

NEW ISSUE (BOOK-ENTRY)**RATING: S&P: "AA"**
See "RATING" herein

In the opinion of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel ("Bond Counsel") to the County (as hereinafter defined), under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance by the County with certain covenants described herein, interest on the Bonds (as defined herein) (i) is not includable in gross income of the holders of the Bonds for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) will not be treated as a preference item under section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. Bond Counsel is further of the opinion that, under existing laws of the State of New Jersey, interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not includable in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as amended. Bond Counsel's opinions described herein are given in reliance on representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectation made by the County in its Tax Certificate (as defined herein), assume continuing compliance by the County with certain covenants set forth in its Tax Certificate, and are based on existing statutes, regulations, administrative pronouncements and judicial decisions. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

\$8,134,000
COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026
Consisting of:
\$1,500,000 County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2026
(New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended)
and
\$6,634,000 County College Bonds, Series 2026
(County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended)

Dated: Date of Delivery
Due: July 1, as shown on the inside front cover

The \$8,134,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, consisting of (i) \$1,500,000 County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2026 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended) (the "Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds") and (ii) \$6,634,000 County College Bonds, Series 2026 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended) (the "Chapter 12 Bonds" and together with the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, the "Bonds"), are each general obligations of the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey (the "County") and pledge the full faith and credit of the County to levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable property in the County, without limitation as to rate or amount, for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon.

The Bonds will be in fully registered book-entry form and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York ("DTC"). DTC, an automated depository for securities and clearing house for securities transactions, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants.

The Bonds shall bear interest from their date of delivery, which interest shall be payable semiannually on the first day of January and July of each year, commencing January 1, 2027, until maturity or earlier redemption, as applicable, at such rates of interest as shown on the inside front cover page hereof. The Bonds will be payable as to principal upon presentation and surrender thereof at the offices of the County or a duly designated paying agent. Interest on the Bonds will be paid by check, draft or wire transfer, mailed, delivered or transmitted by the County to the registered owner thereof as of the Record Dates (as defined herein). As long as DTC is acting as securities depository for the Bonds, principal and interest will be payable by wire transfer to DTC or its nominee, which is obligated to remit such principal and interest payments to DTC Participants. DTC Participants and Indirect Participants will be responsible for remitting such payments to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. See "THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY ("DTC") INFORMATION" herein.

The Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds are authorized by and are issued pursuant to: (i) N.J.S.A. 18A:54-1 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the "Vo-Tech Law"), (ii) the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"), (iii) a bond ordinance of the County duly adopted on the date set forth herein, approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law, (iv) a resolution duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County on May 28, 2026 (the "Resolution"), and (v) a certificate to be executed by the County Executive on June 16, 2026 pertaining to the Bonds (the "County Executive Certificate"). Proceeds of the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds will be used to: (i) provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and the acquisition of related capital equipment and buses at and for the Hudson County Schools of Technology, and (ii) pay for the costs of issuance of the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds.

The Chapter 12 Bonds are authorized by and issued pursuant to: (i) N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-1 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the "County College Law"), (ii) the Local Bond Law, (iii) a bond ordinance of the County duly adopted on the date set forth herein, approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law, (iv) the Resolution, and (v) the County Executive Certificate. Proceeds of the Chapter 12 Bonds will be used to: (i) provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of the Hudson County Community College, and (ii) pay for the costs of issuance of the Chapter 12 Bonds.

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities at the times and in the manner described herein. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS – Optional Redemption" herein.

The Bonds are not a debt or obligation, legal, moral or otherwise, of the State of New Jersey, or any county, municipality or political subdivision thereof other than the County.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and delivered subject to the approval of the legality thereof by Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Certain legal matters with respect to the Bonds will be passed on for the County by its County Counsel, Alberico De Pierro, Esq., Jersey City, New Jersey. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC on or about July 1, 2026.

Electronic submissions of bids for the Bonds, in accordance with the full Notice of Sale, must be made via PARITY until 11:00 a.m., prevailing New Jersey time, on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. For more details on how to bid electronically, view the full Notice of Sale posted at www.MuniHub.com.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

\$8,134,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026

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\$1,500,000 COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS BONDS, SERIES 2026
(New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended)

and

\$6,634,000 COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS, SERIES 2026
(County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended)

MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIP NUMBERS

Maturity <u>July 1</u>	Vocational- Technical Schools <u>Bonds</u>	Chapter 12 <u>Bonds</u>	Combined Principal <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Yields</u>	<u>CUSIP</u> <u>Numbers</u> *
2027	\$ 100,000	\$ 224,000	\$ 324,000			
2028	105,000	235,000	340,000			
2029	110,000	240,000	350,000			
2030	115,000	250,000	365,000			
2031	115,000	260,000	375,000			
2032	120,000	270,000	390,000			
2033	125,000	285,000	410,000			
2034	130,000	295,000	425,000			
2035	135,000	305,000	440,000			
2036	140,000	320,000	460,000			
2037	150,000	330,000	480,000			
2038	<u>155,000</u>	345,000	500,000			
2039		360,000	360,000			
2040		375,000	375,000			
2041		385,000	385,000			
2042		405,000	405,000			
2043		420,000	420,000			
2044		440,000	440,000			
2045		445,000	445,000			
2046		<u>445,000</u>	<u>445,000</u>			
Total:	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$6,634,000</u>	<u>\$8,134,000</u>			

* "CUSIP" is a registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP numbers have been provided by CUSIP Global Services, which is operated on behalf of the American Bankers Association by FactSet Research Systems Inc. The CUSIP numbers are being provided solely for the convenience of the holders of the Bonds only at the time of issuance of the Bonds. The County does not make any representations with respect to such CUSIP numbers or undertake any responsibility for their accuracy now or at any time in the future. The CUSIP numbers are subject to being changed after the issuance of the Bonds as a result of various subsequent actions, including, but not limited to, a refunding in whole or in part of the Bonds.

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No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the County to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Bonds other than those contained in this Official Statement and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the County.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer, solicitation or sale.

The information contained herein has been provided by the County, The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York ("DTC") and other sources deemed reliable by the County; however, no representation or warranty is made as to its accuracy or completeness, and as to the information from sources other than the County, such information is not to be construed as a representation or warranty by the County.

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or an agreement between the County and the purchasers or holders of any of the Bonds. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended merely as opinions and not as representations of fact. The information, estimates and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice. The delivery of this Official Statement or any sale of the Bonds made hereunder shall not, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in any of the information herein since the date hereof, or the date as of which such information is given, if earlier. The County has not confirmed the accuracy or completeness of information relating to DTC, which information has been provided by DTC.

All quotations from, and summaries and explanations of, provisions of laws herein do not purport to be complete and reference is made to such laws for full and complete statements of their provisions. References in this Official Statement to laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, ordinances, agreements, reports and documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents are qualified in their entirety by reference to the particular document, the full text of which may contain qualifications of, and exceptions to, statements made herein. This Official Statement should be read in its entirety.

The presentation of information in this Official Statement is intended to show recent historical information and, except as expressly stated otherwise, it is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial condition or other affairs of the County. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by the financial and other information contained herein, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future.

The order and placement of materials in this Official Statement, including the Appendices, are not deemed to be a determination of relevance, materiality or importance, and this Official Statement, including the Appendices, must be considered in its entirety.

In order to facilitate the distribution of the Bonds, the Underwriter may engage in transactions intended to stabilize the price of the Bonds at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. The prices at which the Bonds are offered to the public by the Underwriter and the yields resulting therefrom may vary from the initial public offering prices or yields on the inside front cover page hereof. In addition, the Underwriter may allow concessions or discounts from such initial public offering prices to dealers and others.

Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. has not participated in the preparation of financial statements or statistical information contained in this Official Statement, nor has it verified the accuracy, completeness, or fairness thereof and, accordingly, expresses no opinion with respect thereto.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with and as part of its responsibilities to investors under the Federal Securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

**COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RELATING TO

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Consisting of:

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and

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(County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended)**

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Official Statement is to provide certain information regarding the financial and economic condition of the County of Hudson (the "County"), State of New Jersey (the "State"), in connection with the sale and issuance of the County's \$8,134,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, consisting of (i) \$1,500,000 aggregate principal amount of County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2026 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended) (the "Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds"), and (ii) \$6,634,000 aggregate principal amount of County College Bonds, Series 2026 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended) (the "Chapter 12 Bonds" and together with the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, the "Bonds"). This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and the appendices attached hereto, has been prepared on behalf of the County by Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the County ("Bond Counsel"), and the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration/County Treasurer of the County (the "Director of Finance"), and has been authorized by the County to be distributed in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds.

This Official Statement contains specific information relating to the Bonds, including their general description, certain matters affecting the financing, certain legal matters, historical financial information and other information pertinent to these issues. This Official Statement should be read in its entirety.

All financial and other information presented herein has been provided by the County from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts and disbursements, is intended to show recent historical information and, but only to the extent specifically provided herein, certain projections of the immediate future, and is not necessarily indicative of future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the County.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

The Bonds are dated the date of delivery thereof and shall mature in the principal amounts on July 1 in each of the years set forth in the table appearing on the inside front cover page hereof. The Bonds shall bear interest at the rates shown on the inside front cover page hereof from their date of delivery, which interest shall be payable semiannually on the first day of January and July of each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing January 1, 2027, until maturity or earlier redemption, as applicable. Interest on the Bonds is calculated on the basis of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months in a three hundred sixty (360) day year and will be paid by check, draft or wire transfer mailed, delivered or transmitted to the registered owners of the Bonds as of each respective December 15 and June 15 preceding an Interest Payment Date (the "Record Dates"),

at the address shown on the registration books for the Bonds kept for that purpose by the Director of Finance of the County, as Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds.

The Bonds, when issued, will be registered in the name of, and held by, Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York (“DTC”). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds (the “Securities Depository”). Purchases of beneficial interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry form, without certificates, in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Under certain circumstances, such beneficial interests in the Bonds are exchangeable for one or more fully registered Bond certificates of like series, maturity and tenor in authorized denominations.

So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made directly by the County as Paying Agent, or some other paying agent as may be designated by the County, to Cede & Co. Disbursement of such payments to the DTC Participants (as hereinafter defined) is the responsibility of DTC and disbursement of such payments to the owners of beneficial interests in the Bonds is the responsibility of DTC Participants. See “THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (“DTC”) INFORMATION” herein.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing prior to July 1, 2035 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds maturing on or after July 1, 2035 are subject to redemption at the option of the County, in whole or in part, on any date on or after July 1, 2034, upon notice as required herein, at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount thereof being redeemed (the “Redemption Price”), plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of Redemption (“Notice of Redemption”) shall be given by mailing by first class mail, at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the owners of the Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the County or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. So long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, Notices of Redemption shall be sent to such depository and shall not be sent to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the County determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, such Bonds shall be redeemed by the County in inverse order of maturity and within any maturity shall be selected by the County by lot.

If Notice of Redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

The Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds are authorized by and are issued pursuant to the provisions of: (i) N.J.S.A. 18A:54-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Vo-Tech Law”), (ii) the Local Bond Law of the State, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”), (iii) a bond ordinance of the County duly adopted on the date set forth herein, approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law, (iv) a resolution duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County on May 28, 2026 (the “Resolution”), and (v) a certificate to be executed by the County Executive on June 16, 2026 pertaining to the Bonds (the “County Executive Certificate”).

The Chapter 12 Bonds are authorized by and issued pursuant to the provisions of: (i) N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “County College Law”), (ii) the Local Bond Law, (iii) a bond ordinance of the County duly adopted on the date set forth herein, approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law, (iv) the Resolution, and (v) the County Executive Certificate.

The bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds were published in full or in summary, as applicable, after their final adoption along with the statement that the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such bond ordinance could be commenced began to run from the date of the first publication of such statement. The Local Bond Law provides that after issuance, all obligations shall be conclusively presumed to be fully authorized and issued by all laws of the State, and all persons shall be estopped from questioning their sale, execution or delivery by the County.

PURPOSE OF BOND ISSUE AND USE OF BOND PROCEEDS

Proceeds of the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds will be used to: (i) provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and the acquisition of related capital equipment and buses at and for the Hudson County Schools of Technology, and (ii) pay for the costs of issuance of the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds. The Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds and the improvements or purposes for which the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds are to be issued have been authorized by the bond ordinance duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on the date set forth in the following table, approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law:

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>General Purpose and Date of Final Adoption</u>	<u>Amount of Bond Proceeds</u>
563-9-2025	Providing for various 2025-2026 capital improvements at and the acquisition and installation of equipment and buses for the Hudson County Schools of Technology, finally adopted September 25, 2025	\$ 1,500,000
TOTAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS BONDS		\$ 1,500,000

Proceeds of the Chapter 12 Bonds will be used to: (i) provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of the Hudson County Community College, and (ii) pay for the costs of issuance of the Chapter 12 Bonds. The Chapter 12 Bonds and the improvements or purposes for which the Chapter 12 Bonds are to be issued have been authorized by the bond ordinance duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on the date set forth in the following table, approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law:

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>General Purpose and Date of Final Adoption</u>	<u>Amount of Bond Proceeds</u>
564-9-2025	Providing for various capital projects for fiscal year 2026 by and for Hudson County Community College, finally adopted September 25, 2025	\$ 6,634,000
TOTAL CHAPTER 12 BONDS		\$ 6,634,000

Security and Payment for the Bonds

The Bonds are valid and legally binding general obligations of the County for which the full faith and credit of the County are irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Unless paid from other sources, the County has the power and is obligated by law to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment of the principal of the Bonds and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

The County is required by law to include the total amount of principal and interest on all of its general obligation indebtedness, such as the Bonds, for the current year in each annual budget unless provision has been made for payment from other sources. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted. See "MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY" herein.

The Bonds are not a debt or obligation, legal, moral or otherwise, of the State or any political subdivision thereof, other than the County.

The Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds are additionally secured and are entitled to the benefits of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, chapter 72 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1980, as amended and supplemented.

The County has received notice from the State Treasurer that the State will provide support for the Chapter 12 Bonds in the amount of one-half of the debt service on the Chapter 12 Bonds, under the provisions of the County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as amended. Payments from the New Jersey Department of Treasury for its proportionate share of the principal and interest when due are made to the County, upon the County's certification of amounts due, on or before the dates when such amounts are payable by the County. The support the County receives from the State for the Chapter 12 Bonds is dependent upon appropriations by the State Legislature from time to time. The Chapter 12 Bonds which are issued under the provisions of the County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as amended, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt or liability of the State, or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State.

School Bond Reserve Act (1980 N.J. Laws c. 72)

All school bonds, including the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, are secured by the School Bond Reserve established in the Fund for the Support of Free Public Schools of the State of New Jersey (the "Fund") in accordance with the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:56-17 *et seq.* (P.L. 1980, c. 72, approved July 16, 1980, as amended by P.L. 2003, c. 118, approved July 1, 2003 (the "Act")). The recent amendments to the School Bond Reserve Act provide that the Fund will be divided into two School Bond Reserve accounts. All bonds issued prior to July 1, 2003 shall be benefited by a School Bond Reserve account funded in an amount equal to 1-1/2% of the aggregate issued and outstanding bonded indebtedness of counties, municipalities or school districts for school purposes issued prior to July 1, 2003 (the "Old School Bond Reserve Account") and all bonds, including the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, issued on or after July 1, 2003 shall be benefited by a School Bond Reserve account equal to 1% of the aggregate issued and outstanding bonded indebtedness of counties, municipalities or school districts for school purposes issued on or after July 1, 2003 (the "New School Bond Reserve Account"), provided such amounts do not exceed the moneys available in the Fund. If a municipality, county or school district is unable to make payment of principal or interest on any of its bonds issued for school purposes, the trustees of the Fund will purchase such bonds at par value and will pay to the bondholders the interest due or to become due within the limits of funds available in the applicable School Bond Reserve account in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The Act provides that the School Bond Reserve shall be composed entirely of direct obligations of the United States government or obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. Securities representing at least one-third of the minimal market value to be held in the School Bond Reserve shall be due to mature within one year of issuance or purchase. Beginning with the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2003 and continuing on each June 30 thereafter, the State Treasurer shall calculate the amount necessary to fully fund the Old School Bond Reserve Account and the New School Bond Reserve Account as required pursuant to the Act. To the extent moneys are insufficient to maintain each account in the School Bond Reserve at the required levels, the State agrees that the State Treasurer shall, no later than September 15 of the fiscal year following the June 30 calculation date, pay to the trustees for deposit in the School Bond Reserve such amounts as may be necessary to maintain the Old School Bond Reserve Account and the New School Bond Reserve Account at the levels required by the Act. No moneys may be borrowed from the Fund to provide liquidity to the State unless the Old School Bond Reserve Account and New School Bond Reserve Account each are at the levels certified as full funding on the most recent June 30 calculation date. The amount of the School Bond Reserve in each account is pledged as security for the prompt payment to holders of bonds benefited by such account of the principal of and the interest on such bonds in the event of the inability of the issuer to make such payments. In the event the amounts in either the Old School Bond Reserve Account or the New School Bond Reserve Account fall below the amount required to make payments on bonds, the amounts in both accounts are available to make payments for bonds secured by the reserve.

The Act further provides that the amount of any payment of interest or purchase price of school bonds paid pursuant to the Act shall be deducted from the appropriation or apportionment of State aid, other than certain State aid which may be otherwise restricted pursuant to law, payable to the district, county or municipality and shall not obligate the State to make, nor entitle the district, county or municipality to receive any additional appropriation or apportionment. Any amount so deducted shall be applied by the State Treasurer to satisfy the obligation of the district, county or municipality arising as a result of the payment of interest or purchase price of bonds pursuant to the Act.

MARKET PROTECTION

The County has in the past guaranteed the payment of principal of and interest on certain debt issued by various municipalities and entities within the County. A County guaranty is a valid and legally binding obligation of the County and, unless the principal of and interest on such debt is paid from other sources, the County is obligated to make payment from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable property within the jurisdiction of the County, without limitation as to rate or amount, for the payment of such debt. It is anticipated that within the next ninety (90) days, the County will guarantee or secure additional bonds or notes of the Hudson County Improvement Authority for the following issue and in the following amount: approximately \$112,995,517* County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2026 B (Local Unit Loan Program), consisting of \$96,190,517* Tax-Exempt County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2026 B-1 (Local Unit Loan Program) and \$16,805,000* Federally Taxable County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2026 B-2 (Local Unit Loan Program).

THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (“DTC”) INFORMATION

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), Brooklyn, New York will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity for each series of the Bonds, as set forth on the inside front cover page hereof, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has a Standard & Poor’s rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of the Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (a “Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are,

* Preliminary, subject to change

however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy (the "Omnibus Proxy") to the County as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co. or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the County or the Agent, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Agent, or the County, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the County or the Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the County or the Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The County may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered by the County.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the County believes to be reliable, but the County takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

THE AGENT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO SUCH DTC PARTICIPANTS OR THE PERSONS FOR WHOM THEY ACT AS NOMINEES WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENTS TO OR PROVIDING OF NOTICE FOR THE DTC DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR BENEFICIAL OWNERS.

SO LONG AS CEDE & CO. IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, AS NOMINEE OF DTC, REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE OWNERS OF THE BONDS (OTHER THAN UNDER THE CAPTION "TAX MATTERS") SHALL MEAN CEDE & CO. AND SHALL NOT MEAN THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS.

PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

Procedure for Authorization

The County has no constitutional limit on its power to incur indebtedness other than that it may issue obligations only for public purposes pursuant to State statutes. The authorization and issuance of County debt, including the purpose, amount and nature thereof, the method and manner of the incurrence of such debt, the maturity and terms of repayment thereof, and other related matters are statutory. The County is not required to submit the proposed incurrence of indebtedness to a public referendum.

The County, by bond ordinance, may authorize and issue negotiable obligations for the financing of any capital improvement or property which it may lawfully acquire, or any purpose for which it is authorized or required by law to make an appropriation, except current expenses and payment of obligations (other than those for temporary financings). Bond ordinances must be finally approved by the recorded affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the full membership of the Board of County Commissioners of the County and approved by the County Executive. The Local Bond Law requires publication and posting of the ordinance or a summary thereof. If the ordinance requires approval or endorsement of the State, it cannot be finally adopted until such approval has been received. The Local Bond Law provides that a bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption. At the conclusion of the twenty-day period all challenges to the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond ordinance shall be precluded except for constitutional matters. Moreover, after issuance, all obligations are conclusively presumed to be fully authorized and issued by all laws of the State and any person shall be estopped from questioning their sale, execution or delivery by the County.

Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.)

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance certain municipal capital expenditures. Among its provisions are requirements that bonds or notes must mature within the statutory period of usefulness of the projects being financed, that bonds be retired in either serial or sinking fund installments and that, unlike school debt, and with some exceptions, including self-liquidating obligations and those improvements involving certain State grants, a five percent (5%) cash down payment of the amount of bond and notes authorized must be generally provided. Such down payment must have been raised by budgetary appropriations, from cash on hand previously contributed for the purpose or by emergency resolution adopted pursuant to the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local Budget Law"). All bonds and notes issued by the County are general "full faith and credit" obligations.

Short-Term Financing

Local governmental units, including counties, may issue bond anticipation notes to temporarily finance a capital improvement or project in anticipation of the issuance of bonds if the bond ordinance or subsequent resolution so provides. Such bond anticipation notes for capital improvements may be issued in an aggregate amount not exceeding the amount of bonds authorized in the ordinance, as may be amended and supplemented, creating such capital expenditure. A local unit's bond anticipation notes may be issued and renewed for periods not exceeding one (1) year, with the final maturity occurring and being paid no later than the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year after the original issuance of the notes, provided that no notes may be renewed beyond the third anniversary date of the original notes and each anniversary date thereafter unless an amount of such notes, at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the anticipated bonds (the first year's principal payment), is paid and retired from funds other than the proceeds of obligations on or before the third anniversary date and each anniversary date thereafter.

Tax anticipation notes are limited in amount by law and, in the case of the County, may be renewed from time to time, but all such notes and renewals thereof must mature not later than June 30 of the succeeding fiscal year.

Refunding Bonds (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51 et seq.)

Refunding bonds may be issued by a local unit pursuant to the Local Bond Law for the purpose of paying, funding or refunding its outstanding bonds, including emergency appropriations, temporary emergency appropriations, the actuarial liabilities of a non-State administered public employee pension system and amounts owing to others for taxes levied in the local unit, or any renewals or extensions thereof, and for paying the cost of issuance of refunding bonds. Refunding bonds may be issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 and, therefore, no approval is required by the Local Finance Board, in the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "Local Finance Board"); however, the details of the sale, issuance and delivery of the refunding bonds will be delivered to the Local Finance Board within ten (10) days of the delivery of the refunding bonds.

Statutory Debt Limitation

There are statutory requirements which limit the amount of debt which the County is permitted to authorize. The authorized bonded indebtedness of a county is limited by the Local Bond Law and other laws to an amount equal to two percent (2.00%) of its stated average equalized valuation basis, subject to certain exceptions noted below. N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6. The stated equalized valuation basis is set by statute as the average of the aggregate equalized valuations of all taxable real property, together with improvements to such property, and the assessed valuation of Class II railroad property within the boundaries of the County for each of the last three (3) preceding years as annually certified in the valuation of all taxable real property, in the Table of Equalized Valuations by the Director of the Division of Taxation, in the New Jersey Department of the Treasury (the "Division of Taxation"). N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2. Certain categories of debt are permitted by statute to be deducted for the purposes of computing the statutory debt limit. N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43, -44. The Local Bond Law permits the issuance of certain obligations, including obligations issued for certain emergency or self-liquidating purposes, notwithstanding the statutory debt limitation described above; but, with certain exceptions, it is then necessary to obtain the approval of the Local Finance Board. See "Exceptions to Debt Limitation - Extensions of Credit" below.

Exceptions to Debt Limitation - Extensions of Credit (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7)

The debt limit of the County may be exceeded with the approval of the Local Finance Board. If all or any part of a proposed debt authorization is to exceed its debt limit, the County must apply to the Local Finance Board for an extension of credit. The Local Finance Board considers the request, concentrating its review on the effect of the proposed authorization on outstanding obligations and operating expenses and the anticipated ability to meet the proposed obligations. If the Local Finance Board determines that a proposed debt authorization is not unreasonable or exorbitant, that the purposes or improvements for which the obligations are issued are in the public interest and for the health, welfare and convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County and that the proposed debt authorization would not materially impair the credit of the County or substantially reduce the ability of the County to meet its obligations or to provide essential services that are in the public interest and makes other statutory determinations, approval is granted. In addition to the aforesaid, debt in excess of the debt limit may be issued to fund certain obligations, for self-liquidating purposes and, in each fiscal year, in an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the amount budgeted in such fiscal year for the retirement of outstanding obligations (exclusive of obligations issued for utility or assessment purposes) plus two-thirds of the amount raised in the tax levy of the current fiscal year by the local unit for the payment of bonds or notes of any school district. The County has not exceeded its debt limit.

Local Fiscal Affairs Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq.)

The Local Fiscal Affairs Law regulates the non-budgetary financial activities of local governments, including counties. An annual, independent audit of the local unit's accounts for the previous year must be performed by a Registered Municipal Accountant licensed in the State of New Jersey. The audit, conforming to the Division of Local Government Services, in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "Division") "Requirements of Audit", which must be completed within six (6) months (by June 30) after the close of the County's fiscal year (December 31), includes recommendations for improvement of the local unit's financial procedures. The audit report must also be filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and is available for review during regular business hours and shall, within five (5) days thereafter, be filed with the Director of the Division (the "Director"). A synopsis of the audit report, together with all recommendations made, must be published in a local newspaper within thirty (30) days of the County's receipt of the audit report. Accounting methods utilized in the conduct of the audit conform to practices prescribed by the Division, which practices differ in some respects from generally accepted accounting principles.

Annual Financial Statement (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-12 et seq.)

An annual financial statement ("Annual Financial Statement") which sets forth the financial condition of a local unit for the fiscal year must be filed with the Division not later than March 10 after the close of the calendar fiscal year, or not later than August 10 of the State fiscal year for those municipalities which operate on the State fiscal year. The Annual Financial Statement is prepared either by the Chief Financial Officer or the Registered Municipal Accountant for the local unit. Such Annual Financial Statement reflects the results of operations for the year of the current and utility funds. If the statement of operations results in a cash deficit, the deficit must be included in full in the succeeding year's budget.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Accounting and Reporting Practices

The accounting policies of the County conform to the accounting principles applicable to local governmental units which have been prescribed by the Division. A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed with minor exceptions. Revenues are recorded as received in cash except for certain amounts which may be due from other governmental units and which are accrued. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the County's Current Fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due to the County which are susceptible to accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenue only when received. Expenditures are generally recorded on the accrual basis, except that unexpended appropriations at December 31, unless canceled by the governing body, are reported as expenditures with offsetting appropriation reserves. Appropriation reserves are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding fiscal year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are credited to the results of operations. As is the prevailing practice among municipalities and counties in the State, the County does not record obligations for accumulated unused vacation and sick pay.

Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.)

The foundation of the State local finance system is the annual cash basis budget. Every local unit, including counties, must adopt an annual operating budget in the form required by the Division. Certain items of revenue and appropriation are regulated by law and the proposed operating budget must be certified as approved by the Director prior to final adoption of the budget by a County Board of County Commissioners. The Local Budget Law requires each local unit to appropriate sufficient funds for payment of current debt service and, in the case of a county, the Director is required to review the adequacy of such appropriations. Among other restrictions, the Director must examine the budget with reference to all estimates of revenue and the following appropriations: (a) payment of interest and debt redemption charges, (b) deferred charges and statutory expenditures, (c) cash deficit of the preceding year, (d) reserve for uncollected taxes, and (e) other reserves and nondisbursement items. The Director is empowered to permit a higher level of anticipation,

however, should there be sufficient statutory or other evidence to substantiate that such anticipation is reasonable.

The Director has no authority over individual operating appropriations, unless a specific amount is required by law, but the budgetary review functions, focusing on anticipated revenues, and serves to protect the solvency of all local units. Local budgets, by law and regulation, must be in balance on a "cash basis", i.e., the total of anticipated revenues must equal the total of appropriations. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-22. If in any year the County's expenditures exceed its realized revenues for that year, then such excess (deficit) must be raised in the succeeding year's budget.

In accordance with the Local Budget Law and related regulations, (i) each local unit, with a population of more than 10,000 persons, must adopt and annually revise a six (6) year capital program, and (ii) each local unit, with a population of less than 10,000 persons, must adopt (with some exceptions) and annually revise a three (3) year capital program. The capital program, when adopted, does not constitute the appropriation of funds, but sets forth a plan of capital expenditures which the local unit may contemplate over the next six (6) years or the next three (3) years, as applicable. Expenditures for capital purposes may be made either by ordinances adopted by the governing body which set forth the items and the methods of financing, or from the annual operating budget. See "CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM" herein.

Limitation on Expenditures ("CAP Law")

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4 places limits on county tax levies and expenditures; this law is commonly known as the "Cap Law" (the "CAP Law"). The CAP Law provides that the County shall limit any increase in its budget to 2.5% or the Cost-of-Living Adjustment, whichever is less, of the previous year's County tax levy, subject to certain exceptions. The Cost-of-Living Adjustment is defined as the annual percentage increase, rounded to the nearest half percent, in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services produced by the United States Department of Commerce for the year preceding the current year as announced by the Director. However, in each year in which the Cost-of-Living Adjustment is equal to or less than 2.5%, the County may, by resolution approved by a majority vote of the full membership of the governing body, provide that the tax levy of the County for such year be increased by a percentage rate that is greater than the Cost-of-Living Adjustment, but not more than 3.5% over the previous year's county tax levy. See N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14. In addition, pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1994 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a, -45.15b) and Chapter 74 of the Laws of New Jersey of 2004, counties may "CAP Bank" under the Local Budget Law. A county is permitted to appropriate available "CAP Bank" in either of the next two (2) succeeding years' final appropriations if its actual appropriations in a fiscal year are below the allowable Cost-of-Living-Adjustment. Along with the permitted increases for total general appropriations there are certain items that are allowed to increase outside the "CAP".

Additionally, P.L. 2010, c.44, effective July 13, 2010, imposes a two percent (2%) cap on the tax levy of a municipality, county, fire district or solid waste collection district, with certain exceptions and subject to a number of adjustments. The exclusions from the limit include increases required to be raised for capital expenditures, including debt service, increases in pension contributions in excess of two percent (2%), certain increases in health care costs in excess of two percent (2%), and extraordinary costs incurred by a local unit directly related to a declared emergency. The governing body of a local unit may request approval, through a public question submitted to the legal voters residing in its territory, to increase the amount to be raised by taxation, and voters may approve increases above two percent (2%) not otherwise permitted under the law by an affirmative vote of fifty percent (50%).

The Division of Local Government Services has advised that counties and municipalities must comply with both the budget "cap" and the tax levy limitation. Neither the tax levy limitation nor the "CAP Law", however, limits the obligation of the County to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable property within the boundaries of the County to pay debt service on bonds and notes, including the Bonds.

Deferral of Current Expenses

Supplemental appropriations made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate may be authorized by the governing body of a local unit, including the County, but only to meet unforeseen circumstances, to protect or promote public health, safety, morals or welfare, or to provide temporary housing or assistance prior to the next succeeding fiscal year. However, with certain exceptions described below, such appropriations must be included in full as a deferred charge in the following year's budget. Any emergency appropriation must be declared by resolution according to the definition provided in a provision of the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48, -49, and approved by at least two-thirds of full membership of the governing body. If such emergency appropriations exceed three percent (3%) of the adopted operating budget, consent of the Director is required. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-49.

