
***Report to the Board of Commissioners
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012***



December 3, 2012



AUDIT OPINION – P.1

White County’s Responsibilities

The financial statements are the responsibility of White County’s management.

Rushton & Company’s Responsibilities

As independent auditors for White County, our responsibility is to express opinions on the fair presentation of the financial statements.

Auditing Standards

We audited the County’s financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of White County, Georgia as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows for the year then ended.



Government-wide Statements – P. 14-16

These statements provide the reader with information on the County as a whole, using the full accrual basis of accounting. Columns for the governmental activities and the business-type activities.

Two statements:

- Statement of Net Assets
 - Presents the assets, liabilities, and residual net assets of the County

- Statement of Activities
 - Presents the results of operations of the County



Net Assets – Last 5 Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Invested in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt	Restricted Net Assets	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total Net Assets	Change in Net Assets
2008	\$ 25,716,619	\$ 4,214,653	\$ 3,135,450	\$ 33,066,722	\$ 840,060
2009	26,785,548	3,896,808	3,566,199	34,248,555	1,181,833
2010	27,774,494	3,647,700	4,660,825	36,083,019	1,891,009 ¹
2011	30,439,210	1,012,789	5,954,294	37,406,293	1,323,274 ²
2012	35,201,790	1,164,584	2,971,989	39,338,363	1,932,070 ³

¹ Increase in sales tax revenues = LOST increased by \$315,000 and SPLOST increased by \$530,000

² Increase in interest on long-term debt due to new bonds for the construction of the detention center

³ Increase in sales tax revenues, grants, and contributions and decrease in expenses overall



General Fund

Revenues

- Down \$565,778, 4.1%
 - Property taxes down \$489,548
 - Fines, fees and forfeitures down \$30,889

Expenditures

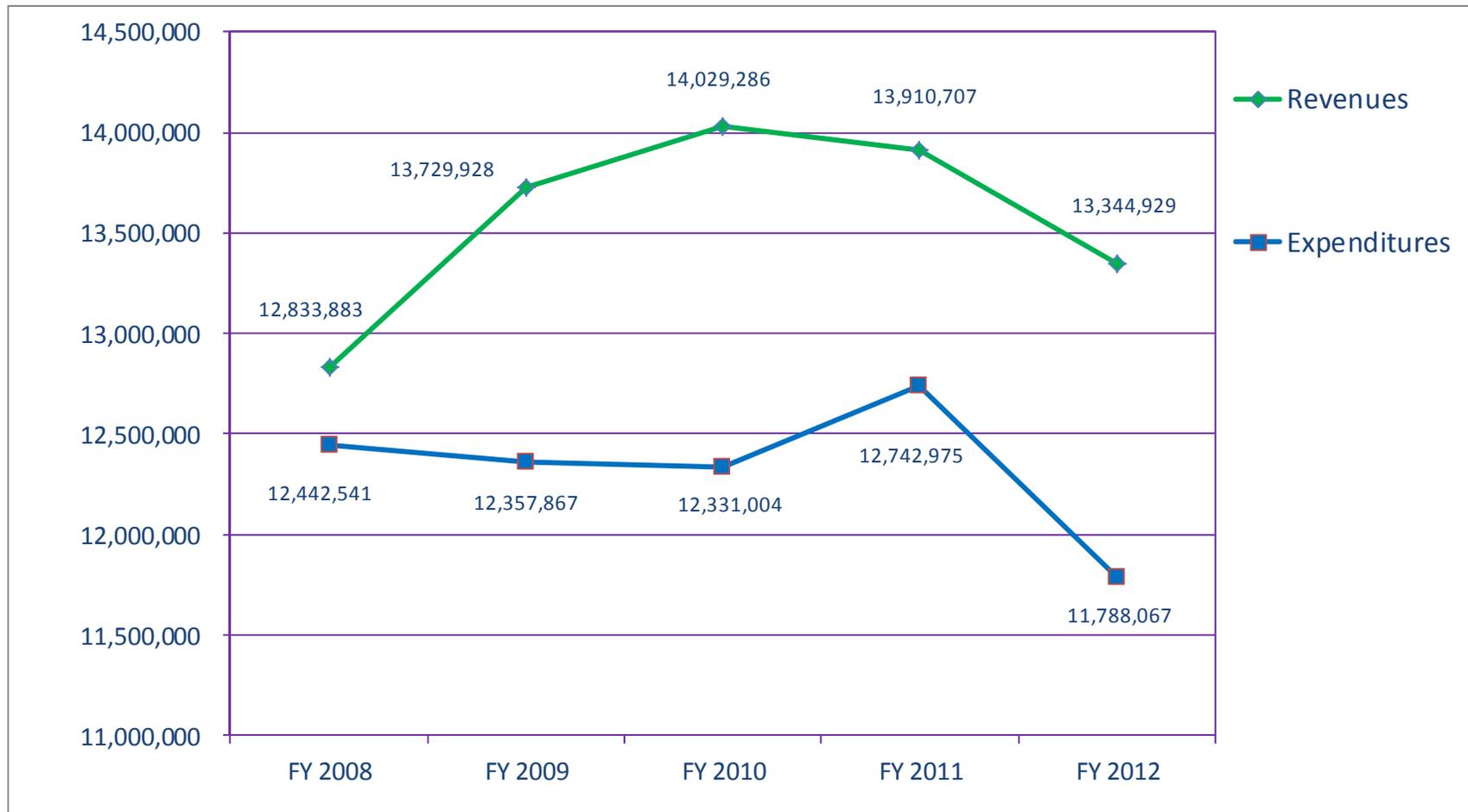
- Down \$954,908, 7.5%
 - Capital outlay for new buildings in PY:
 - Tax Commissioner down \$228,735 and Road Department down \$86,483
 - Tax Assessor down \$129,352
 - Parks & Recreation down \$110,291
 - Building Inspection down \$105,779

