |
| | | Fund | <u>Project</u> | | | Funds |
| Assets: | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 2,357,069 | \$ | - | \$ | 2,357,069 |
| Restricted cash | | 694,688 | | 5,004,674 | | 5,699,362 |
| Receivables, net: | | | | | | |
| Taxes | | 96,300 | | - | | 96,300 |
| Accounts | | 560,465 | | - | | 560,465 |
| Due from other fund | | 3,916 | | - | | 3,916 |
| Prepaid items | | 22,951 | | - | | 22,951 |
| Total assets | \$ | 3,735,389 | \$ | 5,004,674 | \$ | 8,740,063 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ | 60,749 | \$ | 298,775 | \$ | 359,524 |
| Due to other funds | • | _ | • | 3,916 | , | 3,916 |
| Due to other governments | | 436 | | , <u> </u> | | 436 |
| Total liabilities | | 61,185 | | 302,691 | | 363,876 |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources: | | | | | | |
| Property taxes receivable | | 95,864 | | _ | | 95,864 |
| Prepaid taxes | | 8,781 | | _ | | 8,781 |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | | 104,645 | | | | 104,645 |
| | | | | | | |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable | | 00.051 | | | | 00.051 |
| Prepaid items | | 22,951 | | - | | 22,951 |
| Restricted | | 564.015 | | | | 564.015 |
| Stabilization by State Statute | | 564,817 | | 4 701 000 | | 564,817 |
| Financing | | - | | 4,701,983 | | 4,701,983 |
| Streets | | 681,145 | | - | | 681,145 |
| Police | | 13,543 | | - | | 13,543 |
| Committed | | 4 = 400 | | | | 15 400 |
| Sidewalk | | 15,490 | | - | | 15,490 |
| Future Park Development | | 40,547 | | - | | 40,547 |
| Assigned | | | | | | |
| Subsequent year's expenditures | | 85,394 | | - | | 85,394 |
| Unassigned | | 2,145,672 | | | | 2,145,672 |
| Total fund balances | | 3,569,559 | | 4,701,983 | | 8,271,542 |
| Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources | | 3,735,389 | _\$_ | 5,004,674 | \$ | 8,740,063 |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2013

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit 1) are different because:

| Total Fund Balance, Governmental Fund | \$ 8,271,542 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. | 11,369,284 |
| Liabilities for earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements. | 95,864 |
| Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds. Long-term debt Compensated absences Other postemployment benefits Net pension obligation | (9,300,000) (97,859) (14,115) (3,970) |
| Other long-term liabilities (accrued interest) are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Net position of governmental activities | (23,575) 10,297,171 |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | Major Funds | | | | | Total | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--|
| | | General | | Capital | Governmental Funds | | |
| | | Fund | | Project | | | |
| REVENUES | | | | | | | |
| Ad valorem taxes | \$ | 3,162,948 | \$ | - | \$ | 3,162,948 | |
| Other taxes and licenses | | 49,987 | | - | | 49,987 | |
| Unrestricted intergovernmental | | 1,809,037 | | - | | 1,809,037 | |
| Restricted intergovernmental | | 204,514 | | - | | 204,514 | |
| Permits and fees | | 41,637 | | - | | 41,637 | |
| Sales and services | | 109,274 | | - | | 109,274 | |
| Investment earnings | | 2,393 | | 3,236 | | 5,629 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 17,318 | | - | | 17,318 | |
| Total revenues | | 5,397,108 | | 3,236 | | 5,400,344 | |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | | | |
| General government | | 618,043 | | 3,151,031 | | 3,769,074 | |
| Public safety | | 2,122,902 | | - | | 2,122,902 | |
| Transportation | | 936,182 | | - | | 936,182 | |
| Economic and physical development | | 259,195 | | - | | 259,195 | |
| Cultural and recreation | | 481,287 | | - | | 481,287 | |
| Debt service: | | | | | | | |
| Principal | | 339,632 | | _ | | 339,632 | |
| Interest and other charges | | 211,990 | | • | | 211,990 | |
| Total expenditures | | 4,969,231 | | 3,151,031 | | 8,120,262 | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | | 427,877 | | (3,147,795) | | (2,719,918) | |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | | |
| Sale of capital assets | | 9,180 | | - | | 9,180 | |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | | 9,180 | | | | 9,180 | |
| Net change in fund balance | | 437,057 | | (3,147,795) | | (2,710,738) | |
| Fund balances, beginning | | 3,132,502 | | 7,849,778 | | 10,982,280 | |
| Fund balances, ending | | 3,569,559 | | 4,701,983 | | 8,271,542 | |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

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

| Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds | \$ (2,710,738) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and | |
| reported as depreciation expense. | |
| Capital outlay expenditures that were capitalized | 164,097 |
| Capital project expenditures that were capitalized | 3,151,031 |
| Depreciation expense for governmental activities | (198,415) |
| Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets | 9,180 |
| Proceeds from sale of capital assets | (9,180) |
| Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. | |
| Change in unavailable revenue for tax revenues | 4,412 |
| The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items. Principal payments on long-term debt | 339,632 |
| Decrease in accrued interest payable | 785 |
| Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. | |
| Change in compensated absences | (16,236) |
| Other postemployment benefits | (436) |
| Net pension obligation | (14,198) |
| Total Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities | \$ 719,934 |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | General Fund | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|
| | Budget Original Final | | Actual Amounts | | Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative) | | | |
| Revenues: | • | | • | 0.055.510 | | 0.160.040 | ф | 05.400 |
| Ad valorem taxes | \$ | 3,077,510 | \$ | 3,077,510 | \$ | 3,162,948 | \$ | 85,438 |
| Other taxes and licenses | | 35,000 | | 35,000 | | 49,987 | | 14,987 |
| Unrestricted intergovernmental | | 1,702,000 | | 1,702,000 | | 1,809,037 | | 107,037 |
| Restricted intergovernmental | | 195,296 | | 201,796 | | 204,514 | | 2,718 |
| Permits and fees | | 35,000 | | 35,000 | | 41,637 | | 6,637 |
| Sales and services | | 142,000 | | 142,000 | | 109,274 | | (32,726) |
| Investment earnings | | 3,800 | | 3,800 | | 2,393 | | (1,407) |
| Miscellaneous | | 11,000 | | 11,000 | | 17,318 | | 6,318 |
| Total revenues | | 5,201,606 | | 5,208,106 | | 5,397,108 | | 189,002 |
| Expenditures: | | | | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | | | | |
| General government | | 782,991 | | 782,991 | | 618,043 | | 164,948 |
| Public safety | | 2,210,064 | | 2,215,764 | | 2,122,902 | | 92,862 |
| Economic and physical development | | 278,853 | | 278,853 | | 259,195 | | 19,658 |
| Transportation | | 956,899 | | 996,403 | | 936,182 | | 60,221 |
| Cultural and recreation | | 500,333 | | 523,833 | | 481,287 | | 42,546 |
| Debt service: | | | | | | | | |
| Principal | | 339,691 | | 339,691 | | 339,632 | | 59 |
| Interest and other charges | | 269,711 | | 269,711 | | 211,990 | | 57,721 |
| Total expenditures | | 5,338,542 | | 5,407,246 | | 4,969,231 | | 438,015 |
| Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | | (136,936) | | (199,140) | • | 427,877 | | 627,017 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses): | | | | | | | | |
| Sale of capital assets | | 2,500 | | 2,500 | | 9,180 | | 6,680 |
| Fund balance appropriated | | 134,436 | | 196,640 | | - | | (196,640) |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | | 136,936 | | 199,140 | | 9,180 | | (189,960) |
| Net change in fund balance | \$ | | \$ | | | 437,057 | \$ | 437,057 |
| Fund balance, beginning | | | | | | 3,132,502 | | |
| Fund balance, ending | | | | | | 3,569,559 | | |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Fletcher, North Carolina (the Town) was incorporated on June 6, 1989. The accounting policies of the Town and its discretely presented component unit conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Town is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and a fourmember council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town and its component unit, a legally separate entity for which the Town is financially accountable. The discretely presented component unit presented below is reported in a separate column in the Town's financial statements in order to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Town.