The exceptions are certain enumerated quasi-capital projects ("special emergencies") such as (i) the repair and reconstruction of streets, roads or bridges damaged by snow, ice, frost, or floods, which may be amortized over three (3) years, and (ii) the repair and reconstruction of streets, roads, bridges or other public property damaged by flood or hurricane, where such expense was unforeseen at the time of budget adoption, the repair and reconstruction of private property damaged by flood or hurricane, tax map preparation, re-evaluation programs, revision and codification of ordinances, master plan preparations, drainage map preparation for flood control purposes, studies and planning associated with the construction and installation of sanitary sewers, authorized expenses of a consolidated commission, contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the layoff or retirement of employees and the preparation of sanitary and storm system maps, all of which projects set forth in this section (ii) may be amortized over five (5) years. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, -54, -55, -55.1, -55.2, -55.3. Emergency appropriations for capital projects may be financed through the adoption of a bond ordinance and amortized over the useful life of the project as described above.

Budget Transfers

Budget transfers provide a degree of flexibility and afford a control mechanism for local units, including counties. Transfers between major appropriation accounts are prohibited, except for: (i) during the first three (3) months of a current fiscal year, appropriation reserves may be transferred to the immediately preceding year's budget; and (ii) transfers between major appropriation accounts are permitted during the last two (2) months of a current fiscal year. Both types of transfers require a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the governing body. Although sub-accounts within an appropriation account are not subject to the same year-end transfer restriction, they are subject to internal review and approval. Generally, transfers cannot be made from the down payment account, contingent expenses, capital improvement fund or from other sources as provided in the statute.

Anticipation of Real Estate Taxes

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-29 provides limits for the anticipation of delinquent tax collections: "[t]he maximum which may be anticipated is the sum produced by the multiplication of the amount of delinquent taxes unpaid and owing to the local unit on the first day of the current fiscal year by the percentage of collection of delinquent taxes for the year immediately preceding the current fiscal year."

In regard to current taxes, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(b) provides that: "[r]eceipts from the collection of taxes levied or to be levied in the municipality, or in the case of a county for general county purposes and payable in the fiscal year shall be anticipated in an amount which is not in excess of the percentage of taxes levied and payable during the next preceding fiscal year which was received in cash by the last day of the preceding fiscal year."

This provision requires that an additional amount (the "reserve for uncollected taxes") be added to the tax levy required to balance the budget so that when the percentage of the prior year's tax collection is applied to the combined total, the product will at least equal the tax levy required to balance the budget. The County receives 100% of its tax levy.

Collection of County Taxes

County taxes are collected by the municipalities located within a particular county, and paid to its County Treasurer. The municipal levy includes all county, school and municipal taxes.

Each municipality is required to pay to its County Treasurer its share of the purpose taxes by no later than the 15th day of February, May, August and November of each year. Every county is required by law to receive its share of the taxes collected from the first taxes collected by each municipality. Consequently, counties in the State experience a 100% tax collection rate.

Anticipation of Miscellaneous Revenues

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that: “[n]o miscellaneous revenues from any source shall be included as an anticipated revenue in the budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding fiscal year, unless the director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the local unit.”

No budget or amendment thereof shall be adopted unless the Director shall have previously certified his approval of such anticipated revenues except that categorical grants-in-aid contracts may be included for their face amount with an offsetting appropriation. The fiscal years of such grants rarely coincide with a municipality’s calendar fiscal year. Grant revenues are fully realized in the year in which they are budgeted by the establishment of accounts receivable and offsetting reserves.

Debt Statements

The County must report all new authorizations of debt or changes in previously authorized debt to the Division through the filing of Supplemental and Annual Debt Statements. The Supplemental Debt Statement must be submitted to the Division before final passage of any debt authorization other than a refunding debt authorization. Before January 31 of each fiscal year, the County must file with the Division an Annual Debt Statement which is dated as of the last day of the preceding fiscal year. This report is made under oath and states the authorized, issued and unissued debt of the County as of the previous December 31. Through the Annual and Supplemental Debt Statements, the Division monitors all local borrowing. Even though the County’s authorizations are within its debt limits, the Division is able to enforce State regulations as to the amounts and purposes of local borrowings.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 provides that the Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program of a local unit must be adopted as part of the annual budget. It does not by itself confer any authorization to raise or expend funds. Rather it is a document used for planning. Specific authorization to expend funds for such purposes must be granted, by a separate bond ordinance, by inclusion of a line item in the Capital Improvement Section of the budget, by an ordinance taking money from the Capital Improvement Fund, or other lawful means.

RECENT HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENTS

In early March of 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic following the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a newly discovered strain of coronavirus. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national public health emergency to unlock federal funds and assistance to help states and local governments fight the pandemic. The Governor of the State (the “Governor”) declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency on March 9, 2020. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, federal and State legislation and executive orders were implemented to, among other things, provide relief to State and local governments, including the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the “Plan”). The County received \$130,604,069.00 in Federal Aid under the Plan, \$65,302,034.50 of which amount was received by the County on May 20, 2021 and \$65,302,034.50 of which amount was received on

June 9, 2022. The deadline to obligate the funds was December 31, 2024 and the deadline to spend the funds is December 31, 2026.

The pandemic and certain mitigation measures, which altered the behavior of businesses and people, have had and may continue to have negative impacts on regional, State and local economies. The national public health emergency and the State public health emergency have since ended, while the state of emergency declared by the State and several executive orders signed by the Governor remain to manage COVID-19 on an endemic level.

To date, the overall finances and operations of the County have not been materially adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, there can be no assurance regarding the extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other national health crisis or pandemic, may impact the national, State or local economies in the future, nor how any such event may materially adversely impact municipalities or counties, including the County. The County cannot quantify any such impacts at this time.

CLIMATE

The State is naturally susceptible to the effects of extreme weather events and natural disasters, including floods, earthquakes and hurricanes, which could result in negative economic impacts on communities. Such effects can be exacerbated by a longer-term shift in the climate over several decades (commonly referred to as climate change), including increasing global temperatures and rising sea levels. The occurrence of such extreme weather events could damage local infrastructure that provides essential services to the County, as well as resulting in economic impacts such as loss of *ad valorem* tax revenue, interruption of municipal services, and escalated recovery costs. No assurance can be given as to whether future extreme weather events will occur that could materially adversely affect the financial condition of the County.

CYBERSECURITY

The County relies on a complex technology environment to conduct its various operations. As a result, the County faces certain cybersecurity threats at various times including, but not limited to, hacking, phishing, viruses, malware and other attacks on its computing and digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risks of business operations impact and/or damage from cybersecurity incidents or cyber-attacks, the County has invested in multiple forms of cybersecurity and operational safeguards. In addition, the County maintains certain insurance coverage for cyberattacks and related events. No assurances can be given that the County's efforts to manage cyber threats and attacks will be successful or that any such attack will not materially impact the operations or finances of the County.

TAX MATTERS

Federal Income Taxation

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements which must be met at the time of, and on a continuing basis subsequent to, the issuance of the Bonds in order for the interest on the Bonds to be and remain excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. Noncompliance with such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for Federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The County will represent in its tax certificate (the "Tax Certificate") relating to the Bonds that it expects and intends to comply, and will comply, to the extent permitted by law, with such requirements.

In the opinion of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the County ("Bond Counsel"), under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance by the County with the requirements of the Code and the representations and

covenants made by the County in its tax certificate described above, interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income of the owners of the Bonds for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and is not treated as a preference item under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022.

[Original Issue Premium]

[The Bonds maturing on July 1 in the years ____ through ____, inclusive (collectively, the “Premium Bonds”) have been sold to the public at a premium. Section 171 of the Code provides rules under which a bond premium may be amortized and a deduction allowed for the amount of the amortizable bond premium for a taxable year. Under Section 171(a)(2) of the Code, however, no deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of bonds, like the [Premium] Bonds, the interest on which is excludable from gross income. Under Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code, the purchaser’s basis in a [Premium] Bond will be reduced by the amount of the amortizable bond premium disallowable as a deduction under Section 171(a)(2) of the Code. Proceeds received from the sale, exchange, redemption or payment of a [Premium] Bond in excess of the owner’s adjusted basis (as reduced pursuant to Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code), will be treated as a gain from the sale or exchange of such [Premium] Bond and not as interest. Holders of the Premium Bonds should consult their tax advisors for an explanation of the bond premium amortization rules.]

[Original Issue Discount]

[Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that the difference between the stated principal amount of the Bonds maturing on July 1 in the years ____ through ____, inclusive (collectively, the “Discount Bonds”) and their respective initial public offering prices to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at which prices a substantial amount of the [Discount] Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate were sold, constitutes original issue discount which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as interest on the Bonds. In the case of any holder of the [Discount] Bonds, the amount of such original issue discount which is treated as having accrued with respect to the [Discount] Bonds is added to the cost basis of the holder in determining, for federal income tax purposes, gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption or payment at maturity). Holders of the [Discount] Bonds should consult their tax advisors for an explanation of the original issue discount rules.]

Additional Federal Income Tax Consequences Relating to the Bonds

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of, accrual or receipt of interest on or disposition of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, may have additional Federal income tax consequences for certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, taxpayers eligible for the earned income credit, recipients of certain Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits, taxpayers that may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, foreign corporations and certain S corporations. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should also consult with their tax advisors with respect to the need to furnish certain taxpayer information in order to avoid backup withholding.

State Taxation

Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not includable in gross income under the existing New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, N.J.S.A. 54A:1-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented. Except as provided above, no opinion is expressed with respect to other State and local tax consequences of owning the Bonds.

Prospective Tax Law Changes

Federal, state or local legislation, administrative pronouncements or court decisions may affect the Federal and State tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds, gain from the sale or other disposition of the Bonds, the market value of the Bonds or the marketability of the Bonds. The effect of any legislation, administrative pronouncements or court decisions cannot be predicted. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding such matters.

Other Tax Consequences

Except as described above, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion with respect to any Federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences of ownership of the Bonds. Bond Counsel renders its opinion under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions as of the date of issuance of the Bonds and assumes no obligation to update its opinion after such date of issuance to reflect any future action, fact, circumstance, change in law or interpretation, or otherwise. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the effect, if any, on the tax status of the interest paid or to be paid on the Bonds as a result of any action hereafter taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel.

See Appendix D for the complete text of the proposed form of Bond Counsel's legal opinion with respect to the Bonds.

ALL POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO ALL TAX CONSEQUENCES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE) OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE BONDS.

LEGALITY FOR INVESTMENT

The State and all public officers, municipalities, counties, political subdivisions and public bodies, and agencies thereof, all banks, bankers, trust companies, savings and loan associations, savings banks and institutional, building and loan associations, investment companies, and other persons carrying on banking business, all insurance companies, and all executors, administrators, guardians, trustees, and other fiduciaries may legally invest any sinking funds, moneys or other funds belonging to them or within their control in any obligations of the County, including the Bonds, and such Bonds are authorized security for any and all public deposits.

MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY

The undertakings of the County should be considered with reference to 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Bankruptcy Code"), and other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities in general. The Bankruptcy Code permits the State or any political subdivision, public agency, or instrumentality that is insolvent or unable to meet its debts to commence a voluntary bankruptcy case by filing a petition with a bankruptcy court for the purpose of effecting a plan to adjust its debts; directs such a petitioner to file with the court a list of petitioner's creditors; provides that a petition filed under this chapter shall operate as a stay of the commencement or continuation of any judicial or other proceeding against the petitioner; grants priority to certain debts owed; and provides that the plan must be accepted in writing by or on behalf of creditors holding at least two-thirds in amount and more than one half in number of the allowed claims of at least one (1) impaired class. The Bankruptcy Code specifically does not limit or impair the power of a state to control by legislation or otherwise, the procedures that a municipality must follow in order to take advantage of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Bankruptcy Code provides that special revenue acquired by the debtor after the commencement of the case shall remain subject to any lien resulting from any security agreement entered into by such debtor before the commencement of such bankruptcy case. However, special revenues acquired by the debtor after commencement of the case shall continue to be available to pay debt service secured by those revenues. Furthermore, the Bankruptcy Code provides that a transfer of property of a debtor to or for the benefit of any

holder of a bond or note, on account of such bond or note, may not be avoided pursuant to certain preferential transfer provisions set forth in such code.

Reference should also be made to N.J.S.A. 52:27-40 et seq., which provides that a local unit, including the County, has the power to file a petition in bankruptcy with any United States court or court in bankruptcy under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, for the purpose of effecting a plan of readjustment of its debts or for the composition of its debts; provided, however, the approval of the Local Finance Board, as successor to the Municipal Finance Commission, must be obtained.

The County has not authorized the filing of a bankruptcy petition. This reference to the Bankruptcy Code or the State statute should not create any implication that the County expects to utilize the benefits of their provisions, or that if utilized, such action would be approved by the Local Finance Board, or that any proposed plan would include a dilution of the source of payment of and security for the Bonds, or that the Bankruptcy Code could not be amended after the date hereof.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

All legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance, sale, execution, and delivery of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Bond Counsel, whose approving legal opinion with respect to the Bonds will be delivered with the Bonds substantially in the form set forth as Appendix D hereto. Certain legal matters with respect to the Bonds will be passed on for the County by its County Counsel and Director of the Department of Law, Alberico De Pierro, Esq., Jersey City, New Jersey ("County Counsel"). The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or the future performance of parties to the transaction, nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

BONDHOLDERS' RISK

It is to be understood that the rights of the holders of the Bonds, and the enforceability thereof, may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and that their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

CERTIFICATES OF THE COUNTY

Upon the delivery of the Bonds, the original purchaser shall receive certificates, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel and signed by officials of the County, stating to the best knowledge of said officials, that this Official Statement, as of its date, did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and stating, to the best knowledge of said officials, that there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the County from that set forth in or contemplated by this Official Statement. In addition, the original purchaser of the Bonds shall also receive certificates in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and receipt of payment therefor, and certificates dated as of the date of the delivery of the Bonds, and signed by the officers who signed the Bonds, stating that no litigation is then pending or, to the knowledge of such officers, threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds, or the levy or collection of taxes to pay the principal of the Bonds or the interest thereon, or questioning the validity of the statutes or the proceedings under which the Bonds are issued, as applicable, and that neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the County, nor the title of any of the said officers to the respective offices, is being contested.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement, including information additional to that contained herein, may be directed to: the County, Attention: Cheryl G. Fuller, Director of the Department of Finance and Administration/County Treasurer, County of Hudson, Hudson County Administration Annex, 567 Pavonia Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306, (201) 795-6077, or e-mail: cfuller@hcnj.us; the County's Bond Counsel, Attention: Everett M. Johnson, Esq., Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, (732) 855-6149, or e-mail: ejohnson@wilentz.com; or the County's Municipal Advisor, Attention: Heather Litzebauer, NW Financial Group, LLC, Bloomfield, New Jersey, (201) 937-7224, or e-mail: hlitzebauer@nwfinancial.com.

NO DEFAULT

There is no report of any default in the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, notes or other obligations of the County as of the date hereof.

LITIGATION

To the knowledge of County Counsel, after due inquiry, there is no litigation of any nature now pending or threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance or the delivery of the Bonds, or the levy or the collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or the interest on the Bonds, or in any manner questioning the authority or the proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds or for the levy or the collection of taxes, or contesting the corporate existence or the boundaries of the County or the title of any of the present officers thereof. Further, to the knowledge of the County Counsel, no litigation is presently pending or threatened that, in the opinion of the County Counsel, would have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the County if adversely decided, no authority or proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds has or have been repealed, revoked or rescinded, and all actions or proceedings in regard to the issuance of the Bonds taken by the governing body have been in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey. Upon the delivery of the Bonds, the County shall furnish an opinion of its County Counsel, dated the date of delivery of the Bonds, attesting to the status of litigation in the County.

COMPLIANCE WITH SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

The County has covenanted for the benefit of bondholders to provide certain financial information and operating data on the County by no later than 270 days from the end of each fiscal year, beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and to comply with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented, and as detailed in a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Bond Disclosure Certificate") to be executed on behalf of the County by its Director of the Department of Finance and Administration/County Treasurer, in the form appearing in Appendix E hereto, such Bond Disclosure Certificate to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds. Annual financial information, including operating data, and notices of events specified in the Rule shall be filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"). This covenant is being made by the County to assist the purchaser of the Bonds in complying with the Rule.

Pursuant to certain previous continuing disclosure undertakings, in the previous five (5) years, the County failed to timely file its 2022 annual financial information by one day and the County failed to timely file a notice of financial obligation in January 2024. Such filings have subsequently been made and the required failure to file notices have been provided. The aforementioned continuing disclosure undertakings include undertakings with respect to the issuance of County bonds and notes and undertakings as an "obligated person" with respect to conduit issues. The County has engaged the services of Digital Assurance Certification, L.L.C., to act as dissemination agent to the County with respect to all of the County's outstanding continuing disclosure undertakings. This covenant is being made by the County to assist the purchasers of the Bonds in complying with the Rule.

PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The County hereby states that it has prepared and reviewed this Official Statement and that the descriptions, statements and financial and statistical information contained herein, including that set forth in Appendix A, Appendix B and Appendix C, are true and correct in all material respects and it will confirm same to the purchaser of the Bonds, by certificates signed by certain County officials and officers. See "CERTIFICATES OF THE COUNTY" herein.

Bond Counsel has participated in the preparation and review of this Official Statement, but has not participated in the collection of financial or statistical information contained in Appendix A, Appendix B and Appendix C and throughout this Official Statement, nor has it verified the accuracy, completeness, or fairness thereof, and, accordingly, expresses no opinion or other assurance with respect thereto, but has reviewed the sections under the captions entitled "TAX MATTERS" and "APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS" (as it pertains to Bond Counsel) herein and in Appendix D and expresses no opinion or assurance other than that which is specifically set forth therein with respect thereto.

County Counsel has not participated in the preparation of the information contained in this Official Statement, nor has he verified the accuracy, completeness, or fairness thereof, and, accordingly, expresses no opinion or other assurance with respect thereto, but has reviewed the section under the caption entitled "LITIGATION" herein and in Appendix A under the captions entitled "LITIGATION" and "APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS" (as it pertains to County Counsel) and expresses no opinion or assurance other than that which is specifically set forth therein with respect thereto.

Donohue, Gironda, Doria & Tomkins, LLC, Secuacus, New Jersey, the Auditor to the County (the "Auditor"), has not participated in the preparation or review of the information contained in this Official Statement, except as hereinafter noted, nor has it verified the accuracy, completeness, or fairness thereof, and, accordingly, expresses no opinion or other assurance with respect thereto, but has reviewed the section under the caption entitled "FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" herein and prepared Appendix B to this Official Statement and hereby states that the descriptions, statements and financial and statistical information contained therein are true and correct in all material respects and it will confirm same to the purchaser of the Bonds, by a certificate signed by an authorized officer of the Auditor.

NW Financial Group, LLC, Bloomfield, New Jersey, the Municipal Advisor to the County, has participated in the review of this Official Statement but has not participated in the preparation of this Official Statement or in the collection of financial, statistical or demographic information contained in this Official Statement nor verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof, and, accordingly, takes no responsibility and expresses no opinion with respect thereto, but has reviewed the section under the caption entitled "MUNICIPAL ADVISOR" herein and expresses no opinion or assurance other than that which is specifically set forth therein with respect thereto.

RATING

S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P" or the "Rating Agency"), has assigned a rating of "AA" (Stable Outlook) to the Bonds.

An explanation of the significance of the rating may be obtained from S&P at 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041. Such rating reflects only the view of such Rating Agency, and an explanation of the significance of the rating may be obtained from such Rating Agency. There is no assurance that the rating will continue for any period of time or that it will not be revised or withdrawn entirely by such Rating Agency, if in the judgment of such Rating Agency, circumstances so warrant. Any revision or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. Except as set forth in the Bond Disclosure Certificate, the County has not agreed to take any action with respect to any proposed rating change or to bring such rating change, if any, to the attention of the owners of the Bonds.

The inclusion of the Rating Agency's "Stable Outlook" (the "Outlook") has been provided herein for informational purposes only and is **not** a part of the rating of the Bonds described in the previous paragraph. The Outlook is only the Rating Agency's forward-looking view of the County. The County has no obligation to treat any change in the Outlook as a "Disclosure Event", as defined and described under the Rule or under the provisions of the County's Bond Disclosure Certificate, or to notify Bondholders as to any changes to the Outlook after the date hereof.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds have been purchased from the County at a public sale by _____, _____ (the "Underwriter"), at a price of \$_____ (the "Purchase Price") in accordance with the terms of the Notice of Sale for the Bonds dated June 9, 2026 (the "Notice of Sale"). The Purchase Price represents the par amount of the Bonds plus a bid premium in the amount of \$_____. The Underwriter is reoffering the Bonds to the public at the initial public reoffering yields set forth on the inside front cover page of this Official Statement, which may subsequently change without notice.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

NW Financial Group, LLC, Bloomfield, New Jersey, has served as Municipal Advisor to the County with respect to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Municipal Advisor"). The Municipal Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken, either to make an independent verification of, or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of, the information contained in this Official Statement and the appendices hereto. The Municipal Advisor is an independent firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The balance sheets of the various funds of the County as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the statement of operations, together with the notes to the Financial Statements for the years then ended, are presented in Appendix B to the Official Statement. The financial statements referred to above have been audited by Donohue, Gironda, Doria & Tomkins, LLC, independent auditor, as stated in its report appearing in Appendix B. Included in Appendix C are balance sheets of various funds of the County as of December 31, 2025 (unaudited), 2024, 2023, and 2022 and the related statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2025 (unaudited), 2024, 2023, and 2022. The information set forth in Appendix C was prepared by the County Department of Finance and Administration and was extracted from the annual audited financial statements of the County for the years set forth therein.

MISCELLANEOUS

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the County and the purchasers or holders of any of the Bonds. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended merely as opinions and not as representations of fact. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of Bonds made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the County since the date hereof.

**COUNTY OF HUDSON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

CRAIG GUY
County Executive

DATED: June __, 2026

APPENDIX A

**CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE COUNTY OF HUDSON**

COUNTY OF HUDSON

General Information

The County of Hudson (the "County" or "Hudson County"), State of New Jersey (the "State" or "New Jersey") comprises two adjacent peninsulas bounded by Newark Bay, the Passaic and Hackensack Rivers on the west, the Hudson River and New York City on the east, the Kill Van Kull on the south (separating the City of Bayonne and Staten Island, New York) and Bergen County on the north. Hudson County, at 46 square miles, is the smallest of New Jersey's 21 counties. The resident population of Hudson County is approximately 724,854 as per the 2020 Decennial Census issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. With over 15,758 persons per square mile, Hudson County is the most densely populated county in New Jersey.

Twelve (12) municipalities form Hudson County. They are as follows:

Jersey City	Harrison
Bayonne	Secaucus
North Bergen	Guttenberg
Union City	Weehawken
West New York	East Newark
Kearny	Hoboken

Located between the City of Newark and New York City, the most populous cities of New Jersey and New York, respectively, Hudson County is in an ideal location for industry as well as commerce. It is estimated that one (1) million persons pass through the County each day. Major transportation arteries that service the County are the New Jersey Turnpike and other regional and interstate highways, the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels and various inter-county motor and rail links, including the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Railway ("PATH") connecting Manhattan with New Jersey. The County is also within a short travel distance of Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey and John F. Kennedy International and LaGuardia Airports in New York. Within the County borders are trunk-line railroads, motor freight transport facilities, deep water shipping ports and dockside warehouses that play an important role in exporting goods into world markets and importing raw materials and finished products for distribution throughout the United States.

Although the geographical boundaries of the County have not changed since it was created in 1840, internal,-undeveloped marshland and underdeveloped waterfront areas are being changed to meet both the demand of technological advancement in industry and commerce, as well as the housing needs of the County's population.

County Government

Each county government in New Jersey derives its power as a separate unit of government from the Constitution of the State and State laws.

Counties, however, do not have sovereign power and may not, for instance, pass laws or ordinances that are not consistent with State laws or regulations. This form of government is supported by taxes levied by the governing body of the County and is apportioned among the municipalities that comprise the County according to the ratio of their equalized taxable ratables.

Counties were established in New Jersey around 1675 when small villages and communities combined to establish joint judicial and penal systems because it would be economically impractical for each to have a duplicate system.

Today, county government has complex responsibilities which include, but are not limited to, operating large institutions for the treatment of mental diseases, nursing homes, correctional facilities for those awaiting trial and serving sentences, courthouses for the prosecution of criminal cases and trial for civil matters, police departments and many other services.

Hudson County's Form of Government

On November 3, 1975, the citizens of Hudson County voted to change the form of government, whereby a County Executive is elected at-large and the members of the Board of County Commissioners are elected by district.

This form of government officially is known as the "County Executive Plan" under the Optional County Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:41A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Optional County Charter Law").

Under the Optional County Charter Law, the County adopted an Administrative Code which establishes the administrative framework of the County, setting forth principles of policy, establishing administrative, operational and organizational forms to conduct County business, providing penalties for violations of the Code and, in effect, serving as the constitution and by-laws under which the County operates.

The County Executive is the chief executive officer of the County and, as such, is required to supervise, direct and control all County administrative departments and to enforce the charter and all laws applicable to the County as well as all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the County. The County Executive's term of office is four (4) years.

The legislative power of the County is vested in the Board of County Commissioners, which is responsible for the adoption of ordinances and resolutions and, in certain designated instances, to give its advice and consent on appointments made by the County Executive.

County Officials

County Executive Born in Weehawken and raised in Jersey City, Hudson County Executive Craig Guy has spent his entire life in Hudson County and has dedicated his life to public service. As a Jersey City police officer for more than 25 years, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant and worked closely with community groups and civic leaders throughout the city. He then served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff to his predecessor for 21 years, working to improve public education, expand parks and open space, spur economic development, and enhance senior and veterans' services. As President of Hudson County Schools of Technology Board of Education for 16 years, he spearheaded construction of a new state-of-the-art High Tech High School campus in Secaucus and was a leader in the creation of Liberty Science Center High School, a world-class magnet STEM academy that will be part of SciTech City, a major hub of learning and innovation being developed in Jersey City.

County
Administrator

On December 30, 2002, Abraham Antun was appointed to serve as Hudson County Administrator.

Previously, he served as Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs from February 2002 to December 2002. Mr. Antun was originally appointed as Hudson County Administrator in February 1999 and served in that capacity until February 2002. He also served as the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration from 1988 until February 2002.

Mr. Antun is a graduate of St. Peter's College with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Economics. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Seton Hall University. He is licensed by the State as a Certified Municipal Finance Officer, Certified County Finance Officer and Certified Tax Collector.

County Counsel

Alberico De Pierro was appointed to serve as County Counsel in June of 2025. Prior to joining the Hudson County Counsel's Office in August of 2016, Mr. De Pierro was employed in private practice with the De Pierro Radding, LLC firm in Bloomfield, New Jersey. He is also a Trustee with the Hudson County Bar Association and a member of the Attorney Ethics Committee in District VI. Mr. De Pierro is a graduate of Saint Peter's College with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and is also a graduate of New York Law School receiving a Juris Doctorate. He is admitted to the New Jersey State Bar and the Federal District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Director of Finance
and Administration

Cheryl G. Fuller has been with the County of Hudson and served in various positions since 1988. From 1988 to 1996, she held the position of Division Chief of Accounts and Controls in the Department of Finance and Administration and more recently served as the Deputy Director of the Department. Ms. Fuller has also served as Business Administrator, City Manager and CFO for various New Jersey municipalities. Prior to employment in New Jersey local government she worked in public accounting for seven years.

Ms. Fuller is a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Economics. She is licensed by the New Jersey Board of Accountancy as a Certified Public Accountant. She is also licensed by the State of New Jersey as a Certified Municipal Finance Officer, Certified County Finance Officer and formerly served as a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

Commissioner
Chairperson

Anthony L. Romano began serving on the County Commissioners in January of 2009; he served as Chairman in 2013. A lifelong resident of the City of Hoboken, he has dedicated his life to advancing the interests of the public. He served on the Hoboken Board of Education from 2006–2009.

Commissioner Romano graduated from St. Peter's University with a B.A. in History and M.S. in Criminal Justice from New Jersey City University. He later went on to complete the Command and Leadership Program at West Point and teaches as an Adjunct Professor at Saint Peter's University.

Commissioner Romano currently serves as Chairman of the Board's Public Safety Committee, Economic Development and Housing Committee, and the Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs Committee. He is a member of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees and its Board of School Estimate, and also serves as a member of the Board's Education Committee, Finance, Budget & Administration Committee, Public Resources Committee, and Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee.

Commissioner
Vice Chairperson

Fanny J. Cedeño is a resident of Union City where she lives with her husband. She graduated from Emerson High School and is a graduate of Seton Hall University where she obtained a BA in Political Science with a minor in Diplomacy and International Relations. County Commissioner Cedeño started her career in public service by volunteering at a non-profit that provides help with immigration. Currently, she handles constituent relations for the Union City Mayor's Office. Helping her community has always been a priority for her. She was appointed to the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners, representing District 6, in January 2020, replacing County Commissioner Tilo E. Rivas.

Chairperson
Pro Tempore

William O'Dea was elected Commissioner in September 1997. Now serving his eighth full term, County Commissioner O'Dea is the Chairperson of the Public Resources Committee; a member of the following committees: Taskforce on the Homeless; and Liaison to the Workforce Investment Board. This native of Jersey City has previous experience as an elected official, having served two consecutive terms, elected in 1985 and 1989, as a Jersey City Councilman. Currently, Bill O'Dea is Deputy Executive Director of the Elizabeth Development Company, considered the best-administered Enterprise Zone development company in the country. County Commissioner O'Dea is a graduate of St. Peter's Preparatory in Jersey City, where he won the Silver Medal in Oratory Competition and the Silver Medal in Business Law. For his many academic successes, he was included in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Bill graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelors of Science degree from St. John's University. He won Gold Key Awards as a top student in criminal justice and in political science. He was named to "Who's Who in International Business" in 2005 and to "Who's Who in America" in 2006.

County Commissioners

The legislative body of each county in New Jersey is the Board of County Commissioners. In other states, officials holding similar office are known as county supervisors or commissioners.

Hudson County has a nine (9) member Board of County Commissioners, each of whom is elected within a district. The districts are equally proportioned based on population. The board selects one of its members to serve as chairperson, one as vice-chairperson and one as chairperson pro-tempore for a period of one (1) year. The Commissioners' elected term of office is three (3) years.

The legislative power of the County is vested in the Board of County Commissioners. Under the Optional County Charter Law approved by the voters in 1975, the Board of County Commissioners, among other things:

- a. Shall advise and consent to all appointments by the County Executive for which board confirmation is specified under the charter.
- b. Shall pass whatever ordinances and resolutions it deems necessary and proper for the good governance of the County.
- c. Appoints a clerk to the board who serves at the board's pleasure and who keeps the records and minutes of the board.
- d. May pass resolutions of disapproval or dismissal.
- e. May override a veto of the County Executive by a two-thirds vote.
- f. Approves the annual operating and capital budgets.

Public and Non-Public Schools

In the 2020/2021 school year, Hudson County's 12 municipalities had 14 Charter Schools, 87 Early Childhood Centers, 75 public elementary schools, 17 middle schools and 19 high schools. Supplementing these are 2 public special education schools, 2 private schools for the disabled, 6 adult/evening high schools and 1 satellite schools of technology. There are an additional 67 private schools throughout the County, including religious affiliated schools.

In addition, there are institutions of higher learning such as Stevens Institute of Technology (an engineering college), New Jersey City University, St. Peter's College and Hudson County Community College, which awards a two-year Associate Degree.

Vocational-technical education has long been regarded as important to industrial growth within the County. In Bayonne, North Bergen, Harrison, Hoboken, Union City, West New York, Kearny and Jersey City there are vocational education programs for high school students. Vocational education is also provided to adults through the Hudson County Schools of Technology adult evening and adult high school programs.

As of July 2021, there were 99 registered family day care providers and 323 licensed childcare centers registered with the Urban League of Hudson County of which 87 participate in the Pre-K (Abbott) Program in Hudson County.

Source: The Urban League of Hudson County, the New Jersey Department of Education - New Jersey School Directory and the Archdiocese of Newark's School Statistics.