Unassigned Fund Balance

- FY 2012, \$5,503,832, 46.7% of expenditures (5.0 months)
- FY 2011, \$5,243,204, 41.1% of expenditures (5.0 months)



General Fund – Last 5 Fiscal Years





SPLOST Report

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- \$8,358,421 Expended



Report on Internal Control and Other Matters – P. 150

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report on our consideration of White County's internal controls and our tests of compliance.

This report describes the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, but is not intended to provide an opinion on the internal control or compliance.

2 significant deficiencies were noted in the internal controls of White County.
3 instances of material noncompliance or other matters were also noted.

This report refers to a separate letter we have issued to management containing recommendations for improvements to the County's internal controls.



Report on Compliance and Internal Controls over Major Programs – P. 152

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, we have issued our report on our consideration of White County's compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and on internal control over compliance.

This report describes the scope of our testing of compliance requirements and internal controls over major programs, and the results of that testing. We are required to express an opinion on the County's compliance with requirements; our opinion is unqualified. This report is not intended to provide an opinion on the internal control.

No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were noted in the internal controls of White County over the compliance requirements applicable to the major programs.



Required Communications

Auditor's Responsibilities

- To plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements
- To examine, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements
- To assess the accounting principals used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall financial statement presentation

We believe our audit accomplishes these objectives



Required Communications

Accounting Policies

- The significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the financial statements
- No new policies were adopted in FY 2012.

Accounting Estimates

- Estimates are an integral part of financial statement preparation by management. Most sensitive estimates:
 - Life expectancy of capital assets for depreciation
 - Allowance for doubtful accounts on accounts and property tax receivables
 - Life expectancy and costs for landfill post-closure



Required Communications

Corrected Audit Adjustments

- Audit adjustments were discussed and approved by management
- Adjustments were provided to and recorded by management

Uncorrected Audit Adjustments

- Schedule of uncorrected adjustments were provided to and approved by management
- The adjustments were evaluated and determined to be quantitatively and qualitatively immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements



Required Communications

Disagreements with Management

- We are pleased to report no disagreements with management arose during the course of our audit

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

- We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit

Management Representations

- We have requested and received written representations from management relating to the completeness and accuracy of the information included in the financial statements and other information requested by us during the audit

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

- We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters



Required Communications

Other Audit Findings or Issues

- We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.



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