Town of Fletcher ABC Board

The members of the ABC Board's governing board are appointed by the Town. In addition, the ABC Board is required by State statute to distribute its surpluses to the General Fund of the Town. The ABC Board, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a Proprietary Fund (discrete presentation). Complete financial statements for the ABC Board may be obtained from the entity's administrative office located at 37 Rockwood Road, Fletcher, NC 28732.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government and its component unit. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on its major governmental fund. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for public safety, streets and highways, environmental protection, and general government services.

Capital Project Fund~ Town Hall Project. This fund is used to account for the construction of a new Town Hall.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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

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

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after yearend, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as a revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of January 1, 1993, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, Henderson County is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts in the County, including the Town of Fletcher. For motor vehicles registered under the staggered system, property taxes are due the first day of the fourth month after the vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they become due. Therefore, the Town's vehicle taxes for vehicles registered in Henderson County from March 2012 through February 2013 apply to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Uncollected taxes that were billed during this period are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred revenues.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as the utilities franchise tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

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

D. Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with the accounting system used to record transactions. Project ordinances are adopted for Capital Project Funds including the Town Hall project.

Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the project level for multi-year funds. All budget amendments for all funds must be approved by the Town Council. The financial statement budget columns reflect all budget amendments adopted by the Town Council through June 30. During the year, several amendments to the original budget became necessary, the effects of which were not material. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual budget ordinance can be adopted.

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

Deposits and Investments – All deposits of the Town and the ABC Board are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State Law (G.S. 159-31). The Town and the ABC Board may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town and the ABC Board may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)] authorizes the Town and the ABC Board to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States, obligations of the State of North Carolina, bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority, obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies, certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances, and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT).

The Town's and the ABC Board's investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. The securities of the NCCMT Cash Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund are valued at fair value, which is the NCCMT's share price. The NCCMT-Term Portfolio's securities are valued at fair value.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents. The ABC Board considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

Restricted Assets

The unexpended financing proceeds of the installment purchase financing issued by the Town are classified as restricted assets for the capital project fund because their use is completely restricted to the purpose for which the financing proceeds were originally issued. Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing or widening of local streets per G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Police Narcotic funds are also classified as restricted cash because they can be expended for police equipment expenditures only.

Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the Town levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1 (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6th. The taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2012.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

All receivables that historically experience uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

The inventories of the ABC Board are valued at lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market. The inventories consist of materials and supplies held for resale. The costs of the inventories are recorded as an expense when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements and expensed as the items are used.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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

| Asset Class | Estimated Useful Lives (in Years) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Equipment and Furniture | 5 years |
| Vehicles | 5 years |
| Land Improvements | 30 years |
| Buildings and Improvements | 40 years |

Capital assets of the ABC Board are recorded at original cost at the time of acquisition. Property, plant, and equipment of the ABC board are depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

| Asset Class | Estimated Useful Lives (in Years) | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Office/Store Equipment | 5 years | | | |
| Leasehold Improvements | 15 years | | | |
| Buildings | 25 years | | | |

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Town does not have an item that meets this criterion as of June 30, 2013. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Town has only two items that meet the criterion for this category- prepaid taxes and property taxes receivable.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position.

In fund financial statements, proceeds from installment contracts are reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the Town provides for the accumulation of vacation of up to thirty days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Town's government-wide activities, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements. Employees may accumulate and carry over a maximum of 240 hours vacation leave. Employees may convert any excess vacation leave into sick leave.

The Town's sick leave policy provides for 96 hours of sick leave annually and unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest; but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the Town has no obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

Net Position

Net position in government-wide financial statements are classified as net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through state statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance- This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in a spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Prepaid Items – portion of fund balance which is **not** available for appropriation because it represents the year-end balance of prepaid items, which are not expendable available resources.

Restricted Fund Balance- This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted by Stabilization by State statute – portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S.159-8(a)].

Restricted for Streets – Powell Bill portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill funds.

Restricted for Police – portion of fund balance that is available for appropriation but legally segregated for police equipment expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Narcotics Forfeitures funds.

Restricted for Financing – portion of fund balance that is imposed by creditors for Town Hall project. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended financing proceeds.

Committed Fund Balance- portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of Town of Fletcher's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). Any changes or removal of specific purpose requires majority action by the governing board.

Committed for Sidewalks- portion of fund balance that is restricted for use by the Land Development Code and the governing board for sidewalk or greenway projects.

Committed for Future Park Development – portion of fund balance that is available for appropriation but has been reserved by the governing body for the future development of a parks and recreation facility.

Assigned Fund Balance- portion of fund balance that Town of Fletcher intends to use for specific purposes.

Subsequent Year's Expenditures – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in next year's budget by the governing board that is not already classified in restricted or committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance – portion of total fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

The Town of Fletcher has a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-town funds, town funds. For purposes of fund balance classification expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund-balance, assigned fund-balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Town.

Note 2 – Deposits and Investments

Deposits:

All the deposits of the Town and the ABC Board are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Town's or the ABC Board's agents in these units' names. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer.

Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Town and the ABC Board, these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's and the ABC Board's agents in their names. The amount of pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits.

Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Town, the ABC Board or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the Town or the ABC Board under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization. This risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Town and the ABC Board have no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The Town complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifies that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2013, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$3,051,457 and a bank balance of \$3,173,085. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method. The carrying amount of deposits for the ABC Board was \$187,800 and a bank balance \$183,821. Federal depository insurance covers \$250,000 of the bank balance. At June 30, 2013, the Town's petty cash fund totaled \$300.

Investments:

At June 30, 2013, the Town had \$5,004,674 invested with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Cash Portfolio which carried a credit rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor's. The Town has no policy regarding credit risk.

Note 3 - Receivables- Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The amount of taxes receivable presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2013 includes penalties levied and outstanding in the amount of \$436.

The amounts presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2013 are net of the following allowance for doubtful accounts:

General Fund:

Taxes Receivable

\$ 5,000

Note 4 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2013, was as follows:

| | Beginning Balances | Increases | Decreases | Ending Balances |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | | | |
| Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated: | | | | |
| Land | \$ 2,586,847 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,586,847 |
| Construction in Progress | 1,950,743 | 3,151,031 | | 5,101,774 |
| | 4,537,590 | 3,151,031 | | 7,688,621 |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated: | | | | |
| Land Improvements | 2,741,091 | - | - | 2,741,091 |
| Buildings and Improvements | 1,151,288 | - | - | 1,151,288 |
| Equipment and Furniture | 660,155 | 46,200 | 15,011 | 691,344 |
| Vehicles | 952,612 | 117,897 | 84,902 | 985,607 |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated | 5,505,146 | 164,097 | 99,913 | 5,569,330 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation For: | | | | |
| Land Improvements | 133,169 | 18,335 | - | 151,504 |
| Buildings and Improvements | 428,816 | 30,504 | - | 459,320 |
| Equipment and Furniture | 514,009 | 44,914 | 15,011 | 543,912 |
| Vehicles | 714,171 | 104,662 | 84,902 | 733,931 |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | 1,790,165 | \$ 198,415 | \$ 99,913 | 1,888,667 |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net | 3,714,981 | | | 3,680,663 |
| Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net | \$ 8,252,571 | | | \$ 11,369,284 |

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

| General Government | \$ 37,794 |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Public Safety | 94,130 |
| Recreation | 21,009 |
| Transportation | 45,482 |
| | |
| Total Depreciation Expense | \$ 198,415 |

Construction Commitments

The government has active construction projects as of June 30, 2013. At year-end, the government's commitments with contractors are as follows:

| | | | | F | Remaining | |
|-----------|---------|-----|-------------|------------|-----------|--|
| | Project | Spo | ent-to-date | Commitment | | |
| Town Hall | | \$ | 2,688,972 | \$ | 4,579,687 | |
| Total | | \$ | 2,688,972 | \$ | 4,579,687 | |

Discretely Presented Component Unit

Activity for the ABC Board for the year ended June 30, 2013, was as follows:

| | Beginning | | | | | F | Ending |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------|------|-------|------|----------|
| | Balances | In | creases | Decr | eases | В | alances |
| Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated: | | | , | | | | |
| Land | \$ 241,372 | \$ | | \$ | | _\$_ | 241,372 |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated: | | | | | | | |
| Buildings | 970,514 | | - | | - | | 970,514 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 139,331 | | 2,554 | | - | | 141,885 |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated | 1,109,845 | <u> </u> | 2,554 | | | 1 | ,112,399 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation for: | | | | | | | |
| Buildings | 182,178 | | 38,821 | | - | | 220,999 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 73,030 | | 5,821 | | - | | 78,851 |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | 255,208 | \$ | 44,642 | \$ | - | | 299,850 |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net | 854,637 | | | | | | 812,549 |
| ABC Board Capital Assets, Net | \$ 1,096,009 | | | | | \$ 1 | ,053,921 |

Note 5 – Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations

Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description. The Town and the ABC Board contribute to the statewide Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS provides retirement and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. The report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required to contribute 6% of their annual covered salary. The Town and the ABC Board are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. For the Town, the current rate for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers is 6.74% and 6.77%, respectively, of annual covered payroll. For the ABC Board, the current rate for employees not engaged in law enforcement is 7.07% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of members and of the Town and the ABC Board are established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly.

A summary of the contributions by the Town and the ABC Board for the last three years is as follows:

| | Town of | ABC |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Contributions | Fletcher | Board |
| 2013 | \$ 92,94 | \$ 6,615 |
| 2012 | 97,86 | 8,196 |
| 2011 | 88,63 | 8,570 |
| Total | \$ 279,44 | \$ 23,381 |

The contributions made by the Town and the ABC Board equaled the required contributions for each year.

Law Enforcement Officers' Separation Allowance

Plan Description

The Town administers a public employee retirement system (the "Separation Allowance"), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the Town's qualified sworn law enforcement officers. The Separation Allowance is equal to .85 percent of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

The Separation Allowance covers all full-time law enforcement officers of the Town. At December 31, 2012, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

| Retirees currently receiving benefits | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits | - |
| Active plan members | 16 |
| • | |
| Total | 16 |

A separate report was not issued for the plan.

The Plan provides separation benefits to law enforcement officers who meet the following:

- 1) Have (i) completed 30 or more years of creditable service or (ii) have attained 55 years of age and completed five or more years of creditable service; and
- 2) Have not attained 62 years of age; and
- 3) Have completed at least five years of continuous service as a law enforcement officer immediately preceding a service retirement.

"Creditable service" is service for which credit is allowed under the retirement system of which the officer is a member, provided at least 50 percent of the service is a law enforcement officer, as defined.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting. The Town has chosen to fund the Separation Allowance on a pay as you go basis. Pension expenditures are made from the General Fund, which is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Method Used to Value Investments. No funds are set aside to pay benefits and administration costs. These expenditures are paid as they come due.

Contributions

The Town is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the benefit payments on a pay as you go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. The Town's obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. There were no contributions made by employees.

The annual required contribution for the current year was determined as part of the December 31, 2012 actuarial valuation based on the projected unit credit method. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 5.00% investment rate of return and (b) projected salary increases ranging from 4.25% to 7.85% per year. Both (a) and (b) included an inflation component of 3.0%. The assumptions did not include post-employment benefit increases.

Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation. The Town's annual pension cost and net pension obligation to the Separation Allowance for the current year were as follows:

| Employer annual required contribution Interest on net pension obligation Adjustment to annual required contribution | \$ —— | 14,072 (511) 637 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Annual pension cost Employer contributions made for fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 | | 14,198 |
| Increase in net pension obligation Net pension assets—beginning of year | | 14,198 (10,228) |
| Net pension obligation – end of year | _\$_ | 3,970 |

3 Year Trend Information

| Annual Pension Cost (ARC) | | Percentage of APC Contributed | Net Pension Obligation End of Year | | |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| \$ | 15,940 | 6.58% | \$ | (24,053) | |
| \$ | 13,825 | 0.00% | \$ | (10,228) | |
| \$ | 14,072 | 0.00% | \$ | 3,970 | |
| | P Cos | Pension Cost (ARC) \$ 15,940 \$ 13,825 | Pension of APC Cost (ARC) Contributed \$ 15,940 6.58% \$ 13,825 0.00% | Annual Percentage Percentage of APC Oracle of APC Cost (ARC) Contributed \$ 15,940 6.58% \$ 13,825 \$ 13,825 0.00% \$ 13,825 | |

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of December 31, 2012, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was \$88,411. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$594,216 and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 14.88 percent.

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the 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 liability for benefits.

Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

Plan Description

The Town contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan (Plan), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the Town. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy

Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the Town to contribute an amount each month equal to 5% of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2013 were \$34,981 which consisted of \$28,413 from the Town and \$6,568 from the law enforcement officers.

The Town has elected to contribute to the plan for general employees of the Town. Each month, the Town contributes 5% of each employee's salary, and all amounts contributed vest immediately. Employees may make voluntary contributions to the plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2013 were \$51,907, which consisted of \$40,411 from the Town and \$11,496 from the general employees.

Note 6 – Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Healthcare Benefits

Plan Description

The Town administers a single-employer defined healthcare plan ("plan"). The plan provides postemployment healthcare benefits to retirees of the Town, provided that they have retired with unreduced benefits from the North Carolina Local Government Employees' Retirement System. The retiree pays the full cost of coverage for themselves and dependents at the Town's group rates. The Town Council may amend the benefit provisions. A separate report was not issued for the plan.

Funding Policy

The retiree pays the full cost of coverage for the healthcare benefits. The Town has chosen to fund the healthcare benefits on a pay as you go basis. No funds are set aside to pay benefits and administration costs. These expenditures are paid as they come due.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The Town's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC). The Town has elected to calculate the ARC and related information using the alternative measurement method permitted by GASB Statement 45 for employers in plans with fewer than one hundred total plan members. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The following table shows the components of the Town's annual OPEB cost for the current year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the Town's net OPEB obligation for the postemployment healthcare benefits:

| Employer annual required contribution | \$ | 436 |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Interest on net OPEB obligation | | - |
| Adjustment to annual required contribution | | - |
| Annual OPEB cost (expense) | | 436 |
| Contributions made | | |
| Increase (decrease) in net OPEB obligation | | 436 |
| Net OPEB obligation – beginning of year | | 13,679 |
| Net OPEB obligation – end of year | | 14,115 |

The Town's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for June 30, 2013 were as follows:

Trend Information

| Fiscal Year Year Ended | (| nnual OPEB Cost | Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed | Ol | et OPEB oligation End of Year |
|------------------------------|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------|
| 2013 | \$ | 436 | 0.00% | \$ | 14,115 |
| 2012 | \$ | 2,950 | 0.00% | \$ | 13,679 |
| 2011 | \$ | 4,589 | 0.00% | \$ | 10,729 |

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of June 30, 2013, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$2,564 all of which was unfunded. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$1,434,780 and the ratio of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to the covered payroll was 1.00 percent.

The projection of future benefit payments for an ongoing plan involves 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 healthcare trends. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents information about the actuarial value of plan assets and the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

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

The following simplifying assumptions were made:

Retirement age for active employees- Based on the historical average retirement age for the covered group, active plan members were assigned to retire at age 57, or at the first subsequent year in which the member would qualify for benefits.

Marital status- Marital status of members at the calculation date was assumed to continue throughout retirement.

Mortality- Life expectancies were based on mortality tables from the National Center for Health Statistics. The 2003 United States Life Tables for Males and for Females were used.

Turnover- Non-group-specific age-based turnover data from GASB Statement 45 was used as the basis for assigning active members a probability of remaining employed until the assumed retirement age and for development of an expected future working lifetime assumption for purposes of allocating to periods the present value of total benefits to be paid.

Healthcare cost trend rate- The expected rate of increase in healthcare insurance premiums was based on projections of the Office of the Actuary at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. A rate of 12 percent initially, reduced to an ultimate rate of 6.00 percent after six years, was used.

Health insurance premiums- 2012 health insurance premiums for retirees were used as the basis for calculation of the present value of total benefits to be paid.

Inflation rate- The expected long-term inflation assumption of 3.80% was used.

Payroll growth rate- The expected long-term payroll growth rate was assumed to equal the rate of inflation.

Based on the historical and expected returns of the Town's short-term investment portfolio, a discount rate of 4 percent was used. In addition, a simplified version of the entry age actuarial cost method was used. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2013, was thirty years.

Other Postemployment Benefits

The Town has also elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, state-administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the System, or who die within 180 days after retirement or termination of service and have at least one year of contributing membership service in the System at the time of death are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. All death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. The Town considers these contributions to be immaterial.

Note 7 - Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources at year-end is comprised of the following:

| | _ | available evenue | earned evenue |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------------------|------------------|
| Taxes receivable (General Fund), less penalties Prepaid taxes (General Fund) | \$ | 95,864 | \$ 8,781 |
| Total | | 95,864 | \$ 8,781 |

Note 8 – Risk Management

The Town 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. The Town participates in three self-funded risk-financing pools administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through these pools, the Town obtains general liability and auto liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, property coverage up to the total insurance values of the property policy, workers' compensation coverage up to statutory limits, and employee health coverage up to a \$2 million lifetime limit. The pools are reinsured through commercial companies for single occurrence claims against general liability, auto liability and property in excess of \$500,000 and \$300,000 up to statutory limits for workers' compensation. The pools are reinsured for annual employee health claims in excess of \$150,000. The property liability pool has an aggregate limit for the total property losses in a single year, with the reinsurance limit based upon a percentage of the total insurance values.

The Town carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Town does carry flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Plan on two facilities in Fletcher Community Park. The Town's Community Park is located entirely within the 100 year flood plain; therefore, all improvements to the park are within this flood plain.

From information gathered from Henderson County GIS, the Fletcher Police Department and IT Department appear to be located within the 100 year flood plain. It is also possible that two buildings used by Fletcher Parks & Recreation may also be partially in the 100 year flood plain. As the GIS information is not exact, it would require a survey to determine the exact boundaries of the 100 year flood plain on property owned by the Town. These structures existed prior to the Town's adoption of flood plain regulations.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Town's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Town's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer and tax collector are each individually bonded for \$50,000 each. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$30,000.

