COUNTY OF TIOGA

Owego, New York

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2010

COUNTY OF TIOGA FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Chairman and Members of the County Legislature County of Tioga Owego, New York

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the accregate remaining fund information of the County of Tioga (the County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We did not audit the financial statements of the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District, or the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency. The financial statements of the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency were audited by other auditors whose reports, issued in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, have been furnished to us. Our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included in the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency, are based on the reports of the other auditors. The Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation represents 1.4% and 0.9% respectively, of the assets and revenues of the Governmental Activities. The Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the County of Tioga Industrial Development Agency represent 17.6% and 82.4%; and 70.1% and 29.9%. respectively, of the assets and revenues of the discretely presented component units. The financial statements are the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of December 31, 2010 and the respective changes in financial position and the cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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108 West Fourth Street Watkins Glen, New York 14891 607-535-4443 fax 607-535-6220 In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 16, 2011, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2 through 2i and 37 through 39 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's financial statements as a whole. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations,* and is also not a required part of the financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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August 16, 2011, except for Note 6, as to which the date is September 14, 2011 Ithaca, New York

Our discussion and analysis of the County of Tioga's (the County) financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. Please read this information in conjunction with the County's financial statements, which begin on page 3.

- The assets of the County exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$46,082,475 (net assets) compared to \$45,864,136 in 2009. Reasons for the increase included investment in capital assets and payment of bond principal offset by the required recognition of other postemployment benefits.
- Of total net assets, \$8,822,157 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- As of December 31, 2010, the County's Governmental Funds reported combined fund balances of \$31,019,837. Approximately 92.2% of the combined fund balances, or \$28,591,595, is available to meet the County's current and future needs (unreserved fund balance).
- The General Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$16,040,072. Of this, \$939,707 is in reserved fund balance and \$4,900,000 is designated for subsequent year's expenditures.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of basic financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on pages 3 through 4a) provide information about the County as a whole and present a longer-term view of the County's finances. Governmental Fund financial statements start on page 5. For Governmental Activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending. Governmental Fund financial statements also report the County's operations in more detail than the Government-wide financial statements by providing information about the County's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the County acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside the government. Following these statements are notes that provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

In addition to the basic financial statements, the annual report contains other information in the form of: (1) combining schedules for those funds that are not considered Major Funds and, therefore, are not presented individually in the basic financial statements, and (2) a budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund.

Reporting the County as a Whole

Analysis of the County as a whole begins on page 3, with the Government-wide financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the County as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer the question of whether the County, as a whole, is better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities. These statements include *all* assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the County's net assets and changes in them. The County's net assets, the difference between assets and liabilities, are one way to measure the County's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. One needs to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the County's property tax base and the condition of the County's roads, to assess the overall health of the County.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the County is separated into two kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities: Most of the County's services are reported in this category, including public safety, public health, economic assistance, transportation, and general administration. Property and sales taxes, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Component Units: The County includes three separate legal entities in its report - the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, the Tioga Soil and Water Conservation District and Tioga County Industrial Development Agency. Although legally separate, these component units are important because the County is financially accountable for them. The Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation is reported as a blended component unit. The Soil and Water Conservation District and the Industrial Development Agency are reported as discrete component units. Complete financial statements for the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation and the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency can be obtained from their administrative offices at 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827. Financial statements for the Tioga Soil and Water Conservation District can be obtained from their administrative office at 183 Corporate Drive, Owego, New York 13827.

Reporting the County's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Analysis of the County's Major Funds begins on page 5. The Governmental Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the County as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, management establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes and grants. The County's three kinds of funds - Governmental, Proprietary and Fiduciary - use different accounting approaches.

Governmental Funds: All of the County's services are reported in the Governmental Funds which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting* which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The Governmental Fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental Fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the County's programs. The relationship (or differences) between Governmental *Activities* (reported in the Government-wide financial statements) and Governmental *Funds* is explained in a reconciliation following the fund financial statements.

Proprietary Funds: When the County charges customers for the services it provides - whether to outside customers or to other units of the County - these services are generally reported in Proprietary Funds. Proprietary Funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. Internal Service Funds (a component of Proprietary Funds) are used to report activities that provide supplies and services for the County's other programs and activities such as the administration of workers' compensation obligations.

The County as Trustee: The County is the trustee, or fiduciary, for other assets that, because of a trust arrangement, can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. All of the County's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets on page 12. We exclude these activities from the County's other financial statements because the County cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

The County's net assets for fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 increased \$218,339, from \$45,864,136 to \$46,082,475. In contrast, last year net assets decreased by \$(1,927,845).

The largest portion of the County's net assets of \$35,561,019 (77.2%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery & equipment and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets still outstanding. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided by other sources, as the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the County's net assets of \$1,699,299 (3.7%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used and are reported as restricted net assets. These net assets consist of \$775,969 for debt service payments, \$790,189 for community development, and \$133,141 for grants from State and Federal agencies.

The remaining category of total net assets, unrestricted net assets of \$8,822,157 (19.1%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations and services to creditors and citizens.

Our analysis below focuses on the net assets (Figure 1), and changes in net assets (Figure 2), of the County's Governmental Activities.

		Governmen	Percent Change					
		2009		2010	2009 - 2010			
Current assets Capital assets, net Other noncurrent assets	\$	34,041,759 57,129,510 1,301,456	\$	46,686,943 57,818,324 1,252,329	37.1% 1.2% (3.8%)			
Total Assets		92,472,725		105,757,596	14.4%			
Current liabilities Noncurrent liabilities		13,395,414 33,213,175		12,467,768 47,207,353	(6.9%) 42.1%			
Total Liabilities		46,608,589		59,675,121	28.0%			
Invested in capital assets, net of debt Restricted net assets Unrestricted net assets		38,687,024 1,850,655 5,326,457		35,561,019 1,699,299 8,822,157	(8.1%) (8.2%) 65.6%			
Total Net Assets	\$	45,864,136	\$	46,082,475	.5%			

Figure 1 - Net Assets

Current assets showed an increase of \$12,645,184, primarily due to the timing of payments and receipts. Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, of \$57,818,324 at December 31, 2010 increased by \$688,814, primarily a result of transportation projects. The detail of capital assets, including the current year activity, is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

The decrease in current liabilities is primarily due to timing. The change in noncurrent liabilities reflects the increase in other postemployment liability of \$5,634,167 and new bond debt of \$9,000,000.

The change in the amount invested in capital assets, net of related debt, is due to the change in capital assets, and debt associated therewith, offset by the change in unspent bond proceeds.

The County's total revenues increased by 3.7%, while the total cost of all programs and services increased 0.8%, in spite of the addition of the other postemployment benefits liability (OPEB) noted above. Our analysis in Figure 2 considers the operations of Governmental Activities.

	Government	Percent Change	
	2009	2010	2009 - 2010
REVENUES			
<u>Program Revenues</u> :			
Charges for services	\$ 12,672,822	\$ 13,005,009	2.6%
Operating grants and contributions	18,964,524	18,731,580	(1.2)%
Capital grants and contributions	2,060,165	2,790,052	35.4%
<u>General Revenues</u> :			
Property taxes and tax items	21,926,524	23,212,612	5.9%
Sales and other taxes	17,997,657	17,941,848	(0.3%)
Tobacco settlement	725,834	688,152	(5.2%)
Use of money and property	166,260	165,372	(0.5%)
Other	12,878	766,469	5851.8%
Total Revenues	\$ 74,526,664	\$77,301,094	3.7%
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
General government	15,909,352	15,688,674	(1.4%)
Education	5,208,337	4,514,133	(13.3%)
Public safety	11,241,457	12,001,403	6.8%
Public health	10,517,050	10,812,554	2.8%
Transportation	6,167,957	6,210,055	0.7%
Economic assistance and opportunity	23,771,514	24,168,952	1.7%
Culture and recreation	252,693	252,026	(0.3%)
Home and community	2,366,623	2,335,798	(1.3%)
Interest on debt	1,019,526	1,099,160	7.8%
Total Expenses	\$ 76,454,509	\$ 77,082,755	0.8%
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (1,927,845)	\$218,339	111.3%

Figure 2 - Changes in Net Assets

Governmental Activities

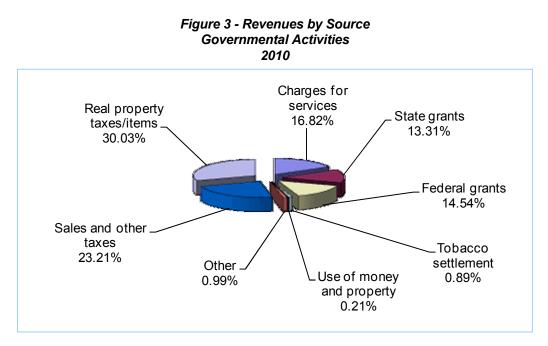
Revenues

- Charges for services increased 2.6% primarily due to an increase in general government for internal services fund fees of over \$230,000. Public safety charges for services increased about \$140,000, primarily for jail facilities fees to other governments.
- Operating grants and contributions decreased in total by nearly \$233,000 in 2010 from the prior year, due to increases in state and federal aid for economic assistance offset by decreases in aid for public health and safety.
- Capital grants increased from 2009 by 35.4%. This increase is primarily due to federal aid for new capital transportation projects.
- Property tax and tax items increased approximately 5.9%. This increase was due to an increase in the tax levy and PILOT payments.
- The majority of non-property tax items are sales and use taxes and showed a decrease of almost \$130,000 in 2010.
- The decrease in use of money and property revenue, most of which is interest earnings, reflects the lower interest rates which stayed consistently low in 2009 and 2010.
- Miscellaneous revenue increased compared to 2009 largely due to a loss on the disposal of infrastructure assets of \$444,396 in 2009 and a transfer from Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation of \$140,000. The remaining increase is due to an increase in miscellaneous revenue of approximately \$100,000 in the capital fund.

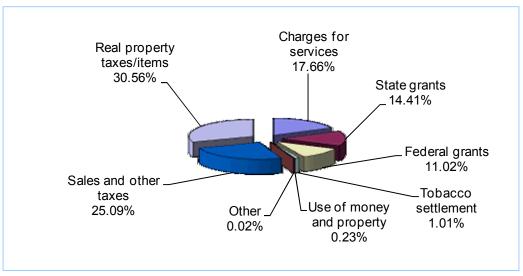
Expenses

- General government expenses decreased by approximately \$220,000, as the result of lower sales tax collections to be distributed to towns.
- The decrease in education expense of over \$690,000 is due to a decrease in demand for services for education of handicapped children.
- Public safety expenses increased by about \$760,000 as the result of emergency equipment purchases and other postemployment benefits expense.
- Public health expenses increased by approximately \$295,000, primarily as a result of other postemployment benefits expense.
- Economic assistance and opportunity expenses were \$397,000 higher in 2010, primarily due to increased Medicaid expenses.
- Interest on debt increased 7.8% due to the accrual of interest on new debt of \$9,000,000.

Figures 3 and 4 show the percent of the sources of revenues for 2010 and 2009.