Transportation

General

Hudson County lies on six (6) waterways: the Passaic River, Newark Bay, Kill Van Kull, New York Harbor, the Hackensack River and the Hudson River. Separated physically from Manhattan by the Hudson River, the County is connected via the Holland Tunnel from Jersey City, the Lincoln Tunnel from

Weehawken and the PATH, a modernized rapid transit system with two sets of rail tunnels, below the Hudson River, and six (6) stations in Hudson County located in Jersey City, Hoboken and Harrison.

Air

Within 15 minutes travel time from Hudson County, Newark Liberty International Airport (served by major airlines) has one of the largest and most comprehensive airfreight and new passenger terminals in the eastern United States. "Air Train", the airport's monorail completed in October 2001, connects to the Northeast Corridor Line of New Jersey Transit and Amtrak.

Newark Liberty International Airport is undergoing a redevelopment program, which includes a new \$2.7 billion Terminal A nearing completion. The new terminal will have more space for larger aircraft, and 33 gates which are "common use" with computer systems available to be shared by any airline. The Terminal A project includes a new access roadway network and 2,750 vehicle parking facility. A \$2.05 billion replacement of the airport's Air Train system is anticipated to begin construction in 2021. The planning process is now beginning for the replacement of the airport's Terminal B.

The 2017-2026 Capital Plan for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey identifies \$2.1 billion in upgrades for the airport. This includes the rehabilitation of runways, taxiways, terminal electrical and HVAC system upgrades, and security systems enhancements.

Rail

New Jersey Transit has an extensive rail system providing passenger service throughout New Jersey and into New York Penn Station. The Hoboken Terminal and Secaucus Junction are currently New Jersey Transit's only stations in Hudson County, but both are major hubs in New Jersey Transit's system. These stations serve to provide convenient and frequent direct or connecting routes to all destinations served by the New Jersey Transit rail system, with Secaucus Junction connecting all but one of New Jersey Transit's ten (10) passenger rail lines. The Hoboken Terminal has connections to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, PATH train, and NY Waterway Ferry.

New Jersey Transit currently runs eight (8) separate direct routes to and from Hoboken Terminal:

Bergen County Line	Montclair-Boonton Line	Morristown Line
Main Line	Pascack Valley Line	Raritan Valley Line (Weekends Only)
North Jersey Coast Line	Gladstone Branch	

New Jersey Transit currently runs eight (8) separate direct routes to and from Secaucus Junction:

Bergen County Line	North East Corridor Line	North Jersey Coast Line
Morristown Line	Pascack Valley Line	Montclair-Boonton Line
Gladstone Branch	Main Line	

New Jersey Transit also manages the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, which currently operates daily among twenty four (24) stations from West Side Avenue, Jersey City, 8th Street, Bayonne to Tonelle Avenue, North Bergen. The Light Rail was extended southward in 2011 and now terminates at 8th Street in Bayonne.

The PATH is a rapid rail system that operates within Newark, Harrison, Jersey City and Hoboken in New Jersey and six (6) stations across the Hudson River in New York. The PATH system has thirteen (13) rail stations in total throughout northeastern New Jersey and Manhattan. A temporary station at the World Trade Center reopened on November 23, 2003. A new World Trade Center Transportation Hub opened on March 3, 2016. Designed by Santiago Calatrava, the architecturally significant transportation center known as the Oculus includes a 365,000 square foot shopping mall with 125 retail spaces and connects through a system of underground passageways to office buildings in the World Trade Center Complex, the Brookfield Place shopping mall and World Financial Center office complex, as well as of thirteen (13) lines of the New York City Subway both on site and at the nearby Fulton Center.

In 2018, the Port Authority completed upgrading all signals on the PATH system and installing Positive Train Control on all cars and lines. Positive Train Control is a computerized communications system which will allow for trains to run closer together and more frequently, increasing system capacity, and will improve safety by automatically shutting down trains traveling too fast or too close together.

A new, entirely rebuilt \$265 million station at Harrison opened for westbound service on October 30, 2018 and for eastbound service on June 15, 2019. The reconstructed station features wider and longer platforms which will be able to accommodate 10 car trains.

A project to expand and enhance the PATH system is currently underway. New elevators and escalators, increased ADA accessibility upgrades, as well as flood proofing measures, are under construction at the Exchange Place, Grove Street, Hoboken, and Newport Stations. The PATH Improvement Plan launched in June 2019 is intended to reduce delays and increase capacity and reliability. Modifications to stations on the Newark to World Trade Center line will allow for 9 car trains, and 72 new cars will be purchased for the system, which is expected to increase capacity by 40% on the line by 2022. Extension of the Grove Street Station to lengthen the platforms to allow 9 car trains began in March 2020. Future reconstruction to lengthen platforms at stations to accommodate 10 car trains is under consideration.

Ferry

New York Waterway offers frequent and convenient ferry service into and out of Manhattan from Weehawken, Hoboken and Jersey City to Brookfield Place and Pier 11/Wall Street in lower Manhattan,

where connection is available to NYC Ferry, New York Water Taxi, and additional New York Waterway routes, and to West 39th in midtown Manhattan, where free transfer is available to a variety of "loop" buses.

Liberty Landing Ferry operates one ferry route between Liberty Landing Marina and Warren Street in Jersey City to Brookfield Place/World Financial Center in Manhattan.

Bayonne received \$650,000 from the federal Passenger Ferry Grant Program in 2018 to construct a ferry terminal. In February 2020, Bayonne authorized a lease from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for a ferry terminal at the Military Ocean Terminal at Bayonne. Bayonne has also made an agreement for Seastreak, LLC to operate a ferry service. Details of the agreement and service are currently in discussion.

During 2020-2021, the Hudson County Division of Planning led a study to analyze the demand for additional passenger ferry services in Hudson County through the Ferry Service Expansion Study. The final study report was released in July 2021.

Bus

Hudson County is well served by a comprehensive local and regional bus network. An extensive public/private system of bus routes provides intra-county and intra-state service via many local routes.

Major Highways

Hudson County is at the center of the region's highway network, with multiple major routes passing through and serving the County. NJ Route 495 and NJ Route 139 provide connections to New York City via the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels. NJ Route 3 and NJ Route 7 provide east-west connections between the two sections of the County and to other areas of New Jersey. U.S. Routes 1 & 9, NJ Route 440 and the New Jersey Turnpike (Interstate 95) link the County to other areas in New Jersey and to the State of New York. Interstate Route 78 (and its connecting highway NJ Route 185), and Interstate Route 280 provide western links within the State and to destinations beyond.

Connecting the Hudson County peninsula's heavy industrial and waterfront areas is the 8-mile Newark Bay - Hudson County extension of the multi-lane New Jersey Turnpike. The Turnpike interchanges listed below provide direct access and physical proximity to New York City and other key market areas:

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|-----|---|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 | – | Newark, New Jersey | Newark Liberty International Airport |
| 14A | – | Bayonne | Port Jersey: a deep-water container-ship seaport and industrial park and Military Ocean Terminal Bayonne |
| 14B | – | Jersey City | Liberty State Park: the largest urban state park, bordering the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island |
| 14C | – | Jersey City | Business and residential sections, Holland Tunnel |

The County is also served by the main line of the New Jersey Turnpike, which includes eastern and western spurs. The following exits are located within Hudson County:

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|-----|---|--------|--------------------------------|
| 15W | – | Kearny | Interstate 280, Newark, Kearny |
|-----|---|--------|--------------------------------|

15X	–	Secaucus	Frank R. Lautenberg Secaucus Junction Station
17	–	Secaucus	NJ Route 3, Meadowlands Sports Complex, American Dream Meadowlands

Seaport

Port Jersey Industrial Marine Center, split between Bayonne and Jersey City, is divided into a 100-acre industrial park and a modern 310-acre container port with bulk capabilities, roll-on, roll-off and break-bulk facilities. The adjacent ExpressRail Port Jersey Intermodal Complex comprises 8 tracks for loading and unloading cargo from the terminal and connects with the region’s main freight rail network. Port Jersey’s geographic location provides excellent access to the sea from the Port of New York’s Upper Harbor.

Communications

Newspapers

The Star Ledger, which is widely circulated in the New York City and New Jersey metropolitan areas, is now only available in digital format. The Observer is a local publication that serves Hudson County.

Postal Facilities

One of the largest postal distribution facilities in the entire northeastern United States is located in Jersey City. Additionally, the USPS New Jersey Priority Mail Processing Center is located in Kearny. Local delivery is made from 33 offices throughout the County. Private delivery services UPS and FedEx both have shipping and distribution centers in Secaucus.

Telephone

Verizon New Jersey provides the majority of telephone access lines in the State. It provides voice, data, and fiber optic cable service to residential and business customers.

Electricity and Gas

Public Service Electric & Gas Company (“PSE&G”) supplies electric and/or gas service throughout Hudson County and in a 2,500 square mile corridor between New York and Philadelphia. The company is the nation’s third largest electric and gas utility. The utility uses fossil fuel generating stations, nuclear power, gas turbines, and pumped storage hydroelectric facilities. Increased reliability is obtained by the company’s participation in the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland (PJM) power pool. PSE&G also supplies natural gas service to the customers in its service area. The bulk of the gas supply is from pipelines from the southwest United States.

Fuel Oil

Hudson County’s fuel oil requirements are supplied from various locations. There are three (3) waterfront terminals with ample storage facilities and more than ten (10) reliable retailers who are capable

of trucking oil to customers from one (1) of the terminals located in Jersey City, Bayonne or nearby Port Newark, which boasts terminals owned by most major oil companies in the United States.

Solid Waste

In accordance with its designation as a solid waste management district under the Solid Waste Management Act, the County developed a comprehensive plan for solid waste management within the Hudson County Solid Waste Management District. The original Hudson County Solid Waste Management Plan (the "County Plan") was adopted by the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners (the "County Commissioners") on April 11, 1979 and was approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") on April 26, 1979. By Ordinance dated November 18, 1985, the County Commissioners designated the Hudson County Improvement Authority as the sole agency responsible for the implementation of the County Plan.

The County Plan has been amended from time to time to encompass significant changes in the Hudson County Solid Waste Management System (the "Solid Waste System") and, as required by the Solid Waste Management Act, to provide adequate planning for the disposal of all solid waste generated in the County. Most recently the County Plan has been amended in response to Atlantic Coast Demolition & Recycling, Inc. v. Board of County Commissioners of Atlantic County, et al., 112 P.3d 652 (1997) ("Atlantic Coast").

The Hudson County Improvement Authority currently has outstanding \$63,165,000 in solid waste system revenue bonds relating to the development of the County Solid Waste System and compliance with state mandated solid waste disposal policies. The current County Plan provides, among other things, for the disposal of all in-County generated type 10 solid waste at SWT&R in Newark and solid waste types 13, 23, 25 and 27 at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission in Lyndhurst.

The County, in order to fulfill its obligations under its Contingent Sale or Lease Agreement with the Hudson County Improvement Authority, issued \$33,000,000 in bond anticipation notes over a three year period beginning in 2001, for the purchase of the former resource recovery facility located in Kearny, New Jersey and commonly known as the Koppers Site (the "Koppers Site"). The \$33,000,000 in original note proceeds was paid to the Hudson County Improvement Authority for the Koppers Sites and permanently financed in 2012 and 2013. These bonds were retired in October of 2019. The Hudson County Improvement Authority and Hudson County are currently participating in a cooperative effort to sell the site.

Water

The water supply to Hudson County municipalities is either directly provided by or managed through a contract by Suez Water, with the exception of Harrison, which receives its water from the Passaic Valley Water Commission, and East Newark, which receives its water from the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission.

Sewerage

Generally, sewerage operations for Hudson County residents are administered by sewerage authorities either comprised of individual municipalities or groups of neighboring municipalities. Sewerage for Jersey City, Bayonne, Kearny, Harrison and East Newark is processed by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. Sewerage for Hoboken, Union City, Weehawken and West New York is processed by the North Hudson Sewerage Authority. Sewerage for North Bergen and Guttenberg is

processed by the North Bergen Municipal Utilities Authority. Sewerage for Secaucus is processed by the Secaucus Municipal Utilities Authority.

Sources: Economic Profile of Hudson County, Hudson County Chamber of Commerce and Industry, City of Bayonne Water and Sewer Departments, Town of Harrison Sewer Department, and Kearny Water Services. County of Hudson Department of Finance and Administration.

POPULATION OF THE COUNTY

Resident Population

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Land Area (Sq. Mi.)</u>
Bayonne	77,203	74,215	72,743	65,047	61,444	61,842	63,024	71,686	5.80
East Newark	2,173	1,872	1,922	1,923	2,157	2,377	2,406	2,594	0.10
Guttenberg	5,566	5,118	5,754	7,340	8,268	10,807	11,176	12,017	0.20
Harrison	13,490	11,743	11,811	12,242	13,425	14,424	13,620	19,450	1.20
Hoboken	50,676	48,441	45,380	42,460	33,397	38,577	50,005	60,419	1.28
Jersey City	299,017	276,101	260,350	223,532	228,537	240,055	247,597	292,449	14.79
Kearny	39,952	37,472	37,585	35,735	34,874	40,513	40,684	41,999	8.77
North Bergen	41,560	42,387	47,751	47,019	48,418	58,092	60,773	63,361	5.13
Secaucus	9,750	12,154	13,228	13,719	14,061	15,931	16,264	22,181	5.82
Union City	55,537	52,180	57,305	55,593	58,012	67,088	66,455	68,589	1.28
Weehawken	14,830	13,504	13,383	13,168	12,385	13,501	12,554	17,197	0.80
West New York	37,683	35,547	40,627	39,194	38,125	45,768	49,708	52,912	1.01
Hudson County	<u>647,437</u>	<u>610,734</u>	<u>607,839</u>	<u>556,972</u>	<u>553,099</u>	<u>608,975</u>	<u>634,266</u>	<u>724,854</u>	<u>46.19</u>

Source: 2000 Census of Population and Housing New Jersey and 2010, 2020 Decennial Census U.S. Census Bureau

PROJECTED POPULATION OF THE COUNTY

	Census on April 1	Estimates July 1	Projections to July 1	Population	Rate of Growth
Hudson County	724,854	718,700		718,700	-.85%
			2029	747,400	3.11%
			2034	766,500	2.56%

Source: State of NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Market Information, Demographics, Labor Force Projections

**TOTAL HOUSING UNITS
BY MUNICIPALITY
1980-2020**

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	Percent Change	Percent Change	Percent Change	Percent Change
						<u>1980- 1990</u>	<u>1990- 2000</u>	<u>2000- 2010</u>	<u>2010- 2020</u>
Bayonne	26,363	26,468	26,826	27,799	29,727	0.40%	1.35%	3.23%	6.94%
East Newark	696	755	799	794	920	8.48	5.83	0.38	15.87
Guttenberg	4,061	4,504	4,650	4,839	5,142	10.91	3.24	12.75	6.26
Harrison	4,618	5,120	5,254	5,228	8,594	10.87	2.62	-5.56	64.38
Hoboken	16,821	17,421	19,915	26,855	30,202	3.57	14.32	27.12	12.46
Jersey City	87,999	90,723	93,648	108,720	130,992	3.1	3.22	14.19	20.49
Kearny	13,301	13,435	13,872	14,180	15,392	1.01	3.25	3.06	8.55
North Bergen	19,375	21,274	22,009	23,912	25,079	9.8	3.45	5.34	4.88
Secaucus	5,502	6,013	6,385	6,846	9,316	9.29	6.19	-0.52	36.08
Union City	21,500	22,592	23,741	24,931	26,455	5.08	5.09	3.58	6.11
Weehawken	5,208	5,583	6,159	6,213	9,089	7.2	10.32	0.84	46.29
West New York	<u>15,832</u>	<u>15,794</u>	<u>17,360</u>	<u>20,018</u>	<u>21,798</u>	<u>-0.24</u>	<u>9.92</u>	<u>10.93</u>	<u>8.89</u>
<i>Hudson County</i>	<u>221,276</u>	<u>229,682</u>	<u>240,618</u>	<u>270,335</u>	<u>312,706</u>	<u>3.80%</u>	<u>4.76%</u>	<u>10.07%</u>	<u>15.67%</u>

Source: 2000 Census of Population and Housing New Jersey and 2010, 2020 Decennial Census Occupancy Status, U.S. Census Bureau.

Housing Activity

The following table shows the number of dwelling units authorized by building permit in Hudson County through the years 2012 – Year- to Date July 2024.

Dwelling Units Authorized by Building Permit												
Type	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Building Permits	3,521	4,621	5,060	4,164	5,073	4,617	7,707	6,950	5,257	6,056	5,312	5,310
Single Units	130	272	400	338	243	1,065	2,070	235	416	355	444	949
Multi Units	3,391	4,349	4,660	3,826	4,830	3,552	5,637	6,715	4841	5,701	4,868	4,361

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing and Construction Division. State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Bayonne	286	193	188	63	558	757	1,143	878	383	693	336	150
East Newark	60	-	-	-	8	10	14	4	2	8	14	18
Guttenberg	8	18	21	2	109	10	40	49	-	63	73	106
Harrison	22	468	309	739	1,339	45	1,289	1,089	876	222	88	97
Hoboken	420	475	743	110	679	221	175	95	112	55	54	59
Jersey City	1,687	2,180	2,658	1,494	1,604	2,493	4,675	3,552	3,232	3,741	2,339	2,601
Kearny	2	151	-	84	-	4	-	2	-	-	77	50
North Bergen	-	-	-	10	31	226	134	124	266	60	290	127
Secaucus	667	632	657	766	14	65	22	643	5	7	10	10
Union City	39	43	94	81	40	95	59	74	110	138	74	69
Weehawken	226	403	5	558	238	380	2	31	37	599	1,031	838
West New York	<u>104</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>639</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>1,185</u>
Hudson County	3,521	4,621	5,060	4,164	5,073	4,617	7,707	6,950	5,662	6,056	5,312	5,310

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing and Construction Division. State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

NEW JERSEY COUNTIES
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS AUTHORIZED BY BUILDING PERMITS
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED
2012 – 2023

COUNTY	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Atlantic County	484	722	710	1,083	1,090	996	957	667	804	803	406	672
Bergen County	2,751	3,408	2,672	3,144	3,059	2,709	3,929	3,391	4,023	4,065	3,440	3,488
Burlington County	734	1,000	892	825	1,134	1,274	2,636	1,757	2,118	2,089	1,718	2,161
Camden County	1,368	1,506	1,121	553	1,400	785	1,435	896	908	1,222	1,007	1,018
Cape May County	658	638	614	642	814	643	863	675	917	844	805	877
Cumberland County	219	211	237	134	88	74	135	179	191	150	112	216
Essex County	1,463	2,617	3,214	2,386	2,317	2,057	3,224	2,704	3,462	3,472	3,786	3,364
Gloucester County	939	491	736	724	736	640	706	778	755	844	971	1,047
Hudson County	3,521	4,621	5,060	4,164	5,073	4,617	7,707	6,950	5,257	6,056	5,312	5,310
Hunterdon County	199	348	425	355	287	621	684	322	688	577	378	389
Mercer County	964	368	896	711	605	501	538	832	544	646	978	2,256
Middlesex County	1,652	1,901	2,990	2,351	2,812	2,737	3,007	2,759	3,269	2,480	2,331	1,971
Monmouth County	1,663	1,484	1,399	1,933	1,474	1,897	1,587	2,641	2,350	2,392	2,556	2,840
Morris County	1,665	1,611	2,262	1,695	1,814	1,815	1,527	1,632	2,151	2,363	1,497	2,357
Ocean County	2,171	2,937	2,621	2,635	3,437	2,283	2,258	3,651	3,758	3,551	3,744	4,434
Passaic County	838	518	507	397	580	624	1,017	1,421	1,145	1,258	850	860
Salem County	38	51	43	50	30	63	68	35	88	114	104	95
Somerset County	1,221	1,310	1,551	995	831	1,309	1,708	1,913	1,261	950	618	678
Sussex County	262	222	216	169	128	156	172	226	170	267	124	184
Union County	1,111	1,966	2,185	1,594	1,091	2,312	2,316	2,664	3,281	3,082	1,963	1,749
Warren County	<u>278</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>304</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>443</u>	<u>630</u>
<u>New Jersey</u>	<u>24,199</u>	<u>28,174</u>	<u>30,640</u>	<u>26,797</u>	<u>28,926</u>	<u>28,221</u>	<u>36,641</u>	<u>36,397</u>	<u>37,329</u>	<u>37,546</u>	<u>33,143</u>	<u>36,596</u>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturing & Construction Division, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Unemployment

Listed below is a year-by-year compilation of annual average labor force and unemployment figures for Hudson County, New Jersey.

COMPARATIVE UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Year	County Unemployment		State	National Unemployment
	Labor Force	as % of Civilian Labor Force	Unemployment as % of Civilian Labor Force	as % of Civilian Labor Force
2007	291,092	4.9	4.2	4.6
2008	295,201	6.3	5.4	5.8
2009	301,525	10.3	8.9	9.3
2010	356,088	9.7	9.7	9.6
2011	360,540	9.0	9.4	8.9
2012	364,434	9.0	9.4	8.1
2013	363,646	8.0	8.4	7.4
2014	364,563	6.3	6.7	6.2
2015	367,809	5.3	5.7	5.3
2016	381,070	4.5	4.9	4.9
2017	384,994	4.1	4.5	4.4
2018	387,587	3.6	4.0	3.9
2019	399,709	3.1	3.5	3.7
2020	393,546	9.7	9.5	8.1
2021	387,193	6.9	6.7	5.3
2022	401,167	3.6	3.9	3.6
2023	415,081	4.0	4.3	3.6
2024	419,415	4.2	4.5	4.0

Source: Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Employment and Wages, Unemployment Rates and Labor Force Estimates

Economy

The following chart shows the distribution of the Bergen-Hudson-Passaic Metropolitan Statistical Area labor force by industry group for the years 2011 through 2023.

BERGEN-HUDSON-PASSAIC MSA Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Trends (Data in thousands)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Goods Producing	86.0	87.0	88.3	89.2	90.1	90.9	91.7	84.9	86.0	88.9	89.7	88.9
Manufacturing	58.3	57.8	57.9	58.7	59.3	60.2	60.4	55.5	56.3	58.4	59.6	59.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	27.7	29.2	30.4	30.5	30.7	30.8	31.4	29.4	29.7	30.4	30.1	29.6
Service Producing	796.7	804.3	813.7	823.9	834.7	837.5	843.9	764.7	800.2	848.3	867.6	866.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	203.1	205.5	207.3	207.6	209.5	210.8	212.4	195.6	201.5	211.6	212.0	209.4
Information	17.7	18.7	19.1	19.0	19.0	18.3	18.4	18.1	20.0	22.1	23.1	20.4
Financial Activities	72.3	69.4	70.3	73.1	76.7	77.5	76.7	73.5	77.3	82.5	83.6	81.8
Professional and Business Services	143.7	140.9	142.4	143.2	142.7	141.4	141.6	129.2	135.9	143.2	144.8	137.5
Education and Health Services	142.2	146.9	150.2	154.3	158.6	159.6	162.3	149.4	156.2	163.0	170.6	177.7
Leisure and Hospitality	66.4	67.8	69.6	71.4	72.9	75.6	77.4	56.2	65.6	76.6	81.3	84.7
Other Services	34.4	35.8	36.3	36.9	36.9	37.2	37.9	30.6	32.2	34.9	36.7	37.5
Government	<u>116.9</u>	<u>119.4</u>	<u>118.5</u>	<u>118.5</u>	<u>118.2</u>	<u>117.2</u>	<u>117.4</u>	<u>112.1</u>	<u>111.5</u>	<u>114.2</u>	<u>115.5</u>	<u>117.6</u>
Total	<u>882.8</u>	<u>891.3</u>	<u>902.0</u>	<u>913.1</u>	<u>924.8</u>	<u>928.4</u>	<u>935.7</u>	<u>849.6</u>	<u>886.2</u>	<u>937.1</u>	<u>957.2</u>	<u>955.3</u>

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Employment and Wages, Division of Economic and Demographic Research, Current Employment Statistics

**NEW JERSEY
ESTIMATED OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS**

Occupation Title	2020	2032 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Total Percent Change
	Actual Employment			
Total, All Occupations	4,491,700	4,707,800	216,100	4.8
Management Occupations	328,400	351,250	22,850	7.0
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	299,450	311,350	11,900	4.0
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	159,500	176,200	16,700	10.5
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	56,000	58,950	2,950	5.2
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	45,900	49,600	3,700	8.0
Community and Social Service Occupations	78,500	85,750	7,200	9.1
Legal Occupations	39,800	41,250	1,450	3.6
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	305,250	320,100	14,850	4.9
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	72,350	74,300	1,950	2.7
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	254,100	279,100	25,000	9.8
Healthcare Support Occupations	191,700	222,200	30,500	15.9
Protective Service Occupations	114,350	113,950	-400	-0.4
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	288,050	311,350	23,300	8.1
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	149,150	153,350	4,200	2.8
Personal Care and Service Occupations	141,250	157,800	16,550	11.7
Sales and Related Occupations	403,600	398,300	-5,300	-1.3
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	591,300	558,950	-32,350	-5.5
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	4,200	4,200	0	1.0
Construction and Extraction Occupations	144,500	151,750	7,250	5.0
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	149,600	154,950	5,350	3.6
Production Occupations	178,750	180,950	2,200	1.2
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	496,050	552,200	56,150	11.3

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Employment and Wages, Industry and Occupational Employment Projection

25 Largest Taxpayers 2025

	<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Total Assessed Value</u>
1	GSJC LAND LLC	\$ 391,226,200.00
2	101 HUDSON RE LLC % THE BICH GROUP	351,950,000.00
3	SL H.O. 2&3, LLC & H.O., 2A, LLC	291,437,500.00
4	ONE JS TOWER NO.U.R. CO. LLC%KABR	228,924,500.00
5	HANCOCK S-REIT JCITY CORP.	221,137,300.00
6	NOC VII C/O UBS R.E. LEASE ADMIN	218,564,500.00
7	LIBERTY TOWERS TIC I & II, LLC.	215,000,000.00
8	WAVE PROPERTY LLC	214,856,700.00
9	TOWN COVE JC U/R INC. C/O AVALONBAY	214,660,000.00
10	MEPT NEWPORT TWR.LLC.%ALTUS GROUP	208,608,500.00
11	5851 WEST SIDE ASSOC LLC % B WANG	201,578,895.00
12	SL HARBORSIDE OWNER 5, LLC	198,700,000.00
13	545 WASHINGTON ASSOC.FEE LP C/O HBI	194,319,700.00
14	ELLIPSE BUILDING LLC	190,000,000.00
15	DORIC APARTMENT CO % MANAGEMENT CO	188,000,000.00
16	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOC	181,869,500.00
17	NEWPORT CENTRE, LLC % PROP. TAX	181,866,000.00
18	LHN II,LLC % ATTN:MANAGEMENT OFFICE	178,573,500.00
19	FIRST ST. LLC.&ONE URBAN LLC.&LKD	178,000,000.00
20	NEWPORT CENTRE	177,185,200.00
21	UE TONNELLE COMMONS % URBAN EDGE	174,405,700.00
22	90 COLUMBUS CO., LLC % PANEPINTO PR	172,500,000.00
23	GRAND LHN III U.R.,LLC	170,000,000.00
24	PROVOST SQUARE I URBAN RENEWAL, LLC	165,783,800.00
25	MC SOHO LOFTS TIC I & II, LLC	160,113,000.00
		\$ 5,269,260,495.00

Source: Hudson County Board of Taxation.

HCEDC TOP EMPLOYERS IN HUDSON COUNTY 1,000 OR MORE

<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u># of Employees</u>
Insurance Service Office Inc.	Jersey City	6,495
United States Postal Service	Secaucus	6,000
John Wiley & Son Inc.	Hoboken	5,700
Vitamin Shoppe, Inc.	Secaucus	5,686
Hoboken University Medical Center	Hoboken	5,037
UBS Financial Svc.	Weehawken	5,000
Goya Foods, Inc.	Secaucus	4,000
Goldman Sachs & Co. Inc.	Jersey City	3,782
Kuehn & Nagel, Inc.	Jersey City	3,300
City of Jersey City	Jersey City	3,171
County of Hudson	Jersey City	2,800
Delta Galil USA, Inc. (DE CORP)	Secaucus	2,530
United States Postal Service	Jersey City	2,200
Healthcare Staffing & Consultant LLC.	Jersey City	2,000
Pershing LLC. / Mellon Bank	Jersey City	2,000
Hanover Direct, Inc.	Weehawken	1,975
Jersey City Medical Center	Jersey City	1,942
Bayonne Hospital	Bayonne	1,867
New Jersey City University	Jersey City	1,663
Jersey City Board of Education	Jersey City	1,661
City of Bayonne	Bayonne	1,627
Imperial Bag & Paper Co. Inc.	Jersey City	1,627
JP Morgan Chase Bank	Jersey City	1,592
Marsh USA, Inc.	Hoboken	1,500
Citigroup Inc.	Jersey City	1,500
A & M (2015) LLC	North Bergen	1,500
National Retail System Inc.	North Bergen	1,500
The Children's Place Retail Stores	Secaucus	1,500
Palisades General Hospital	North Bergen	1,432
AvePoint Inc.	Jersey City	1,400
Bayonne Board of Education	Bayonne	1,322
Christ Hospital Health Service	Jersey City	1,206
Hartz Mountain Industries Inc.	Secaucus	1,200
I.P.C. Systems Inc.	Jersey City	1,150
Fidelity Investments	Jersey City	1,000
Ashley Stewart LTD	Secaucus	1,000
West New York Board of Education	West New York	1,000

Source: Hudson County Economic Development Corp., Major Employers List, November 2024.

County Tax Rates

The following schedule shows the Hudson County tax rate per \$1,000.00 based on equalized valuations.

In 2004, the County established an Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. This fund was duly approved by the Hudson County voters in November 2003. The open space tax is limited to 10 cents per \$1,000 County equalized valuation.

<u>Year</u>	<u>County Purpose</u>	<u>County Open Space</u>
2025	\$3.4053094	0.100
2024	3.5942302	0.100
2023	3.5200328	0.074
2022	3.7716827	0.500
2021	3.8468808	0.004
2020	3.9005212	0.004
2019	4.2206682	0.100
2018	4.4428968	0.100
2017	4.8300150	0.100
2016	5.2564566	0.100

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

**HUDSON COUNTY
ASSESSED VALUATIONS OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENT BY CLASS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Class 1 Vacant Land</u>	<u>Class 2 Residential</u>	<u>Class 4a Commercial</u>	<u>Class 4b Industrial</u>	<u>Class 4c Apartments</u>
2025	\$94,704,960,515	\$4,254,112,402	\$48,294,641,509	\$23,537,066,511	\$6,859,049,519	\$11,760,090,604
2024	92,806,811,805	4,760,298,302	47,459,941,899	22,112,855,911	6,673,716,619	11,799,999,074
2023	86,313,825,374	4,315,298,049	44,450,935,210	20,433,485,522	6,664,699,319	10,449,407,274
2022	87,271,712,119	4,315,298,049	44,450,935,210	20,433,485,522	7,622,586,064	10,449,407,274
2021	74,503,637,707	3,590,140,434	39,659,004,056	16,828,771,463	5,321,893,700	9,103,828,054
2020	72,788,034,022	3,752,253,334	38,877,643,535	15,869,979,403	5,370,245,600	8,917,912,150
2019	63,535,423,349	3,653,293,162	33,935,535,312	14,668,898,975	4,496,673,600	6,781,022,300
2018	62,212,588,184	3,855,693,727	33,037,114,342	14,263,122,665	4,574,112,600	6,482,544,850
2017	31,158,397,783	849,409,973	18,545,205,021	6,221,516,519	2,504,043,940	3,038,222,330
2016	30,622,018,695	877,241,128	18,421,359,838	5,994,663,669	2,445,830,530	2,882,923,530
2015	30,386,776,195	838,973,628	18,255,451,065	5,945,021,942	2,478,909,730	2,868,419,830
2014	30,125,470,431	859,134,341	18,124,654,565	5,889,291,355	2,379,814,780	2,872,575,390

Source: Hudson County Board of Taxation.