The ABC Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The ABC Board has property, general liability, auto liability, workers' compensation, and employee health coverages. The ABC Board also has liquor legal liability coverage. Claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 9 – Long-Term Obligations

A. Installment Purchase Contracts

1) Town Hall Installment Purchase Contract

On May 18, 2012, the Town entered into an installment purchase contract with SunTrust in the amount of \$9,500,000 to finance the construction of a new Town Hall building. There are two financing parts of the installment purchase contract including short-term and long-term financing.

The long term financing is in the amount of \$3,000,000 with the financing contract requiring 30 semi-annual principal payments of \$100,000 plus interest at 3.05% beginning in November 2012 and continuing until May 2027.

The future minimum payments of this installment purchase as of June 30, 2013, are as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30 | Principal | Interest | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 2014 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 83,875 | \$ 283,875 |
| 2015 | 200,000 | 77,775 | 277,775 |
| 2016 | 200,000 | 71,675 | 271,675 |
| 2017 | 200,000 | 65,575 | 265,575 |
| 2018 | 200,000 | 59,475 | 259,475 |
| 2019-2023 | 1,000,000 | 205,875 | 1,205,875 |
| 2024-2027 | 800,000 | 54,900 | 854,900 |
| | | | |
| Totals | \$ 2,800,000 | \$ 619,150 | \$ 3,419,150 |

The short term financing with SunTrust is in the amount of \$6,500,000 with an interest rate of 1.84%. There are no principal payments, but there are three interest payments in the amount of \$59,800 payable on November 18, 2012, May 18, 2013, and November 18, 2013.

The future minimum payments of this installment purchase as of June 30, 2013, are as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30 | <u>Principal</u> | <u>I</u> ı | nterest | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| 2014 | \$ 6,500,000 | | 59,800 | \$ 6,559,800 |
| Totals | \$ 6,500,000 | \$ | 59,800 | \$ 6,559,800 |

Once the Town Hall project nears completion in November 2013, the United States Department of Agriculture will provide the long-term financing of \$6,500,000 and will pay off the short-term financing with SunTrust. The Town has been approved for two Community Facilities loans through the United States Department of Agriculture.

B. Changes in Long-term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities follows:

| Governmental Activities: | Beginning Balances | Increases Decreases | | Ending Balance | Current Portion of Balance | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| Installment Purchase Contracts Compensated Absences Other Postemployment Benefits Net Pension Obligation | \$ 9,639,632 81,623 13,679 | \$ | 64,674 436 3,970 | \$ 339,632 48,438 - | \$ 9,300,000 97,859 14,115 3,970 | \$ | 6,700,000 49,379 - - |
| Governmental activity long-term liabilities | \$ 9,734,934 | | 69,080 | \$ 388,070 | \$ 9,415,944 | \$ | 6,749,379 |

Compensated absences for governmental activities have typically been liquidated in the General Fund.

Note 10 - Interfund Balances and Activity

Balances due to/from other funds at June 30, 2013, consist of the following:

Due to General Fund for Town Hall expenditures Capital Project Fund

\$ 3,916

The interfund balances resulted from the time lag between expenditures and reimbursement from financing proceeds.

Note 11 - Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General Fund balance that is available for appropriation:

| Total fund balance-General Fund | \$ 3,569,559 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Less: | |
| Prepaid Items | 22,951 |
| Stabilization by State Statute | 564,817 |
| Streets | 681,145 |
| Police | 13,543 |
| Sidewalk | 15,490 |
| Future Park Development | 40,547 |
| Subsequent Year's Expenditures | 85,394 |
| Remaining Fund Balance | 2,145,672 |

Note 12 – Commitments

The Town is obligated under the following commitments as of June 30, 2013:

| Cooper Construction Contract | \$4,579,687 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Economic Development Incentives | 1,293,837 |
| Henderson County Emergency Services | 30,350 |
| Office Equipment | 14,400 |
| | |
| Total | \$5,918,274_ |

Note 13 - Jointly Governed Organization

The Town, in conjunction with other area counties and municipalities established the Land of Sky Regional Council. The participating governments established the Council to coordinate various funding received from federal and State agencies. Each participating government appoints one member to the Council's governing board. The Town paid membership fees of \$1,955 to the Council during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

Note 14 - Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Federal and State Assisted Programs

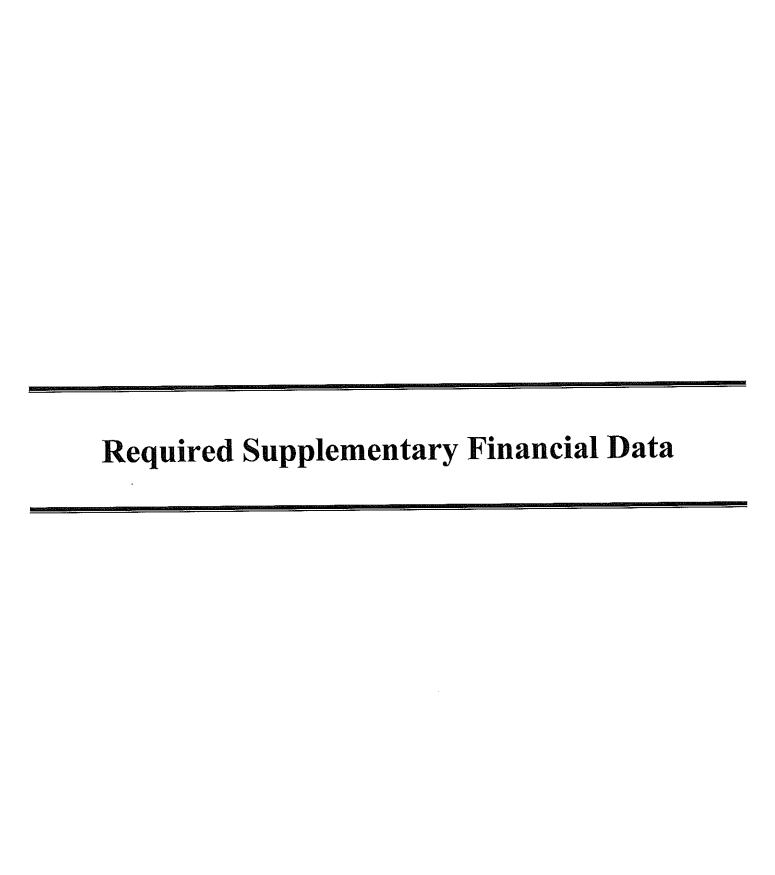
The Town has received proceeds from federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreement. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

Note 15 - Significant Effects of Subsequent Events

The Town is working with SunTrust to extend the interim financing that is due and payable on November 18, 2013 in the amount of \$6,500,000. The Town has secured the long-term financing through a USDA Community Facilities loan, however USDA will not provide financing unless the project is approximately 90% complete. The Town feels that the project will not be 90% complete by November 18, 2013.