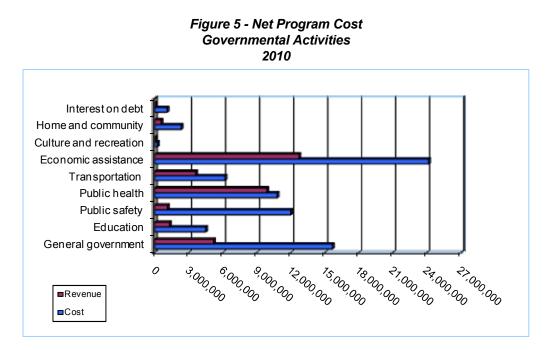
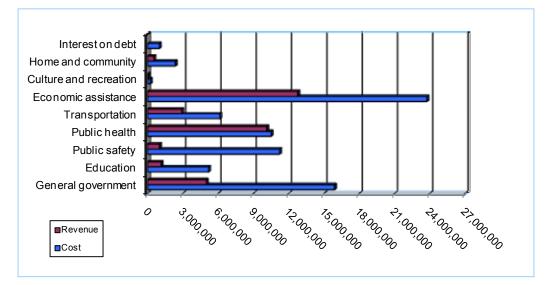


Figure 6 - Net Program Cost Governmental Activities 2009



THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The focus of the County's Governmental Funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in analyzing the County's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the County's net resources available for spending at the end of year or funds available for appropriation in the subsequent year to reduce the County tax levy.

As of December 31, 2010, the County's operating fund, the General Fund, reported a fund balance of \$16,040,072, compared with the prior year's fund balance of \$10,622,526; an increase of \$5,417,546. Fund balance in the General Fund includes unreserved, undesignated, fund balance of \$10,200,365, which is available for spending at management's discretion. The County has designated \$4,900,000 of the total fund balance for 2011 budget appropriations. The remainder of the fund balance is reserved to indicate it is not available for spending, because it is primarily committed to encumbrances of \$547,462 and other purposes of \$392,245. The County's Non-Major Governmental Funds reported fund balances of \$14,979,765, compared with a prior year fund balance of \$7,764,885, an increase of \$7,214,880 from the prior year. This increase included net spending of \$4,352,097 for capital projects.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

For 2010, actual expenditures in the General Fund were \$3.7 million or 5.7% lower than the revised budget, while actual revenues were \$3.7 million, or 5.9% higher than the revised revenue estimate. The General Fund budget was increased by approximately \$1.8 million during the year to \$67.6 million. Increases were primarily due to debt service principal and interest payments, as well as an increase in education expenditures.

Real Property taxes and tax items revenue was approximately \$22.5 million in 2010, which was \$827,096 more than budgeted. The County, at December 31, 2010, had a maximum taxing power of \$40,096,276. Non-property tax revenues were approximately \$16.9 million in 2010, \$1.8 million higher than budgeted. The largest appropriation variances were in public health, with expenditures of \$7.1 million and under budget by \$0.95 million and general government, with expenditures of \$9.5 million and under budget by \$0.97 million. Employee benefits were approximately \$10.1 million in 2010, \$0.3 million lower than budgeted, while public safety was approximately \$6.9 million in 2010, \$0.85 million lower than budgeted.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The County's investment in capital assets for its Governmental Activities as of December 31, 2010, amounted to \$57,818,324, net of accumulated depreciation, compared to \$57,129,510 at December 31, 2009. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, machinery and equipment, roads and bridges. The total increase in the County's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was 1.2% compared to 0.7% in 2009.

	Governmental Activities				Percent Change
		2009		2010	2009 - 2010
Land	\$	1,355,100	\$	1,355,100	0.0%
Construction in progress		649,838		545,564	(19.1%)
Buildings and improvements		30,008,468		30,115,542	0.4%
Equipment		10,774,927		11,297,747	4.6%
Infrastructure		45,298,609		48,047,765	5.7%
Total Capital Assets at Historical Cost		88,086,942		91,361,718	3.6%
Accumulated depreciation		(30,957,432)		(33,543,394)	7.7%
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$	57,129,510	\$	57,818,324	1.2%

Figure 7 - Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation

This year's additions consisted of:		
Construction in progress	\$	308,853
Building		13,000
Machinery and equipment		1,476,075
Infrastructure	_	2,430,103
Total Additions		4,228,031
Depreciation expense		(3,533,343)
Net book value of disposed assets	_	(5,874)
Total Change in Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$	688,814

Debt Administration

At the end of 2010, the County and its blended component unit had total debt outstanding, in the form of serial bonds, of \$27,308,043. The County's debt of \$11,930,000 is backed by the full faith and credit of the County. Of this amount \$11,930,000 is subject to the County's statutory debt limit of \$165,102,312, which represents approximately 7.2% of the County's debt limit. The blended component unit, Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, has debt of \$15,378,043, which is backed by Tobacco Settlement Revenues.

Figure 8 - Outstanding Debt at Ye	ears Ended
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	Governmental Activities						
	2009 2010						
Beginning outstanding debt	\$ 19,633,919	\$	18,898,032				
Bonds issued during the year	-0-		9,000,000				
Addition of accreted interest on TTASC bonds	214,113		230,011				
Paid during the year	(950,000)		(820,000)				
Totals	\$ 18,898,032	\$	27,308,043				

The County also has other long-term liabilities, which are described in Note 2.B of the footnotes.

Moody's Investors Service assigned the rating of A3 to the County's most recent debt issuance.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

- The County Legislature is sensitive to the property tax burdens on the community. In developing the 2011 budget, the County offset increases in payroll, energy costs, and State programs with significant cost reductions in other areas. The County raised the 2011 fund balance appropriation by \$1.1 million for a total of \$4.9 million. The impact on the real property tax levy was an increase of 2.16%, for a total tax levy of \$20,260,838.
- 2011 year to date sales tax collection has been trending upward year to date.
- The County Property Tax base grew by 2.47% in 2010.
- In 2011, the County plans to meet our infrastructure schedule by replacing four bridges and 16 miles of road at the cost of \$6 million. Tioga County will receive \$2.3 million in Federal and State aid. The remaining \$3.7 million will be financed through the Build American bond proceeds.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the County of Tioga's citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives and disburses. If you have questions about the report or need any additional financial information, contact James McFadden, County Treasurer, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827.

COUNTY OF TIOGA STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2010

		Primary	Component Units			
	-	Government	Industrial	Soil and Water		
		Governmental		Conservation		
		Activities	Development Agency	District		
<u>ASSETS</u>	-	Activities	Agency	District		
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	21,259,814 \$	758,127 \$	1,133,913		
Restricted cash		9,057,823	3,770,589			
Investments	-		1,240,169			
Restricted investments	_		34,190			
Taxes receivable, net		5,382,910				
Accounts receivable, net		986,616	12,310	99,523		
Interest receivable	-					
Loans and leases receivable - current portion	_	179,634	109,056			
Due from state and federal governments	_	9,293,271				
Due from other governments	_	27,490				
Prepaid expenses	_	499,385		3,660		
Total Current Assets		46,686,943	5,924,441	1,237,096		
Noncurrent Assets:	-					
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		775,975				
Loans and leases receivable, long-term portion	-		765,488			
Unamortized bond issue costs		476,354	107,184			
Capital assets-land and construction in progress		1,900,664	695,216			
Capital assets-depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	-	55,917,660	995,388	578,867		
Total Noncurrent Assets	_	59,070,653	2,563,276	578,867		
Total Assets	-	105,757,596	8,487,717	1,815,963		
LIABILITIES	-	103,737,390	0,407,717	1,013,903		
Current Liabilities:						
Accounts payable		2,352,113	7,583	94,732		
Accrued liabilities	-	1,392,322	1,640,777	120		
	-	170,107	1,040,777	120		
Interest payable	-	5,064,472				
Due to other governments Compensated absences	-	833,921				
Deferred revenue	-	555,379		274,981		
	-			274,901		
Self insurance accruals		999,454	074 765			
Long-term obligations due within one year	-	1,100,000	871,755	260.022		
Total Current Liabilities	-	12,467,768	2,520,115	369,833		
Long-term obligations due after one year	-	47,207,353	1,932,950	21,208		
Total Liabilities	_	59,675,121	4,453,065	391,041		
NET ASSETS						
Invested in capital assets,						
net of related debt	_	35,561,019	(4,396)	578,867		
Restricted for:	-					
Debt		775,969				
Soil and water conservation	_			348,862		
Community development	_	790,189				
Various purposes	_	133,141	255,859			
Total Restricted Net Assets	-	1,699,299	255,859	348,862		
Unrestricted		8,822,157	3,783,189	497,193		
Total Net Assets	\$	46,082,475 \$	4,034,652 \$	1,424,922		

COUNTY OF TIOGA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

			_	Program Revenues				
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS Primary Government: Governmental Activities:	_	Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions
General governmental support	\$	15,688,674	\$	4,854,232	\$	340,550	\$	
Education	Ť-	4,514,133	Ч -	1,001,202	· * -	1,307,119	Ψ-	
Public safety	_	12,001,403	-	820,366		253,432		51,300
Health	-	10,812,554	-	5,561,153	-	4,337,024	-	<u> </u>
Transportation		6,210,055		3,175	_	885,496	_	2,738,752
Economic assistance			-		-		-	
and opportunity	_	24,168,952	-	1,247,265		11,487,160		
Culture and recreation		252,026		2,100	_	58,976		
Home and community services		2,335,798	_	516,718		61,823		
Interest on debt	_	1,099,160	-		-			
Total Primary Government	\$_	77,082,755	\$	13,005,009	\$	18,731,580	\$	2,790,052
Component Units:								
Industrial Development Agency		407,516		953,484		19		
Soil and Water Conservation	_	2,579,351		157,972		1,975,159	-	
Total Component Units	\$	2,986,867	\$	1,111,456	\$	1,975,178	\$	-0-

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets brought forward

GENERAL REVENUES

Property taxes, levied for general purposes Sales and other taxes County appropriations Tobacco settlement payments Use of money and property Miscellaneous Fines and forfeitures

Total General Revenues

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets - Beginning, as restated (Soil and Water Conservation District)

Transfer of net assets from Tioga County LDC

Net Assets - Ending

Net (Expense) Revenue and								
•		-US	anges in Net Ass	sets	<u> </u>			
	Primary Government		Compo	n	at Linita			
	Total	-	Component Units Industrial Soil and Wate					
	Governmental		Development		Conservation			
	Activities		Agency		District			
-	Activities	-	Agency	•	District			
\$	(10,493,892)	\$		\$				
Ψ.	(3,207,014)	Ψ.		Ψ.				
•	(10,876,305)	-						
	(914,377)	-		•				
	(2,582,632)	-		•				
•	(2,002,002)	-		•				
	(11,434,527)	-						
	(190,950)	-						
	(1,757,257)	-						
	(1,099,160)	_						
	(42,556,114)	-	-0-		-0-			
			545,987					
•		-	,	•	(446,220)			
	-0-	_	545,987		(446,220)			
_	(42,556,114)	_	545,987		(446,220)			
	23,212,612							
	17,941,848							
		-			189,235			
	688,152	-						
	165,372	-	85,859					
	648,869	-			113,122			
•	117,600	-						
	42,774,453	-	85,859	•	302,357			
	218,339		631,846		(143,863)			
	45,864,136	_	3,098,701		1,568,785			
			304,105					
\$	46,082,475	\$	4,034,652	\$	1,424,922			

COUNTY OF TIOGA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS <u>DECEMBER 31, 2010</u>