**HUDSON COUNTY
NET VALUATIONS AS EQUALIZED**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Land and Improvements</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>Net Valuation Taxable</u>	<u>Valuation as Equalized</u>	<u>Net Valuation Taxable Divided by Valuations Equalized</u>
2025	\$37,624,933,450	\$57,259,663,592	\$94,955,286,268	\$112,247,787	\$94,817,208,302	\$135,677,445,893	69.88
2024	37,632,961,926	55,649,938,532	93,282,900,458	119,525,474	92,926,337,279	122,245,837,135	76.02
2023	34,770,107,773	52,045,715,843	86,815,823,616	104,740,043	86,418,565,417	119,174,058,426	72.50
2022	33,380,352,623	50,460,044,193	83,840,396,816	104,033,669	83,241,150,143	107,406,878,201	77.50
2021	29,694,898,630	45,521,116,999	75,216,015,629	96,867,279	74,600,504,986	104,972,568,786	71.06
2020	29,571,958,334	43,216,075,688	72,788,034,022	93,943,203	72,881,977,225	100,425,077,769	72.57
2019	25,994,619,585	38,291,841,867	64,286,461,452	94,156,072	63,629,579,421	89,914,731,453	70.77
2018	26,145,973,310	36,399,942,381	62,545,915,691	92,433,903	62,305,022,087	82,447,156,922	75.56
2017	11,624,736,347	19,616,075,756	31,240,812,103	43,023,905	31,201,421,688	73,311,701,142	42.56
2016	11,584,280,860	19,123,062,915	30,707,343,775	45,384,383	30,667,403,078	65,392,301,602	46.90
2015	11,541,236,011	18,932,646,664	30,473,882,675	46,315,097	30,433,091,292	61,590,191,081	49.41
2014	11,516,820,400	18,683,448,751	30,200,269,201	43,445,405	30,168,915,836	58,176,635,774	51.86

Source: Hudson County Board of Taxation.

HUDSON COUNTY
Tax Levy - County Purpose

	<u>2025</u>	2024	2023	2022	2021
Bayonne	\$37,334,587	\$35,861,047	\$32,482,459	\$31,471,880	\$30,621,554
East Newark	1,051,817	1,021,873	926,088	829,617	890,309
Guttenberg	4,529,464	4,825,277	4,289,099	4,350,131	4,610,525
Harrison	7,446,491	6,995,668	6,257,556	6,111,098	5,799,928
Hoboken	70,000,869	68,080,037	64,717,793	63,893,966	67,663,978
Jersey City	195,556,972	180,851,328	183,624,499	175,146,367	176,115,034
Kearny	21,882,735	21,931,421	20,404,450	19,198,375	17,776,455
North Bergen	35,851,022	36,130,551	34,163,101	33,055,226	26,586,250
Secaucus	26,661,059	20,452,622	20,590,082	19,780,072	21,835,292
Union City	22,794,655	22,186,210	18,663,611	18,132,239	18,209,823
Weehawken	14,358,223	14,876,482	14,645,691	14,035,541	15,797,308
West New York	<u>15,712,983</u>	<u>14,968,359</u>	<u>13,416,446</u>	<u>13,176,366</u>	<u>13,274,423</u>
Total	<u>\$453,180,877</u>	<u>\$429,180,876</u>	<u>\$414,180,876</u>	<u>\$399,180,876</u>	<u>\$399,180,876</u>

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration; Hudson County Board of Taxation.

HUDSON COUNTY
Tax Levy – County Open Space

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bayonne	\$1,097,995	\$1,000,121	\$693,127	\$418,489	\$32,013
East Newark	30,888	28,431	19,686	11,080	935.23
Guttenberg	133,369	134,590	91,382	57,866	4,824
Harrison	218,754	194,861	133,028	81,165	6,054
Hoboken	2,058,428	1,926,090	1,379,772	852,115	71,013
Jersey City	5,941,504	5,281,038	3,994,597	2,368,479	186,960
Kearny	642,130	610,213	434,014	253,849	18,541
North Bergen	1,068,014	1,009,855	730,511	439,914	28,015
Secaucus	789,210	575,672	443,233	265,378	22,801
Union City	677,289	618,443	398,118	241,217	19,020
Weehawken	443,194	424,504	312,160	204,138	16,540
West New York	<u>466,972</u>	<u>420,766</u>	<u>287,777</u>	<u>176,654</u>	<u>14,069</u>
Total	<u>\$13,567,745</u>	<u>\$12,224,584</u>	<u>\$8,917,406</u>	<u>\$5,370,344</u>	<u>\$420,784</u>

Source: County of Hudson, Board of Taxation

**TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTIES IN HUDSON COUNTY
2025 ASSESSED VALUATION**

Public Schools	\$ 2,814,597,100
Schools other than Public	1,068,064,300
Public Property	9,755,342,870
Church and Charities	1,681,137,300
Cemeteries	251,407,900
Miscellaneous	<u>15,338,158,029</u>
Total	<u>\$30,908,707,499</u>

Source: Hudson County Board of Taxation.

Tax Collections

County taxes are payable quarterly by the various municipalities. Payment is required from the municipality in total and is not based on collections of taxes by the municipality. Accordingly, the County has achieved a constant 100% collections percentage.

The following table is the current real property tax collection record for the years 2015 through 2024.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Uncollected at End of</u>
<u>Beginning January 1</u>	<u>Purpose Tax</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Fiscal Year December 31</u>
		<u>Space Tax</u>	
2025	\$453,180,876	\$13,567,745	-0-
2024	429,180,876	12,224,583	-0-
2023	414,180,976	8,917,406	-0-
2022	399,180,876	5,370,344	-0-
2021	399,180,876	420,784	-0-
2020	386,680,876	419,184	-0-
2019	374,180,876	8,991,473	-0-
2018	361,680,876	8,244,716	-0-
2017	350,543,753	7,331,170	-0-
2016	337,343,753	6,539,530	-0-

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF
FUND BALANCES - CURRENT FUND**

Calendar Year	Balance 31-Dec	Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year
2024	\$59,919,068	52,000,000
2023	57,990,709	42,000,000
2022	56,593,108	42,000,000
2021	45,792,554	35,000,000
2020	49,258,668	34,100,000
2019	58,460,654	48,616,355
2018	55,672,205	47,000,000
2017	67,058,803	67,058,803
2016	38,057,426	34,614,535
2015	26,642,751	23,500,000
2014	25,565,615	22,500,000

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

**SUMMARY OF COUNTY DEBT
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Bonds and Notes Issued, Loans and Guarantees	\$ 678,485,732
Authorized But Not Issued-Bonds and Notes	<u>995,541</u>
Total Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized but Not Issued	<u>679,481,273</u>
Issued:	
Green Acres Loan Payable	995,541
Serial Bonds and Notes Issued	572,573,099
Self-Liquidating Bonds	-
Guarantees – Hudson County Improvement Authority	-
Total Issued Bonds and Notes, Loans and Guarantees	<u>573,568,640</u>
Authorized But Not Issued:	
Serial Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	<u>105,912,633</u>
 Total Serial Bonds and Notes, Loans and Guarantees Issued and Not Issued	 <u>679,481,273</u>
Statutory Deductions	
Funds on hand for payments of bonds and notes	18,477,883
Self-Liquidating Bonds	-
Serial Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued	52,875,663
Guarantees – Hudson County Improvement Authority	-
Total Statutory Deductions	<u>71,353,546</u>
 Net Debt	 <u>\$ 608,127,727</u>
 Average Equalized Valuation of Real Property (Years 2023-2025)	 \$132,280,522,071
Gross Debt as a Percentage of Equalized Valuations	0.514%
Net Debt as a Percentage of Equalized Valuations	0.460%
 Gross Debt per Capita – 2020 Census: 724,854	 \$937
Net Debt per Capita – 2020 Census: 724,854	\$839
Borrowing Power:	
2% of Average Equalized Valuation Basis	\$ 2,645,610,441
Net Debt	<u>608,127,727</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power:	<u>\$ 2,037,482,715</u>

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

**STATUTORY DEBT
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Total Bonds and Notes for Self-Liquidating Purposes	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Total Serial Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	\$679,481,273	\$71,353,546	\$608,127,727
Total	\$679,481,273	\$71,353,546	\$608,127,727
Average Equalized Valuation of Real Property (Years 2023-2025)			\$132,280,522,071
Statutory Net Debt as a Percent of Valuation			0.460%

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

**COUNTY OF HUDSON
DEBT STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024
AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED**

1	354-07-1997	7/10/1997	School of Technology Improvements	50,000.00
2	502-10-1997	10/09/1997	Green Acres-Washington/Lincoln Parks	157,716.00
3	502-10-1997	10/09/1997	Bayonne Park - Green Acres	3,500.00
4	502-10-1997	10/09/1997	Laurel Hill Extension - Green Acres	69,997.50
5	331-06-1998	06/25/1998	School of Technology - Improvements	20,000.00
6	512-11-2000	11/21/2000	Various Capital Improvements	211,146.00
7	155-04-2005	04/14/2005	Various Capital Improvements	250,000.00
8	447-10-2005	10/27/2005	Open Space Trust Fund	200.00
9	267-06-2006	06/22/2006	Various Capital Improvements	438.40
10	268-06-2006	06/22/2006	Green Acres Project	1,050,000.00
11	534-11-2007	11/20/2007	Open Space Trust Fund	190.00
12	389-09-2008	09/10/2008	HC Community - 2008 Improvements	362,000.00
13	331-07-2010	07/08/2010	14th Street Viaduct	7,068,104.77
14	189-04-2011	04/28/2011	Various Capital Improvements	1,111,500.00
15	416-09-2011	09/22/2011	Acquire 830 Bergen Ave Property	396,763.00
16	237-04-2012	04/26/2012	Various 2012 Capital Improvements	991,070.00
17	117-2-2018	02/28/2018	Justice Complex Master Plan	346,000.00
18	527-9-2018	09/13/2018	Energy Savings Refunding Bond	3,480,000.00
19	192-3-2019	03/28/2019	2019 Road and Bridge Improvements	4,887,322.12
20	328-5-2020	05/27/2020	Various Road and Bridge Improvements	3,909,523.00
21	244-4-2021	04/09/2021	2021 Road and Bridge Improvements	4,610,000.00
22	249-4-2022	04/28/2022	2022 ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS	5,400,110.00
23	54-1-2025	01/23/2025	2025 CAPITAL IMPROV AND ACQUISITION	34,215,161.00
24	118-2-2025	02/27/2025	2025 ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS	10,556,649.00
25	317-6-2025	06/12/2025	2025 PARK IMPROVEMENTS	18,631,180.00
26	563-9-2025	09/25/2025	HCST VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS - FY 2025	1,500,000.00
27	564-9-2025	09/25/2025	HCCC CHAPTER 12 VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS - FY 2026	6,634,062.00
				\$ 105,912,632.79

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

**SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS
FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST THROUGH MATURITY FOR
GENERAL BONDED DEBT ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING***

Calendar Year	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2026	29,803,750.00	10,944,095.17	40,747,845.17
2027	31,091,875.00	9,878,065.56	40,969,940.56
2028	29,485,625.00	8,788,140.70	38,273,765.70
2029	27,767,500.00	7,716,821.76	35,484,321.76
2030	28,830,625.00	6,716,019.86	35,546,644.86
2031	25,487,500.00	5,716,118.20	31,203,618.20
2032	19,800,000.00	4,903,183.77	24,703,183.77
2033	18,165,000.00	4,270,830.65	22,435,830.65
2034	18,135,000.00	3,693,418.15	21,828,418.15
2035	18,350,000.00	3,230,527.52	21,580,527.52
2036	19,146,000.00	2,772,515.02	21,918,515.02
2037	18,995,000.00	2,295,368.76	21,290,368.76
2038	18,465,000.00	1,826,081.26	20,291,081.26
2039	18,650,000.00	1,360,700.00	20,010,700.00
2040	18,170,000.00	869,550.00	19,039,550.00
2041	14,620,000.00	435,200.00	15,055,200.00

* Excludes debt service on the County's Certificates of Participation, Lease Revenue Bond Issues, Bond Anticipation Notes, Green Acres Trust Loans, and Merrill Lynch Redevelopment Project.

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

**SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL LOAN PAYMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST FOR THE
NEXT FOURTEEN YEARS FOR GREEN ACRES TRUST LOAN PROGRAMS**

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Loan Payment</u>
2026	198,923.96	18,921.15	217,845.11
2027	130,849.15	15,281.35	146,130.50
2028	133,479.21	12,651.29	146,130.50
2029	120,538.63	10,046.08	130,584.71
2030	122,961.45	7,623.25	130,584.70
2031	125,432.97	5,151.92	130,584.89
2032	127,954.18	2,630.53	130,584.71
2033	35,401.32	354.01	35,755.33

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

Bond Anticipation Notes

As of February 27th, 2025, the County has \$210,954,561 Bond Anticipation Notes outstanding that are due on February 26th, 2026.

Casino-in-the-Park Project

In December 2017, the Casino-in-the-Park, originally opened in 1950, closed its doors after the prior tenant’s lease expired. In January 2020, the Authority issued \$7,500,000 in Federally Taxable County-Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (Casino in the Park Project) in order to partially demolish, and the subsequent construction of and improvements to, a building known as Casino-in-the-Park, located within Lincoln Park in the City of Jersey City, New Jersey, in order to create facilities for the recreation and entertainment of the public, which facilities will include a banquet hall. Due to additional project costs anticipated as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency, supplemental bonds were issued in the amount of \$2,500,000.

Under the Lease Agreement, the County will lease the existing Facilities to the Authority for a term of thirty (30) years, commencing upon the execution of the Sublease Agreement, and in exchange for the Authority’s undertaking the management of the demolition and the construction of the Facilities, the procurement of the Subtenant, and the Subtenant’s sublease of the Facilities as hereinafter described, the County has agreed to pay to the Authority certain “Basic Rent” and “Additional Rent” for the Facilities.

The following is a schedule of the lease payments on the Bonds through maturity:

Casino-in-the-Park Project, series 2020

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Lease Payment</u>
2026	165,000.00	244,279.20	409,279.20
2027	170,000.00	239,254.20	409,254.20
2028	175,000.00	234,079.20	409,079.20
2029	180,000.00	228,754.20	408,754.20
2030	190,000.00	223,204.20	413,204.20
2031	195,000.00	216,876.38	411,876.38
2032	200,000.00	209,831.56	409,831.56
2033	210,000.00	202,519.21	412,519.21
2034	215,000.00	194,939.33	409,939.33
2035	225,000.00	187,091.93	412,091.93
2036	230,000.00	178,977.01	408,977.01
2037	240,000.00	170,594.56	410,594.56
2038	250,000.00	161,855.41	411,855.41
2039	260,000.00	152,759.56	412,759.56
2040	270,000.00	143,104.51	413,104.51
2041	280,000.00	132,882.76	412,882.76
2042	290,000.00	122,289.31	412,289.31
2043	300,000.00	111,324.16	411,324.16
2044	310,000.00	99,987.31	409,987.31
2045	325,000.00	88,185.83	413,185.83
2046	335,000.00	75,919.73	410,919.73
2047	345,000.00	63,281.93	408,281.93
2048	360,000.00	50,179.50	410,179.50
2049	375,000.00	36,519.53	411,519.53
2050	390,000.00	22,302.01	412,302.01
2051	405,000.00	7,526.93	412,526.93
Total	\$7,050,000.00	\$4,048,473.66	\$11,098,473.66

Casino-in-the-Park Project, series 2021

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Lease Payment</u>
2026	60,000.00	71,123.50	131,123.50
2027	60,000.00	70,241.50	130,241.50
2028	60,000.00	68,855.50	128,855.50
2029	65,000.00	67,469.50	132,469.50
2030	65,000.00	65,968.00	130,968.00
2031	65,000.00	64,466.50	129,466.50
2032	65,000.00	62,965.00	127,965.00
2033	70,000.00	60,950.00	130,950.00
2034	70,000.00	58,780.00	128,780.00
2035	75,000.00	56,610.00	131,610.00
2036	75,000.00	54,285.00	129,285.00
2037	80,000.00	51,960.00	131,960.00
2038	80,000.00	49,480.00	129,480.00
2039	85,000.00	47,000.00	132,000.00
2040	85,000.00	44,365.00	129,365.00
2041	90,000.00	41,730.00	131,730.00
2042	90,000.00	38,940.00	128,940.00
2043	95,000.00	35,970.00	130,970.00
2044	95,000.00	32,835.00	127,835.00
2045	100,000.00	29,700.00	129,700.00
2046	105,000.00	26,400.00	131,400.00
2047	105,000.00	22,935.00	127,935.00
2048	110,000.00	19,470.00	129,470.00
2049	115,000.00	15,840.00	130,840.00
2050	120,000.00	12,045.00	132,045.00
2051	120,000.00	8,085.00	128,085.00
2052	125,000.00	4,125.00	129,125.00
Total	\$2,390,000.00	\$1,254,600.00	\$3,644,600.00

Hudson County Courthouse Project

In October 2020, the Authority issued \$342,240,000 in County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (Hudson County Courthouse Project) for the purpose of financing the acquisition of the Project Site and the construction, furnishing and equipping thereon of a new county courthouse complex and related facilities (collectively, the “Facilities”) in the City of Jersey City, New Jersey. The Facilities, to be known as the Frank J. Guarini Justice Complex, includes a new courthouse building of approximately 405,000 square feet (the “New Courthouse”) together with a parking structure for County and judicial employees and related facilities, and will be constructed on a site owned by the County (the “Project Site”), located directly across the street from the present courthouse located at 595 Newark Avenue (the “Existing Courthouse”) and diagonally across from the historic Brennan Courthouse. The Project is being undertaken as a redevelopment project pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (codified in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.).

The New Courthouse will house the County’s criminal courts, family courts and landlord tenant court, as well as offices for the County Surrogate, the County Prosecutor and court administration and holding facilities for prisoners, all of which functions are presently housed in the Existing Courthouse. The County’s civil courts will continue to be housed in the Brennan Courthouse. Following construction of the New Courthouse, it is expected that the Existing Courthouse will be demolished and converted into a public park.

Under the Lease Agreement, the County will lease the Project Site to the Authority for nominal consideration, and the Authority will cause the Facilities to be constructed thereon. In addition, under the Lease Agreement the Authority will lease the Facilities, together with the Project Site, back to the County for the “Facilities Lease Term”, commencing on the date of issuance of the Bonds and terminating when all Bonds (and any Additional Bonds issued to refund them) are no longer Outstanding under the Bond Resolution. During the Facilities Lease Term, the County will pay to the Authority certain “Basic Rent” and “Additional Rent.”

As agent for the County under the terms of the Lease Agreement, and as the redevelopment entity designated by the City of Jersey City to undertake the Project, the Authority shall be responsible for the construction of the Facilities. The Authority is pursuing a negotiated process based upon value engineering and expects to conclude negotiations by the end of October 2020. Construction of the Facilities is expected to commence within thirty days thereof, with completion projected in Spring 2024. A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into the Bond Service Fund at closing, in an amount estimated to be sufficient to provide for the payment of interest on the Bonds through October 1, 2021.

The following is the annual debt service schedule associated with the bonds:

Year	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2026	7,500,000	12,392,150.00	19,892,150.00
2027	7,500,000	12,017,150.00	19,517,150.00
2028	7,500,000	11,642,150.00	19,142,150.00
2029	7,500,000	11,267,150.00	18,767,150.00
2030	7,500,000	10,892,150.00	18,392,150.00
2031	7,500,000	10,517,150.00	18,017,150.00
2032	10,640,000	10,217,150.00	20,857,150.00

2033	11,065,000	9,791,550.00	20,856,550.00
2034	11,510,000	9,348,950.00	20,858,950.00
2035	11,855,000	9,003,650.00	20,858,650.00
2036	12,210,000	8,648,000.00	20,858,000.00
2037	12,575,000	8,281,700.00	20,856,700.00
2038	12,955,000	7,904,450.00	20,859,450.00
2039	13,340,000	7,515,800.00	20,855,800.00
2040	13,740,000	7,115,600.00	20,855,600.00
2041	14,290,000	6,566,000.00	20,856,000.00
2042	14,860,000	5,994,400.00	20,854,400.00
2043	15,000,000	5,400,000.00	20,400,000.00
2044	15,000,000	4,800,000.00	19,800,000.00
2045	15,000,000	4,200,000.00	19,200,000.00
2046	15,000,000	3,600,000.00	18,600,000.00
2047	15,000,000	3,000,000.00	18,000,000.00
2048	15,000,000	2,400,000.00	17,400,000.00
2049	15,000,000	1,800,000.00	16,800,000.00
2050	15,000,000	1,200,000.00	16,200,000.00
2051	15,000,000	600,000.00	15,600,000.00
TOTAL	\$334,040,000	\$211,799,450	\$545,839,450

FACILITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS

County Services Building Project (County Plaza)

On April 1, 2005 the Authority issued \$29,505,000 aggregate principal amount of its County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 (County Services Building Project), to provide funds to (a) acquire real property that consists of a seven-story building with approximately 340,000 square feet of space located on 9.67 acres of land at 257 Cornelison Avenue in Jersey City, (b) acquire, renovate and improve real property that consists of 2.85 acres of land at 180 Baldwin Avenue in Jersey City, (c) pay twelve months capitalized interest on such bonds, (d) establish a bond reserve fund pursuant to resolution adopted by the Authority and (e) pay the costs and expenses associated with the issuance of such bonds. Further, the County shall contribute \$7,700,000 toward the acquisition and renovation of the facilities described in (a) and (b) above. Pursuant to the provisions of a Lease Agreement dated as of April 1, 2005 by and between the Authority and the County, as amended and supplemented, the County shall make lease payments to the Authority. These payments under the Lease Agreement are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when scheduled. The County's payment obligation under the Lease Agreement is a general obligation. Capitalized interest paid upon issuance covered September 1, 2005 through March 1, 2007 interest requirements.

On July 11, 2007 the Authority issued an additional \$27,490,000 principal amount of its County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 (County Services Building Completion Project) to provide additional funds to complete the renovation of the real property. The Authority and the County entered

into an amended Lease Agreement whereby the County will make additional lease payments to the Authority. Capitalized interest covered September 1, 2007 through a portion of September 2008.

In January of 2013, \$25,460,000 of Refunding Bonds (Series 2013 Bonds) were issued to advance refund a portion of the outstanding Series 2005 Lease Revenue Bonds maturing on various dates through 2035. On September 14 of 2016, \$4,925,000 of Refunding Bonds were issued to advance refund a portion of the outstanding County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2007.

The following are the combined lease payments to be paid by the County from 2026 through final maturity.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Lease Payment</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	3,668,325.00	2,490,000.00	1,178,325.00
2027	3,653,350.00	2,570,000.00	1,083,350.00
2028	3,662,125.00	2,670,000.00	992,125.00
2029	3,661,712.50	2,760,000.00	901,712.50
2030	3,651,750.00	2,840,000.00	811,750.00
2031	3,651,312.50	2,935,000.00	716,312.50
2032	3,650,831.25	3,035,000.00	615,831.25
2033	5,228,543.75	4,765,000.00	463,543.75
2034	5,228,481.25	4,955,000.00	273,481.25
2035	5,232,306.25	5,140,000.00	92,306.25

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

Lincoln Park Golf Course Project

In June 2011, the Authority issued County-Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 (Lincoln Park Golf Project). The Authority has leased the Project Site from the County in exchange for a lump rent payment equivalent to net bond proceeds pursuant to a lease agreement. Also pursuant to the Lease Agreement, which will be coterminous with the term of the Bonds, the County will lease the Project Site back from the Authority for a stream of rent payments that will be sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds (the "Lease Payments"). The Lease Payments and debt service are structured to pace the anticipated revenues from the facility, which are anticipated to increase over the life of the Bonds. This stream of Lease Payments will secure the Bonds, which will be further secured by a guaranty of the County.

The following is a schedule of the remaining lease payments on the Bonds through maturity.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Lease Payment</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	696,550.76	455,000.00	241,550.76
2027	700,882.41	465,000.00	235,882.41
2028	738,810.66	510,000.00	228,810.66
2029	740,112.96	520,000.00	220,112.96
2030	740,113.21	530,000.00	210,113.21
2031	744,203.58	545,000.00	199,203.58
2032	737,546.05	550,000.00	187,546.05
2033	784,602.85	610,000.00	174,602.85
2034	785,217.53	625,000.00	160,217.53
2035	779,912.33	635,000.00	144,912.33
2036	781,921.75	655,000.00	126,921.75
2037	781,373.25	675,000.00	106,373.25
2038	824,511.50	740,000.00	84,511.50
2039	821,336.50	760,000.00	61,336.50
2040	827,389.00	790,000.00	37,389.00
2041	827,591.75	815,000.00	12,591.75

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

THE COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PROJECT

The Bonds were issued to provide funds to (a) finance the design, construction and equipping of the School, including Site work and athletic facilities, (b) pay capitalized interest on the Bonds to and including May 1, 2018, (c) fund a Bond Reserve Requirement for the Bonds (as defined herein) and (d) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The School is constructed on an approximate 20-acre site owned by the County and located in the Laurel Hill section of the Meadowlands in the Town of Secaucus within the County (the "Site") and

has replaced HCST's older and outdated school facility located in the Township of North Bergen within the County.

The School is a three-story facility, situated over an enclosed parking garage, with approximately 340,000 square feet of educational and related administrative space. The New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") has approved the School for a functional capacity of 1,500 students, grades 9-12.

There are three classroom wings within the School, consisting of 34 academic classrooms, 15 science classrooms, 9 media classrooms, 4 vocational workshops, 8 digital media classrooms, a dance studio, 2 art studios, 3 music studios and rehearsal rooms, 2 culinary arts classrooms, a TV production studio, a fabrication lab, a black box theater, an auditorium with a stage, a cafeteria, a media center, a weight room and related fitness rooms, a yoga room, a judo room, a cross-fit room, and a gymnasium.

Legal Authorization for School Construction and Financing Structure

Pursuant to Section 7G-5a of the Education Law (N.J.S.A. Title 18A) (the "County Vocational School District School Construction Law"), boards of education of county vocational school districts may request applicable county improvement authorities to (i) construct county vocational school district school facilities projects and (ii) issue their bonds to finance such projects, and any annual State Debt Service Aid awarded by NJDOE to any such projects shall be paid on such county improvement authority bonds. Additionally, county improvement authorities are permitted to undertake such projects via a "design-build contract" process, and are generally exempt from otherwise applicable State public bidding laws and regulations, for so long as such authorities comply with all other applicable statutory and regulatory requirements relating to public school design and construction, and procure all required NJDOE approvals in connection therewith.

The HCST Board of Education has requested the Authority to undertake the School project on a "design-build contract" basis on its behalf in accordance with the requirements of the County Vocational School District School Construction Law, and the Authority has agreed to do so.

1. The County, as the owner of the Site, has entered into a 75-year, Ground Lease Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2016, with HCST, under which the County will lease the Site to HCST (the "75-Year Ground Lease Agreement").

2. HCST, as the lessee of the Site, has entered into a 35-year, Ground Sublease Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2016, with the Authority, under which HCST will sublease the Site to the Authority, and the Authority will undertake the School design/build process (the "35-Year Ground Sublease Agreement").

3. The Authority, as the sub lessee of the Site, will enter into a 35-year, Ground Sublease and School Facilities Lease Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2016, with the County, under which the Authority will sublease the Site and lease the School to the County (the "Lease Agreement"). The County's unconditional obligation to timely make all Basic Rent payments under the Lease Agreement is the principal security for the Bonds.

4. The County, as a second sub lessee of the Site, has entered into a 35-year, Ground and School Facilities Sublease Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2016, with HCST, under which the County will sublease the Site and School to HCST, and HCST will operate the School (the "35-Year Ground and School Facilities Sublease Agreement").

5. The terms of the 35-Year Ground Sublease Agreement, Lease Agreement and 35-Year Ground and School Facilities Sublease Agreement (collectively, the “35-Year Leases”) are coterminous with the term of the Bonds. Upon expiration of such 35-Year Leases, the County shall be the fee owner of the Site and the School and shall continue to lease same to HCST for the remainder of the term of the 75-Year Ground Lease Agreement.

State Debt Service Aid Awarded to County for School

NJDOE has issued a “Final Eligible Costs Letter” (the “FEC Letter”) to HCST, setting forth the awarded State Aid to the County for the construction of the School. Such FEC Letter (i) approved \$147,275,002 in “final aid eligible costs” for the School (the “DSA Eligible Costs”), and (ii) awarded 59% in annual State debt service aid (“DSA”) for such DSA Eligible Costs.

The following is a schedule of the lease payments on the HCIA Vo-Tech County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds through maturity.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Lease Payment</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	9,981,350.00	2,800,000.00	7,181,350.00
2027	9,979,987.50	2,935,000.00	7,044,987.50
2028	9,976,750.00	3,075,000.00	6,901,750.00
2029	9,979,000.00	3,235,000.00	6,744,000.00
2030	9,980,575.00	3,390,000.00	6,590,575.00
2031	9,981,250.00	3,545,000.00	6,436,250.00
2032	9,981,475.00	3,720,000.00	6,261,475.00
2033	9,980,725.00	3,910,000.00	6,070,725.00
2034	9,980,225.00	4,110,000.00	5,870,225.00
2035	9,979,475.00	4,320,000.00	5,659,475.00
2036	9,977,975.00	4,540,000.00	5,437,975.00
2037	9,980,100.00	4,775,000.00	5,205,100.00
2038	9,980,225.00	5,020,000.00	4,960,225.00
2039	9,977,850.00	5,275,000.00	4,702,850.00
2040	9,977,350.00	5,545,000.00	4,432,350.00
2041	9,977,975.00	5,830,000.00	4,147,975.00
2042	9,978,975.00	6,130,000.00	3,848,975.00
2043	9,979,600.00	6,445,000.00	3,534,600.00
2044	9,979,100.00	6,775,000.00	3,204,100.00
2045	9,976,725.00	7,120,000.00	2,856,725.00
2046	9,981,475.00	7,490,000.00	2,491,475.00
2047	9,977,375.00	7,880,000.00	2,097,375.00
2048	9,977,518.75	8,305,000.00	1,672,518.75
2049	9,979,693.75	8,755,000.00	1,224,693.75
2050	9,977,718.75	9,225,000.00	752,718.75
2051	9,980,281.25	9,725,000.00	255,281.25

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

Hudson County Command Center Project General Obligation Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds

On December 22, 2010, the County, through the Hudson County Improvement Authority, issued \$20,700,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Hudson County Command Center) to provide funds to (a) finance the acquisition of an existing warehouse building (the Command Center) located at Kearny, New Jersey, for use by the County as a storage space and a Command Center for the County's Office of Emergency Management, storage space and a Command Center for the County Correctional Center and an archive record storage facility for the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office and (b) pay costs of issuance associated with Project and the Bonds.

Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds ("Economic Development Bonds") are a type of taxable Build America Bond. These bonds must be used in designated "recovery zones" to finance projects with a "qualified economic development purpose", including financing capital expenditures paid or incurred with respect to property located in a recovery zone, expenditures for public infrastructure and construction of public facilities and expenditures for job training and educational programs. The key feature of Economic Development Bonds is the ability of the issuer to receive an interest subsidy payment from the U.S. Treasury equal to 45% of the interest payments on the bonds. The interest subsidy payment effectively lowers the interest costs of the issuer.

The following is the debt service schedule associated with these bonds. The debt shown on this schedule is gross and does not include the interest subsidy payments expected from the U.S. Treasury.