Note 16 - Change in Accounting Principles/Restatement

The Town implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, and Statement 65, Items Previously reported as Assets and Liabilities, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. In accordance with GASB Statement 63, the Statement of Net Assets has been replaced with the Statement of Net Position. Items on the Statement of Net Position are now classified into Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position. Additionally, GASB Statement 65 requires that deferred costs from the refunding of debt, which were previously deferred and amortized, be presented as deferred outflows of resources.



Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Funding Progress

| Actuarial Valuation Date | Actu: Valu Ass (a | e of | ued Actuarial ojected Unit Credit (b) | nfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a) | Funded Ratio (a/b) | Covered Payroll (c) | UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll (b-a)/c) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| December 31, 2003 | \$ | - | \$ 114,792 | \$ 114,792 | 0.00% | \$ 365,911 | 31.37% |
| December 31, 2004 | | - | 125,087 | 125,087 | 0.00% | 430,338 | 29.07% |
| December 31, 2005 | | - | 86,976 | 86,976 | 0.00% | 487,024 | 17.86% |
| December 31, 2006 | | = | 71,091 | 71,091 | 0.00% | 508,662 | 13.98% |
| December 31, 2007 | | _ | 55,566 | 55,566 | 0.00% | 489,169 | 11.36% |
| December 31, 2008 | | - | 59,480 | 59,480 | 0.00% | 452,137 | 13.16% |
| December 31, 2009 | | - | 83,144 | 83,144 | 0.00% | 563,617 | 14.75% |
| December 31, 2010 | | _ | 65,660 | 65,660 | 0.00% | 580,516 | 11.31% |
| December 31, 2011 | | _ | 71,360 | 71,360 | 0.00% | 545,849 | 13.07% |
| December 31, 2012 | | - | 88,411 | 88,411 | 0.00% | 594,216 | 14.88% |

Notes to Required Schedule

The Town of Fletcher is funding the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance based on the actuarial valuation.

The information presented in the required and supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

| Valuation Date | December 31, 2012 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Actuarial Cost Method | Projected Unit Credit |
| Amortization Method | Level percent of pay closed |
| Remaining Amortization Method | 18 years |
| Asset Valuation Method | Market Value |
| Actuarial Assumptions: | |
| Investment Rate of Return (*) | 5.00% |
| Projected Salary Increases | 4.25 - 7.85% |
| (*) Includes Inflation at | 3% |
| Cost of Living Adjustments | N/A |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Employer Contributions

| Year Ended June 30 | Annual Required Contribution | Percentage Contributed |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2003 | \$ 7,381 | 49.5% |
| 2004 | 7,686 | 158.0% |
| 2005 | 10,177 | 224.3% |
| 2006 | 12,976 | 175.9% |
| 2007 | 9,817 | 182.2% |
| 2008 | 9,069 | 179.1% |
| 2009 | 7,786 | 185.1% |
| 2010 | 15,802 | 6.6% |
| 2011 | 13,593 | 0.0% |
| 2012 | 14,072 | 0.0% |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Other Postemployment Benefits Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Funding Progress

| Actuarial Valuation Date | Actuarial Value of Assets (a) | ned Actuarial jected Unit Credit (b) | nfunded AAL UAAL) (b-a) | Funded Ratio (a/b) | Covered Payroll (c) | UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll (b-a)/c) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| December 31, 2012 | - | \$ 2,564 | \$ 2,564 | 0.00% | \$ 1,434,780 | 0.18% |
| December 31, 2011 | - | 13,636 | 13,636 | 0.00% | 1,370,071 | 1.00% |
| December 31, 2010 | - | 18,165 | 18,165 | 0.00% | 1,223,647 | 1.48% |

Notes to Required Schedule

The information presented in the required and supplementary schedules was determined as part of the alternate measurement valuation at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the alternate measurement valuation follows:

| Valuation Date | December 31, 2012 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Actuarial Cost Method | Projected Unit Credit |
| Amortization Method | Level dollar amount |
| Remaining Amortization Method | 30 years |
| Asset Valuation Method | Market Value |
| Actuarial Assumptions: | |
| Investment Rate of Return (*) | 4.00% |
| Projected Salary Increases | 3.80% |
| (*) Includes Inflation at | 3.80% |
| Medical Cost Trend | 12 to 6% |
| | |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Other Postemployment Benefits Required Supplementary Information Schedule of Employer Contributions

| Year Ended June 30 | Annual Required Contribution | Percentage Contributed |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2013 | \$ 436 | 0.00% |
| 2012 | 2,950 | 0.00% |
| 2011 | 4,589 | 0.00% |



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Town of Fletcher, North Carolina General Fund