	_	Major Fund General Fund	Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Assets: Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted - Restricted	\$	11,153,897_\$	<u>3,687,594</u> \$ 9,833,798	<u>14,841,491</u> 9,833,798
Taxes receivable, net Other receivables, net Due from other funds	_	5,382,910 187,813 2,150,239	789,738 254,246	5,382,910 977,551 2,404,485
Due from state and federal governments Due from other governments	-	6,625,293 27,490	2,667,978	9,293,271 27,490
Prepaid expenses Loans receivable		499,385	179,634	499,385 179,634
Total Assets	\$	26,027,027 \$	17,412,988 \$	43,440,015
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Accounts payable	\$	1,724,827 \$	564,041 \$	
Accrued liabilities Due to other funds	_	611,276 304,023	<u>56,126</u> 1,092,205	<u>667,402</u> 1,396,228
Due to other governments	_	5,064,472	1,092,205	5,064,472
Other Liabilities	_	5,004,472	32,700	32,700
Deferred revenues		2,282,357	688,151	2,970,508
Total Liabilities	_	9,986,955	2,433,223	12,420,178
Fund Balances: Fund Balances - Reserved for: Encumbrances Miscellaneous reserve	_	547,462 392,245	674,202 38,364	1,221,664 430,609
Debt	_	,	775,969	775,969
Total Reserved	_	939,707	1,488,535	2,428,242
Fund Balances - Unreserved Appropriated, Reported in: General Fund Capital Projects Funds	_	4,900,000	9,626,270	4,900,000
Fund Balances - Unreserved Unappropriated, Reported in: General Fund Special Revenue Funds Capital Projects Funds		10,200,365	<u>1,654,505</u> 2,210,455	10,200,365 1,654,505 2,210,455
Total Fund Balances	_	16,040,072	14,979,765	31,019,837
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	26,027,027 \$	17,412,988 \$	43,440,015

COUNTY OF TIOGA RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS <u>DECEMBER 31, 2010</u>

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$31,019,837
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. See Note 2.A.7	
Historical cost of capital assets\$ 91,361,718Less accumulated depreciation(33,543,394)	57,818,324
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	2,415,129
Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities, such as health and workers' compensation insurance. The assets and liabilities of the Internal Service Funds are included in Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets.	(785,788)
Certain accrued expenses, such as interest on debt, reported in the Statement of Net Assets do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in Governmental Funds.	(170,107)
Bond issuance costs are fully expensed in the Governmental Funds, but amortized over a period of time in the Statement of Activities.	476,354
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, compensated absences, and other postemployment benefit liability, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. See Note 2.B.3.	
Bonds payable\$ (26,292,915)Accreted interest on TASC bonds(1,015,128)Other postemployment benefit liability(16,549,310)Compensated absences(833,921)	(44,691,274)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$46,082,475

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

			Total	
	_	Major Fund	Non-Major	Total
		General	Governmental	Governmental
	_	Fund	Funds	Funds
REVENUES				
Real property taxes	\$_	19,932,661	\$ 871,353	\$
Real property tax items	_	2,547,004		2,547,004
Nonproperty tax items	_	16,858,161	1,083,687	17,941,848
Departmental income	_	8,221,866	504,942	8,726,808
Intergovernmental charges	_	704,385		704,385
Use of money and property	_	102,965	85,274	188,239
Licenses and permits	_	2,925		2,925
Fines and forfeitures	_	117,600		117,600
Sale of property and compensation for loss	_	140,282	50,616	190,898
Miscellaneous local sources	_	294,681	104,558	399,239
Tobacco settlement revenue	_		725,835	725,835
Interfund revenues	-	14,423		14,423
State sources	_	9,137,655	1,148,159	10,285,814
Federal sources	_	9,043,633	2,192,185	11,235,818
Total Revenues	-	67,118,241	6,766,609	73,884,850
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General governmental support		9,471,874	160,564	9,632,438
Education	-	4,494,316	i	4,494,316
Public safety	-	6,868,533		6,868,533
Health	-	7,092,383		7,092,383
Transportation	_	1,072,579	1,726,114	2,798,693
Economic assistance and opportunity	_	19,879,247	322,874	20,202,121
Culture and recreation	_	229,476		229,476
Home and community services		605,536	1,456,383	2,061,919
Employee benefits	_	10,089,514	875,520	10,965,034
Debt service (principal and interest)	_	874,600	680,814	1,555,414
Capital outlay			4,352,097	4,352,097
Total Expenditures	_	60,678,058	9,574,366	70,252,424
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)	_	6,440,183	(2,807,757)	3,632,426
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Interfund transfers in		1,655,000	2,677,637	4,332,637
Interfund transfers (out)	_	(2,677,637)	(1,655,000)	(4,332,637)
Proceeds of obligations	_		9,000,000	9,000,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	(1,022,637)	10,022,637	9,000,000
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)				
and Other Financing Sources (Uses)		5,417,546	7,214,880	12,632,426
	-	5,11,540	1,214,000	12,032,420
Fund Balances, Beginning	-	10,622,526	7,764,885	18,387,411
Fund Balances, Ending	\$_	16,040,072	\$ 14,979,765	\$ 31,019,837

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

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$_	12,632,426
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities because:	are different	
Governmental Funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated us depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outla depreciation expense and the net book value of disposed assets.	eful lives as	
Capital outlay \$	4,228,031	
Net book value of disposed assets	(5,874)	
Depreciation expense	(3,533,343)	688,814
	(0,000,040)	000,014
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financi	al resources	
are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(176,088)
	-	(-) /
debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Repayr principal is an expenditure in the Governmental Funds, but the repayr long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. This is the amou proceeds of debt (exceeded) bond principal repayment.	ent reduces	
Repayment of principal \$	820,000	
Proceeds of bonds	(9,000,000)	(8,180,000)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as exp Governmental Funds.		
Change in compensated absences \$	(53,182)	
Change in postemployment benefits liability	(5,634,167)	
Change in accrued interest payable	(84,606)	
Amortization of bond issue costs	(49,129)	
Change in accreted interest on TASC capital appreciation bonds	(230,011)	(6,051,095)
Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the cost activities, such as workers' compensation and insurance, to individual fur revenue of the internal service fund is reported with Governmental Activitie	ids. The net	1,304,282
·	-	.,
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	218,339

COUNTY OF TIOGA STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND <u>DECEMBER 31,2010</u>

	<u>ASSETS</u>	-	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net		\$ <u>_</u>	6,418,323 9,065
Due from other funds Total Current Assets		-	49,776 6,477,164
Total Assets		-	6,477,164
Current Liabilities:	LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities		-	63,245 692,220
Due to other funds		-	1,058,033
Self insurance accruals Total Current Liabilities		-	999,454 2,812,952
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Benefits and awards payable Total Noncurrent Liabilities		-	4,450,000 4,450,000
Total Liabilities		-	7,262,952
Unrestricted	NET ASSETS		(785,788)
		-	· · · ·
Total (Deficit)		\$ _	(785,788)

COUNTY OF TIOGA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

OPERATING REVENUES	Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund
Charges for services - Governmental funds	\$ 7,757,457
Charges for services - External participants	4,020,079
Other operating revenues	47,701
Total Operating Revenues	11,825,237
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries and wages	301,701
Contractual	826,961
Benefits and awards	9,433,083
Claims and judgments	14,022
Total Operating Expenses	10,575,767
Income from Operations	1,249,470
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest income	30,491
Other	24,321
Total Nonoperating Revenues	54,812
Net Income Before Transfers	1,304,282
Change in Net Assets	1,304,282
Net (Deficit), Beginning	(2,090,070)
Net (Deficit), Ending	\$ (785,788)

COUNTY OF TIOGA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

		Governmental
		Activities
	Ī	nternal Service
		Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	-	
Cash received from providing services - Governmental participants	\$	7,769,652
- External participants	_	4,098,615
Cash received from insurance recoveries	_	47,701
Cash payments - Employees	_	(183,552)
Cash payments - Claims and benefits	_	(11,113,856)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	_	618,560
Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities	_	-0-
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	_	-0-
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Interest income received		30,491
Other income received	_	24,321
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	_	673,372
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1,	_	5,744,951
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31,	\$_	6,418,323
Reconciliation of Income from Operations		
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Income from operations	\$_	1,249,470
Decrease in interfund receivable	_	12,195
Decrease in other receivables	_	78,536
Increase in interfund payable	_	118,149
Increase in accounts payable	_	55,987
(Decrease) in accrued liabilities	_	(895,777)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$_	618,560

COUNTY OF TIOGA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUNDS <u>DECEMBER 31, 2010</u>

		Private Purpose Trust Funds	_	Agency Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted	\$_	30,474	\$	380,721
Total Assets	-	30,474	\$_	380,721
LIABILITIES Agency liabilities			\$	380,721
Total Liabilities	-	-0-	φ_ \$_	380,721
NET ASSETS				
Held in trust for private purposes	\$_	30,474		

COUNTY OF TIOGA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	_	Private Purpose Trust Funds
ADDITIONS Contributions	\$	3,642
Investment earnings	_	142
Total Additions	_	3,784
Distributions	_	4,852
Total Deductions	_	4,852
Change in Net Assets		(1,068)
Net Assets - Beginning	_	31,542
Net Assets - Ending	\$_	30,474

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the County of Tioga (the County) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The County has the option to apply FASB pronouncements issued after that date to its Governmental Activities and Proprietary Funds and has elected to do so. The more significant of the County's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The County, which was established in 1791, is governed by County Law, and other general laws of the State of New York. The County Legislature, which is the Legislative body responsible for the overall operation of the County, consists of nine members representing seven legislative districts within the County. The Chairman of the County Legislature, elected by the Legislature each year, serves as Chief Executive Officer. The County Treasurer, elected for a four year term, serves at Chief Fiscal Officer.

The County provides the following basic services: police and law enforcement, educational assistance for County residents attending community colleges, economic assistance, health and nursing services, maintenance of County roads, culture and recreational services, home and community services, and mental health services.

All Governmental Activities and functions performed for the County are its direct responsibility. No other governmental organizations have been included or excluded from the reporting entity.

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government which is the County, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete as set forth in GASB Statement Number 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity," as amended by GASB Statement Number 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units."

The decision to include a potential component unit in the County's reporting entity is based on several criteria set forth in GASB Statement Number 14, as amended by GASB Statement Number 39, including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following are included as component units:

1. <u>Blended Component Units</u>

<u>Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation</u> - Tioga Tobacco Securitization Corporation (TTASC), established on October 11, 2000, is a special purpose, local development corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York. TTASC is an instrumentality of the County, but is a separate legal entity from the County. TTASC will have not less than three or more than five directors, consisting of one ex-officio position being the chairperson of the County Legislature, up to four additional directors and one independent director appointed by the members of TTASC. Although legally separate from the County's basic financial statements as a blended component unit due to the fact that its purpose is to exclusively serve the County.

TTASC is blended as part of the County's Governmental Activities and Non-Major Governmental Funds (Debt Service Fund). Separate financial statements may be obtained from the County Treasurer's Office.

2. Discretely Presented Component Units

<u>Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District</u> - The Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District was created by the State legislature to provide for the conservation of soil and water resources and prevention of soil erosion. The District provides technical assistance relative to natural resources conservation and water quality to the residents of the County. The five members of the District Board have complete responsibility for management and fiscal matters of the District. Separate financial statements may be obtained from the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District, 183 Corporate Drive, Owego, New York 13827.