Hudson County Improvement Authority
\$20,700,000 Federally Taxable Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2026	1,400,000	6.928%	484,960	1,884,960
2027	1,400,000	6.928%	387,968	1,787,968
2028	1,400,000	6.928%	290,976	1,690,976
2029	1,400,000	6.928%	193,984	1,593,984
2030	1,400,000	6.928%	96,992	1,496,992

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

**COUNTY BUDGET AND STATEMENTS OF
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

Pension Benefits

All eligible County employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"), the Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("PFRS") of New Jersey. The Division of Pensions within the New Jersey Department of Treasury is the administrator of the funds and charges municipalities and counties annually for their respective contributions. The plans are funded annually based on the projected benefit method with aggregate level normal cost and frozen initial unfunded accrued liability. The County is ultimately liable for funding of the pension plans by increases in future billings from the State. Information as to the comparison of the actuarially computed values of vested benefits with the systems' assets is not available from the State Division of Pensions and, therefore, is not presented. The following is a comparative schedule of combined contributions for the four-year period:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Contributory Plans</u>				
Public Employees' Retirement System	\$21,686,098.00	\$21,235,929.00	\$20,284,242.00	\$18,401,797.00
Consolidated Police & Fireman's Retirement Fund	100.00	100.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Police & Fireman's Retirement System	21,828,288.00	21,566,104.00	21,301,119.00	17,964,533.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	<u>110,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>
Total	<u>\$43,624,486.00</u>	<u>\$42,907,133.00</u>	<u>\$41,695,361.00</u>	<u>\$36,476,330.00</u>

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

In accordance with law, the County adopted early retirement incentive programs for eligible employees covered by PFRS and the PERS. As a result of the employees' early retirements, the County created unfunded accrued liabilities to the PFRS and the PERS (collectively, the "Pension Liabilities"). Such Pension Liabilities are paid by the County annually out of the County's general fund.

The Early Retirement Refinancing Act, P.L. 2002, c. 42, permits municipalities and school districts to issue bonds to fund the cost of retiring the present value of the unfunded accrued liability due and owing for early retirement incentive benefits.

The proceeds of the Bonds were used by the County to (i) pay the present value of the Pension Liabilities, and (ii) pay the cost of issuance of the Bonds.

The County also administers several contributory pension plans which are closed to new memberships. Following is a comparative schedule of combined contributions for the four-year period:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Hudson County Employee's Pension Fund	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$900,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Court Attendants' Pension Fund	<u>120,000.00</u>	<u>180,000.00</u>	<u>280,000.00</u>	<u>325,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$620,000.00</u>	<u>\$680,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,180,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,325,000.00</u>

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

The County also awards non-contributory pensions by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners for certain veterans and County employees who were not eligible to join other pension plans. Following is a comparative schedule of combined contributions for the four-year period:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Non-Contributory Pension Fund	\$1,980,000.00	\$2,100,000.00	\$2,340,000.00	\$2,400,000.00
Veterans' Pension Fund	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Total	<u>\$1,980,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,100,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,340,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,400,000.00</u>

Source: County of Hudson, Department of Finance and Administration.

Health Benefits

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the Pension and Benefit Reform Law, the majority of County employees as of July 1, 2015, are contributing at YEAR 4 of the required salary contribution schedule based on the level of insurance coverage and salary. Effective January 1, 2016, all County employees are contributing at YEAR 4.

Annual Audit

The entire annual audit report for the year ended December 31, 2024 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners and is available for review during business hours.

APPENDIX B

AUDIT REPORT OF THE COUNTY FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS ENDED 2024 AND 2023

COUNTY OF HUDSON
NEW JERSEY

REPORT OF AUDIT
(WITHOUT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024

COUNTY OF HUDSON
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DECEMBER 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

The Honorable Chairman and Member of the Board of County Commissioners
County of Hudson, New Jersey

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements – regulatory basis of the County of Hudson, New Jersey (the “County”), which comprise the comparative balance sheets – regulatory basis, of each Fund and the comparative statement of General Fixed Assets – regulatory basis, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related comparative statements of operations and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis, statement of revenues – regulatory basis and statement of appropriations – regulatory basis, of the Current Fund and Affordable Housing Utility Operating Fund, and the related statement of changes in fund balance – regulatory basis, of the General Capital Fund, for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the comparative financial position – regulatory basis, of each Fund and General Fixed Assets of the County as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the respective operations and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis, revenues – regulatory basis and appropriations – regulatory basis of the Current Fund and Affordable Housing Utility Operating Fund, the changes in fund balance – regulatory basis of the General Capital Fund, for the years then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the “Division”) as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the County as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the audit requirements prescribed by the Division and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared by the County on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the Division, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Division. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.


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

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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, but is not required by the financial reporting provisions of the Division. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2025, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


DONOHUE, GIRONDA, DORIA & TOMKINS, LLC
Certified Public Accountants


MARK W. BEDNARZ
RMA No. 547

Secaucus, New Jersey
June 23, 2025

COUNTY OF HUDSON
CURRENT FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	2024	2023
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Fund:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 167,503,163.15	\$ 228,505,000.12
Cash - Change Funds	700.00	700.00
	<u>167,503,863.15</u>	<u>228,505,700.12</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:		
Added and Omitted Taxes	6,074,942.38	3,177,709.61
Interfunds Receivable		
Due from General Capital Fund	113,856.92	-
Due from Trust Fund	739,533.24	1,009,126.73
	<u>6,928,332.54</u>	<u>4,186,836.34</u>
Total Current Fund	<u>174,432,195.69</u>	<u>232,692,536.46</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	69,626,683.83	39,297,787.42
Interfunds Receivable:		
Due from Current Fund	-	5,597,668.94
Due from General Capital Fund	953,077.08	7,072,006.76
Federal and State Grants Receivable	76,899,961.11	71,923,443.60
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	<u>147,479,722.02</u>	<u>123,890,906.72</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 321,911,917.71</u>	<u>\$ 356,583,443.18</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>		
Current Fund:		
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 18,028,579.51	\$ 49,311,197.61
Encumbrances Payable	19,253,910.04	19,187,463.15
Contracts and Commitments Payable	62,377,134.50	78,705,665.73
Prepaid Revenues	1,686,729.67	1,463,322.30
Due to State of New Jersey	2,515,209.74	1,695,842.35
Interfunds Payable: Federal and State Grants Fund	-	5,597,668.94
Reserve for:		
Forfeited Bail	737,137.50	726,137.50
Tax Rebate on Capital Investments	2,450,000.00	2,450,000.00
Unclaimed Property	432,109.76	312,890.09
HCST Summer Youth Program	70,331.55	70,331.55
County College (EFA) Interest	33,652.40	33,652.40
Compensated Absences	-	10,960,818.69
	<u>107,584,794.67</u>	<u>170,514,990.31</u>
Reserve for Receivable and Other Assets	6,928,332.54	4,186,836.34
Fund Balance	59,919,068.48	57,990,709.81
Total Current Fund	<u>174,432,195.69</u>	<u>232,692,536.46</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Reserve for Federal and State Grants		
Appropriated	92,339,965.07	72,126,879.71
Encumbered	55,086,707.39	51,156,394.11
Unappropriated	53,049.56	607,632.90
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	<u>147,479,722.02</u>	<u>123,890,906.72</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 321,911,917.71</u>	<u>\$ 356,583,443.18</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 CURRENT FUND
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

EXHIBIT A-1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
 REGULATORY BASIS

	2024	2023
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 42,000,000.00	\$ 42,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Realized	275,761,685.18	278,154,889.87
Receipts from Current Taxes	429,180,876.11	414,180,876.11
Non-Budget Revenue	6,006,563.25	11,629,305.99
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	3,568,538.41	2,871,267.07
Cancel Reserve for Compensated Absences	8,000,000.00	-
Contracts and Commitments Canceled	24,520,522.18	27,160,233.54
Prior Year Interfunds Returned	1,009,126.73	1,005,849.81
Grant Cancellations & Adjustments	12,980.67	168,173.68
Grant Chargebacks	1,701,861.18	450,147.61
Reserves Cancelled	170,728.80	-
	<u>791,932,882.51</u>	<u>777,620,743.68</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Budget Appropriations:		
Operations		
Salaries and Wages	242,062,104.00	232,840,316.00
Other Expenses	352,607,281.84	323,296,588.50
Capital Improvements	47,606,914.42	74,849,453.56
Debt Service	41,382,827.94	41,327,640.96
Deferred Charges	500,000.00	500,000.00
Statutory Expenditures	61,837,233.00	60,215,461.00
	<u>745,996,361.20</u>	<u>733,029,460.02</u>
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	14,244.76	184,555.92
Capital Grant Reimbursement	1,140,527.72	-
Interfund Advances Originating in Current Year	853,390.16	1,009,126.73
	<u>748,004,523.84</u>	<u>734,223,142.67</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	43,928,358.67	43,397,601.01
Fund Balance, January 1	57,990,709.81	56,593,108.80
	<u>101,919,068.48</u>	<u>99,990,709.81</u>
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	42,000,000.00	42,000,000.00
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 59,919,068.48</u>	<u>\$ 57,990,709.81</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS

	Adopted Budget	Added by NJSA 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess (Deficit)
SURPLUS	\$ 42,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 42,000,000.00	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
LOCAL REVENUES				
County Clerk	187,200.00	-	194,455.31	7,255.31
Register of Deeds	8,984,000.00	-	8,778,341.66	(205,658.34)
Surrogate	296,800.00	-	276,790.72	(20,009.28)
Sheriff	1,006,500.00	-	916,238.21	(90,261.79)
Interest on Investments and Deposits	6,500,000.00	-	10,449,940.50	3,949,940.50
Intoxicated Driver Resource Center Fees	290,000.00	-	293,245.00	3,245.00
Parks & Recreation	9,898.15	-	26,500.00	16,601.85
Title IV-D, Social Security Act - Child Support Program	765,000.00	-	939,889.91	174,889.91
Maintenance of:				
State Prisoners in County Institutions	2,750,000.00	-	1,687,959.72	(1,062,040.28)
Other Inmates in County Institutions	18,254,250.00	-	13,792,099.00	(4,462,151.00)
Federal Inmates in County Institutions	13,719,510.00	-	14,962,616.81	1,243,106.81
Federal & State Contracts - Indirect Cost Allocation	5,875,000.00	-	5,783,617.03	(91,382.97)
	<u>58,638,158.15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,101,693.87</u>	<u>(536,464.28)</u>
STATE AID WITHOUT OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS				
County College Bonds (NJSA 18A:64A-22.6)	3,227,283.95	-	2,875,135.97	(352,147.98)
Meadowview Hospital	29,408,626.00	-	31,619,392.92	2,210,766.92
N.J. School Building Aid	4,654,997.00	-	4,648,088.00	(6,909.00)
	<u>37,290,906.95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,142,616.89</u>	<u>1,851,709.94</u>
STATE ASSUMPTION OF COSTS OF COUNTY SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES AND PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES				
Social And Welfare Services (C.66. P.L. 1990):				
Supplemental Social Security Income	2,633,477.00	-	2,641,608.00	8,131.00
Psychiatric Facilities (C.73,P.L. 1990):				
Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Assessment Program	79,000.00	-	81,521.12	2,521.12
	<u>2,712,477.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,723,129.12</u>	<u>10,652.12</u>
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REVENUES				
Federal and State Grants				
Alliance to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse	-	270,478.00	270,478.00	-
Hudson County Correction and Rehabilitation	-	11,000,000.00	11,000,000.00	-
Hudson County Correction and Rehabilitation	-	3,200,000.00	3,200,000.00	-
County Reentry Coordinators (CRC) Program	-	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
Sr Citizens & Disabled Residents Transportation	1,880,842.00	-	1,880,842.00	-
NJ Council on Arts - Block Grant	335,000.00	-	335,000.00	-
NJ Destination Marketing Organization	-	252,000.00	252,000.00	-
County History Partnership Program	95,233.00	-	95,233.00	-
Comprehensive Alcohol Services	1,372,630.00	-	1,372,630.00	-
County Based Innovation Project Opioid	40,793.00	244,756.00	285,549.00	-
Recreational Opportunities For Individuals with Disabilities	-	35,000.00	35,000.00	-
New Jersey Historic Trust Preservation Fund	713,550.00	-	713,550.00	-
LEAP Fellowship Grant	-	75,000.00	75,000.00	-
Data-Driven Decision Making: Org. EnhancementProgram	-	75,000.00	75,000.00	-
Hudson County Housing First Grant	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	-
Hudson County Housing First Re-Entry Pilot Program	-	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	-
Local Recreation Improvement Grant	-	70,000.00	70,000.00	-
Work First New Jersey	-	4,025,985.00	4,025,985.00	-
Work First New Jersey - DOL Supplemental	-	2,195,046.00	2,195,046.00	-
Juvenile Justice Commission - Partnership	1,049,334.00	-	1,049,334.00	-
Community Programs - Clients of Family Court	307,803.00	-	307,803.00	-
Body Armor Replacement Grant	50,898.83	-	50,898.83	-
Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program	300,000.00	-	300,000.00	-
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-
Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment	6,323.00	11,249.00	17,572.00	-
Clean Communities Grant	-	24,990.41	24,990.41	-
Youth Incentive Program	47,669.00	-	47,669.00	-
Human Services Advisory Council	-	69,419.00	69,419.00	-
Child Advocacy Center - Multidisciplinary Team Fund	19,460.00	58,138.00	77,598.00	-

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS

	Adopted Budget	Added by NJSA 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess (Deficit)
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REVENUES				
Federal and State Grants				
GUSNIP Produce Prescription Grant Program	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 52,600.00	\$ -
COVID ARP - Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Hudson Food Pantry Program)	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
Hudson County SANE/SART Program	191,808.00	-	191,808.00	-
Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, Narcotics Task Force	108,301.00	-	108,301.00	-
Workforce Investment Act	-	4,306,996.00	4,306,996.00	-
WIOA Data Reporting and Analysis Allocation	-	12,971.00	12,971.00	-
Subregional Transportation Planning Grant	-	156,620.00	156,620.00	-
Hudson County Safe Communities Program	-	81,040.00	81,040.00	-
Pedestrian Safety, Education & Enforcement Fund	-	80,000.00	80,000.00	-
Highway Sustained Safety Grant	-	140,000.00	140,000.00	-
Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled	-	150,000.00	150,000.00	-
Environmental Justice Government-to-Government	-	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-
Tuberculosis Health Services Grant	-	318,116.00	318,116.00	-
Tuberculosis Health Services Grant	287,774.00	-	287,774.00	-
Area Plan Grant - Aging	4,847,788.00	3,181,737.00	8,029,525.00	-
State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)	-	42,000.00	42,000.00	-
Homeless & Family Shelter Strategy Program	2,752,600.00	-	2,752,600.00	-
Ending the HIV Epidemic - Ryan White Parts A and B	714,800.00	2,535,200.00	3,250,000.00	-
Supportive Assistance to Individuals and Families	-	756,583.00	756,583.00	-
HIV Emergency Relief Formula Grant	1,263,314.00	1,554,324.00	2,817,638.00	-
HIV Emergency Relief Supplemental Grant	-	1,659,727.00	1,659,727.00	-
Minority Aids Interactive Program	126,569.00	311,365.00	437,934.00	-
State Homeland Security Grant	-	418,138.25	418,138.25	-
Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)	-	236,000.00	236,000.00	-
Emergency Management Assistance Funding	-	55,000.00	55,000.00	-
American Rescue Plan (ARP) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	-	19,914,768.22	19,914,768.22	-
Jersey City Rental Assistance Program	1,000,000.00	-	1,000,000.00	-
National Opioid Settlement Fund	-	987,255.13	987,255.13	-
Grants for Arts Projects Program	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
	<u>17,575,089.83</u>	<u>72,304,902.01</u>	<u>89,879,991.84</u>	<u>-</u>
OTHER SPECIAL ITEMS				
County Clerk, P.L. 2001 C. 370	72,800.00	-	75,621.51	2,821.51
Register of Deeds, P.L. 2001 C. 370	2,246,000.00	-	2,194,585.42	(51,414.58)
Surrogate, P.L. 2001 C. 370	263,200.00	-	245,455.92	(17,744.08)
Sheriff, P.L. 2001 C. 370	643,500.00	-	585,791.65	(57,708.35)
Maintenance of Federal Inmates in County Institutions	2,421,090.00	-	2,640,461.79	219,371.79
Added and Omitted Taxes	3,292,502.80	-	3,292,502.80	-
PILOT Payments, County Share (NJSA 40A:20-1 et.)	7,300,000.00	-	9,391,472.31	2,091,472.31
Division of Social Services (Welfare)	51,524,407.00	-	48,413,938.99	(3,110,468.01)
Motor Vehicle Fines (N.J.S.A. 39:5.41)	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00	-
State of NJ - Lease of Court Space	130,000.00	-	135,989.23	5,989.23
Meadowview Campus-Treatment Leases	850,000.00	-	800,520.42	(49,479.58)
Open Space Tax Debt Service	418,583.76	-	418,583.76	-
Reserve to Pay Bonds	7,000,000.00	-	7,000,000.00	-
American Rescue Plan Revenue Replacement	556,734.00	-	556,734.07	0.07
ARRA Recovery Zone Bonds Subsidy	300,333.60	-	162,595.59	(137,738.01)
Reserve for American Rescue Plan - Revenue Replacement	<u>7,500,000.00</u>	-	<u>7,500,000.00</u>	-
	<u>87,019,151.16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,914,253.46</u>	<u>(1,104,897.70)</u>
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	203,235,783.09	72,304,902.01	275,761,685.18	221,000.08

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS

	Adopted Budget	Added by NJSA 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess (Deficit)
<u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</u>				
County Purpose Tax	\$ 429,180,876.11	\$ -	\$ 429,180,876.11	\$ -
Budget Totals	674,416,659.20	72,304,902.01	746,942,561.29	221,000.08
Non-Budget Revenues	-	-	6,006,563.25	6,006,563.25
	<u>\$ 674,416,659.20</u>	<u>\$ 72,304,902.01</u>	<u>\$ 752,949,124.54</u>	<u>\$ 6,227,563.33</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated				
Federal and State Grants			\$ 89,879,991.84	
Added & Omitted Taxes Collected in Prior Year			114,793.19	
Added & Omitted Taxes Collected in Current Year			3,177,709.61	
Revenues Collected in Prior Year			1,348,279.51	
Interfunds			12,253,312.43	
Reappropriated ARP Funding			7,500,000.00	
Cash Receipts			<u>161,487,598.60</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues Realized			275,761,685.18	
County Purpose Tax			429,180,876.11	
Fund Balance Realized			<u>42,000,000.00</u>	
Total Budget Revenues			<u>\$ 746,942,561.29</u>	

COUNTY OF HUDSON
CURRENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

EXHIBIT A-2a

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
ANALYSIS OF NON-BUDGET REVENUES

	Cash Receipts	Pepaid Revenue Applied	Total
Increased by Cash Received for:			
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 306.50	\$ -	\$ 306.50
Salary Refunds	235,514.92	-	235,514.92
NJ Superior Court - Service Agreements	48,266.60	-	48,266.60
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	315.00	-	315.00
Riverview Cable TV Right of Way	20.00	-	20.00
Special Civil - Fines	1,739.00	-	1,739.00
County Fines/ATS	38,185.13	-	38,185.13
Settlement of Claims	207.20	-	207.20
Various Reimbursements-Fringe & Indirect	449,308.65	-	449,308.65
Welfare Reimbursements-Fringe & Indirect	1,429,234.59	-	1,429,234.59
Prisoner Maintenance - Jail	2,654.00	-	2,654.00
Reimb. To County for Inmate Medical Co-Pay	4,472.00	-	4,472.00
County Sheriff's GPS Electronic Monitoring	166,500.00	-	166,500.00
Commissions - Vending Machines	12,783.03	-	12,783.03
Mental Administrator-Salary Reimb.	12,000.00	-	12,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	671,551.17	249.60	671,800.77
Division of Aging - State Aid	58,000.00	-	58,000.00
Penalty for Returned Check	25.00	-	25.00
FEMA Reimbursements	222,396.97	-	222,396.97
HC Chest Clinic	13,764.00	-	13,764.00
Meadowview Utilities Payment	300,023.00	-	300,023.00
Criminal Alien Assistance Grant	304,982.00	-	304,982.00
SSA Recoveries	27,200.00	-	27,200.00
Motion Pictures Video and Photo Prod. Location	49,933.49	-	49,933.49
Public Safety Training Center Fees	31,160.00	-	31,160.00
County Option Hospital Fee Pilot Program	1,637,920.04	-	1,637,920.04
Video Visitation Commissions	871.44	-	871.44
State of NJ Gross Income Tax Refunds	1,101.10	-	1,101.10
County Fire Marshal Fees	6,293.00	-	6,293.00
Union City Reimbursement - Traffic Signal Parts	93,953.00	-	93,953.00
Pension Pay Refunds	115,785.03	-	115,785.03
Dominican Parade Refund	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Account Balance Adjustments	4.74	-	4.74
Other Receipts	67,416.47	-	67,416.47
Culture and Heritage Event Fees	1,426.58	-	1,426.58
Total Non-Budget Revenues Received in Cash	<u>\$ 6,006,313.65</u>	<u>\$ 249.60</u>	<u>\$ 6,006,563.25</u>

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - REGULATORY BASIS

	Appropriated		Paid or Charged	Expended		Unexpended Balances Canceled
	Adopted Budget	Modified Budget		Encumbered	Reserved	
LEGISLATIVE						
Board of County Commissioners						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,205,018.00	\$ 1,130,018.00	\$ 958,534.82	\$ -	\$ 171,483.18	\$ -
Other Expenses	271,000.00	271,000.00	159,422.46	74,975.37	36,602.17	-
Clerk of the Board						
Salaries and Wages	356,759.00	371,759.00	359,451.82	-	12,307.18	-
Other Expenses	66,400.00	66,400.00	51,657.62	13,774.85	967.53	-
	1,899,177.00	1,839,177.00	1,529,066.72	88,750.22	221,360.06	-
ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE						
County Administrator						
Salaries and Wages	1,040,388.00	1,040,388.00	1,000,503.06	-	39,884.94	-
Other Expenses	1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00	1,056,405.50	398,923.92	244,670.58	-
County Executive						
Salaries and Wages	1,716,716.00	1,716,716.00	1,561,273.38	-	155,442.62	-
Other Expenses	106,000.00	106,000.00	87,590.95	810.00	17,599.05	-
Law Department						
Salaries and Wages	3,996,011.00	3,621,011.00	3,430,025.04	-	190,985.96	-
Other Expenses	2,220,972.00	2,220,972.00	1,184,744.39	869,657.13	166,570.48	-
Office of Consumer Protection						
Salaries and Wages	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Other Expenses	9,910.00	9,910.00	3,742.22	1,768.96	4,398.82	-
Planning Board						
Salaries and Wages	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Other Expenses	61,140.00	61,140.00	45,412.08	14,984.06	743.86	-
Public Safety Training Center						
Salaries and Wages	665,086.00	665,086.00	637,178.06	-	27,907.94	-
Other Expenses	205,840.00	155,840.00	32,997.84	28,397.25	94,444.91	-
Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs						
Salaries and Wages	933,573.00	933,573.00	903,770.09	-	29,802.91	-
Other Expenses	864,446.00	864,446.00	650,000.77	186,113.97	28,331.26	-
Public Employees Award Program	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
	13,520,382.00	13,095,382.00	10,593,643.38	1,500,655.29	1,000,983.33	100.00
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION						
Division of Personnel						
Salaries and Wages	1,467,967.00	1,442,967.00	1,361,915.66	-	81,051.34	-
Other Expenses	528,215.00	528,215.00	365,457.36	116,954.35	45,803.29	-
Director of Finance and Administration						
Salaries and Wages	680,846.00	680,846.00	652,257.49	-	28,588.51	-
Other Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	9,666.59	3,249.70	7,083.71	-
Audit Services	250,000.00	250,000.00	-	25,000.00	225,000.00	-
Division of Accounts and Controls						
Salaries and Wages	1,207,275.00	1,207,275.00	1,160,855.13	-	46,419.87	-
Other Expenses	144,264.00	144,264.00	26,181.93	18,711.60	99,370.47	-
Division of Purchasing						
Salaries and Wages	718,864.00	693,864.00	628,305.29	-	65,558.71	-
Other Expenses	54,205.00	54,205.00	30,696.25	6,163.00	17,345.75	-
Office of Grants Management						
Salaries and Wages	477,293.00	392,293.00	296,523.27	-	95,769.73	-
Other Expenses	122,150.00	122,150.00	103,119.00	12,859.00	6,172.00	-
Division of Information Technologies						
Salaries and Wages	139,247.00	99,247.00	79,187.00	-	20,060.00	-
Other Expenses	4,030,562.00	4,030,562.00	3,218,275.42	762,119.10	50,167.48	-
Division of Tax Assessments						
Salaries and Wages	525,805.00	525,805.00	505,431.78	-	20,373.22	-
Other Expenses	6,750.00	6,750.00	1,551.94	1,379.52	3,818.54	-
Division of Housing & Community Development						
Salaries and Wages	177,385.00	177,385.00	94,864.23	-	82,520.77	-
Other Expenses	630,182.00	630,182.00	123,971.76	398,433.71	107,776.53	-
Insurance						
Liability Insurance	3,400,000.00	3,400,000.00	3,400,000.00	-	-	-
Worker Compensation	3,400,000.00	3,400,000.00	3,400,000.00	-	-	-
Group Plans for Employees	55,800,000.00	55,800,000.00	54,676,692.24	142,764.27	780,543.49	200,000.00
Health Benefit Waiver	500,000.00	500,000.00	496,404.27	-	3,595.73	-
	74,281,010.00	74,106,010.00	70,631,356.61	1,487,634.25	1,787,019.14	200,000.00

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - REGULATORY BASIS

	Appropriated		Paid or Charged	Expended		Unexpended Balances Canceled
	Adopted Budget	Modified Budget		Encumbered	Reserved	
CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES						
County Clerk						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,830,587.00	\$ 1,755,587.00	\$ 1,681,451.34	\$ -	\$ 74,135.66	\$ -
Other Expenses	64,650.00	64,650.00	39,328.93	8,076.99	17,244.08	-
Register of Deeds and Mortgages						
Salaries and Wages	2,510,730.00	2,460,730.00	2,327,319.66	-	133,410.34	-
Other Expenses	83,406.00	83,406.00	32,817.58	14,914.57	35,673.85	-
Prosecutor's Office						
Salaries and Wages	27,764,212.00	26,464,212.00	24,903,887.17	-	1,560,324.83	-
Other Expenses	4,105,803.00	4,105,803.00	2,902,318.11	1,140,270.94	63,213.95	-
	<u>36,359,388.00</u>	<u>34,934,388.00</u>	<u>31,887,122.79</u>	<u>1,163,262.50</u>	<u>1,884,002.71</u>	<u>-</u>
THE JUDICIARY						
County Surrogate						
Salaries and Wages	1,626,554.00	1,576,554.00	1,490,653.05	-	85,900.95	-
Other Expenses	112,782.00	112,782.00	60,113.44	27,195.38	25,473.18	-
Probation Department						
Other Expenses	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Title IV-D Social Security Act						
Other Expenses	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
	<u>1,739,536.00</u>	<u>1,689,536.00</u>	<u>1,550,766.49</u>	<u>27,195.38</u>	<u>111,574.13</u>	<u>-</u>
REGULATION						
County Clerk Elections						
Other Expenses	26,350.00	26,350.00	21,157.46	2,633.74	2,558.80	-
Special Election Expense	1,780,000.00	2,280,000.00	2,199,228.55	216.00	80,555.45	-
Board of Elections						
Salaries and Wages	845,341.00	970,341.00	924,106.11	-	46,234.89	-
Other Expenses	349,525.00	349,525.00	304,578.16	42,014.80	2,932.04	-
Special Election Expense	1,150,000.00	1,950,000.00	1,891,604.06	-	58,395.94	-
Superintendent of Elections						
Other Expenses	3,788,534.00	3,788,534.00	3,060,110.63	715,092.74	13,330.63	-
Weights and Measures						
Salaries and Wages	637,599.00	612,599.00	539,866.69	-	72,732.31	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	-	104.40	395.60	-
Sheriff's Office						
Salaries and Wages	39,361,776.00	40,986,776.00	40,488,617.56	-	498,158.44	-
Other Expenses	2,605,000.00	2,455,000.00	1,665,323.55	789,169.52	506.93	-
Medical Examiner						
Other Expenses	2,521,000.00	2,521,000.00	1,910,081.31	610,918.68	0.01	-
	<u>53,065,625.00</u>	<u>55,940,625.00</u>	<u>53,004,674.08</u>	<u>2,160,149.88</u>	<u>775,801.04</u>	<u>-</u>
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY						
Office of Data Analytics						
Salaries and Wages	204,161.00	204,161.00	156,553.84	-	47,607.16	-
Other Expenses	17,160.00	17,160.00	11,833.91	3,097.81	2,228.28	-
Office of Business Opportunity & Community Service						
Salaries and Wages	523,073.00	523,073.00	461,279.02	-	61,793.98	-
Other Expenses	65,680.00	65,680.00	35,621.33	23,620.47	6,438.20	-
Division of Planning						
Salaries and Wages	860,488.00	860,488.00	822,061.53	-	38,426.47	-
Other Expenses	62,053.00	62,053.00	35,812.98	26,138.76	101.26	-
Office of Digital Information						
Salaries and Wages	669,651.00	669,651.00	615,765.02	-	53,885.98	-
Other Expenses	98,000.00	98,000.00	90,596.85	2,349.38	5,053.77	-
Director of Planning and Business Opportunity						
Salaries and Wages	610,826.00	610,826.00	581,065.14	-	29,760.86	-
Other Expenses	127,018.00	127,018.00	89,791.28	24,242.08	12,984.64	-
	<u>3,238,110.00</u>	<u>3,238,110.00</u>	<u>2,900,380.90</u>	<u>79,448.50</u>	<u>258,280.60</u>	<u>-</u>
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS						
Division of Parks						
Salaries and Wages	9,496,702.00	9,146,702.00	8,805,946.89	-	340,755.11	-
Other Expenses	4,350,000.00	4,300,000.00	3,198,638.92	880,360.67	221,000.41	-
Utilities	2,750,000.00	2,750,000.00	2,393,077.93	134,183.22	222,738.85	-
Director of Parks						
Salaries and Wages	715,276.00	615,276.00	534,483.88	-	80,792.12	-
Other Expenses	37,300.00	37,300.00	6,929.80	16,322.82	14,047.38	-
	<u>17,349,278.00</u>	<u>16,849,278.00</u>	<u>14,939,077.42</u>	<u>1,030,866.71</u>	<u>879,333.87</u>	<u>-</u>