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | Budget | Budget Actual | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Revenues: | 8 | | (Negative) |
| Ad valorem taxes: | | | |
| Current year | \$ 3,047,010 | \$ 3,122,411 | \$ 75,401 |
| Prior year | 20,000 | 28,561 | 8,561 |
| Interest | 10,500 | 11,976 | 1,476 |
| Total | 3,077,510 | 3,162,948 | 85,438 |
| Other taxes and licenses: | | | |
| Privilege licenses | 35,000 | 49,987 | 14,987 |
| Total | 35,000 | 49,987 | 14,987 |
| Unrestricted intergovernmental: | | | |
| Local option sales taxes | 1,000,000 | 1,101,110 | 101,110 |
| Utility franchise tax | 560,000 | 567,376 | 7,376 |
| ABC profit distribution | 50,000 | 50,000 | - |
| Video franchise fee | 63,000 | 60,936 | (2,064) |
| Beer and wine tax | 29,000 | 29,615 | 615 |
| Tota! | 1,702,000 | 1,809,037 | 107,037 |
| Restricted intergovernmental: | | | |
| Powell Bill allocation | 179,996 | 187,016 | 7,020 |
| Powell Bill investment earnings | 2,700 | 1,676 | (1,024) |
| Park development | 8,500 | 6,580 | (1,920) |
| ABC Funds for law enforcement | 500 | 1,314 | 814 |
| Drug forfeitures | 5,000 | 3,796 | (1,204) |
| Solid waste disposal tax | 5,100 | 4,132 | (968) |
| Total | 201,796 | 204,514 | 2,718 |
| Permits and fees: | | | |
| Land use permits | 4,500 | 4,965 | 465 |
| Inspection fees | 30,500 | 36,672 | 6,172 |
| Total | 35,000 | 41,637 | 6,637 |
| Sales and services: | | | |
| Recreation department fees | 126,000 | 102,414 | (23,586) |
| Golf tournament fees | 6,000 | 6,860 | 860 |
| Rents | 10,000 | _ | (10,000) |
| Total | 142,000 | 109,274 | (32,726) |
| Investment earnings | 3,800 | 2,393 | (1,407) |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | Dudget | Actual | Variance Positive (Negative) | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Miscellaneous: | Budget | Actual | (Negative) | |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | \$ 11,000 | \$ 17,318 | \$ 6,318 | |
| Total revenues | 5,208,106 | 5,397,108 | 189,002 | |
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| General government: | | | | |
| Governing body: | | | | |
| Elected officials | 35,925 | 34,078 | 1,847 | |
| Administration: | | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 378,386 | 353,708 | 24,678 | |
| Other operating expenditures | 168,272 | 107,441 | 60,831 | |
| Capital outlay | 82,508 | 23,715_ | 58,793_ | |
| Total | 629,166 | 484,864 | 144,302 | |
| Town facilities: | | | | |
| Other operating expenditures | 117,900 | 99,101 | 18,799 | |
| Total | 117,900 | 99,101 | 18,799 | |
| Total general government | 782,991 | 618,043 | 164,948 | |
| Public safety: | | | | |
| Police: | 700.00 6 | #10 #00 | 71.110 | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 789,906 | 718,788 | 71,118 | |
| Other operating expenditures | 375,171 105,000 | 354,146 104,332 | 21,025 668 | |
| Capital outlay | | | | |
| Total | 1,270,077 | 1,177,266 | 92,811 | |
| Fire: | | | | |
| Contracted services | 945,687 | 945,636 | 51 | |
| Total public safety | 2,215,764 | 2,122,902 | 92,862 | |
| Economic and physical development: | | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 130,294 | 123,943 | 6,351 | |
| Other operating expenditures | 131,209 | 127,344 | 3,865 | |
| Capital outlay | 17,350 | 7,908 | 9,442 | |
| Total economic and physical development | 278,853 | 259,195 | 19,658 | |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina General Fund

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | Budget | Actual | Variance Positive (Negative) | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Transportation: | | | | |
| Streets: | | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$ 345,126 | \$ 315,001 | \$ 30,125 | |
| Powell Bill expenditures | 219,500 | 196,926 | 22,574 | |
| Other operating expenditures | 431,777 | 424,255 | 7,522 | |
| Total transportation | 996,403 | 936,182 | 60,221 | |
| Cultural and recreation: | | | | |
| Parks and recreation: | | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 269,888 | 237,901 | 31,987 | |
| Other operating expenditures | 222,945 | 215,243 | 7,702 | |
| Capital outlay | 31,000 | 28,143 | 2,857 | |
| Total cultural and recreation | 523,833 | 481,287 | 42,546 | |
| Debt service: | | | | |
| Principal retirement | 339,691 | 339,632 | 59 | |
| Interest and other charges | 269,711 | 211,990 | 57,721 | |
| Total debt service | 609,402 | 551,622 | 57,780 | |
| Total expenditures | 5,407,246 | 4,969,231 | 438,015 | |
| Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (199,140) | 427,877 | 627,017 | |
| Other financing sources (uses): | | | | |
| Sale of capital assets | 2,500 | 9,180 | 6,680 | |
| Fund balance appropriated | 196,640 | - | (196,640) | |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | 199,140 | 9,180 | (189,960) | |
| Net change in fund balance | \$ - | 437,057 | \$ 437,057 | |
| Fund balance, beginning | | 3,132,502 | | |
| Fund balance, ending | | \$ 3,569,559 | | |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Balance Sheet Major Governmental Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | Town Hall Capital Project Fund |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Assets: | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 5,004,674 |
| Total assets | \$ 5,004,674 |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances: | |
| Liabilities | |
| Retainage payable | \$ 298,775 |
| Due to general fund | 3,916 |
| Total liabilities | 302,691 |
| Fund Balances: | |
| Restricted- Financing | 4,701,983 |
| Total fund balances | 4,701,983 |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | \$ 5,004,674 |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual Capital Project- Town Hall Project From Inception and For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

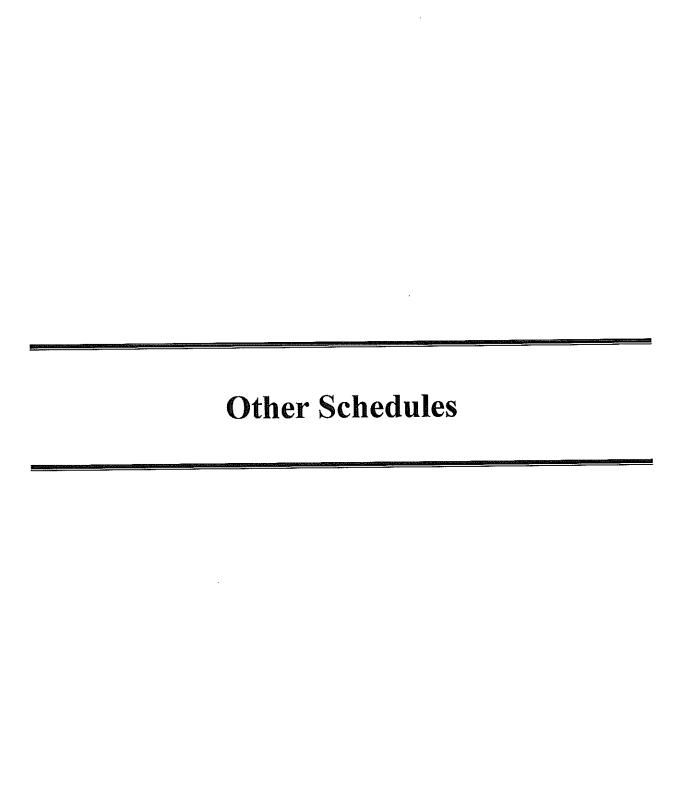
| | | Actual | | | Variance |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | Project Budget | Prior Years | Current Year | Total to Date | Positive (Negative) |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 10,000 | \$ 656 | \$ 3,236 | \$ 3,892 | \$ (6,108) |
| Total revenues | 10,000 | 656 | 3,236_ | 3,892 | (6,108) |
| Expenditures: | | | | | |
| Construction | 7,013,210 | _ | 2,933,390 | 2,933,390 | 4,079,820 |
| Land acquistion | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | - | 1,500,000 | - |
| Engineering-architect services | 685,000 | 405,214 | 217,641 | 622,855 | 62,145 |
| Administrative and legal | 46,000 | 45,529 | | 45,529 | 471 |
| Equipment and furnishings | 210,000 | - | - | - | 210,000 |
| Contingency | 355,688 | _ | _ | | 355,688 |
| Total expenditures | 9,809,898 | 1,950,743 | 3,151,031 | 5,101,774 | 4,708,124 |
| Revenues over (under) expenditures | (9,799,898) | (1,950,087) | (3,147,795) | (5,097,882) | 4,702,016 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses): | | | | | |
| Installment financing Transfers (to) from other funds: | 9,500,000 | 9,500,000 | - | 9,500,000 | - |
| General Fund | (70,422) | (70,422) | _ | (70,422) | - |
| Capital Reserve | 99,350 | 99,318 | _ | 99,318 | (32) |
| General Fund | 270,970 | 270,969 | - | 270,969 | (1) |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | 9,799,898 | 9,799,865 | | 9,799,865 | (33) |
| Net change in fund balance | \$ - | 7,849,778 | (3,147,795) | 4,701,983 | \$4,701,983 |
| Fund balance, beginning | | <u> </u> | 7,849,778 | _ | |
| Fund balance, ending | | \$ 7,849,778 | \$ 4,701,983 | \$ 4,701,983 | |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Fines and Forfeitures Agency Fund Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | Beginning Balance Additions | | | ditions | | | Ending Balance | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----|---------|-----------|-------|-----------------------|---|
| Assets: Cash and cash equivalents | | | \$ | 3,140 | \$ | 3,140 | \$ | - |
| Liabilities: Intergovernmental payable | \$ | | _\$ | 3,140 | <u>\$</u> | 3,140 | \$ | _ |