<u>Tioga Industrial Development Agency</u> - A public benefit corporation created by State legislature and established to promote the economic welfare, recreation opportunities, and prosperity of the County's inhabitants and to develop economically sound commerce and industry. Members of the Agency have complete responsibility for management of the Agency and accountability for fiscal matters. The County is not liable for Agency bonds and exercises no oversight responsibility. Separate financial statements may be obtained from the Tioga County IDA, 56 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827.

B. Basic Financial Statements

The County's basic financial statements include both Government-wide (reporting the County as a whole) and Governmental Fund financial statements (reporting the County's Major Funds). Both the Government-wide and Governmental Fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either Governmental or Business-type. The County's general governmental support, education, public safety, health, transportation, economic assistance and opportunity, culture and recreation, and home and community services are classified as Governmental Activities. Services relating to self insurance and workers' compensation administration are classified as Internal Service Funds, and are also included in Governmental Activities.

1. <u>Government-wide Financial Statements</u>

The Government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of activities for the primary government and for the County's discretely presented component units.

Government-wide financial statements do not include the activities reported in the Fiduciary Funds or fiduciary component units. This Government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the County as an entity and the change in the County's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

In the Government-wide Statement of Net Assets, the Governmental Activities are presented on a consolidated basis in one column, and are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The County's net assets are reported in three parts - invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets. The County first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost for each of the County's functions or programs. Gross expenses are direct expenses, including depreciation, that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. These expenses are offset by program revenues - charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants, and contributions that are restricted to meeting the prepared or capital requirements of a particular program. Depreciation on assets that are shared by essentially all of the County's programs has been reported in general governmental support. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. The net cost represents the extent to which each function or program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

The County does not allocate indirect costs. Indirect costs are reported in the function entitled "general governmental support."

2. <u>Governmental Fund Financial Statements</u>

The financial transactions of the County are reported in individual funds in the Government Fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. The County records its transactions in the fund types described below:

Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of expendable financial resources, and the related liabilities are accounted for through Governmental Funds. The measurement focus of the Governmental Funds is based upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position. The following are the County's Governmental Funds:

Major Fund:

<u>General Fund</u> - Principal operating fund which includes all operations not required to be recorded in other funds.

Non-Major Funds:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - Accounts for proceeds of specific revenue sources legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The following Special Revenue Funds are utilized:

<u>Road Machinery Fund</u> - Accounts for purchase, repair, maintenance, and storage of highway machinery, tools, and equipment pursuant to Section 133 of Highway Law.

<u>Refuse and Garbage Fund</u> - Accounts for expense of operation and program income of the solid waste and recycling facility.

<u>Special Grant Fund</u> - Accounts for funds received under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

<u>County Road Fund</u> - Accounts for expenditures for highway purposes authorized by Section 114 of the Highway Law.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - Accounts for and reports financial resources to be used for acquisition, construction, or renovation of major capital facilities or equipment.

<u>Debt Service Fund (TTASC)</u> - Accounts for accumulation of resources from tobacco settlement payments and payment of principal and interest on Tobacco Settlement Pass through Bonds.

Proprietary Funds

Account for ongoing organizations or activities, which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The measurement focus is upon determination of net income, financial position, and changes in financial position. The following Proprietary Fund is utilized:

<u>Internal Service Fund</u> - Accounts for accumulation of resources for payment of unemployment insurance as authorized by Section 6M of the General Municipal Law and to account for the accumulation of resources for payment of compensation, assessments, and other obligations under Workers' Compensation Law, Article 5, and accumulation of resources for payment of self-insured risks as authorized by Section 6N of the General Municipal Law.

Fiduciary Funds

Account for assets held by the local government in a trustee or custodial capacity which are not available to support the County's programs. The following are the County's Fiduciary Funds:

<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u> - Trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or other governments.

<u>Agency Funds</u> - Account for money and/or property received and held in the capacity of trustee, custodian or agent. Agency Funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results for operations. The most significant of the County's Agency Funds are mortgage tax and social service trust funds.

C. Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting refers to <u>when</u> revenues and expenditures/expenses and the related assets and liabilities are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of measurement focus. Measurement focus is the determination of <u>what</u> is measured, i.e. expenditures or expenses.

1. Accrual Basis

The Government-wide financial statements and the Proprietary and Fiduciary Fund financial statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly all of the County's assets and liabilities, including capital assets, as well as infrastructure assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual Basis

Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Material revenues that are accrued include real property taxes, State and Federal aid, sales tax, and certain user charges.

The County considers property tax receivables collected within 60 days after year-end to be available and recognizes them as revenues of the current year. All other revenues deemed collectible within 60 days after year end are recognized as revenues in the current year. If expenditures are the prime factor for determining eligibility, revenues from Federal and State grants are accrued when the expenditure is made. Expenditures are recorded when incurred. The cost of capital assets is recognized as an expenditure when received. Exceptions to this general rule are that 1) principal and interest on indebtedness are not recognized as an expenditure until due, and 2) compensated absences, such as vacation and sick leave, which vests or accumulates, are charged as an expenditure when paid.

D. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates made by the County in the determination of recorded assets and liabilities include, but are not limited to, allowances for uncollectible property taxes and reserves for self-insurance claim liabilities.

E. Equity Classifications

1. <u>Government-wide Financial Statements</u>

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

<u>Invested in capital assets, net of related debt</u> - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

<u>Restricted net assets</u> - Consists of net assets with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted net assets</u> - Consists of all other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

2. Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Governmental Fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated. Proprietary Fund equity is classified the same as in the Government-wide financial statements. The following reserve funds are used by the County. Any capital gains or interest earned on reserve fund resources becomes part of the respective reserve fund. While a separate bank account is not necessary for each reserve fund, a separate identity for each reserve fund must be maintained.

<u>Reserve for Encumbrances</u> - Represents amount of outstanding encumbrances at the end of the fiscal year and is utilized by any of the Governmental Funds, as needed.

<u>Miscellaneous Reserve</u> - Used for various purposes; aggregated and reported in the General Fund. See Note 2. A. 3.

<u>Reserve for Debt</u> - Used for payment of the County's bonded indebtedness and reported in the Debt Service Funds.

F. Property Taxes

County real property taxes are levied annually no later than December 31 and become a tax lien on January 1. Taxes are collected in towns from January 1 to a date not later than June 1 when settlement is made with the County Treasurer, who makes collections thereafter. The towns' share of tax levies, which is guaranteed by the County, is paid to town supervisors out of the first monies received.

The County guarantees the real property tax levies of the villages and school districts located within the County. At December 31, 2010, the County reflected liabilities to the school districts of \$2,782,868 and the villages of \$385,633 for amounts of real property taxes the County had assumed responsibility for collecting, respectively. Such amounts were paid to the villages and school districts in 2011 and are included in due to other governments in the General Fund as of December 31, 2010.

All unpaid taxes of the current year are advertised and collected under the provisions of Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law. Properties to which title is taken under this section of the Real Property Tax Law are sold through advertising for bids at public auction.

At December 31, 2010, total real property tax receivable was \$6,154,952 (before deduction of an allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$772,042. The portion of the receivable representing current year returned village and school taxes was \$3,182,709. The remaining portion of the tax receivable is offset by deferred tax revenues of \$1,726,978, which represents an estimate of the tax liens, and will not be collected within the first sixty (60) days of the subsequent year.

G. Sales Tax

The County imposes a 4% sales tax in the County and in accordance with Section 14 of the tax law, shares one-third of the 4% sales tax collections with the towns and villages.

Effective March 1, 1994 the County increased its sales tax by 1/2% to 3-1/2%. The 1/2% increase in sales tax rate is not shared with the towns and villages and proceeds are restricted to a capital reserve fund to be used only to finance capital improvement projects. The Non-Major Governmental Funds' non-property tax item amounting to \$1,083,687 is sales tax designated for capital projects. At December 31, 2010 this amount included an accrual of \$230,641, which is included in State and Federal receivables in the General Fund, for sales that occurred in the State of New York in 2010 and had not been received by the County at December 31, 2010.

Effective December 1, 2003 the County increased its sales tax by 1/2% to 4%. The 1/2% increase in sales tax rate is not shared with the towns and villages and proceeds are considered as discretionary to offset rising any State mandates to counties.

The General Fund's primary non-property tax item is sales tax, which amounted to \$16,473,976. At December 31, 2010 this amount included an accrual of \$1,851,401, which is included in State and Federal receivables, for sales that occurred in the State of New York in 2010 and had not been received by the County at December 31, 2010. Of the \$16,473,976 recognized as revenue, \$4,297,927 was distributed to local municipalities within the County.

H. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement purposes, the County considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less as cash equivalents.

I. <u>Receivables</u>

Receivables are stated net of estimated allowances for uncollectible amounts. Amounts due from State and Federal governments represent amounts owed to the County to reimburse it for expenditures incurred pursuant to State and Federally funded programs.

J. <u>Revenues</u>

Substantially all Governmental Fund revenues are accrued. Property tax receivables expected to be received later than 60 days after year end are deferred. In applying GASB Statement Number 33 to grant revenues, the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient. Subsidies and grants to Proprietary Funds that finance either capital or current operations are reported as nonoperating revenue, based on GASB 33.

Operating revenues of Internal Service Funds consist of user fees. Operating expenses of Internal Service funds consist of salaries, wages and benefits and contractual services. Transactions related to capital and financing activities, non-capital financing activities, investing activities and Interfund transfers from other funds are components of non-operating income. Subsidies and grants to Proprietary Funds which finance either capital or current operations are reported as nonoperating revenue based on GASB Statement Number 33.

K. Property, Plant, and Equipment

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Governmental capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of over \$3,000 and having a useful life of greater than two years are capitalized at cost in the Statement of Net Assets. Contributed fixed assets are recorded at fair market value at the date received. The estimated useful lives for governmental capital assets are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	50 years
Machinery and equipment	2 - 25 years
Infrastructure	12 - 40 years

L. Vacation and Sick Leave and Compensatory Absences

Under terms of personnel policies and union contracts, County employees, other than elected officials, are granted personal, vacation, and sick leave credits and may accumulate these credits as follows:

Employees are granted between three and four days personal leave each year depending on contracts, coverage and hiring date. At December 31 of each year, all unused personal leave is forfeited. Employees are not reimbursed for unused personal leave credits upon termination.

Employees are granted sick leave credits of one day per month, and may accumulate up to 216 days of sick leaves credits, depending on contract coverage. Sick leave must be used prior to leaving County employment or for postretirement benefit premiums as described in Note 2.B.1.

Employees are granted vacation leave credits of ten to twenty days per year depending on their contract and years of service. Up to two weeks of such leave can be carried over to the following year unless unusual circumstances exist and more time is requested and approved. Upon resignation or retirement, employees are paid for all unused vacation leave. The liability for vacation leave totaling \$833,921 is reported as an accrued liability in the Governmental Activities, as such amounts were not due and payable at December 31, 2010.

M. Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as either loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate, and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements take place when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between Governmental Funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the Government-wide financial statements.

Note 2 - Detail Notes

A. Assets

1. Cash and Investments

The County's investment policies are governed by State statutes. In addition, the County has its own written investment policy, the overall objective of which is to adequately safeguard the principal amount of funds invested or deposited; conform with Federal, State, and other legal requirements; provide sufficient liquidity of invested funds in order to meet obligations as they become due; and attain a market rate of return. Oversight of investment activity is the responsibility of the County Treasurer.