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - REGULATORY BASIS

	Appropriated		Paid or Charged	Expended		Unexpended Balances Canceled
	Adopted Budget	Modified Budget		Encumbered	Reserved	
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS & PUBLIC PROPERTY						
Division of Central Services						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 678,536.00	\$ 678,536.00	\$ 622,881.42	\$ -	\$ 55,654.58	\$ -
Other Expenses	542,000.00	542,000.00	440,679.66	60,673.09	40,647.25	-
Division of Engineering						
Salaries and Wages	1,796,288.00	1,696,288.00	1,595,770.02	-	100,517.98	-
Other Expenses	75,280.00	75,280.00	38,750.85	20,662.69	15,866.46	-
Construction Board of Appeals						
Other Expenses	24,500.00	24,500.00	1,402.86	2,520.00	20,577.14	-
Office of Emergency Management						
Salaries and Wages	564,513.00	564,513.00	459,297.38	-	105,215.62	-
Other Expenses	90,100.00	110,100.00	85,584.99	24,501.68	13.33	-
Division of Roads and Bridges						
Salaries and Wages	2,102,600.00	2,047,600.00	1,937,162.46	-	110,437.54	-
Other Expenses	943,926.00	943,926.00	772,705.14	162,926.27	8,294.59	-
Office of Traffic Signals and Signs						
Salaries and Wages	776,086.00	776,086.00	745,081.76	-	31,004.24	-
Other Expenses	280,500.00	330,500.00	164,869.38	164,830.83	799.79	-
County Bridges						
Other Expenses	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Joint Bridges						
Salaries and Wages	127,360.00	157,360.00	143,512.06	-	13,847.94	-
Other Expenses	140,550.00	140,550.00	23,439.82	14,055.00	103,055.18	-
Director of Roads & Public Property						
Salaries and Wages	992,854.00	942,854.00	857,662.39	-	85,191.61	-
Other Expenses	50,500.00	110,500.00	74,076.73	2,804.87	33,618.40	-
Division of Buildings and Grounds						
Salaries and Wages	15,015,806.00	14,815,806.00	14,325,572.59	-	490,233.41	-
Other Expenses	6,231,000.00	6,211,000.00	4,272,118.60	1,007,297.67	931,583.73	-
Fuel	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Telephone, Water & Light	8,500,000.00	8,500,000.00	7,442,654.50	875,897.28	181,448.22	-
Motor Pool						
Salaries and Wages	1,121,050.00	1,021,050.00	950,061.10	-	70,988.90	-
Other Expenses	1,201,250.00	1,251,250.00	1,134,392.89	66,791.91	50,065.20	-
Utilities	825,000.00	725,000.00	435,155.31	193,386.44	96,458.25	-
Lighting of Highways & Bridges	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	1,123,162.62	6,500.00	70,337.38	-
	43,279,899.00	42,864,899.00	37,645,994.53	2,602,847.73	2,616,056.74	-
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES						
Division of Children and Youth Services						
Salaries and Wages	291,049.00	291,049.00	167,426.36	-	123,622.64	-
Other Expenses	3,347,610.00	3,347,610.00	2,212,784.69	860,278.90	274,546.41	-
Food and Kitchen Supplies	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Office of Transportation Services						
Salaries and Wages	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	-
Director of Health and Human Services						
Salaries and Wages	1,092,601.00	842,601.00	751,487.75	-	91,113.25	-
Other Expenses	1,079,707.00	1,079,707.00	545,571.89	524,832.04	9,303.07	-
Office of Specialized Health Services						
Salaries and Wages	211,537.00	136,537.00	-	-	136,537.00	-
Other Expenses	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	3,500.00	31,500.00	-
Division of Aging						
Salaries and Wages	74,000.00	74,000.00	74,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Veteran's Affairs						
Salaries and Wages	23,500.00	23,500.00	10,519.16	-	12,980.84	-
Other Expenses	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	-	-	-
Office of Inclusion and Accessibility						
Salaries and Wages	214,731.00	214,731.00	205,180.44	-	9,550.56	-
Other Expenses	119,950.00	119,950.00	32,906.92	28,163.41	58,879.67	-
Office of Public Health Services						
Salaries and Wages	670,544.00	870,544.00	683,114.90	-	187,429.10	-
Other Expenses	2,257,065.00	2,257,065.00	1,702,686.91	543,692.42	10,685.67	-
Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services						
Salaries and Wages	382,484.00	382,484.00	324,835.88	-	57,648.12	-
Other Expenses	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Diagnostic Shelter Program - Contractual	246,995.00	246,995.00	148,070.00	37,960.00	60,965.00	-
Office of Food and Health Equity						
Salaries and Wages	61,713.00	61,713.00	46,494.61	-	15,218.39	-
Other Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	1,500.00	13,500.00	-

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - REGULATORY BASIS

	Appropriated		Paid or Charged	Expended		Unexpended Balances Canceled
	Adopted Budget	Modified Budget		Encumbered	Reserved	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (continued)						
Meadowview Psychiatric Hospital						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 16,067,009.00	\$ 15,917,009.00	\$ 15,365,083.01	\$ -	\$ 551,925.99	\$ -
Other Expenses	3,264,888.00	3,064,888.00	1,919,345.03	805,704.36	339,838.61	-
Food and Kitchen Supplies	1,750,000.00	1,750,000.00	1,403,855.61	255,697.10	90,447.29	-
Aid to Handicapped Adults	70,000.00	70,000.00	-	-	70,000.00	-
Children's Center for Special Needs	75,000.00	75,000.00	38,061.45	36,938.55	-	-
Aid to County Branch	47,000.00	47,000.00	26,181.93	20,818.07	-	-
Visiting Homemaker Service	5,700.00	5,700.00	228.00	5,472.00	-	-
Maintenance of Patients in State Institutions for:						
Mental Disease N.J.S.A. 30:4-79	5,337,048.00	5,387,048.00	5,336,832.92	-	50,215.08	-
Project C.A.A.R.E.	1,142,460.00	1,142,460.00	565,321.90	506,092.40	71,045.70	-
	<u>37,982,291.00</u>	<u>37,557,291.00</u>	<u>31,659,489.36</u>	<u>3,630,649.25</u>	<u>2,267,152.39</u>	<u>-</u>
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES						
County Welfare Agency						
Salaries and Wages	7,690,000.00	7,690,000.00	7,690,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	340,000.00	340,000.00	340,000.00	-	-	-
Director of Family Services						
Salaries and Wages	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	52,000.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	-	-	-
Office of Workforce Development						
Salaries and Wages	34,000.00	34,000.00	34,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	-	-
County Assistance Programs	611,000.00	611,000.00	611,000.00	-	-	-
	<u>8,775,500.00</u>	<u>8,775,500.00</u>	<u>8,775,000.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION						
Adult Correctional Center						
Salaries and Wages	45,325,662.00	45,925,662.00	45,391,393.66	-	534,268.34	-
Salaries and Wages-ARP	556,734.00	556,734.00	556,734.00	-	-	-
Salaries and Wages-ARP Reserve	7,500,000.00	7,500,000.00	7,500,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	18,490,000.00	18,490,000.00	14,800,957.02	1,964,891.20	1,724,151.78	-
Food and Kitchen Supplies	9,000,000.00	8,875,000.00	7,618,323.99	1,028,205.31	228,470.70	-
Municipal Authorities and Utilities	885,000.00	985,000.00	938,680.34	46,000.00	319.66	-
	<u>81,757,396.00</u>	<u>82,332,396.00</u>	<u>76,806,089.01</u>	<u>3,039,096.51</u>	<u>2,487,210.48</u>	<u>-</u>
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION						
Superintendent of Schools						
Salaries and Wages	252,576.00	252,576.00	176,859.97	-	75,716.03	-
Other Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	6,477.53	2,000.00	11,522.47	-
Hudson County Community College	21,515,919.00	21,515,919.00	21,515,919.00	-	-	-
Reimbursements for Residents Attending Out of County						
Two Year Colleges (NJSA 18A:64A-23)	125,000.00	125,000.00	97,441.82	-	27,558.18	-
Vocational School	38,850,000.00	38,850,000.00	38,850,000.00	-	-	-
	<u>60,763,495.00</u>	<u>60,763,495.00</u>	<u>60,646,698.32</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>114,796.68</u>	<u>-</u>
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION						
Division of Housing and Community Development						
Salaries and Wages	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	-	-
Office of Social Services						
Salaries and Wages	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	884.81	-	115.19	-
Director of Housing & Community Reintegration						
Salaries and Wages	149,000.00	149,000.00	148,301.81	-	698.19	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	69.27	-	430.73	-
Division of Community Reintegration						
Salaries and Wages	295,000.00	295,000.00	295,000.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	-	-
	<u>538,600.00</u>	<u>538,600.00</u>	<u>537,255.89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,344.11</u>	<u>-</u>

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - REGULATORY BASIS

	Appropriated		Paid or Charged	Expended		Unexpended Balances Canceled
	Adopted Budget	Modified Budget		Encumbered	Reserved	
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES AND REINTEGRATION						
County Welfare Agency						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 31,679,851.00	\$ 32,379,851.00	\$ 30,717,218.64	\$ -	\$ 1,412,632.36	\$ 250,000.00
Other Expenses	28,580,697.00	28,580,697.00	27,008,645.52	1,088,307.79	283,743.69	200,000.00
Director of Family Services and Reintegration						
Salaries and Wages	1,133,494.00	933,494.00	806,079.79	-	127,414.21	-
Other Expenses	1,205,038.00	955,038.00	314,289.88	352,134.11	288,614.01	-
Division of Workforce Development						
Salaries and Wages	203,699.00	203,699.00	134,811.29	-	68,887.71	-
Other Expenses	41,430.00	41,430.00	-	3,805.66	37,624.34	-
County Assistance Programs	2,703,471.00	2,703,471.00	2,654,447.00	-	49,024.00	-
Division of Community Reintegration						
Salaries and Wages	1,940,307.00	1,315,307.00	1,145,104.91	-	170,202.09	-
Other Expenses	112,680.00	112,680.00	21,285.45	29,944.89	61,449.66	-
	<u>67,600,667.00</u>	<u>67,225,667.00</u>	<u>62,801,882.48</u>	<u>1,474,192.45</u>	<u>2,499,592.07</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS						
Director of Aging and Veterans' Affairs						
Salaries and Wages	511,416.00	511,416.00	459,723.04	-	51,692.96	-
Other Expenses	233,000.00	233,000.00	193,151.20	16,057.13	23,791.67	-
Office of Transportation Services						
Salaries and Wages	398,500.00	398,500.00	295,374.16	-	103,125.84	-
Other Expenses	667,100.00	667,100.00	283,875.61	346,757.97	36,466.42	-
Division on Aging						
Salaries and Wages	320,029.00	320,029.00	273,030.00	-	46,999.00	-
Other Expenses	39,450.00	39,450.00	29,836.28	5,163.90	4,449.82	-
Office of Veteran's Affairs						
Salaries and Wages	23,429.00	23,429.00	10,106.63	-	13,322.37	-
Other Expenses	48,300.00	48,300.00	7,897.30	7,630.00	32,772.70	-
	<u>2,241,224.00</u>	<u>2,241,224.00</u>	<u>1,552,994.22</u>	<u>375,609.00</u>	<u>312,620.78</u>	<u>-</u>
UNCLASSIFIED						
Administration of Debt Service	650,000.00	750,000.00	690,997.50	52,500.00	6,502.50	-
Ethics Board						
Salaries and Wages	8,637.00	8,637.00	8,442.98	-	194.02	-
Other Expenses	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	1,200.00	10,800.00	-
Volunteer Fire Co. Instruction - N.J.S.A. 40:23-89	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	-	4,000.00	-
Advertisements and Announcements	400,000.00	400,000.00	313,943.91	40,000.00	46,056.09	-
	<u>1,074,637.00</u>	<u>1,174,637.00</u>	<u>1,013,384.39</u>	<u>93,700.00</u>	<u>67,552.61</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal Operations	505,466,215.00	505,166,215.00	468,474,876.59	18,756,557.67	17,284,680.74	650,100.00
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	243,397,104.00	242,312,104.00	233,015,457.19	-	9,046,646.81	250,000.00
Other Expenses	262,069,111.00	262,854,111.00	235,459,419.40	18,756,557.67	8,238,033.93	400,100.00
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS						
Matching Funds for Grants	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	-	75,000.00	-
Federal and State Grants						
Alliance to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse	-	270,478.00	270,478.00	-	-	-
HC Correction and Rehabilitation	-	11,000,000.00	11,000,000.00	-	-	-
HC Correction and Rehabilitation	-	3,200,000.00	3,200,000.00	-	-	-
County Reentry Coordinators (CRC)	-	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	-	-
Sr Cit. & Disabled Residents Transportation	1,880,842.00	1,880,842.00	1,880,842.00	-	-	-
NJ Council on Arts - Block Grant	335,000.00	335,000.00	335,000.00	-	-	-
NJ Destination Marketing Organization	-	252,000.00	252,000.00	-	-	-
County History Partnership Program	95,233.00	95,233.00	95,233.00	-	-	-
Comprehensive Alcohol Services	1,565,909.00	1,565,909.00	1,565,909.00	-	-	-
County Based Innovation Project Opioid	40,793.00	285,549.00	285,549.00	-	-	-
Recreational Opportunities For Disabled	-	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	-	-
NJ Historic Trust Preservation Fund	713,550.00	713,550.00	713,550.00	-	-	-
LEAP Fellowship Grant	-	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	-	-
Data-Driven Decision Making: Program						
Organizational Enhancement Program	-	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	-	-
HC Housing First Grant	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-
HC Housing First Re-Entry Pilot Program	-	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	-	-	-
Local Recreation Improvement Grant	-	70,000.00	70,000.00	-	-	-
Work First New Jersey	-	4,025,985.00	4,025,985.00	-	-	-
Work First New Jersey - DOL Supplemental	-	2,195,046.00	2,195,046.00	-	-	-

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	Appropriated		Paid or Charged	Expended		Unexpended Balances Canceled
	Adopted Budget	Modified Budget		Encumbered	Reserved	
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS						
Federal and State Grants						
Juvenile Justice Commission - Partnership Clients of Family Court	\$ 1,049,334.00	\$ 1,049,334.00	\$ 1,049,334.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Body Armor Replacement Grant	307,803.00	307,803.00	307,803.00	-	-	-
Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program	50,898.83	50,898.83	50,898.83	-	-	-
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	-	-	-
Law Enforcement Officers Training/Equip.	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	-	-
Clean Communities Grant	6,323.00	17,572.00	17,572.00	-	-	-
Youth Incentive Program	-	24,990.41	24,990.41	-	-	-
Human Services Advisory Council	47,669.00	47,669.00	47,669.00	-	-	-
Child Advocacy Center -	-	69,419.00	69,419.00	-	-	-
Multidisciplinary Team Fund	19,460.00	77,598.00	77,598.00	-	-	-
GUSNIP Produce Prescription Grant	2,600.00	52,600.00	52,600.00	-	-	-
COVID ARP - Commodity Supplemental	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-	-	-
Hudson Food Pantry Program	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-	-	-
Hudson County SANE/SART Program	191,808.00	191,808.00	191,808.00	-	-	-
Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, Narcotics Task Force	108,301.00	108,301.00	108,301.00	-	-	-
Workforce Investment Act	-	4,306,996.00	4,306,996.00	-	-	-
WIOA Data Reporting/Analysis Allocation	-	12,971.00	12,971.00	-	-	-
Subregional Transportation Planning Grant	-	156,620.00	156,620.00	-	-	-
Hudson County Safe Communities Program	-	81,040.00	81,040.00	-	-	-
Pedestrian Safety, Education & Enforcement	-	80,000.00	80,000.00	-	-	-
Highway Sustained Safety Grant	-	140,000.00	140,000.00	-	-	-
Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled	-	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	-	-
Environmental Justice Government Program	-	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Health Services Grant	-	318,116.00	318,116.00	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Health Services Grant	287,774.00	287,774.00	287,774.00	-	-	-
Area Plan Grant - Aging	4,847,788.00	8,029,525.00	8,029,525.00	-	-	-
State Health Insurance Assistance Program	-	42,000.00	42,000.00	-	-	-
Homeless & Family Shelter Strategy Prog.	2,752,600.00	2,752,600.00	2,752,600.00	-	-	-
Ending the HIV Epidemic -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan White Parts A and B	714,800.00	3,250,000.00	3,250,000.00	-	-	-
Supportive Assistance to	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individuals and Families	-	756,583.00	756,583.00	-	-	-
HIV Emergency Relief Formula Grant	1,263,314.00	2,817,638.00	2,817,638.00	-	-	-
HIV Emergency Relief Supplemental Grant	-	1,659,727.00	1,659,727.00	-	-	-
Minority Aids Interactive Program	126,569.00	437,934.00	437,934.00	-	-	-
State Homeland Security Grant	-	418,138.25	418,138.25	-	-	-
Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)	-	236,000.00	236,000.00	-	-	-
Emergency Management Assistance Funding	-	55,000.00	55,000.00	-	-	-
American Rescue Plan (ARP) Coronavirus	-	-	-	-	-	-
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	-	19,914,768.22	19,914,768.22	-	-	-
Jersey City Rental Assistance Program	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-	-	-
National Opioid Settlement Fund	-	987,255.13	987,255.13	-	-	-
Grants for Arts Projects Program	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-	-
Total Public and Private Programs	17,843,368.83	90,148,270.84	90,073,270.84	-	75,000.00	-
Total Operations	523,309,583.83	595,314,485.84	558,548,147.43	18,756,557.67	17,359,680.74	650,100.00
Contingent	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	25,000.00
Total Operations Including Contingent	523,339,583.83	595,344,485.84	558,548,147.43	18,756,557.67	17,364,680.74	675,100.00
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	243,397,104.00	242,312,104.00	233,015,457.19	-	9,046,646.81	250,000.00
Other Expenses	279,942,479.83	353,032,381.84	325,532,690.24	18,756,557.67	8,318,033.93	425,100.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS						
Capital Improvement Fund	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-	-	-
Facility Lease Revenue Bonds:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various Projects	9,657,071.22	9,657,071.22	9,657,071.22	-	-	-
County Plaza	3,433,450.00	3,433,450.00	3,433,450.00	-	-	-
County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational Tech	10,485,175.00	10,485,175.00	10,485,175.00	-	-	-
Casino in the Park	539,068.20	539,068.20	539,068.20	-	-	-
Courthouse	20,492,150.00	20,492,150.00	20,492,150.00	-	-	-
	47,606,914.42	47,606,914.42	47,606,914.42	-	-	-

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - REGULATORY BASIS

	Appropriated		Paid or Charged	Expended		Unexpended Balances Canceled
	Adopted Budget	Modified Budget		Encumbered	Reserved	
COUNTY DEBT SERVICE						
Payment of Bond Principal						
(a) County College Bonds	\$ 765,000.00	\$ 765,000.00	\$ 765,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(b) State Aid - County College Bonds	4,803,000.00	4,803,000.00	4,803,000.00	-	-	-
(c) Vocational School Bonds	7,435,000.00	7,435,000.00	7,435,000.00	-	-	-
(d) Other Bonds	14,945,625.00	14,945,625.00	14,945,625.00	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds						
(a) County College Bonds	334,118.76	334,118.76	334,118.76	-	-	-
(b) State Aid - County College Bonds	1,651,567.90	1,651,567.90	1,651,567.90	-	-	-
(c) Vocational School Bonds	2,059,937.42	2,059,937.42	2,059,937.42	-	-	-
(d) Other Bonds	8,721,158.46	8,721,158.46	8,721,158.46	-	-	-
Interest on Notes						
Open Space Bonds	245,000.00	245,000.00	245,000.00	-	-	-
Interest on Open Space Bonds	173,583.76	173,583.76	173,583.76	-	-	-
Green Trust Loan Program	298,836.65	298,836.65	248,836.64	-	-	50,000.01
	<u>41,432,827.95</u>	<u>41,432,827.95</u>	<u>41,382,827.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000.01</u>
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES						
Deferred Charges						
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded:						
Roads & Bridges Ord. 300-5-2024	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-
Statutory Expenditures						
Contribution To:						
Public Employee Retirement System	21,235,929.00	21,235,929.00	21,235,928.45	-	0.55	-
Social Security System	14,550,000.00	14,850,000.00	14,849,750.25	-	249.75	-
Police and Fire Retirement System	21,566,104.00	21,566,104.00	21,566,103.84	-	0.16	-
County Pension & Retirement Fund	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	105,000.00	105,000.00	88,882.51	-	16,117.49	-
N.J. State Disability Insurance	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	875,782.97	-	124,217.03	-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	300,000.00	300,000.00	-	-	300,000.00	-
Consolidated Police & Fire Pension	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Court Attendant Pension Fund	180,000.00	180,000.00	117,137.16	-	62,862.84	-
Non-Contributory County Pension	2,100,000.00	2,100,000.00	1,939,749.05	-	160,250.95	-
Veterans Pension Fund	100.00	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
	<u>62,037,233.00</u>	<u>62,337,233.00</u>	<u>61,673,334.23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>663,898.77</u>	<u>-</u>
JUDGMENTS	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS						
	<u>\$ 674,416,659.20</u>	<u>\$ 746,721,561.21</u>	<u>\$ 709,211,224.02</u>	<u>\$ 18,756,557.67</u>	<u>\$ 18,028,579.51</u>	<u>\$ 725,200.01</u>
Budget as Adopted						
		\$ 674,416,659.20				
Added by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87						
		<u>72,304,902.01</u>				
		746,721,561.21				
Appropriations Canceled						
		<u>725,200.01</u>				
		<u>\$ 745,996,361.20</u>				
Capital Improvement Fund						
			\$ 3,000,000.00			
Deferred Charges						
			500,000.00			
Self Insurance Trust Fund Expenditures						
			9,800,000.00			
Federal and State Grant Appropriations						
			<u>90,073,270.84</u>			
Interfund Subtotal						
			103,373,270.84			
Other Commitments						
			23,705.83			
Cash Disbursed						
			<u>605,814,247.35</u>			
			<u>\$ 709,211,224.02</u>			

COUNTY OF HUDSON
TRUST FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Exhibit B

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	2024	2023
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Community Development	\$ 398,907.32	\$ 914,992.63
State Unemployment	5,461,254.92	4,751,187.13
Self Insurance	5,146,364.71	9,052,359.96
Other Trust	61,616,278.88	50,598,180.32
	<u>72,622,805.83</u>	<u>65,316,720.04</u>
Community Development Programs Receivable	27,673,396.86	30,756,845.83
Total Assets	<u>\$ 100,296,202.69</u>	<u>\$ 96,073,565.87</u>
<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>		
Reserve for:		
Encumbrances	\$ 27,375,463.47	\$ 25,764,040.26
Due to Current Fund	739,533.24	1,009,126.73
Community Development Programs	19,354,766.77	21,564,822.52
Self-Insurance Fund	4,705,119.25	9,051,260.96
State Unemployment Insurance Fund	5,432,406.26	4,722,338.47
Reserves and Special Deposits:		
Dedicated Revenues	19,840,905.88	17,521,630.33
Motor Vehicle Fines	2,701,666.47	2,564,528.82
Confiscated Cash Seized on Arrest	800,526.56	800,526.56
Other Cash Reserves	241,664.04	251,694.14
Accumulated Absences	5,008,322.49	2,708,033.78
County Open Space	13,654,582.80	10,115,563.30
Fund Balance	441,245.46	-
Total Liabilities and Reserves	<u>\$ 100,296,202.69</u>	<u>\$ 96,073,565.87</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

COUNTY OF HUDSON
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

EXHIBIT C

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	2024	2023
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 70,656,118.23	\$ 3,571,375.03
State Road Aid Allotments Receivable	97,908,296.69	88,356,178.45
Grants Receivable - Other	4,213,550.00	3,500,000.00
Due From State - Green Acres Program II	7,287,440.50	3,966,440.50
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:		
Funded	385,355,328.01	406,458,046.21
Unfunded	252,548,879.34	226,236,957.34
Total Assets	<u>\$ 817,969,612.77</u>	<u>\$ 732,088,997.53</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>		
Interfunds Payable		
Due to Current Fund	\$ 113,856.92	\$ -
Due to Federal and State Grants Fund	953,077.08	7,072,006.76
Reserve for Youth Consultation Services	130,934.65	130,934.65
General Serial and Term Bonds Payable	377,248,000.00	397,189,000.00
Bergen Ave Refunding Bonds	6,886,250.00	7,826,875.00
Capital Improvement Fund	3,525,464.17	1,910,632.17
Retained Percentages Due Contractors	651,397.77	923,028.84
Contracts Payable	77,221,881.84	44,639,616.94
Reserve for Payment of Debt	13,248,129.43	18,796,307.74
Reserve for State Road Aid Allotments	2,142,499.87	2,142,499.87
Green Acres Loans Payable	1,221,078.01	1,442,171.21
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	140,605,157.00	-
Reserve for Dedicated Reserves	5,005,349.42	3,506,329.42
Reserve for Preliminary Expense	534,334.25	751,140.00
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	81,120,851.12	125,896,670.58
Unfunded	105,622,577.21	118,983,010.23
Fund Balance	<u>1,738,774.03</u>	<u>878,774.12</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves, and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 817,969,612.77</u>	<u>\$ 732,088,997.53</u>
Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$ 111,943,722.34</u>	<u>\$ 226,236,957.34</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

COUNTY OF HUDSON
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

EXHIBIT C-1

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	2024	2023
Increased by:		
Legal Settlements	\$ 860,000.00	\$ -
Improvement Authorization Cancelled	0.01	-
	<u>860,000.01</u>	<u>-</u>
Decreased by:		
Adjustment	0.10	-
	<u>0.10</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	859,999.91	-
Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>878,774.12</u>	<u>878,774.12</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 1,738,774.03</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 878,774.12</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UTILITY FUND
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

EXHIBIT D

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	2024	2023
<u>Assets</u>		
Operating Fund:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 404,788.19	\$ 398,315.80
Interfund Receivable	503.24	340.13
	<u>405,291.43</u>	<u>398,655.93</u>
Capital Fund:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	<u>203,986.08</u>	<u>203,822.97</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 609,277.51</u>	<u>\$ 602,478.90</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>		
Operating Fund:		
Reserve for Receivables	\$ 503.24	\$ 340.13
Fund Balance	404,788.19	398,315.80
	<u>405,291.43</u>	<u>398,655.93</u>
Capital Fund:		
Interfund Payable	503.24	340.13
Improvement Authorizations - Funded	203,482.84	203,482.84
	<u>203,986.08</u>	<u>203,822.97</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 609,277.51</u>	<u>\$ 602,478.90</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UTILITY OPERATING FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

EXHIBIT D-1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
 REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Other Credits to Income:		
Non-Budget Revenues	6,635.50	6,707.77
Prior Year Interfunds Returned	340.13	177.14
	<u>7,225.63</u>	<u>7,134.91</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Current Year Interfunds Advanced	503.24	340.13
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	6,722.39	6,794.78
Fund Balance, January 1	398,315.80	391,771.02
	405,038.19	398,565.80
Decreased by:		
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	250.00	250.00
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 404,788.19</u>	<u>\$ 398,315.80</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**COUNTY OF HUDSON
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UTILITY OPERATING FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

EXHIBIT D-2

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS

	Adopted Budget	Realized	Excess (Deficit)
Operating Surplus Anticipated	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Budget Totals	250.00	250.00	-
Non-Budget Revenues			
Interest on Deposits	-	6,635.50	6,635.50
	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,885.50</u>	<u>\$ 6,635.50</u>
Capital Interest		\$ 163.11	
Operating Interest		6,472.39	
		<u>\$ 6,635.50</u>	

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UTILITY OPERATING FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

EXHIBIT D-3

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS - REGULATORY BASIS

	Appropriations		Expended		
	Budget	Modified Budget	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Cancelled
Operations:					
Other Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Budget as Adopted		\$ 250.00			
Appropriations Canceled		<u>250.00</u>			
		<u>\$ -</u>			

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

COUNTY OF HUDSON
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

EXHIBIT E

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Land, Easements and Right of Way	\$ 103,390,756.49	\$ 103,488,764.82
Land Improvements	4,900,162.39	4,880,988.39
Construction / Buildings	334,779,789.06	334,492,474.95
Machinery and Equipment	128,410,595.64	123,023,057.94
Licensed Vehicles	<u>36,836,105.14</u>	<u>31,815,407.30</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 608,317,408.72</u>	<u>\$ 597,700,693.40</u>
<u>Investment in Fixed Assets</u>		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 608,317,408.72</u>	<u>\$ 597,700,693.40</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY

The County of Hudson, New Jersey (the “County”) functions independently through a county executive plan form of government pursuant to New Jersey Statutes Annotated (N.J.S.A.) Title 40, Chapter 41A. The governing body consists of a county executive, elected to a four-year term, and a board of nine commissioners, who are elected to concurrent three-year terms. The purpose of the County is to provide general county services and conduct general county affairs, as provided for by the County’s various departments, offices, agencies and programs. The County also has certain oversight responsibilities towards local governments that are located within the County’s geographical boundaries, including its twelve municipalities.

The financial statements of the County include every board, body, officer or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the County, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-5. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) establishes criteria to be used to determine which component units should be included in the financial statements of the primary government (the County). Inasmuch, its administrative operations activity of the Department of Family Services, Division of Welfare is a Department of the County, as well as those of other County Departments, are blended with that of the County. The State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, (the “Division”) requires the financial statements of the County to be reported separately from its component units. If the provisions of GASB had been complied with, the following component units would have been discretely presented with the financial statements of the County:

Hudson County Community College	Hudson County Schools of Technology
Hudson County Improvement Authority	Hudson County Workforce Development Board

Audit reports of the component units are available at the offices of each of the respective component units.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB codification establishes three fund categories to be used by general purpose governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The financial statements of the County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division, which differ from GAAP. Such principles and practices prescribed by the Division are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the County accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds and account group, which differ from the fund structure required by GAAP.

Current Fund – This is the general fund of the County and is used to record income and expenditures of a general operating nature.

Federal and State Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for activity of the majority of the grants received by the County, including grant receivables and their related receipts and expenditures against related grant reserves. Grants recorded here must also be included in the County operating budget.

Trust Funds – This fund is used to account for receipts, custodianship and disbursement of dedicated revenues in accordance with the purpose for which each reserve was created, subject to available cash in each individual trust fund reserve established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 and other applicable state statutes.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

General Capital Fund – This fund is used to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds for the acquisition of general capital facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund or other funds. Also included in this fund are bonds and notes payable offset by deferred charges to future taxation.

Affordable Housing Utility Operating and Capital Fund – This fund is used to account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the County-owned Affordable Housing Utility. The Operating Utility records revenues and expenditures applicable to the general operation of the program to create additional affordable housing in the County. The Capital Utility is used to account for financial resources used to provide loans to create affordable housing within the County.

General Fixed Assets – This is not a separate fund type, but an “account group” used to account for all fixed assets of the County.

The accounts of the County are maintained in accordance with the Division’s principles of fund accounting to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions on the resources available. The Division’s principles of fund accounting require that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds in accordance with activities or objectives specified for the resources. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The General Fixed Assets account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain fixed assets and the investment in those fixed assets that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The County prepares its financial statements on a basis of accounting prescribed by the Division that demonstrates compliance with a modified accrual basis and the budget laws of the State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The current financial resource focus and modified accrual basis of accounting is generally followed with significant exceptions which are explained as follows:

Revenues – Revenues are realized when received in cash except for certain amounts which are due from other governmental units. Receipts from Federal revenue sharing funds and other Federal and State grants are realized as revenue when anticipated in the budget. Receivables for property taxes assessed to the municipalities within the County, as well as any amounts added or omitted and other amounts due to the County, are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Current Fund. Such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Accordingly, no provision has been made to estimate that portion of receivables that are uncollectible. GAAP requires revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become measurable and available and in certain instances reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Expenditures – Expenditures are recorded on the “budgetary” basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with the encumbrance accounting system. Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at the end of each year and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts which may be canceled by the governing body. Appropriations for principal and interest payments on general capital and utility indebtedness are provided on the cash basis. GAAP requires expenditures in the current (or general) fund to be recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for un-matured interest on general long-term debt, which should be recognized when due.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

Encumbrances – Encumbrances are contractual orders outstanding at year end reported as expenditures through the establishment of an encumbrance payable. Outstanding encumbrances at year end are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures under GAAP.

Appropriation Reserves – Appropriation Reserves are available until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Transfers are allowed between certain line items during the first three months of the fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as other credits to income. Appropriation Reserves do not exist under GAAP.

Interfunds – Advances from the Current Fund are reported as interfunds receivable with offsetting reserves which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the year the receivables are liquidated. Interfunds receivable in other funds are not offset by reserves. GAAP does not require the establishment of an offsetting reserve.

Inventories of Supplies – The costs of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the various balance sheets. GAAP requires the cost of inventories to be reported as a current asset and equally offset by a fund balance reserve.

Deferred Charges to Future Taxation, Funded and Unfunded - Upon the authorization of capital projects, the County establishes deferred charges for the costs of the capital projects to be raised by future taxation. Funded deferred charges relate to permanent debt issued, whereas unfunded deferred charges relate to temporary or non-funding of the authorized cost of capital projects. Annually, the County raises the debt requirements for that particular year in the Current Fund budget. As the funds are raised by taxation, the deferred charges are reduced. GAAP does not require the establishment of deferred charges to future taxation.

Improvement Authorizations – Improvement Authorizations in the general capital fund represent the unexpended balance of an ordinance appropriation and is similar to the unexpended portion of the budget in the current fund. GAAP does not recognize these amounts as liabilities.

Compensated Absences and Post-Employment Benefits - Compensated absences for vacation, sick leave and other compensated absences are recorded and provided for in the annual budget in the year in which they are paid, on a pay-as-you-go basis. Likewise, no accrual is made for post-employment benefits, if any, which are also funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. GAAP requires that the amount that would normally be liquidated with expendable financial resources to be recorded as an expenditure in the operating funds and the remaining obligations be recorded as long-term obligations.