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Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable June 30, 2013

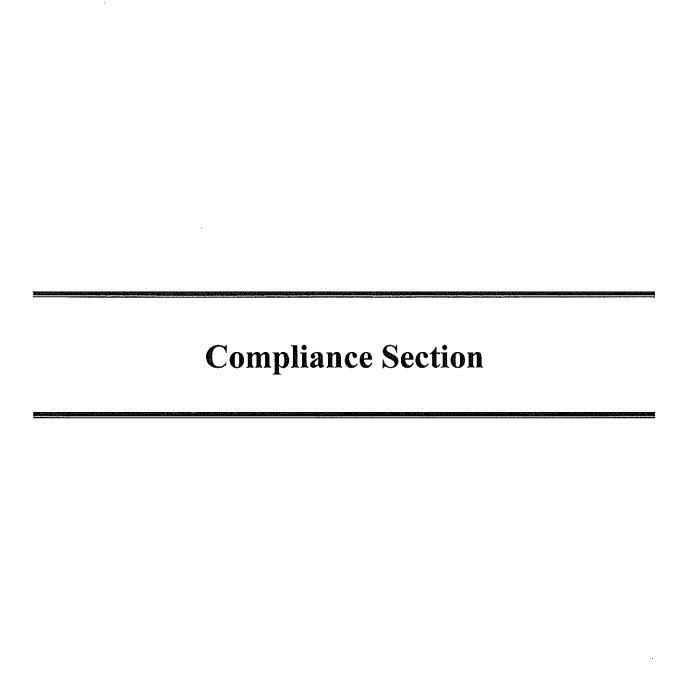
| Fiscal Year | В | collected Salance y 1, 2012 | Additions | | Collections And Credits | | Uncollected Balance June 30, 2013 | |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| 2012-2013 | \$ | - | \$ | 3,164,506 | \$ | 3,108,270 | \$ | 56,236 |
| 2011-2012 | • | 45,023 | _ | - | • | 36,509 | • | 8,514 |
| 2010-2011 | | 15,789 | | _ | | 7,120 | | 8,669 |
| 2009-2010 | | 11,690 | | ₩ | | 1,585 | | 10,105 |
| 2008-2009 | | 6,953 | | - | | 1,019 | | 5,934 |
| 2007-2008 | | 5,013 | | _ | | 1,189 | | 3,824 |
| 2006-2007 | | 2,880 | | _ | | 383 | | 2,497 |
| 2005-2006 | | 2,456 | | _ | | 404 | | 2,052 |
| 2004-2005 | | 1,749 | | - | | 245 | | 1,504 |
| 2003-2004 | | 2,389 | | - | | 424 | | 1,965 |
| 2002-2003 | | 2,513 | | | | 2,513 | | |
| | \$ | 96,455 | \$ | 3,164,506 | \$ | 3,159,661 | | 101,300 |
| | Less: | allowance for | r uncol | lectible ad valo | orem ta | ixes | | 5,000 |
| | Ad va | lorem taxes re | eceival | ole - net | | | \$ | 96,300 |
| Reconciliation wit | h reven | ues: | | | | | | |
| | Ad va | lorem taxes - | Genera | al Fund | | | \$ | 3,162,948 |
| Penalties collected on ad valorem taxes- Agency Fund | | | | | | | 3,140 | |
| | | onciling items | | | | | | |
| Interest collected | | | | | | | | (11,976) |
| Prior year releases | | | | | | | 3,363 | |
| Taxes written off | | | | | | | | 2,186 |
| | Total | collections an | d cred | its | | | \$ | 3,159,661 |

Town of Fletcher, North Carolina Analysis of Current Tax Levy - Town-Wide Levy For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | | To | wn-Wide | Total Levy | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | Proper Valuati | • | Tax Rate | Total Levy | Property Excluding Registered Vehicles | Registered Motor Vehicles | |
| Original Levy: Property taxed at current Penalties | \$ 962,97 962,97 | - | 0.00325 | \$3,129,676 2,087 3,131,763 | \$2,919,827 2,087 2,921,914 | \$ 209,849 | |
| Total Discoveries: Current year taxes Penalties | | 27,329 | 0.00325 | 38,439 1,494 | 38,377 1,494 | 62 | |
| Abatements: Current year taxes Penalties | (2,21 | 10,769) <u>-</u> | 0.00325 | (7,185) | (2,731) | (4,454) | |
| Total property valuation | \$ 972,59 | 93,874 | | | | | |
| Net levy Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2 | 013 | | | 3,164,506 (56,236) | 2,959,049 (28,191) | 205,457 (28,045) | |
| Current year's taxes collected | | | | \$3,108,270 | \$2,930,858 | \$ 177,412 | |
| Current levy collection percent | age | | | 98.22% | 99.05% | 86.35% | |



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Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements

Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council Town of Fletcher, North Carolina

We 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Fletcher, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Fletcher, North Carolina's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 2013.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Town of Fletcher, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Fletcher, North Carolina's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Fletcher, North Carolina'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 that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Morganton, North Carolina

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October 8, 2013

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