Total financial institution (bank) balances at December 31, 2010, per the bank, were \$31,520,193, with a carrying value of \$30,665,079 for the primary government and \$63,753 for the TTASC, and were either insured or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the County's name. Included in cash and cash equivalents are deposits in municipal money market savings accounts in the amount of \$18,128,295. The TTASC also had liquidity reserves; recorded as restricted cash, in the amount \$775,975, and held by the TASC trustee.

a. Interest Rate Risk

The County's investment policy does not have a formal policy limiting investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

b. Credit Risk

New York State General Municipal Law and the County's Investment and Deposit Policy authorize the County to purchase the following types of investments:

- Obligations of the United States of America
- Obligations guaranteed by the United States of America where payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America
- Obligations of the State of New York
- Special time deposits accounts
- Certificates of Deposit
- Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies, and industrial development agencies where the general State statues governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments
- Obligations issued pursuant to New York State Local Finance Law Section 4.00 and 25.00 (with approval of the New York State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district, or district corporation other than the County
- Repurchase agreements authorized subject to the following restrictions: All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a master repurchase agreement. Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers. Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America. No substitutions will be allowed and the custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

c. Custodial Credit Risk

For deposits, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution, the County may not recover its deposits. In accordance with New York State General Municipal Law and the County's Investment and Deposit Policy, all deposits of the County, including certificates of deposits and special time deposits in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured by a pledge of securities with an aggregate value equal the aggregate amount of deposits. The County restricts the securities to the following eligible items:

- Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest by the United States of America, an agency thereof or a United States government sponsored corporation;
- Obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America;
- Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the State of New York;
- Obligations issued by municipal corporations, school districts, or district corporations of New York State or obligations of any public benefit corporation which under specific State statute may be accepted as security for deposit of public monies;
- Obligations issued by states (other than the State of New York) of the United States rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least one Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization; obligations of counties, cities, and other governmental entities of a state other than the State of New York having the power to levy taxes that are backed by the full faith and credit of such governmental entity and rated in one of the two highest categories by at least one Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization;
- Obligations of domestic corporations rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least one Recognized Statistical Rating Organization; and
- Zero coupon obligations of the United States of America marketed as treasury strips.

d. Investments

For investments, custodial risk is the risk that a government will not be able to recover the value of an investment or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party if the counter-party to the transaction fails. The County's investment policy requires all County investments be registered or insured in the County's name and held in the custody of the bank or the bank's trust department. Pledged securities are not required to be registered or inscribed in the name of the County. In the event that the pledged securities are not registered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the County or its custodial bank.

e. Discretely Presented Component Unit - Industrial Development Agency

The Industrial Development Agency had cash with a carrying value of \$758,127. Collateral was insufficient at one of its financial institutions in the amount of \$432,145. By January 24, 2011, deposits were either insured or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the Agency's name. Cash, in the amount of \$3,770,589 was restricted for use of the Agency's Board designated and outside contractual restrictions. The Agency also had certificates of deposit of \$1,274,359, with interest rates ranging from 0.45% to 1.3079%, all of which mature in 2011.

f. <u>Discretely Presented Component Units</u> - Soil and Water Conservation District

The Soil and Water Conservation District had cash deposits with a carrying value of \$1,133,913. Total financial institution (bank) balances at December 31, 2010 were \$1,077,342, which were either insured or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the Agency's name.

2. <u>Medicaid Claims</u>

During 2005, the New York Legislature enacted major changes to the funding of the County's share of Medicaid cost. Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2005 capped Medicaid costs at 2005 levels and limited growth rates to 3.5% in 2006, 3.25% in 2007, and permanently capped growth at 3% beginning in 2008. The cap was established based on the County's local share expenditure made during the 2005 calendar base year.

This legislation fundamentally altered the Medicaid financing methodology, accounting and recording of revenue and expense and the method of budgeting for Medicaid. As a result of this legislation, the County will receive long-term benefits due to the limitation of future costs to the County, as described above.

- 3. Special and Restricted Fund Balances
 - a. <u>Miscellaneous Reserve</u>
 - i. State statutes require the County to reserve excess revenues over expenditures under the STOP DWI Program for use in the program in the following fiscal year. Excess STOP DWI funds reserved in the General Fund at December 31, 2010 totaled \$133,141.
 - ii. The County Legislature permits collection of fees from telephone companies for the installation and operation of an Emergency 911 telephone system. A designation is therefore established in order for excess revenues to be used for this specific purpose in subsequent years. The amount designated in the General Fund at December 31, 2010 was \$123,178.
 - iii. The County Legislature required the County to designate revenues from the forfeiture of criminal proceeds for the purpose of crime prevention. Unexpended criminal prevention revenue designated in the General Fund at December 31, 2010 was \$24,420.
 - iv. The County Legislature permits collection of fees for hotel/motel usage. Unexpended hotel/motel usage revenue designated in the General Fund at December 31, 2010 was \$110,978.
 - v. The County Legislature permits collection of fees from illegal handicapped parking. Unexpended handicapped parking revenue designated in the General Fund at December 31, 2010 was \$528.

- b. The County Legislature adopted a resolution to increase its sales tax by one-half of one percent for the purpose of financing capital projects. Unexpended sales tax revenue designated and/or appropriated for 2011 in the Capital Projects Fund at December 31, 2010 was \$4,266,679.
- c. The County Legislature adopted a local law to sell future rights, title, and interest in the Tobacco Settlement Revenue's (TSR) under the Master Settlement Agreement and the Consent Decree and Final Judgment of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated December 23, 1998, to the TTASC as Described in Note 1.A.1. The County by law is required to use the net proceeds of the sale to finance capital projects. As of December 31, 2010 there is \$5,359,591 designated and/or appropriated within the Capital Projects Fund for reconstruction and replacement of bridges in Tioga County.

4. State and Federal Receivables

State and Federal receivables in the General Fund are comprised primarily of claims and reimbursement of expenditures in administering various health and social service programs in accordance with New York State and Federal laws and regulations. These receivables are reported net of related advances received from the State. Cash advances received by the County under other programs are reported as other liabilities.

The County participates in a number of grant and assistance programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The County believes, based upon its review of current activity and prior experience, the amount of disallowances resulting from these audits, if any, will not be significant to the County's financial position or results of operations. Expenditures disallowed by completed audits relating to operating programs have been reflected as adjustments to revenues in the year the expenditure was determined to be unallowable, as such amounts have been immaterial in nature.

5. Tobacco Settlement and Other

In October 2000, the County sold to TTASC all of its future rights, title and interest, in the tobacco settlement revenues. As part of this sale, the County became the beneficial owner of a Residual Certificate, which represents the entitlement to receive all amounts required to be distributed after payment of debt service, operating expenses and certain other costs. The Non-Major Governmental Funds reflect \$725,835 of tobacco settlement revenues for the year ended December 31, 2010. The amount recognized in the Statement of Activities, on the accrual basis is \$688,152.

6. Other Accounts Receivable

Other accounts receivable as of December 31, 2010, are as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
Various fees and charges	
Recorded in the General Fund	\$ 187,813
Recorded in the Special Grant Fund	349
Recorded in the Capital Fund	101,238
Recorded in the Internal Service Fund	9,065
Tobacco settlement revenues recorded in the TTASC Fund	 688,151
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 986,616

7. Capital Assets

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

		Balance at 12/31/09	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 12/31/10
Governmental Activities:	-				
Non-depreciable Capital Assets:					
Land and land improvements	\$	1,355,100 \$	\$	\$	1,355,100
Construction in progress	_	649,838	308,853	(413,127)	545,564
Total Non Depreciable Capital Assets		2,004,938	308,853	(413,127)	1,900,664
Depreciable Capital Assets:					
Buildings		30,008,468	107,074		30,115,542
Machinery and equipment		10,774,927	1,476,075	(953,255)	11,297,747
Infrastructure		45,298,609	2,749,156		48,047,765
Total Depreciable Capital Assets		86,082,004	4,332,305	(953,255)	89,461,054
Total Historical Cost	-	88,086,942	4,641,158	(1,366,382)	91,361,718
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Buildings		(4,425,801)	(610,325)		(5,036,126)
Machinery and equipment		(6,635,340)	(985,449)	947,381	(6,673,408)
Infrastructure		(19,896,291)	(1,937,569)		(21,833,860)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	-	(30,957,432)	(3,533,343)	947,381	(33,543,394)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets,					
Net	\$	57,129,510 \$	1,107,815 \$	(419,001)\$	57,818,324
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Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental Activities:		
General government support	\$	538,622
Public safety		478,417
Public health		73,595
Transportation		2,340,202
Economic assistance and opportunity		83,392
Home and community services	_	19,115
Total Governmental Activities Depreciation Expense	\$_	3,533,343

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

		Balance at 12/31/09	Additions		Deletions	Balance at 12/31/10
Land and land improvements Railroad tracking and facilities	\$	692,479 \$ 1,976,669	2,737	\$		\$ 695,216 1,976,669
Machinery and equipment Total Historical Cost	-	2,283 2,671,431	2,737			 2,283 2,674,168
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	(926,645)	(56,919)	-0-	 (983,564)
Capital Assets, Net	\$_	1,744,786 \$	(54,182)\$	-0-	\$ 1,690,604

Capital asset activity for the Soil and Water Conservation District for the year ended December 31, 2010, was as follows:

		Balance at 12/31/09		Additions		Deletions	Balance at 12/31/10
Office equipment	\$	22,673	\$	1,447	\$		\$ 24,120
Program buildings and equipmen	t.	730,159		24,1653	_		 971,812
Total Historical Cost		752,832		243,100			995,932
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	(330,065)		(87,000)		-0-	 (417,065)
Capital Assets, Net	\$_	422,767	\$_	156,100	\$	-0-	\$ 578,867

B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plans

General Information

The County participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit retirement system, which provides retirement benefits. Obligations of employees and employees to contribute, and benefits to employees are governed by the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). As set forth in the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller of the State of New York (Comptroller) serves as sole trustee and administrative head of the System. The Comptroller shall adopt and may amend rules and regulations for the administration and transaction of the business of the System and for the custody and control of funds.

The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement Systems, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244.

Funding Policy

The System is noncontributory except for employees who joined the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System after July 27, 1976 and have fewer than ten years of credited service. These members contribute 3% of their salary.

Prior to October 2000, all County employees who joined after July 27, 1976 were required to contribute 3%, but the laws were modified to forgive the 3% contribution for those with ten or more years of service time. Under the authority of the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller shall certify annually the rates expressed as proportions of payroll of members which shall be used in computing the contributions required to be made by the employer to the Pension Accumulation Fund.

The County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The required contribution for the current year and two preceding years were:

Year	ERS
2010	\$ 1,997,539
2009	1,175,410
2008	1,346,956

The County's contributions made to the System were equal to 100% of the contributions required for each of the years. The System's pension relief legislation (New York State Chapter 620, Laws of 2004) was enacted to provide employers with relief in payment of their annual ERS cost. This legislation provides several options to employers, including delaying their payments from December 15 to February 6 of the ensuing year, payment of a portion of their cost over an amortized period, and the means to issue serial bonds to provide funding for the employer's liability. In addition, the employer was given the option of making full payment on December 15 at a discounted amount. The County exercised its option of making payment on December 15, 2010, equal to 100% of the contributions required for the year.