Long-Term Obligations - General long-term debt is recognized as a liability of the General Capital Fund for the full amount. The County's utility long-term debt is recognized as a liability of the Affordable Housing Utility Capital Fund for the full amount.

Net Pension and Net OPEB Liabilities - Had generally accepted accounting principles been followed, the City's share of its actuarially determined net pension liabilities for the Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS"), Police and Fire Retirement System ("PFRS") and other post-employment benefit plans would be required to be accrued on the City's balance sheet. Accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services only require note disclosure of these liabilities and related actuarial information. The City appropriates annually the amounts required to be paid in any fiscal year in that year's budget its share of PERS and PFRS obligations.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leases - Under GASB Statement No. 87, lease commitments, including those with bargain purchase options, are required to be recorded as lease liabilities at the present value of future lease payments, offset with a tangible asset or right-of-use asset as applicable. Commitments for the purchase and ownership of capital assets are recorded as financed purchases reflected in the amount of the liability and corresponding asset. In accordance with accounting practices prescribed by the Division, leases for operating expenditures are not shown as liabilities and accordingly no corresponding asset is recorded. Leases for non-operating expenditures for the acquisition of assets with useful lives exceeding five years may be recorded at historical cost as capital leases or installment purchase agreements payable with offsetting deferred charges if there is either a transfer of ownership of property or an option for ownership.

General Fixed Assets - Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets as promulgated by the Division differs in certain respects from GAAP, and requires the inclusion of a statement of general fixed assets as part of the County's basic financial statements. Fixed assets used in governmental operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in an account group identified as "General Fixed Assets" and are not included within the records of any fund types. Purchases from these funds for fixed assets are recorded as expenditures within the fund. With minor exception, public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than improvements to buildings, such as improvements to roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. All fixed assets, except land, are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the Capital Fund against authorizations under which the project was approved until such time as the construction is completed and put into operations.

The County is required to maintain a subsidiary ledger of detailed records of fixed assets and to provide property management standards to control fixed assets. The Division sets a maximum policy for defining general fixed assets as non-expendable personal property having a physical existence, a useful life of more than five years and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements. Fixed assets acquired through federal grants in aid or contributed capital have been accounted for separately.

Accounting for utility fund property and equipment purchased by the Affordable Housing Utility Fund are recorded in the capital account at cost and are adjusted for disposition and abandonment. The amounts shown do not purport to represent reproduction costs or current value. The utility does not record depreciation on fixed assets.

GAAP requires the recording of infrastructure assets and requires capital assets be depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they are either inexhaustible or are infrastructure assets reported using the modified approach.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect: the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Cash and Investments - New Jersey governmental units are required to deposit public funds in a public depository. Public depositories are defined by statutes as any State or federally chartered bank, savings bank or an association located in New Jersey or a state or federally chartered bank, savings bank or an association located in another state with a branch office in New Jersey, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and which receives or holds public funds on deposit. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of securities which may be purchased by New Jersey municipal units.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The County is also required to annually adopt a cash management plan and to deposit or invest its funds pursuant to the cash management plan. The cash management plan adopted by the County requires it to deposit funds as permitted in N.J.S.A 40:5-15.1, so long as the funds are deposited in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey and requires all public depositories pledge collateral, having a market value of five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories in the collateral pool, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

In 2009, legislation revised GUDPA to provide higher levels of security and oversight. Among the increased protections and oversight, the revised GUDPA ensures a common level of deposit risk by each bank choosing to accept local government deposits, requires banks to fully collateralize deposits over \$200 million, implements enforcement protocol which allows the Department of Banking and Insurance to institute risk-based collateral requirements promptly when a bank shows signs of stress, provides enhanced oversight by the Department of banking and insurance and permits GUDPA certificates to be provided through an online system.

Cash Equivalents include certificate of deposits with a maturity date of less than three (3) months.

Also see Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - An annual budget is required to be adopted and integrated into the accounting system to provide budgetary control over revenues and expenditures. Budget amounts presented in the accompanying financial statements represent amounts adopted by the County and approved by the Division in accordance with the Local Budget Law. Budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting utilized for the preparation of the County's financial statements. The budgetary requirements herein outlined are applicable to only the Current and Affordable Housing Utility Operating Funds, and not the Trust, Capital Fund, Affordable Housing Utility Capital Fund or the General Fixed Assets account group. However, statutes require the County to adopt annually a six-year capital plan. This plan allows the governing body to expend or incur obligations for capital purposes only. Such projects under the plan must be adopted through capital ordinance.

The County must adhere to procedures for adoption of its annual budget as established by the Division. These procedures include statutory deadlines of: January 26 for introduction and approval and February 28 for adoption. These dates are subject to extension by the Division by approval of the Local Finance Board. Appropriations within the adopted budget cannot be modified until the final two months of the year at which time transfers between certain line items are allowed. Under certain circumstances emergency authorizations and insertions of items of revenue and appropriation are allowed by authorization of the governing body, subject to approval of the Division.

The County must prepare its budgets in compliance with applicable laws capping the amounts by which the County may increase its appropriations or its tax levy to be apportioned among its constituent municipalities. A description of both "CAPS" follows:

1977 2.5% Appropriation and Levy "CAP": This Cap, calculated using the formulas and provisions primarily of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and 45.4, was originally adopted into law in 1976 and was most recently amended in 2003. Under this law, the County is permitted to increase its overall appropriations (with certain exceptions as defined within the law) by 2.5% or the "cost of living adjustment" (COLA), whichever is less. The COLA is calculated based on the traditional federal government inflation calculation. The County can, when the COLA is less than or equal to 2.5%, increase its County tax levy to one percentage point greater than the COLA, up to a maximum of 3.5%, upon passage of a resolution.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2010 Levy "CAP": The 2010 Levy Cap is calculated using the formulas and provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.44 through 45.47. It establishes limits on the increase in the total County amount to be raised by taxation (tax levy). The core of the levy cap formula is a 2% increase to the previous year's amount to be raised by taxation, net of any applicable cap base adjustments and emergency or special emergency appropriations.

Sale of Municipal Assets - The proceeds of the sale of County assets can be held until made available through a future budget appropriation. GAAP requires such proceeds to be recorded as revenue in the year of sale.

Reserves (Other than Reserve for Receivables) - Reserves, other than reserve for receivables are considered as liabilities, and not as a reservation of fund balance.

Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets – Receivables of the County, with the exception of certain intergovernmental receivables, are offset on the balance sheet with a credit that is created to preserve the revenue recognition basis required by the Division's accounting principles. The reserve delays the recognition of these revenues until they are received in cash.

Advertising Costs - Advertising costs are charged against the appropriate budget line as they occur. The County does not engage in direct-response advertising.

Fund Balance - Fund equity represented on the financial statements consists solely of Fund Balance, which is not further categorized with respect to reservations (portions of fund equity not available for appropriation for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use) or designations (plans for future use of financial resources)

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The GASB Codification also requires the financial statements of a governmental unit presented in the general purpose financial statements to be in accordance with GAAP. The County presents the financial statements listed in the table of contents which are required by the Division and which differ from the financial statements required by GAAP.

Comparative Data - Comparative data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying balance sheets and statements of operations in order to provide an understanding of changes in the County's financial position and operations. Comparative data is not presented in all statements because their inclusion would make certain statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

Reclassifications – Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statement presentation to correspond to the current year's format. These reclassifications had no effect on fund balance and changes in fund balance.

Reconciliation of Accounting Basis – As described throughout Note 1, substantial differences exist between GAAP and the basis prescribed by the Division. Reconciliation between the two would not be meaningful or informative and therefore is not provided herein.

**COUNTY OF HUDSON
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

DEPOSITS

All cash and cash equivalents on deposit are partially insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000 for each depository. Deposits in excess of FDIC limits, as noted below, are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by public depositories as required by GUDPA (see Note 1 - Cash and Investments) or are on deposit with the New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program (NJARM) and New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority (NJEFA).

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are:

- a. Uncollateralized.
- b. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution.
- c. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or agent but not in the County’s name.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the County’s deposits are summarized as follows, deposits are allocated among 7 financial institutions:

	2024	2023
Insured - FDIC	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
Insured - GUDPA	458,017,929.99	304,199,970.99
NJ Asset and Rebate Management Program	598,666.84	568,896.70
	\$ 460,116,596.83	\$ 306,268,867.69

Under GUDPA, financial institutions are not required to pledge collateral for amounts covered by FDIC insurance.

Foreign Currency Risk - Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect deposits. None of the County’s deposits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are held in foreign currency.

INVESTMENTS

New Jersey statutes permit the County to purchase the following types of securities when authorized by the cash management plan (described in Note 1):

- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America.
- Government money market mutual funds.
- Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor.
- Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located.
- Bonds or other obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Local Government Services for investment by local units.
- Local government investment pools.
- Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.
- Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to the first and third bullets of this section, (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party, (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days, (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository and (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

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NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - In the case of investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. Investments are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are uninsured, are not registered in the County’s name and are held by either the counterparty or its trust department or agent, but not in the County’s name.

Foreign Currency Risk - Investments are also exposed to the same foreign currency risk as deposits. It is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect investments. The County does not have any investments denominated in foreign currency as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The County does not have an investment policy regarding the management of credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The County places no formal limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. New Jersey Statutes limit municipal investments to those specified and summarily identified in the first paragraph of the “Investments” section of this note. Currently, the County’s only investments consist of deposits in the MBIA Government Investment Pool, the NJARM Program and the NJEFA Fund, all of which are classified as Government Investment Pools.

Investment Type	Fair Value*	Investment Maturities (in Years)			
		< 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	> 10
2024 Government Investment Pools	\$ 598,666.84	\$ 598,666.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023 Government Investment Pools	\$ 568,896.70	\$ 568,896.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*Short-term investments are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

The New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program (“NJARM”) – This is a financial organization created exclusively for New Jersey local governments. The Program was designed to help achieve excellence in the governmental unit’s investment program. Created as a joint investment trust under the Interlocal Services Act, NJARM provides participants with investment and arbitrage compliance services for both bond proceeds and general operating funds. As of December 31, 2024 and 2022, the County had balances \$598,666.84 and \$568,896.70, respectively, in the NJARM Program government investment pool.

NOTE 3. PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE AND PROPERTY TAX CALENDAR

Property taxes are collected and remitted quarterly to the County by the County’s twelve municipalities. Each municipality is responsible for enforcing collection from individual taxpayers, and is required to remit to the County the full amount of the County portion of the municipality’s total tax levy. The County portion includes County purpose taxes and County Open space taxes. Property taxes receivable for County purpose taxes are recorded in the Current Fund, while County Open Space Taxes are recorded in the Trust Fund, as each municipality’s semiannual tax levy billing is approved. In addition, the County’s share of taxes for any added and omitted assessments throughout the year for each municipality is recorded by the County as taxes receivable in the Current Fund.

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NOTE 3. PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE AND PROPERTY TAX CALENDAR (continued)

Property tax bills are to be mailed by the municipality on or before June 14 and December 1. If the municipality is unable to mail bills by these dates, it has until June 30 and December 31 to mail estimated bills for the respective initial mailing dates. The June 14/30 bill is due from the taxpayer to the municipality in two quarterly installments on August 1 and November 1. The municipality is then required to remit the County taxes to the County on August 15 and November 15. The December 1/31 bill is due from the taxpayer to the municipality in two quarterly installments on February 1 and May 1. The municipality is then required to remit the County taxes to the County on February 15 and May 15. For added/omitted taxes, the municipality is to mail the bill on or before October 25. The due date for the taxpayer to pay the municipality is November 1. The municipality is then required to remit the County taxes on added/omitted assessments by February 15. Taxes were levied for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 as follows:

Year Ended Dec. 31	Total	County-Purpose Tax Levy Raised Support of Budget	Added and Omitted Tax Levy	County Open Space Tax Levy
2024	\$ 447,677,031.52	\$ 429,180,876.11	\$ 6,271,571.70	\$ 12,224,583.71
2023	\$ 426,390,784.75	\$ 414,180,876.11	\$ 3,292,502.80	\$ 8,917,405.84

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, added and omitted taxes receivable were \$6,074,942.38 and \$3,177,709.61, respectively.

NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT

SUMMARY OF COUNTY DEBT

The Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2, governs the issuance of bonds to finance general and utility capital expenditures of the County. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the County are backed by the full faith and credit of the County. Bond anticipation notes, which are issued to temporarily finance capital projects, must be paid off within ten years, or be retired by the issuance of bonds.

The County’s long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the amount of principal due by December 31, 2025, is summarized as follows:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	New Issues	Retirements	Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Due by Dec. 31, 2025
General Serial Bonds	\$ 397,189,000.00	\$ 7,312,000.00	\$ 27,253,000.00	\$ 377,248,000.00	\$ 28,222,000.00
Green Acres Loans	1,442,171.21	-	221,093.20	1,221,078.01	225,537.14
	<u>\$ 398,631,171.21</u>	<u>\$ 7,312,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,474,093.20</u>	<u>\$ 378,469,078.01</u>	<u>\$ 28,447,537.14</u>

The County’s long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the amount of principal due by December 31, 2024, is summarized as follows:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	New Issues	Retirements	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Due by Dec. 31, 2024
General Serial Bonds	\$ 416,510,000.00	\$ 7,028,000.00	\$ 26,349,000.00	\$ 397,189,000.00	\$ 27,253,000.00
Green Acres Loans	1,675,448.92	-	233,277.71	1,442,171.21	221,093.20
	<u>\$ 418,185,448.92</u>	<u>\$ 7,028,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,582,277.71</u>	<u>\$ 398,631,171.21</u>	<u>\$ 27,474,093.20</u>

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the County’s statutory debt as defined by the Local Bond Law is summarized as follows:

Statutory Debt Pursuant to Local Bond Law	December 31, 2024			Dec. 31, 2023
	Issued	Authorized But Not Issued	Total	Total
General:				
General, School and College				
Improvement Bonds	\$ 377,248,000.00	\$ 111,943,722.34	\$ 489,191,722.34	\$ 623,425,957.34
Bergen Ave Refunding Bonds	6,886,250.00	-	6,886,250.00	7,826,875.00
Green Trust Loans	1,221,078.01	-	1,221,078.01	1,442,171.21
Bond Anticipation Notes	140,605,157.00	-	140,605,157.00	-
Total Gross Statutory Debt Issued	525,960,485.01	111,943,722.34	637,904,207.35	632,695,003.55
County Guaranty	740,904,941.83	-	740,904,941.83	748,680,327.30
Gross Statutory Debt	1,266,865,426.84	111,943,722.34	1,378,809,149.18	1,381,375,330.85
Less Statutory Deductions to Debt Limit:				
Debt Guaranteed by County	740,904,941.83	-	740,904,941.83	748,680,327.30
Funds in Hand for Payment of Debt				
Capital Fund: Reserve for Payment of Bonds	13,248,129.43	-	13,248,129.43	18,796,307.74
Trust Fund: Open Space Trust Fund	3,826,000.00	-	3,826,000.00	4,071,000.00
NJSA 18A:64A-22.1 to 22.8 - County Colleges	47,557,000.00	1,577,904.00	49,134,904.00	26,180,331.50
	805,536,071.26	1,577,904.00	807,113,975.26	797,727,966.54
Net Statutory Debt	\$ 461,329,355.58	\$ 110,365,818.34	\$ 571,695,173.92	\$ 583,647,364.31

Debt Refunding

No Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes were renewed or refunded during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

School Bond Reserve Act

Certain bonds of the County issued as Vocational School Bonds are additionally secured and are entitled to the benefits of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, chapter 72 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1980. If the County is unable to make payment of principal of or interest on any of its bonds issued for school purposes, the trustees of the Fund for the Support of Free Public School of the State of New Jersey will purchase such bonds at par value and will pay to the bondholders the interest due or to become due within the limits of funds available in the reserve account in accordance with the provisions of the School Bond Reserve Act. Any such payment of interest or purchase price of school bonds paid on behalf of the County pursuant to this Act shall be deducted from the appropriation for apportionment of State Aid. Included in the County’s “General Serial and Term Bonds Payable” as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 are Vocational School Bonds additionally secured under the School Bond Reserve Act of \$51,000,000 and \$54,820,000, respectively.

County College Bond Act

The County has issued County Community College Bonds which qualify under the County College Bond Act, chapter 12 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1971, as amended. In accordance with this act, the County has received notification from the State Treasurer that the State will provide support for a proportionate share of the principal and interest when due. Such support will be made to the County, upon the County’s certification of amounts due, on or before the dates when such bonds are payable by the County. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the County recognized \$2,875,135.97, and \$2,747,346.14, respectively, as ‘State Aid – County College Bond’ revenues pursuant to this act. Hudson County Community College Bonds issued and authorized but not issued totaled \$86,712,808 and \$88,360,663 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Of these amounts, \$25,356,404 and \$26,180,331.50, respectively as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, are additionally secured pursuant to the County College Bond Act.

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

BONDS PAYABLE

General Serial and Term Bonds Payable

The County has outstanding at December 31, 2024 and 2023 various general serial and term bonds, including General Improvement and Refunding bonds, Vocational School Bonds and Community College Bonds. The following table summarizes the 2024 activity of the County's General, Vocational and Community College Bonds, as well as the short-term principal liability of each.

Description	Summary of General Serial and Term Bonds Activity			Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Due by Dec. 31, 2025
	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increase	Decrease		
Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds issued December 22, 2010 for \$20,700,000 maturing annually through 2030 bearing interest rates of 1.704% to 6.928%	\$ 9,800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 8,400,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00
General Improvement Bonds issued June 19, 2012 for \$10,925,000 maturing annually through 2032 bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 3.75%	5,670,000.00	-	630,000.00	5,040,000.00	630,000.00
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 issued Nov. 25, 2014 for \$74,000,000 to Finance Multiple Ordinances maturing Dec. 1 annually from 2015 through 2031 bearing interest rates of 2% to 5%	38,560,000.00	-	4,335,000.00	34,225,000.00	4,455,000.00
Energy Savings Obligation Refunding Bonds issued December 13, 2018 for \$24,520,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 527-9-2018 maturing annually through 2040 bearing interest rates of 4.0% - 5.0%	21,810,000.00	-	820,000.00	20,990,000.00	895,000.00
General Improvement Bond, Series 2020 issued Nov. 18, 2020 for \$223,086,000 maturing annually through 2041 bearing an interest rate of 2.0% to 3.0%	199,450,000.00	-	6,820,000.00	192,630,000.00	8,000,000.00
Open Space Bonds issued July 13, 2011 for \$6,446,000 maturing annually through 2036 bearing interest rates of 3.00% to 4.625%	4,071,000.00	-	245,000.00	3,826,000.00	260,000.00
County College Bonds issued June 25, 2013 for \$8,710,000 maturing annually through 2033 bearing interest rates of 3.0% - 4.75%	5,000,000.00	-	500,000.00	4,500,000.00	500,000.00
General Improvement Bonds issued June 18, 2015 for \$5,700,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 529-09-2014 maturing annually on June 1 through 2035 bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 5%	3,745,000.00	-	265,000.00	3,480,000.00	270,000.00

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

Summary of General Serial and Term Bonds Activity - continued

Description	Balance			Balance		Due by
	Dec. 31, 2023	Increase	Decrease	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2025	
County Community College Bonds issued June 19, 2012 for \$8,500,000 maturing annually through 2027 bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 3.50%	\$ 2,790,000.00	\$ -	\$ 690,000.00	\$ 2,100,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	
County College Bonds issued June 25, 2013 for \$1,500,000 maturing annually through 2028 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 4.5%	620,000.00	-	120,000.00	500,000.00	120,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2014 issued June 11, 2014 for \$4,250,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 374-06-2013 maturing March 15 annually from 2015 through 2029 bearing interest rates of 2% to 3.25%	2,100,000.00	-	340,000.00	1,760,000.00	340,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2015 Bond Act, P.L. 1971 c. 12) issued June 11, 2014 for \$3,200,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 528-09-2014 maturing annually on June 1 through 2030 bearing interest rates of 2% to 5%	1,625,000.00	-	215,000.00	1,410,000.00	220,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2016B (C. 12 Bond issued June 14, 2016 for \$3,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 648-11-2015 maturing July 1 annually from 2017 through 2031 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5%	1,765,000.00	-	200,000.00	1,565,000.00	205,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2017B (C.12 Bonds issued June 20, 2017 for \$3,100,000 to fund Ord. No. 489-08-2016 maturing July 1 annually from 2018 through 2032 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5.0%	2,005,000.00	-	200,000.00	1,805,000.00	205,000.00	
County College Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 (C. 12 Bonds) (callable) issued November 30, 2017 for \$17,025,000 to refund bonds dated January 28, 2010 maturing February 15 annually from 2018 through 2030 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 4.0%	11,830,000.00	-	1,705,000.00	10,125,000.00	1,700,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2018 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued June 19, 2018 for \$3,400,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 533-8-2017 maturing annually through 2032 bearing interest rates of 3.0% - 5.0%	2,325,000.00	-	235,000.00	2,090,000.00	240,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2019 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued June 11, 2019 for \$6,700,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 528-9-2018 maturing annually through 2039 bearing interest rates of 3.0% - 5.0%	5,770,000.00	-	270,000.00	5,500,000.00	285,000.00	

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

Summary of General Serial and Term Bonds Activity - continued

Description	Balance			Balance		Due by Dec. 31, 2025
	Dec. 31, 2023	Increase	Decrease	Dec. 31, 2024		
County College Bonds, Series 2021 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued June 29, 2021 for \$8,840,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 518-8-2019 & 759-12-2020 maturing July 1 annually from 2022 through 2041 bearing interest rates of 2.0% - 4.0%	\$ 8,120,000.00	\$ -	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 7,750,000.00	\$ 380,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2022 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued June 30, 2022 for \$5,349,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 217-4-2021 maturing July 1 annually from 2023 through 2037 bearing interest rates of 4.0% - 5.0%	5,070,000.00	-	290,000.00	4,780,000.00	300,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2023 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued July 6, 2023 for \$4,028,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 531-9-2022 maturing July 1 annually from 2024 through 2040 bearing interest rates of 3.125% - 5.0%	4,028,000.00	-	168,000.00	3,860,000.00	175,000.00	
County College Bonds, Series 2024 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued Julne 27, 2024 for \$4,312,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 590-9-2023 maturing July 1 annually from 2025 through 2041 bearing interest rates of 3.0% - 4.0%	-	4,312,000.00	-	4,312,000.00	177,000.00	
County Vo-Tech Schools Bonds issued June 25, 2013 for \$8,750,000 maturing annually through 2024 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 4.0%	1,000,000.00	-	1,000,000.00	-	-	
County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2014 issued June 11, 2014 for \$15,650,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 261-05-2013 maturing March 15 annually from 2015 through 2027 bearing interest rates of 2% to 3%	5,855,000.00	-	1,460,000.00	4,395,000.00	1,460,000.00	
County Vocational-Technical Schools Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 issued Nov. 6, 2014 for \$21,225,000 to refund Series 2006 County Vo-Tech Bonds maturing Sept. 1 annually from 2015 through 2028 bearing interest rates of 1.5% to 5%	10,145,000.00	-	1,850,000.00	8,295,000.00	1,945,000.00	
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2016A issued June 14, 2016 for \$10,100,000 to fund Ord. No. 271-5-2014 maturing July 1 annually from 2017 through 2032 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5%	6,215,000.00	-	615,000.00	5,600,000.00	630,000.00	
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2017A issued June 20, 2017 for \$8,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 490-08-2016 maturing July 1 annually from 2018 through 2030 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5.0%	4,695,000.00	-	610,000.00	4,085,000.00	635,000.00	

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

Summary of General Serial and Term Bonds Activity - continued

Description	Balance			Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Due by Dec. 31, 2025
	Dec. 31, 2023	Increase	Decrease		
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2018 issued June 19, 2018 for \$8,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 534-08-2017 maturing July 1 annually from 2019 through 2031 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 5.0%	\$ 5,385,000.00	\$ -	\$ 590,000.00	\$ 4,795,000.00	\$ 610,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2019 issued June 11, 2019 for \$8,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 529-9-2018 maturing July 1 annually from 2020 through 2035 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 5.0%	6,410,000.00	-	435,000.00	5,975,000.00	450,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2020 issued July 1, 2019 for \$15,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 268-5-2015 & 356-6-2019 maturing July 1 annually from 2020 through 2040 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5.0%	13,650,000.00	-	500,000.00	13,150,000.00	500,000.00
Vo-Tech Bonds, Series 2021 (New Jersey School Bond Reseve Act, P.L. 1980 c.72) issued June 29, 2021 for \$2,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 453-7-2020 maturing July 1 annually from 2022 through 2041 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 4.0%	1,840,000.00	-	85,000.00	1,755,000.00	85,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2022 issued July 30, 2022 for \$3,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 246-4-2021 maturing July 1 annually from 2023 through 2037 bearing interest rates of 4.0% to 5.0%	2,840,000.00	-	165,000.00	2,675,000.00	170,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2023 issued July 6, 2023 for \$3,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 530-9-2022 maturing July 1 annually from 2024 through 2040 bearing interest rates of 3.125% to 5.0%	3,000,000.00	-	125,000.00	2,875,000.00	130,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2024 issued Julne 27, 2024 for \$3,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 401-6-2023 maturing July 1 annually from 2025 through 2039 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 4.0%	-	3,000,000.00	-	3,000,000.00	150,000.00
	<u>\$ 397,189,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,312,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,253,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 377,248,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,222,000.00</u>

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

The following table summarizes the 2023 activity of the County’s General, Vocational and Community College Bonds, as well as the short-term principal liability of each.

Description	Summary of General Serial and Term Bonds Activity			Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Due by Dec. 31, 2024
	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Increase	Decrease		
Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds issued December 22, 2010 for \$20,700,000 maturing annually through 2030 bearing interest rates of 1.704% to 6.928%	\$ 11,200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 9,800,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00
General Improvement Bonds issued June 19, 2012 for \$10,925,000 maturing annually through 2032 bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 3.75%	6,295,000.00	-	625,000.00	5,670,000.00	630,000.00
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 issued Nov. 25, 2014 for \$74,000,000 to Finance Multiple Ordinances maturing Dec. 1 annually from 2015 through 2031 bearing interest rates of 2% to 5%	42,785,000.00	-	4,225,000.00	38,560,000.00	4,335,000.00
Energy Savings Obligation Refunding Bonds issued December 13, 2018 for \$24,520,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 527-9-2018 maturing annually through 2040 bearing interest rates of 4.0% - 5.0%	22,605,000.00	-	795,000.00	21,810,000.00	820,000.00
General Improvement Bond, Series 2020 issued Nov. 18, 2020 for \$223,086,000 maturing annually through 2041 bearing an interest rate of 2.0% to 3.0%	206,270,000.00	-	6,820,000.00	199,450,000.00	6,820,000.00
Open Space Bonds issued July 13, 2011 for \$6,446,000 maturing annually through 2036 bearing interest rates of 3.00% to 4.625%	4,306,000.00	-	235,000.00	4,071,000.00	245,000.00
County College Bonds issued June 25, 2013 for \$8,710,000 maturing annually through 2033 bearing interest rates of 3.0% - 4.75%	5,500,000.00	-	500,000.00	5,000,000.00	500,000.00
General Improvement Bonds issued June 18, 2015 for \$5,700,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 529-09-2014 maturing annually on June 1 through 2035 bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 5%	4,005,000.00	-	260,000.00	3,745,000.00	265,000.00
County Community College Bonds issued June 19, 2012 for \$8,500,000 maturing annually through 2027 bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 3.50%	3,460,000.00	-	670,000.00	2,790,000.00	690,000.00
County College Bonds issued June 25, 2013 for \$1,500,000 maturing annually through 2028 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 4.5%	740,000.00	-	120,000.00	620,000.00	120,000.00

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

Summary of General Serial and Term Bonds Activity - continued

Description	Balance			Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Due by Dec. 31, 2024
	Dec. 31, 2022	Increase	Decrease		
County College Bonds, Series 2014 issued June 11, 2014 for \$4,250,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 374-06-2013 maturing March 15 annually from 2015 through 2029 bearing interest rates of 2% to 3.25%	\$ 2,410,000.00	\$ -	\$ 310,000.00	\$ 2,100,000.00	\$ 340,000.00
County College Bonds, Series 2015 Bond Act, P.L. 1971 c. 12) issued June 11, 2014 for \$3,200,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 528-09-2014 maturing annually on June 1 through 2030 bearing interest rates of 2% to 5%	1,835,000.00	-	210,000.00	1,625,000.00	215,000.00
County College Bonds, Series 2016B (C. 12 Bond issued June 14, 2016 for \$3,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 648-11-2015 maturing July 1 annually from 2017 through 2031 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5%	1,955,000.00	-	190,000.00	1,765,000.00	200,000.00
County College Bonds, Series 2017B (C.12 Bonds issued June 20, 2017 for \$3,100,000 to fund Ord. No. 489-08-2016 maturing July 1 annually from 2018 through 2032 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5.0%	2,200,000.00	-	195,000.00	2,005,000.00	200,000.00
County College Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 (C. 12 Bonds) (callable) issued November 30, 2017 for \$17,025,000 to refund bonds dated January 28, 2010 maturing February 15 annually from 2018 through 2030 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 4.0%	13,540,000.00	-	1,710,000.00	11,830,000.00	1,705,000.00
County College Bonds, Series 2018 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued June 19, 2018 for \$3,400,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 533-8-2017 maturing annually through 2032 bearing interest rates of 3.0% - 5.0%	2,550,000.00	-	225,000.00	2,325,000.00	235,000.00
County College Bonds, Series 2019 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued June 11, 2019 for \$6,700,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 528-9-2018 maturing annually through 2039 bearing interest rates of 3.0% - 5.0%	6,025,000.00	-	255,000.00	5,770,000.00	270,000.00
County College Bonds, Series 2021 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued June 29, 2021 for \$8,840,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 518-8-2019 & 759-12-2020 maturing July 1 annually from 2022 through 2041 bearing interest rates of 2.0% - 4.0%	8,485,000.00	-	365,000.00	8,120,000.00	370,000.00
County College Bonds, Series 2022 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued June 30, 2022 for \$5,349,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 217-4-2021 maturing July 1 annually from 2023 through 2037 bearing interest rates of 4.0% - 5.0%	5,349,000.00	-	279,000.00	5,070,000.00	290,000.00

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Summary of General Serial and Term Bonds Activity - continued

Description	Balance			Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Due by Dec. 31, 2024
	Dec. 31, 2022	Increase	Decrease		
County College Bonds, Series 2023 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12) issued July 6, 2023 for \$4,028,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 531-9-2022 maturing July 1 annually from 2024 through 2040 bearing interest rates of 3.125% - 5.0%	\$ -	\$ 4,028,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,028,000.00	\$ 168,000.00
County Vo-Tech Schools Bonds issued June 25, 2013 for \$8,750,000 maturing annually through 2024 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 4.0%	2,000,000.00	-	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2014 issued June 11, 2014 for \$15,650,000 to Finance Ordinance No. 261-05-2013 maturing March 15 annually from 2015 through 2027 bearing interest rates of 2% to 3%	7,205,000.00	-	1,350,000.00	5,855,000.00	1,460,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Schools Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 issued Nov. 6, 2014 for \$21,225,000 to refund Series 2006 County Vo-Tech Bonds maturing Sept. 1 annually from 2015 through 2028 bearing interest rates of 1.5% to 5%	11,905,000.00	-	1,760,000.00	10,145,000.00	1,850,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2016 ^A issued June 14, 2016 for \$10,100,000 to fund Ord. No. 271-5-2014 maturing July 1 annually from 2017 through 2032 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5%	6,815,000.00	-	600,000.00	6,215,000.00	615,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2017 ^A issued June 20, 2017 for \$8,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 490-08-2016 maturing July 1 annually from 2018 through 2030 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5.0%	5,285,000.00	-	590,000.00	4,695,000.00	610,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2018 issued June 19, 2018 for \$8,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 534-08-2017 maturing July 1 annually from 2019 through 2031 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 5.0%	5,935,000.00	-	550,000.00	5,385,000.00	590,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2019 issued June 11, 2019 for \$8,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 529-9-2018 maturing July 1 annually from 2020 through 2035 bearing interest rates of 3.0% to 5.0%	6,830,000.00	-	420,000.00	6,410,000.00	435,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2020 issued July 1, 2019 for \$15,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 268-5-2015 & 356-6-2019 maturing July 1 annually from 2020 through 2040 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 5.0%	14,100,000.00	-	450,000.00	13,650,000.00	500,000.00

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

Summary of General Serial and Term Bonds Activity - continued

Description	Balance			Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Due by Dec. 31, 2024
	Dec. 31, 2022	Increase	Decrease		
Vo-Tech Bonds, Series 2021 (New Jersey School Bond Reseve Act, P.L. 1980 c.72) issued June 29, 2021 for \$2,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 453-7-2020 maturing July 1 annually from 2022 through 2041 bearing interest rates of 2.0% to 4.0%	\$ 1,920,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 1,840,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2022 issued July 30, 2022 for \$3,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 246-4-2021 maturing July 1 annually from 2023 through 2037 bearing interest rates of 4.0% to 5.0%	3,000,000.00	-	160,000.00	2,840,000.00	165,000.00
County Vocational-Technical Bonds, Series 2023 issued July 6, 2023 for \$3,000,000 to fund Ord. No. 530-9-2022 maturing July 1 annually from 2024 through 2040 bearing interest rates of 3.125% to 5.0%	-	3,000,000.00	-	3,000,000.00	125,000.00
	<u>\$ 416,510,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,028,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,349,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 397,189,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,253,000.00</u>

The following paragraphs further describe the bonds included in the summary of general serial and term bond activity.