The New York State Legislature has authorized local governments to make available retirement incentive programs. The County participates in early retirement programs when they are offered and has elected to pay the related cost over a five year amortization period, which includes interest at rates ranging from 8% to 8.5%. There is no remaining liability for these incentive programs at December 31, 2010.

2. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions

In addition to the pension benefits described above, the County provides postretirement health care benefits to all employees who retire from the County in accordance with Article 2, Section 75-g, Article 14, and Article 15 of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law. During 2010, 182 retirees participated in this program. When a retiree who was hired on or before 1991 elects such coverage, the individual payment is \$5.00 per month and the family payment is \$7.50 per month. For retirees hired after 1991, the cost is 50% of the monthly premium. Additionally, when an employee retires with accumulated sick leave, the dollar equivalent of the retiree's accumulated sick leave is credited to the retiree and used to fund their share of the premium cost of the health insurance program available to the retiree group. Certain premium savings are realized for employees eligible for Medicare coverage (i.e., over age 65). The entire amount of any savings realized is deducted from the employees' contribution. During 2010, the expected cost of this program was \$2,300,192.

In 2008, the County adopted Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 45 "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions." In the past, the County reported the cost of its retiree health care postretirement benefits on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. An actuarial valuation of the County Postretirement Health Care Plans (The Plan) was performed as of January 1, 2009 for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2010 and 2009.

The Plan is a single-employer, defined benefit healthcare plan administered by the County. The Plan provides two self-insured options to eligible retirees and dependents. The County also offers an optional Medicare PPO plan to Medicare eligible retirees. Benefit provisions are established through negotiations between the County and bargaining units and are renegotiated each three-year period. The County assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the County Legislature for non-bargaining unit employees. The Plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report.

The contribution requirements of Plan members and the County are established and may be amended by the County Legislature. The County Legislature has negotiated several collective bargaining agreements, which include obligations of Plan members and the County. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the actuarial valuation used an expected County contribution to the Plan of \$2,300,192. Plan members receiving benefits may be required to contribute to the Plan depending on their hire date and collective bargaining unit.

The County's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and accumulate sufficient total accruals for all postretirement benefits when due.

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

Normal cost Interest on net OPEB obligation Adjustment to annual required contribution Annual OPEB Cost (Expense) Contributions made (expected) Increase in Net OPEB Obligation	\$ 8,106,053 440,075 (611,769) 7,934,359 (2,300,192) 5,634,167
Net OPEB Obligation - January 1, 2010	 10,915,143
Net OPEB Obligation - December 31, 2010	\$ 16,549,310

The County's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the Plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2010 is as follows:

					Percentage of		
	Fiscal		Annual		Annual OPEB		Net OPEB
_	Year Ended	_	OPEB Cost		Cost Contributed		Obligation
_	12/31/10	\$	7,934,359		29.0%	\$	16,549,310
	12/31/09	\$	7,565,369		25.6%	\$	10,915,143
	12/31/08	\$	7,362,183		27.0%	\$	5,375,677

As of December 31, 2010, the Plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$83,868,078; there are no assets legally segregated for the Plan. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the Plan) was \$17,340,899 and the ratio of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) to the covered payroll was 484%.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing Plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and healthcare cost trends. Amounts determined regarding funded status of the Plan and 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.

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 to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the January 1, 2009, Actuarial Valuation Report, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included an annual healthcare cost trend rate of 10 percent initially reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of 5 percent after ten years. The rate included a 4 percent inflation assumption.

3. Long-term Debt

At December 31, 2010, the total outstanding indebtedness of the County aggregated to \$27,308,043. Of this amount, \$11,930,000 is subject to the statutory debt limit debt limit, and represents approximately 7.2% of the County's debt limit.

a. Serial Bonds

Public improvement serial bonds, refunded in 2001, were utilized to finance the construction of a new public safety facility. The Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through bonds were utilized, as discussed in Note 2.A.1, to finance the purchase of the County's future right, title and interest in the Tobacco Settlement Revenues.

In 2005, TTASC advanced refunded its 2000 series debt and secured additional Tobacco Settlement Revenues by issuing \$15 million in bonds. The proceeds are expected to finance the construction of bridge repairs within the County over the next few years.

The following is a summary of serial bond indebtedness as of December 31, 2010:

Serial Bonds:	Interest	Maturity	Amount
Issued by TTASC: Series 2005 Add accreted interest on	4.25-5.00%	12/31/2040	\$ 14,362,915
capital appreciation bonds Carrying value of TTASC bonds Issued by the County:			<u>1,015,128</u> 15,378,043
Refunding issues - 2001 Public Improvement - 2010	3.00-5.00% 3.360-9.069%	03/15/2014 03/27/2030	2,930,000 9,000,000
Total Serial Bonds			\$ 27,308,043

The TTASC Series 2005 bonds are comprised of tax exempt turbo bonds in the amount of \$12,030,000 and \$2,332,915 of tax exempt turbo capital appreciation bonds. Accreted interest in the amount of \$1,015,128 has been accrued on the capital appreciation bonds, for a total carrying value of \$3,348,043 as of December 31, 2010.

4. Other Long-term Debt

In addition to the above long-term debt, the County had the following non-current liabilities:

- 1) Compensated Absences: Represents the value of earned and unused portion of the liability for compensated absences and is liquidated in various funds.
- 2) Self Insurance Liabilities: As further explained in Note 3, the County is self-insured. Liabilities are established for workers' compensation and general claims in accordance with GASB Statement Number 10, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues." This liability is liquidated in the Internal Service Funds.
- 3) Other Postemployment Benefits: Represents the County's liability for retiree health insurance.

5. Indebtedness and Certain Long-term Obligations

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the period ended December 31, 2010:

Long-term Liabilities:	Balance at 12/31/09	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 12/31/10	Amount Due within One Year
Governmental Activities: Bonds Payable Accreted Interest Carrying value of bonds	\$ 18,112,915 	230,011	6 (820,000) (820,000)	1,015,128	\$ 1,100,000 1,100,000
Other Long-term Liabilities: Compensated absences Other postemployment benefits	780,739 10,915,143	,		833,921 16,549,310	833,921
Self insurance liabilities	4,450,000			4,450,000	
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$ <u>35,043,914</u>	\$ <u>14,917,360</u> \$	<u>(820,000)</u>	\$ <u>49,141,274</u>	\$ <u>1,933,921</u>

Additions and deletions to compensated absences, other postemployment benefits, and claims and judgments are shown net, as it is impractical to determine these amounts separately.

The annual requirements to amortize the debt on outstanding bonds as of December 31, 2010 are as follows:

Year	_	County							
					Interest				
	_	Principal	_	Interest	Subsidy		Total		
2011	\$	745,000	\$	587,775 \$	(142,912)	\$	444,863		
2012		1,050,000		635,012	(168,683)		446,329		
2013		1,055,000		590,206	(168,683)		421,523		
2014		1,055,000		544,824	(168,683)		376,141		
2015		355,000		512,274	(168,683)		343,591		
2016-2020		2,040,000		2,262,271	(810,307)		1,451,964		
2021-2025		2,500,000		1,587,542	(590,296)		997,246		
2026-2030	_	3,130,000	_	601,564	(239,885)		361,679		
Totals	\$_	11,930,000	\$_	7,321,468 \$	(2,458,132)	\$	4,863,336		

Year		TTASC							
	Principal	Inte	erest	То	otal				
2011	\$ 355,000) \$ 5	60,378	\$ 9	15,378				
2012	375,000) 5	44,806	9	19,806				
2013	400,000) 5	27,363	9	27,363				
2014	430,000) 5	07,675	9	37,675				
2015	460,000) 4	86,537	9	46,537				
2016-2020	3,220,000) 2,0	14,681	5,2	34,681				
2021-2025	4,735,000) 1,0	07,375	5,7	42,375				
2026-2030	3,178,698	3 3,9	86,486	7,1	65,184				
2031-2035	747,488	3 5,4	43,847	6,1	91,335				
2036-2040	461,729	9 4,9	99,620	5,4	<u>61,349</u>				
Totals	\$ <u>14,362,91</u>	5 \$ <u>20,0</u>	78,768	\$ <u>34,4</u>	41,683				

Interest expense on bonds for the year ending December 31, 2010 is as follows:

	-	County	TTASC		-	Total
Interest paid Accrued interest Amortization of bond	\$	144,600	\$	590,814 230,011	\$	735,414 230,011
issue costs				49,129		49,129
Less: Prior year						
accrued interest Plus: Current year		(84,779)				(84,779)
accrued interest		169,385				169,385
Interest Expense	\$	229,206	\$	869,954	\$	1,099,160

6. Letter of Credit

The County has an irrevocable standby Letter of Credit with Tioga State Bank for \$1,136,520. The County uses the letter of credit as part of its guarantee to Blue Cross-Blue Shield under the Tioga County Consolidated Municipal Health Insurance Program. Interest on advances is variable, not less than 4% or greater than 10% (except for any default rate). There have been no advances under the letter of credit as of December 31, 2010.

7. Discretely Presented Component Unit - Industrial Development Agency

The Industrial Development Agency has bonds outstanding, which were issued on September 12, 2002, as taxable variable rate demand industrial development bonds. Face value of the bonds was \$7,005,000. The bonds were sold at a discount of \$101,573. The average life of the bonds is 5.85 years, with a maturity date of September 2012. The interest rate on the bonds is blended, and calculated daily. As of December 31, 2010, the rate was 0.30%. At December 31, 2010, the face value of the bonds was \$1,695,000 with a remaining discount of \$16,929. The principal of the bonds is scheduled to be repaid as follows:

Year		Amount
2011	\$	825,000
2012		870,000
	_	
Total	\$	1,695,000

The costs of issuing the bonds and the bond discount have been capitalized and are included on the balance sheet as bond issuance costs. The amortization of the costs, using the straight-line method is:

	Amount
Bond issuance costs	\$ 541,588
Less amortization	 (451,313)
Total	\$ 90,275

In addition to issuing bond obligations for the benefit of commercial enterprises, the IDA has various outstanding loans payable to the County, UDC and USDA. Interest rates range from 1% to 3% with maturities between 2011 and 2039. Repayment of these loans is estimated as follows:

Year	 Amount
2011	\$ 46,755
2012	54,844
2013	55,771
2014	56,720
2015	57,690
Thereafter	 837,925
Total	\$ 1,109,705

C. Interfund Receivables/Payables and Transfers

During the course of normal operations, the County has numerous transactions between funds including expenditures and transfers of resources primarily to provide services.

The Governmental Funds financial statements generally reflect such transactions as transfers whereas the Proprietary Funds record such transactions as non-operating revenues or expenses. Interfund receivables/payables and transfers at December 31, 2010 were as follows:

		Interfund	Interfund	Interfu	nd		Interfund
	F	Receivables	Payables	Reven	ue	_	Expense
General Fund	\$	2,150,239	\$ 304,023	\$1,655,0	000	\$	2,677,637
Non-Major Funds		254,246	1,092,205	2,677,6	637		1,655,000
Total Governmental Funds		2,404,485	1,396,228	4,332,6	637		4,332,637
Internal Service Funds	_	49,776	1,058,033			_	
Total	\$	2,454,261	\$ 2,454,261	\$ <u>4,332,6</u>	637	\$_	4,332,637

All transfers were planned and budgeted as part of normal activities. The General Fund transfers out were to provide property tax revenues collected by the General Fund.

Note 3 - Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and third parties; and natural disasters. The County utilizes three risk management funds (internal service funds) to account for and finance the County's insured and uninsured risks of loss.

The Liability Insurance Fund provides self insurance coverage up to \$25,000 for property-related claims and up to \$50,000 for third-party liabilities. All County departments participate in the program with payments from participants based upon the participant's relative budget. The County purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of the self insurance coverage. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The County utilizes a third party administrator to process claims and estimate liabilities under this coverage.

The Self Insurance Fund provides self insurance coverage for all workers' compensation claims for employees of each participating municipality. The County and certain municipalities within the County participate in the program and make payments to the self insurance fund based upon three factors: the total property tax assessed value, the total payroll, and the prior years' claims for each participant. The County is completely self insured with regard to workers' compensation claims and is the administrator for this fund. The net deficit of this fund was \$(785,788) at December 31, 2010 as the County has not fully funded incurred but not reported claims.

The consolidated Health Insurance Fund provides self insurance coverage up to an annual ceiling for health and dental claims for employees of each participating municipality. The County and certain municipalities within the County participate in the program and make payments to the consolidated health insurance fund. Payments from participants are determined based upon the number of contracts each participating municipality utilized in the preceding year. The County purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of self insurance coverage provided by the fund. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The County utilizes a third party administrator who is responsible for processing claims and estimating liabilities under this coverage.

The estimated accrued claims of \$5,449,454 reported in the Internal Service Funds at December 31, 2010 are based upon the requirements of GASB Statement Number 10, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Issues," which requires a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates it is probable a liability has been incurred at the date of the basic financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. All liabilities are recorded at their estimated fair values as of December 31, 2010 including discounted long-life workers' compensation awards within the Workers' Compensation Fund. Changes in the funds' liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2010 were:

	_	Liability Beginning of Year		Claims and Changes in Estimates	_	Claim Payments		Liability End of Year
Workers' compensation Property and health claims	\$	5,100,000 1,936,261	\$	1,028,101 6,818,175	\$	1,028,101 8,404,982	\$	5,100,000 349,454
Total All Funds	\$	7,036,261	\$_	7,846,276	\$_	9,433,083	\$_	5,449,454

Note 4 - Transactions with Discretely Presented Component Units

Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District

The County provides support to the District through annual appropriations. In 2010, the County provided \$189,235 to the District. In addition, the District office is on land owned by the County. A lease agreement has been put into place outlining the term and how the land may be used. The District is obligated to pay any and all expenses relative to the property as rent. Tioga County has the right to request a security deposit, but has not made that request. Time period of the lease is ten years, with the option to renew for four additional ten year periods.

Note 5 - Impact of Future Standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

The County is in the process of assessing the future effects of the following GASB Statement:

GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

This Statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. The initial distinction that is made in reporting fund balance information is identifying amounts that are considered *nonspendable*, such as fund balance associated with inventories. This Statement also provides for additional classification as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned based on the relative strength of the constraints that control how specific amounts can be spent. Governments also are required to classify and report amounts in the appropriate fund balance classifications by applying their accounting policies that determine whether restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts are considered to have been spent. Disclosure of the policies in the notes to the financial statements is required.

The definitions of the general fund, special revenue fund type, capital projects fund type, debt service fund type, and permanent fund type are clarified by the provisions in this Statement. Interpretations of certain terms within the definition of the special revenue fund type have been provided and, for some governments, those interpretations may affect the activities they choose to report in those funds. The requirements of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2010.

Note 6 - Subsequent Events

In September, 2011, the County, along with the rest of the Southern Tier of New York State, suffered vast damage due to flooding. As of September 12, 2011, an estimate of the damage has not been assessed. As the area has been declared a federal disaster area, it is believed that FEMA funds will be available to offset much of the associated costs.

COUNTY OF TIOGA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (NON-GAAP) GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Encumbrances	Variance Favorable- (Unfavorable)
REVENUES	Dudget	Dudget	Actual	Encambrances	(Onlavorable)
Real property taxes	\$ 19,833,317 \$	19.833.317	\$ 19,932,661	\$\$	99,344
Real property tax items	1,819,252	1,819,252	2,547,004	· * *	727,752
Nonproperty tax items	14,160,000	15,034,600	16,858,161		1,823,561
Departmental income	8,689,172	8,861,503	8,221,866		(639,637)
Intergovernmental charges	400,000	400,000	704,385		304,385
Use of money and property	137,941	137,941	102,965		(34,976)
Licenses and permits	1,800	1,800	2,925		1,125
Fines and forfeitures	110,000	110,000	117,600		7,600
Sale of property and compensation for loss	140,000	140,000	140,282		282
Miscellaneous local sources	278,500	278,500	294,681		16,181
Interfund revenues	15,275	15,275	14,423		(852)
State sources	10,177,665	10,361,922	9,137,655		(1,224,267)
Federal sources	6,232,834	6,380,304	9,043,633		2,663,329
Total Revenues	61,995,756	63,374,414	67,118,241	-0-	3,743,827
EXPENDITURES Current:					
General governmental support	10,419,882	10,501,238	9,471,874	56,655	972,709
Education	4,320,000	4,717,836	4,494,316	79,207	144,313
Public safety	7,904,007	7,786,447	6,868,533	59,227	858,687
Health	8,083,090	8,396,191	7,092,383	348,278	955,530
Transportation	850,000	1,150,909	1,072,579		78,330
Economic assistance and opportunity	19,865,462	20,114,619	19,879,247	4,095	231,277
Culture and recreation	350,650	377,547	229,476		148,071
Home and community services	653,528	610,795	605,536		5,259
Employee benefits	10,741,400	10,407,500	10,089,514		317,986
Debt service (principal and interest)		874,600	874,600		-0-
Total Expenditures	63,188,019	64,937,682	60,678,058	547,462	3,712,162
Excess of (Expenditures) Revenues	(1,192,263)	(1,563,268)	6,440,183	(547,462)	7,455,989
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Interfund transfers in		1,655,000	1,655,000		-0-
Interfund transfers (out)	(2,607,737)	(2,677,637)	(2,677,637)		-0-
Total Other Financing (Uses)	(2,607,737)	(1,022,637)	(1,022,637)	-0-	-0-
Excess of (Expenditures) Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,800,000)	(2,585,905)	5,417,546	\$(547,462) \$	7,455,989
Appropriated Fund Balance	3,800,000	2,585,905			
Net Increase	\$\$	-0-	5,417,546	-	
Fund Balance, Beginning			10,622,526		
Fund Balance, Ending			\$16,040,072	:	

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COUNTY OF TIOGA SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Year Ended	Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age	Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2010	1/1/2009 \$	-0-\$	83,868,078 \$	83,868,078	0% \$	17,340,899	484%
2009	1/1/2009	-0-	79,576,846	79,576,846	0%	17,393,164	458%
2008	1/1/2008	-0-	76,792,324	76,792,324	0%	16,949,966	453%

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

Note 1 - Budget Policies

No later than November 15, the budget officer submits a tentative for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1 to the County Legislature. The tentative budget includes proposed expenditures and the proposed means of financing for the General and Special Revenue Funds.

After public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments, no later than December 20, the County Legislature adopts the budget.

Budget modifications are authorized by resolution of the County Legislature. Unencumbered budgetary appropriations lapse at the close of each year.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Special Revenue Funds. Budgets for these funds are adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), except as explained in Note 2.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve under that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in the Governmental Funds. Open encumbrances at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances, as the commitments do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

Note 2 - Reconciliation of the Budget Basis to GAAP

No adjustment is necessary to convert the General Fund excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses on the GAAP basis to the budget basis. Encumbrances are presented in a separate column and are not included in the actual results at December 31, 2010.

Note 3 - Schedule of Funding Progress

The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of Plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

COUNTY OF TIOGA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS <u>DECEMBER 31, 2010</u>

	_	Special Revenue Funds						
ASSETS	_	Special Grant Fund	I 	Refuse and Garbage Fund	County Road Fund		Road Machinery Fund	
Assets:	\$	609,862	¢	575 029 ¢	896,043	¢	254 296	
Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted - Restricted	φ		· Ψ_	575,928 \$	890,043	φ	354,286	
Due from other funds	_	6,766		2,177		-	29,006	
Due from state and federal governments	_	79,393						
Other receivables, net	_	349						
Loans receivable	-	179,634				-		
Total Assets	\$_	876,004	\$	578,105 \$	896,043	\$	383,292	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	\$	14,544	\$_	71,394 \$		\$	44,914	
Accrued liabilities	_	4,576		5,318	36,296	-	9,936	
Due to other funds	_	246,329		126,129	281,786	-	61,861	
Other liabilities	_							
Deferred revenues	_							
Total Liabilities	-	265,449		202,841	460,407	-	116,711	
Fund Balances:								
Fund Balances - Reserved for:								
Encumbrances		7,415		15,388	21,000		15,123	
Miscellaneous				38,364				
Debt	_		_					
Total Reserved	_	7,415		53,752	21,000	•	15,123	
Fund Balances - Unreserved								
Appropriated, Reported in:								
Capital Projects Funds	_							
Fund Balances - Unreserved, Reported in:								
Special Revenue Funds		603,140		321,512	414,636		251,458	
Capital Projects Funds	-	000,140		521,012	111,000	-	201,400	
Total Fund Balances	-	610,555		375,264	435,636	-	266,581	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	876,004	\$	578,105 \$	896,043	\$	383,292	
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					Total
	Capital				Non-Major
	Projects				Governmental
	Funds		TTASC		Funds
				-	
\$	1,187,722	\$	63,753	\$	3,687,594
	9,057,823		775,975		9,833,798
	216,297				254,246
	2,588,585				2,667,978
	101,238		688,151		789,738
		_			179,634
\$	13,151,665	\$	1,527,879	\$	17,412,988
1	-, - ,	-	,- ,		, ,
\$	290,864	\$		\$	564,041
					56,126
	376,100				1,092,205
	32,700				32,700
			688,151		688,151
	000.001		600 151		2 422 222
	699,664		688,151		2,433,223

615,276		674,202
		38,364
	775,969	775,969
615,276	775,969	1,488,535

-	9,626,270	-		 9,626,270
_		_	63,759	 1,654,505
_	2,210,455	-		 2,210,455
	12,452,001		839,728	 14,979,765
\$_	13,151,665	\$	1,527,879	\$ 17,412,988

COUNTY OF TIOGA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Fund Fund Fund Real property taxes \$ \$870,274 \$	Road achinery Fund 1,079
Real property taxes \$ 870,274 \$ \$	1,079
	1,079
Nonproperty tax items	
Departmental income 504,942	
Use of money and property 6,427 1,731	
Sale of property and compensation for loss	50,616
Miscellaneous local sources 145 3,175	
Tobacco settlement	
State sources 171,390	
Federal sources 378,902	
Total Revenues 556,719 1,377,092 3,175	51,695
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General governmental support	
Transportation 1,213,056	513,058
Economic assistance and opportunity 322,874	
Home and community services 303,190 1,153,193	
Employee benefits 62,507 75,825 633,913	103,275
Debt service (principal and interest)	
Capital outlay	
Total Expenditures 688,571 1,229,018 1,846,969	616,333
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures) (131,852) 148,074 (1,843,794)	(564,638)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Interfund transfers in 1,912,630	695,107
Interfund transfers (out)	
Proceeds of obligations	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) -0- -0- 1,912,630	695,107
Excess of Revenues (Expenditures)	
and Other Financing Sources (Uses) (131,852) 148,074 68,836	130,469
Fund Balances, Beginning 742,407 227,190 366,800	136,112
Fund Balances, Ending \$ 610,555 \$ 375,264 \$ 435,636 \$	266,581

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				Total
	Capital			Non-Major
	Projects			Governmental
	Funds		TTASC	Funds
-		-		
\$		\$		\$ 871,353
-	1,083,687			1,083,687
-		-		504,942
-	76,065		1,051	85,274
				50,616
	101,238	_		104,558
			725,835	725,835
	976,769			1,148,159
	1,813,283	_		2,192,185
	4,051,042		726,886	6,766,609
-			160,564	160,564
-		-		1,726,114
-		-		322,874
-				1,456,383
-			000.044	875,520
-	4 0 5 0 0 0 7		680,814	680,814
-	4,352,097	-	0.4.4.070	4,352,097
-	4,352,097	-	841,378	9,574,366
-	(301,055)	· -	(114,492)	(2,807,757)
_	69,900			2,677,637
	(1,655,000)			(1,655,000)
	9,000,000			9,000,000
_	7,414,900		-0-	10,022,637
-	7,113,845	-	(114,492)	7,214,880
-	5,338,156	· -	954,220	7,764,885
\$	12,452,001	\$	839,728	\$ 14,979,765

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN <u>ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS</u>

The Chairman and Members of the County Legislature County of Tioga Owego, New York

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Tioga as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010. These financial statements, together with the aggregate discretely presented component units, collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated August 16, 2011, except for Note 6, as to which the date is September 14, 2011. We did not audit the financial statements of the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District or the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency. The Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation represents 1.4% and 0.9% respectively, of the assets and revenues of the Governmental Activities. The Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the County of Tioga Industrial Development Agency represent 17.6% and 82.4%, and 70.1% and 29.9%, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the component units. The financial statements of the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency were audited by other auditors whose reports, issued in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, have been furnished to us. Our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included in the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency, are based on the reports of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control 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.

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108 West Fourth Street Watkins Glen, New York 14891 607-535-4443 fax 607-535-6220 Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did identify one deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiency and one material weakness, as defined above, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as Reference Nos. 06-02 and 06-01, respectively.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

The Chairman and Members of the County Legislature County of Tioga Owego, New York

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the County of Tioga (the County) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2010. The County of Tioga's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the County of Tioga's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on County of Tioga's compliance based on our audit.

The County's basic financial statements include the operations of the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency, and the Tioga Soil and Water Conservation District whose federal awards are not included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the year ended December 31, 2010. Our audit, described below, did not include the federal awards of the above entities as these entities conducted separate audits in accordance with the OMB Circular A-133, if required.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with those requirements.

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108 West Fourth Street Watkins Glen, New York 14891 607-535-4443 fax 607-535-6220 In our opinion, the County, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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

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

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Catalog #	Pass-Through Grantor #	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Passed Through NYS Department of Family Assistance:			
Food Stamp Cluster:			
Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	(1)	\$ 777,417
Nutrition Assistance Program - ARRA	10.561		75,063
			852,480
Passed Through NYS Department of Labor:			
Child Nutrition Program:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	(1)	2,692
National School Lunch Program	10.555	(1)	4,080
			6,772
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			859,252
U.S. Department of Labor			
Passed Through State Department of Labor:			
Workforce Investment Act Cluster:			
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Program	17.258	(1)	68,806
Workforce Investment Act - Adult Program - ARRA	17.258	(1)	6,486
Workforce Investment Act - Youth Activities	17.259	(1)	57,439
Workforce Investment Act - Youth Activities - ARRA	17.259	(1)	35,088
Workforce Investment Act - Dislocated Workers	17.260	(1)	145,253
Workforce Investment Act - Dislocated Workers - ARRA	17.260	(1)	42,242
Workforce Investment Act - Disability Program Navigator	17.266	(1)	21,611
Total U.S. Department of Labor			376,925
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Passed Through State Department of Transportation:			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	D030403	1,456,821
Federal Transit Formula Grants	20.507	(1)	198,500
Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas	20.509	(1)	435,788
Passed Through NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee:			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	PT5400122	27,033
Safety Incentive Grants for the Use of Seatbelts	20.604	(1)	3,668
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			2,121,810
U.S. Department of Education			
Passed Through NYS Department of Health:			
Early Intervention Administration	84.181(A)	(1)	37,991
Passed Through NYS Department of Education:	•• .(, .)	(-)	0,00
State Fiscal Stablization Fund - Government Services - Recovery Act	84.397(A)	(1)	45,131
Total U.S. Department of Education			83,122
Subtotal Expenditures of Federal Awards			3,441,109

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

COUNTY OF TIOGA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Catalog #	Pass-Through Grantor #	E	xpenditures
Subtotal Expenditures of Federal Awards Carried Forward			\$	3,441,109
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed Through NYS Department of Family Assistance:				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	(1)		3,077,713
Centers for Disease Ctrl-West Nile Virus/Investigations & Tech Assis.	93.283			134,805
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	(1)		310,300
ARRA Child Support Enforcement	93.563	(1)		77,027
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	93.568	(1)		4,310,683
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	(1)		1,380,503
ARRA Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.713	(1)		76,588
Foster Care-Title IV-E	93.658	(1)		687,063
ARRA Foster Care-Title IV-E	93.658	(1)		18,236
Adoption Assistance	93.659	(1)		192,319
ARRA Adoption Assistance	93.659	(1)		16,907
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	(1)		315,959
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	(1)		10,902
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	(1)		818,178
Passed Through NYS Office of Mental Health:				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	(1)		130,000
Passed Through NYS Division of Alcohol				,
and Substance Abuse:				
Block Grant for the Prevention				
and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	(1)		123,448
Passed Through the NYS Office of Mental Health:		()		,
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	(1)		28,411
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				11,709,042
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Passed Through NYS Department of Emergency Management:				
State and Local Homeland Security Exercise Support	97.006	(1)		8,755
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	(1)		16,669
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				25,424
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$	15,175,575

(1) Denotes - Unable to Obtain from Pass-Through Entity

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

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all Federal awards programs administered by the County, except for such programs, if any, administered by the Tioga Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Tioga Industrial Development Agency, and the Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District. The schedule is presented on the basis of accounting for Federal programs consistent with the underlying regulations pertaining to each program. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

Note 2 - Basis of Accounting

The amounts reported as Federal expenditures generally were obtained from the appropriate Federal financial reports for the applicable program and periods, with the exception of the Social Services Block Grant which was based on the District Reimbursement Ceiling as determined by the New York State Department of Social Services. The amounts reported in the Federal financial reports are prepared from records maintained for each program. These records are periodically reconciled to the general ledger which is the source of the basic financial statements.

Note 3 - Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are included in the reported expenditures to the extent they are included in the Federal financial reports used as the source for the data presented.

Note 4 - Matching Costs

Matching costs, i.e., the County's share of certain program costs, are not included in the reported expenditures.

Note 5 - Department of Social Services - Administrative Costs

Differences between the amounts reflected in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and the Department of Social Services' Federal Financial Reports (RF-2 claims) are due to allocation of administrative costs to individual programs.

Note 6 - Pass-Through Programs

When the County receives funds from a government entity other than the Federal government (pass-through), the funds are accumulated based upon the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number advised by the pass-through grantor.

Identifying numbers, other than CFDA numbers, which may be assigned by pass-through grantors are not maintained in the County's financial management system, and accordingly, are not available for presentation in the Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards.

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

Section I -	Summary of Auditor's Results:						
	Financial Statements						
	Type of auditor's report iss	Unqualified					
	Internal control over financ						
	Material weakness(es)	√_yesno					
	Significant deficiency(ie are not considered to	$_$ yes $__$ none reported					
	Noncompliance materia noted?	yes√_ no					
	Federal Awards	Federal Awards					
	Internal control over major						
	Material weakness(es)	yes _√_no					
	Significant deficiency(ie are not considered to	yes $_$ none reported					
	Type of auditor's report iss for major programs:	Unqualified					
	Any audit findings disclose to be reported in accorda of Circular A-133?	yes√_no					
	Identification of major prog						
	CFDA Numbers:	Name of Federal Program or C	uster:				
	10.561	Supplemental Nutrition Assistar	ce Program Cluster				
	20.205	Highway Planning and Construct	tion				
	93.563 Child Support Enforcement						
	93.568	stance					
	93.575 and 93.713	Grant Cluster					
	Dollar threshold used to dis type A and type B progra	0	\$455,267				

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee: _____yes _____no

COUNTY OF TIOGA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) <u>DECEMBER 31, 2010</u>

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Reference No. 06-01

Condition:

Current accruals are not appropriately monitored by the County. Primarily, the County's self-insurance accruals are not analyzed on a periodic basis to ensure underlying accounting estimates support the required accruals.

Criteria:

Under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, accruals based on estimates should reflect management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events and the assumptions underlying estimates should be reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Cause/Effect:

The County's procedures did not effectively ensure transactions were recorded in the proper period.

Recommendation:

It was recommended the County establish internal controls to ensure all accruals and underlying accounting estimates are subject to detailed analysis supporting management judgments and appropriate independent review to ensure compliance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Current Status:

During 2007, the County implemented procedures to analyze its self-insurance accruals and adjusted the accruals as necessary. During our prior and current year audits, we noted improvement over the 2007 year audit. However, during our current year audit, adjustments to accrue additional payables and receivables were proposed to and accepted by management.

Corrective Action Plan:

Management will continue to strengthen controls over the year end closing process to ensure accounting estimates are subjected to detailed analysis to support management's judgments in establishing all accruals. Management will verify the completeness and accuracy of the data supporting the analysis and document reviews completed to ensure compliance of the financial statements with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Reference No. 06-02

Condition:

The reconciliations of the County's bank accounts at December 31, 2006 were not performed in a timely manner which resulted in an undetected material misstatement in the basic financial statements.

Criteria:

Reconciling bank accounts on a timely basis permits errors or other problems to be recognized and resolved on a timely basis. Also, it is generally simpler and less time-consuming to reconcile accounts while transactions are fresh in mind.

Cause/Effect:

Via inquiry of County personnel, it was discovered that the computer system could not provide necessary information needed to complete reconciliations until year end closing, which occurs in April.

Recommendation:

It was recommended the County establish internal controls to ensure bank reconciliations are performed in a timely manner.

COUNTY OF TIOGA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) <u>DECEMBER 31, 2010</u>

Current Status:

During the prior and current year audit, with the exception of year end bank reconciliations, the reconciliations appear to have been made in a timely manner. However, the year end bank reconciliations could not be performed until April 2009, 2010 and 2011 because the computer system could not provide the necessary information to perform the reconciliations until the year end closings could be performed in the system. No misstatement to the financial statements was noted as a result of this deficiency in the current or prior year.

Corrective Action Plan:

Management has established controls to verify all bank accounts are reconciled as soon as the system allows. The County Legislature is aware the financial software is outdated. However, funds to replace the software are not currently available and the Legislature believes the cost of purchasing new software at this time outweighs the risk associated with delaying the year end bank reconciliations until year-end closing.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs:

None