County General Obligation Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Federally Taxable) – These bonds were issued to provide funds which will be used by the County to finance the renovation of an existing warehouse building located in Kearny for use by the County as storage space and a Command Center for the County’s Office of Emergency Management, storage space and a Command Center for the County Correctional Center and an archive record storage facility for the Hudson County Prosecutor’s Office. Funds are also provided herein to pay costs associated with the bonds and capital improvements aforementioned. The County is required to make debt service payments to the HCIA which shall be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when scheduled.

The Bonds were issued as taxable “Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds” as authorized by the Recovery Act. By designating the Bonds as “Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds,” the County, through the HCIA, will receive cash subsidy payments from the United States Treasury equal to 45 percent of the interest payable on the Bonds on each Interest Payment Date.

The subsidies to be received on the bonds are subject to certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the bonds in order for the HCIA or County to continue to receive the cash subsidy payments, including requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the bonds. Noncompliance may cause the HCIA or County to be ineligible to continue to receive the cash subsidy payments. The Authority and County have each covenanted in its Tax and Arbitrage Certificate to comply with certain applicable provisions of the Code relating to actions to be taken by the Authority and County, respectively, in respect of the bonds after the issuance thereof to the extent necessary to effect and maintain the receipt of the cash subsidy payments.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the County received \$162,595.59 and \$341,384.40, respectively, pursuant to the cash subsidy provided by the United States Treasury. Due to the events of sequestration, the aggregate (total Federal) reduction in subsidy payments for these bonds was 8.7% of the Federal amount budgeted for such payments. The likelihood of potential future sequestration action is unclear, however, should it occur, additional reductions in future subsidy payments are possible. Issued in 2010 for an original amount of \$20,700,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$8,400,000 and \$9,800,000, respectively.

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The General Obligation Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds dated December 22, 2010 consist partially of term bonds in addition to serial payments. These term bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption. The following table represents the remaining sinking fund schedule for each of the term bond payments required.

Schedule of Mandatory Sinking Fund Payments		
Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds Maturing		
	(1) Dec. 1, 2025	(2) Dec. 1, 2030
2025	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ -
2026	-	1,400,000.00
2027	-	1,400,000.00
2028	-	1,400,000.00
2029	-	1,400,000.00
2030	-	1,400,000.00
Due at Maturity	<u>\$ 1,400,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,000,000.00</u>

Open Space Bonds, Series 2011 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various open space, recreation and historic preservation trust fund capital improvements and the acquisition of real property for the expansion of Berry Lane Park for open space, recreation and historic preservation trust fund capital purposes as authorized by Ordinance No. 534-11-2007 adopted November 20, 2007 (\$5,276,000 issued herein) and Ordinance No. 485-10-2010 (\$1,170,000 issued herein). Issued in 2011 for an original amount of \$6,446,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$3,826,000 and \$4,071,000, respectively.

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012 – During the year ended December 31, 2012, the County issued \$19,425,000 of general obligation bonds dated June 19, of which the following bonds remain outstanding:

- ◆ \$10,925,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2012, the proceeds of which refund the entire outstanding amount of bond anticipation notes of the County issued August 18, 2011 and maturing August 17, 2012 providing for the acquisition of real property located at 567 Pavonia Avenue, Jersey City and various improvements thereto as authorized by Ordinance No. 331-8-2009 finally adopted August 25, 2009. These bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$5,040,000 and \$5,670,000, respectively.
- ◆ \$8,500,000 County College Bonds, Series 2012, the proceeds of which provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 266-05-2012 finally adopted May 10, 2012. These bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$2,100,000 and \$2,790,000, respectively.
- ◆ Proceeds of both bonds were also used to pay costs of issuance of the bonds.

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013 – During the year ended December 31, 2013, the County issued \$18,960,000 of general obligation bonds dated June 25, 2013, of which the following bonds remain outstanding:

- ◆ \$8,750,000 County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2013, the proceeds of which are to provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and the acquisition of related capital equipment for the Hudson County Schools of Technology as authorized by Ordinance No. 406-07-2012 finally adopted July 12, 2012. These bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$-0- and \$1,000,000, respectively.

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

- ◆ \$8,710,000 County College Bonds, Series 2013, the proceeds of which provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 407-07-2012 finally adopted July 12, 2012. These bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$4,500,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively.
- ◆ \$1,500,000 of Chapter 12 County College Bonds, Series 2013, the proceeds of which provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 267-05-2012 finally adopted May 10, 2012. These bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$500,000 and \$620,000, respectively.
- ◆ Proceeds of the above bonds were also used to pay costs of issuance of the bonds.

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2014 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various Hudson County Schools of Technology improvements as authorized by Ordinance No. 261-05-2013 adopted May 7, 2013. Issued in 2014 for an original amount of \$15,650,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$4,395,000 and \$5,855,000 respectively.

General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 – On November 6, 2014 the County issued \$55,645,000 of refunding bonds, of which the following bonds remain outstanding:

- ◆ \$21,225,000 Vocational School Refunding Bonds (NJ School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 NJ Laws C. 72, as amended), Series 2014, the proceeds of which refunded \$21,285,000 of the County Vocational/Technical School Bonds, Series 2006 issued in the original amount of \$27,925,000. These bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$8,295,000 and \$10,145,000, respectively.
- ◆ Proceeds of the above refunding bonds were also used to pay costs of issuance of the bonds.

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various Hudson County improvements as authorized by the ordinances noted below.

Ordinance Number	Date of Adoption	Purpose	Bonds Issued
267-06-2006	June 22, 2006	Various 2006 Capital Improvements and the Acquisition and Installation of Various Equipment, Furnishings, Vehicles and Other Capital Items	\$ 8,027,000.00
201-05-2007	May 10, 2007	Various 2007 Capital Improvements and the Acquisition and Installation of Various Equipment, Furnishings, Vehicles and Other Capital Items	19,720,000.00
100-03-2008	Mar. 13, 2008	Hudson County Plaza Building Project	5,890,000.00
137-03-2008	Mar. 27, 2008	Career Development Center	6,175,000.00
389-08-2008	Sep. 10, 2008	Various 2008 Capital Improvements by and in the County	9,723,000.00
088-02-2010	Feb. 11, 2010	Various 2010 Capital Improvements	10,690,000.00
457-10-2010	Oct. 14, 2010	Various 2010 Capital Improvements and the Acquisition and Installation of Various Equipment, Furnishings, Vehicles and Other Capital Items	13,775,000.00
			\$ 74,000,000.00

Issued in 2014 for an original amount of \$74,000,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$34,225,000 and \$38,560,000, respectively.

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

County College Bonds, Series 2014 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various Hudson County Community College improvements as authorized by Ordinance No. 374-06-2013 adopted June 27, 2013. Issued in 2014 for an original amount of \$4,250,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$1,760,000 and \$2,100,000, respectively

General Improvement Bonds, Series 2015 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of a Science Center Building by and for the Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 529-09-2014 adopted September 11, 2014. Issued in 2015 for an original amount of \$5,700,000, this bond has an outstanding balance at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$3,480,000 and \$3,745,000, respectively.

County College Bonds, Series 2015 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various capital projects by and for the Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 528-09-2014 adopted September 11, 2014. Issued in 2015 for an original amount of \$3,200,000, this bond has an outstanding balance at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$1,410,000 and \$1,625,000, respectively.

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2016A – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various Hudson County Schools of Technology improvements as authorized by Ordinance No. 271-05-2014 adopted May 22, 2014. Issued in 2016 for an original amount of \$10,100,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$5,600,000 and \$6,215,000 respectively.

County College Bonds, Series 2016B – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various capital projects by and for the Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 648-11-2015 adopted November 24, 2015. Issued in 2016 for an original amount of \$3,000,000, this bond has an outstanding balance at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$1,565,000 and \$1,765,000, respectively.

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2017A – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various Hudson County Schools of Technology improvements as authorized by Ordinance No. 490-08-2016 adopted August 5, 2016. Issued in 2017 for an original amount of \$8,000,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$4,085,000 and \$4,695,000 respectively.

County College Bonds, Series 2017B – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various capital projects by and for the Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 489-08-2016 adopted August 5, 2016. Issued in 2017 for an original amount of \$3,100,000, this bond has an outstanding balance at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$1,805,000 and \$2,005,000, respectively.

County College Refunding Bonds, Series 2017C – These bonds were issued to refund \$17,978,000 of the County's \$24,428,000 outstanding County College Bonds originally January 28, 2010 for \$32,353,000. Whereas the original 2010 Bonds were scheduled to mature in annual installments through 2030, the 2017C bonds effectively refund all principal payments due from 2021 through 2030. Issued in 2017 for an original amount of \$17,025,000 (\$953,000 of the principal refunded was paid from premiums), these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$10,125,000 and \$11,830,000, respectively.

County College Bonds, Series 2018 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 533-8-2017 adopted August 10, 2017. Issued in 2018 for an original amount of \$3,400,000, this bond had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$2,090,000 and \$2,325,000, respectively.

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2018 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various Hudson County Schools of Technology improvements and elated capital equipment acquisitions as authorized by Ordinance No. 534-8-2017 adopted August 10, 2017. Issued in 2018 for an original amount of \$8,000,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$4,795,000 and \$5,385,000 respectively.

Energy Savings Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2018 – These bonds were issued to provide financing of the County’s Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP), including individual energy conservation measures in and for the County. The County adopted the ESIP by Resolution July 12, 2018 following approval of the plan by the Board of Public Utilities on June 28, 2018. Adoption of the ESIP was preceded by a series of energy audits and studies verifying the results thereof which were initiated in 2010 through the New Jersey Board of Public Utility’s Local Government Energy Program. Issued in 2018 for an original amount of \$24,520,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$20,990,000 and \$21,810,000, respectively.

County College Bonds, Series 2019 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 528-9-2018 adopted September 13, 2018. Issued in 2019 for an original amount of \$6,700,000, this bond had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$5,500,000 and \$5,770,000, respectively.

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2019 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various Hudson County Schools of Technology improvements and related capital equipment acquisitions as authorized by Ordinance No. 529-9-2018 adopted September 13, 2018. Issued in 2019 for an original amount of \$8,000,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$5,975,000 and \$6,410,000 respectively.

General Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 – Issued in 2020 for an original amount of \$223,086,000,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$192,630,000 and \$199,450,000, respectively. These bonds permanently financed \$182,120,561 in Bond Anticipation Notes in addition to new debt financings of \$55,965,439. These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various Hudson County improvements as authorized by the ordinances noted below:

Ordinance Number	Adoption Date	General Purpose and Date of Final Adoption	Bonds Issued
276-07-2009	7/9/2009	Various capital improvements	\$ 4,819,678.00
265-05-2012	5/16/2012	Various capital improvements	26,003,214.00
719-12-2013	12/12/2013	Various capital improvements and acquisitions	29,359,628.00
715-12-2014	12/11/2014	Acquisition of properties for various purposes	50,507,000.00
753-12-2015	12/23/2015	Various 2015 capital improvements and equipment acquisitions	42,746,230.00
590-9-2017	12/14/2017	Improvements to Meadowview Campus	17,285,250.00
591-9-2017	12/14/2017	Various capital acquisitions and improvements	28,684,811.00
191-3-2019	3/28/2019	Various 2019 park improvements	6,714,285.00
189-3-2020, amended 327-5-2020	3/26/2020, 5/27/2020	Various 2020 park improvements, as amended	16,965,904.00
			\$ 223,086,000.00

NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2020 – On June 9, 2020 the County issued \$15,000,000 of County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2020. The bonds mature in annual installments through 2040 at interest rates of 2% to 5% and were issued to fund Ordinance Numbers 268-5-2015 and 356-6-2019 which were adopted to provide for various capital improvements of the Hudson County Schools of Technology. These ordinances were adopted on May 14, 2015 and June 12, 2019, respectively. At December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$13,150,000 and \$13,650,000, respectively.

County College Bonds, Series 2021 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 518-9-2019 adopted August 15, 2019 and Ordinance No. 759-12-2020 adopted December 10, 2020. Issued in 2021 for an original amount of \$8,840,000, this bond had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$7,750,000 and \$8,120,000, respectively.

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2021 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of Hudson County Schools of Technology buses and related capital equipment acquisitions as authorized by Ordinance No. 453-7-2020 adopted July 9, 2020. Issued in 2021 for an original amount of \$2,000,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$1,755,000 and \$1,840,000 respectively.

County College Bonds, Series 2022 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 247-4-2021 adopted April 9, 2021. Issued in 2022 for an original amount of \$5,349,000, this bond had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$4,780,000 and \$5,070,000, respectively.

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2022 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of Hudson County Schools of Technology buses and related capital equipment acquisitions as authorized by Ordinance No. 246-4-2021 adopted April 9, 2021. Issued in 2022 for an original amount of \$3,000,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$2,675,000 and \$2,840,000 respectively.

County College Bonds, Series 2023 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of various capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College as authorized by Ordinance No. 531-9-2022 adopted September 8, 2022. Issued in 2023 for an original amount of \$4,028,000, this bond had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$3,860,000 and \$4,028,000, respectively.

County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2023 – These bonds were issued to provide for the permanent financing of Hudson County Schools of Technology buses and related capital equipment acquisitions as authorized by Ordinance No. 530-9-2022 adopted September 8, 2022. Issued in 2023 for an original amount of \$3,000,000, these bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$2,875,000 and \$3,000,000 respectively.

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General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 – During the year ended December 31, 2024, the County issued \$7,312,000 of general obligation bonds dated June 27, of which the following bonds remain outstanding:

- ◆ \$3,000,000 County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2024, the proceeds of which provide for various capital improvements and the installation and acquisition of equipment and buses for the Hudson County Schools of Technology, as authorized by Ordinance No. 401-6-2023 finally adopted June 22, 2023. These bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$3,000,000 and \$-0-, respectively.
- ◆ \$4,312,000 County College Bonds, Series 2024, the proceeds of which provide for the permanent financing of various capital projects as authorized by Ordinance No. 636-9-2023 finally adopted September 28, 2023, 2012. These bonds had outstanding balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$4,312,000 and \$-0-, respectively.
- ◆ Proceeds of both bonds were also used to pay costs of issuance of the bonds.

LOANS PAYABLE

Green Trust Loans Payable – Green Trust Loan activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows:

	Summary of Green Trust Loans Activity			Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Due by Dec. 31, 2025
	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increase	Decrease		
Bayonne and Waterfront Parks issued December 29, 2005 for \$498,391.00 maturing semi-annually from 2006 through 2025 bearing an interest rate of 2%	\$ 60,463.97	\$ -	\$ 29,931.18	\$ 30,532.79	\$ 30,532.79
Bayonne Gregg Park Development originally issued February 23, 2009 for \$250,000.00 maturing semi-annually from 2009 through 2028 bearing an interest rate of 2%	73,619.50	-	14,143.77	59,475.73	14,428.06
West Hudson and Lincoln Parks - \$650,259 Environmental Projects - \$194,525 originally issued November 13, 2012 bearing an interest rate of 2%	207,810.16	-	67,896.20	139,913.96	69,260.91
Laurell Hill Park originally issued December 20, 2012 bearing an interest rate of 2%	484,355.89	-	49,633.85	434,722.04	50,631.48
Multi-Parks Playground originally issued August 19, 2013 bearing an interest rate of 2%	615,921.69	-	59,488.20	556,433.49	60,683.90
	\$ 1,442,171.21	\$ -	\$ 221,093.20	\$ 1,221,078.01	\$ 225,537.14

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Green Trust Loan activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

	Summary of Green Trust Loans Activity					
	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Increase	Decrease	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Due by Dec. 31, 2024	
Urban Nature Center issued November 3, 2003 for \$270,000.00 maturing semi-annually from 2004 through 2023 bearing an interest rate of 2%	\$ 16,540.93	\$ -	\$ 16,540.93	\$ -	\$ -	
Bayonne and Waterfront Parks issued December 29, 2005 for \$498,391.00 maturing semi-annually from 2006 through 2025 bearing an interest rate of 2%	89,805.38	-	29,341.41	60,463.97	29,931.18	
Bayonne Gregg Park Development originally issued February 23, 2009 for \$250,000.00 maturing semi-annually from 2009 through 2028 bearing an interest rate of 2%	87,484.58	-	13,865.08	73,619.50	14,143.77	
West Hudson and Lincoln Parks - \$650,259 Environmental Projects - \$194,525 originally issued November 13, 2012 bearing an interest rate of 2%	274,368.53	-	66,558.37	207,810.16	67,896.20	
Laurell Hill Park originally issued December 20, 2012 bearing an interest rate of 2%	533,011.76	-	48,655.87	484,355.89	49,633.85	
Multi-Parks Playground originally issued August 19, 2013 bearing an interest rate of 2%	674,237.73	-	58,316.05	615,921.68	59,488.20	
	<u>\$ 1,675,448.91</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 233,277.71</u>	<u>\$ 1,442,171.20</u>	<u>\$ 221,093.20</u>	

DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TO MATURITY

The repayment schedule of annual long-term debt service principal and interest for the next five years, and five-year increments there-after, for bonds and loans issued and outstanding is as follows:

Year	Total	Serial and Term Bonds			Green Acres Loans		
		Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 40,183,573.16	\$ 28,222,000.00	\$ 12,001,671.65	\$ 39,934,736.54	\$ 225,537.14	\$ 23,299.48	\$ 248,836.62
2026	39,637,538.89	28,850,000.00	10,845,643.79	39,419,693.79	198,923.95	18,921.15	217,845.10
2027	39,795,788.54	30,125,000.00	9,790,258.04	39,649,658.04	130,849.15	15,281.35	146,130.50
2028	37,118,077.79	28,510,000.00	8,713,347.27	36,971,947.27	133,479.23	12,651.29	146,130.52
2029	34,321,296.24	26,770,000.00	7,657,111.54	34,190,711.54	120,538.62	10,046.08	130,584.70
2030-2034	133,103,348.42	108,375,000.00	25,236,638.99	132,675,838.99	411,749.92	15,759.51	427,509.43
2035-2039	104,629,392.56	93,606,000.00	11,485,192.56	104,629,392.56	-	-	-
2040-2041	34,054,150.00	32,790,000.00	1,304,550.00	34,054,150.00	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 462,843,165.60</u>	<u>\$ 377,248,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 87,034,413.84</u>	<u>\$ 461,526,128.73</u>	<u>\$ 1,221,078.01</u>	<u>\$ 95,958.86</u>	<u>\$ 1,317,036.87</u>

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

COUNTY-GUARANTEED DEBT

The County has guaranteed the following debt of the Hudson County Improvement Authority (HCIA).

Original Guaranty		Description	Guaranteed Debt Outstanding at:	
Date	Amount		Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2023
04/13/2009	\$ 300,000,000.00	Local Unit Loan Program Pooled Note Financing:		
		Series 2023A/ Series 2024A	\$ 36,886,000.00	\$ 33,752,000.00
		Series 2023B/ Series 2024B	95,105,000.00	102,611,000.00
09/22/2005	40,000,000.00	Harrison Stadium Project	12,212,089.45	13,473,479.45
		Weehawken Port Imperial Parking Project		
06/10/2021	11,500,000.00	Series 2021 Revenue Refunding Bonds	10,720,000.00	10,960,000.00
04/12/2018	25,000,000.00	Guttenberg General Obligation Bond Project	15,525,000.00	16,130,000.00
08/25/2009	23,000,000.00	Bayonne Crossing Project	5,778,102.38	6,875,722.85
11/10/2010	95,000,000.00	Solid Waste System Revenue Refunding Bonds:		
		Series 2012	29,610,000.00	32,120,000.00
		Series 2019	26,285,000.00	26,285,000.00
12/11/2014	160,000,000.00	Career Technical High School	146,535,000.00	149,065,000.00
03/12/2020	50,000,000.00	Koppers Site Spine Road Project	-	-
12/10/2010	13,000,000.00	Lincoln Park Golf Course Project	10,335,000.00	10,785,000.00
03/03/2012	5,465,000.00	Renewable Energy Program Revenue Bonds	1,450,000.00	1,815,000.00
		Casino in the Park Project		
06/27/2019	7,500,000.00	Series 2020 Lease Revenue Bonds	7,050,000.00	7,205,000.00
11/12/2020	2,500,000.00	Series 2021 Revenue Completion Bonds	2,390,000.00	2,445,000.00
05/07/2020	350,000,000.00	County Courthouse Project	326,540,000.00	334,040,000.00
04/22/2011	18,000,000.00	830 Bergen Ave (Net of County Share)	983,750.00	1,118,125.00
11/21/2023	13,500,000.00	115 Christopher Columbus Drive Project Notes	13,500,000.00	-
Total Guaranty of Outstanding Bonds, Loans and Notes			<u>\$ 740,904,941.83</u>	<u>\$ 748,680,327.30</u>

Descriptions of County guarantees are as follows. Generally, the pursuant bond, note and loan obligations do not constitute obligations against the general credit of the County, except to the extent of the County Guarantee. Neither the debt nor the proceeds therefore are reflected on the accompanying financial statements, unless otherwise noted.

Local Unit Loan Program Pooled Note Financing - On August 13, 2009, the County adopted a Guaranty Ordinance fully, unconditionally and irrevocably securing the payment of principal and interest on certain notes to be issued by the HCIA (Pooled Note Financing) in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$300,000,000 for the purpose of providing additional security therefor, consenting to such financing and determining certain other matters in connection therewith.

Pursuant to this guarantee, the HCIA has issued notes annually referred to as “County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes (Local Unit Loan Program)” – (the “program”). Local Units participating in the program are collectively referred to as “borrowers” in the paragraphs that follow. Notes issued under the program constitute direct, special and limited obligations of the HCIA and will be payable from and secured by payments made on general obligations notes purchased from each of the borrowers. The borrower’s notes are direct and general obligations of each of the respective borrowers. The notes are not a debt of the County, except to the extent of the County guarantee.

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

Note activity under this Loan Program during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is summarized as follows:

		Issue Date	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Ousting at Dec. 31, 2024	Ousting at Dec. 31, 2023
Series 2024A	Tax-Exempt	03/26/2024	4.250%	03/25/2025	\$ 36,886,000.00	\$ -
Series 2023A	Tax-Exempt	04/06/2023	4.250%	04/05/2024	-	33,752,000.00
Series 2024B-1	Tax-Exempt	07/12/2024	4.500%	07/11/2025	81,795,000.00	-
Series 2024B-2	Taxable	07/12/2024	6.000%	07/11/2025	13,310,000.00	-
Series 2023B-1	Tax-Exempt	07/25/2023	5.000%	07/24/2024	-	75,751,000.00
Series 2023B-2	Taxable	07/25/2023	6.250%	07/24/2024	-	26,860,000.00
					<u>\$ 131,991,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 136,363,000.00</u>

Further description of the purposes of these notes is as follows:

- ◆ **Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2024A** - On March 26, 2024, the HCIA issued \$36,886,000 of County Guaranteed Pool Notes Series 2024A, issued at an interest rate of 4.25% and maturing March 25, 2025. These notes were issued to provide funds to make loans to the City of Bayonne, Township of Weehawken and the City of Union City, and related refinancing costs and costs of issuance.
- ◆ **Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2024B** – On July 12, 2024, the HCIA issued \$95,105,000 of County Guaranteed Pooled Notes Series 2024B, consisting of: \$81,795,000 Tax Exempt County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes Series 2024B-1 maturing July 11, 2025 at an interest rate of 4.5%; and \$13,310,000 Federally Taxable County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes Series 2024B-2 maturing July 11, 2025 at an interest rate of 6.0%. These notes were issued to provide funds to make loans to the City of Bayonne, Town of West New York, City of Union City and the Township of Weehawken, as well as related costs of issuance and refinancing costs.
- ◆ **Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2023A** - On April 6, 2023, the HCIA issued \$33,752,000 of County Guaranteed Pool Notes Series 2023A, maturing April 5, 2024 at an interest rate of 4.25%. These notes were issued to provide funds to make loans to the City of Bayonne, Township of Weehawken and the City of Union City, and related refinancing costs and costs of issuance.
- ◆ **Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2023B** – On July 25, 2023, the HCIA issued \$102,611,000 of County Guaranteed Pooled Notes Series 2023B, consisting of: \$75,751,000 Tax Exempt County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes Series 2023B-1 maturing July 24, 2024 at an interest rate of 5.0%; and \$26,860,000 Federally Taxable County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes Series 2023B-2 maturing July 24, 2024 at an interest rate of 6.25%. These notes were issued to provide funds to make loans to the City of Bayonne, Town of West New York, City of Union City, Township of Weehawken and the Parking Authority of the Township of Weehawken, as well as related costs of issuance and refinancing costs.

Harrison Stadium Project - On September 22, 2005, the County guaranteed the payment of principal and interest on \$40,000,000 County Guaranteed Stadium Land Acquisition Bonds (Harrison Stadium Project) issued by the HCIA. The proceeds of these bonds are to be used to purchase land to construct a multipurpose soccer stadium and amphitheater in the Town of Harrison. In 2006 the HCIA issued \$39,400,345 Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2006 consisting of \$30,529,047 Tax-Exempt County-Guaranteed Harrison Stadium Land Acquisition Special Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series 2006A-1 and \$8,871,298 Federally Taxable County-Guaranteed Harrison Stadium Land Acquisition Special Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series 2006A-2. The balance outstanding on these bonds at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$12,212,089.45 and \$13,473,479.45, respectively.

NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

Weehawken Port Imperial Parking Redevelopment Project - On March 11, 2010, the County adopted Ordinance No. 119-3-2010 authorizing the guaranty of payment of principal and interest on \$12,500,000 County Guaranteed Special Obligation Revenue Bonds issued by the HCIA for the purpose of providing additional security therefor and determining certain other matters in connection therewith. Ordinance No. 340-6-2021 was adopted on June 11, 2021 for the purpose of amending Ordinance No. 119-3-2010 to reflect the HCIA's refunding of the original bonds. This amending ordinance reduces the amount of the guaranty to \$11,500,000. The balance of the refunding bonds at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$10,720,000 and \$10,960,000, respectively.

Guttenberg Government Loan Revenue Bonds - On April 12, 2018, the County adopted Ordinance No. 216-4-2018 authorizing the guaranty of payment of principal and interest of Governmental Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 providing for the construction of a building and improvements to the Anna L. Klein School located in the Town of Guttenberg for community, recreational and education services, including site improvements, construction of a rooftop park, other park improvements and the acquisition of land. The HCIA issued these bonds in 2018 in the amount of \$19,150,000. The balance outstanding on these bonds at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$15,525,000 and \$16,130,000, respectively.

Bayonne Crossing Project - On August 25, 2009, the County adopted an ordinance authorizing the guaranty of payment of the payment of principal and interest on \$23,000,000 County Guaranteed Pilot Revenue Bonds (Bayonne Crossing Project) issued by the HCIA for the purpose of providing additional security therefor and determining certain other matters in connection therewith. Pursuant to this guarantee, on September 15, 2009, the HCIA adopted a resolution authorizing it to act as an applicant for a loan application with the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund on the behalf of the Bayonne Local Redevelopment Agency for the acquisition of land and/or various infrastructure improvements associated with the Bayonne Shopping Center Project. The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Agency is responsible for the repayment of the loan by certain payments-in-lieu-of taxes (Annual Service Changes) made by Cameron Bayonne Urban Renewal, LLC (the redeveloper). The loan obligations do not constitute obligations against the general credit of the County, except to the extent of the County Guarantee. The balance outstanding on these loans at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$5,778,102.38 and \$6,875,722.85, respectively.

Solid Waste System Revenue Refunding Bonds - On November 10, 2010, the County adopted an Ordinance authorizing the guaranty of payment of principal and interest on \$95,000,000 County Guaranteed Solid Waste System Revenue Refunding Bonds issued by the HCIA for the purpose of providing additional security therefor and determining certain other matters in connection therewith. Pursuant to this guarantee, the HCIA issued \$84,945,000 of County-Guaranteed Solid Waste System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, consisting of:

- ◆ \$31,815,000, Series 2010A Tax-Exempt Serial Bonds maturing in 2040 with interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 6%.
- ◆ \$43,655,000, Series 2010B Tax-Exempt Serial and Term Bonds maturing in 2013 with interest rates ranging from 2% to 5%.
- ◆ \$9,475,000, Series 2010C Federally Taxable Serial Bonds maturing in 2017 with interest rates ranging from 3%-5%.

The HCIA subsequently refunded these bonds as follows:

- ◆ On December 25, 2012, the HCIA refunded \$45,055,000 of the Series 2010B bonds by issuing \$45,605,000 Refunding Series 2012 Term Bonds maturing in annual instalments from 2018 through 2029 with interest rates ranging from 2.14% to 4.0%, and a term bond maturing in 2034 at 4.25%. The outstanding balance of these bonds at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$29,610,000 and \$32,120,000, respectively.
- ◆ On October 22, 2019, the HCIA refunded the \$31,815,000 Series 2010A bonds by issuing \$26,285,000 Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, maturing in annual installments from 2034 through 2040 at an interest rate of 4%. The outstanding balance of these bonds at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$26,285,000, each year.

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Career Technical High School - On December 11, 2014, the County adopted Ordinance No. 713-12-2014 authorizing the guaranty of payment of principal and interest of bonds, notes or other obligations in an amount not to exceed \$160,000,000 providing for a new Career Technical High School to be located in the Town of Secaucus for use by the County and any of its subdivisions, departments, agencies or instrumentalities, including without limitation the Board of School Estimate of the Hudson County Vocational School District. The balance outstanding on these bonds at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$146,535,000 and \$149,065,000, respectively.

Koppers Site Spine Road Project - On March 12, 2020, the County adopted an ordinance authorizing the guaranty of the payment of principal and interest on not exceeding \$50,000,000 aggregate principal amount of County Guaranteed Redevelopment Area Bonds, Series 2020 (Koppers Site Spine Road Project) issued by the HCIA. As of December 31, 2024, the HCIA has not yet issued these bonds.

COUNTY-GUARANTEED DEBT WITH RENTAL PAYMENTS

Lincoln Park Golf Course Project - On December 10, 2010, the County adopted an Ordinance authorizing the guaranty of payment of principal and interest on \$13,000,000 County Guaranteed Golf Course Revenue Bonds issued by the HCIA for the purpose of providing additional security therefor and determining certain other matters in connection therewith. Pursuant to this guarantee, the HCIA issued \$12,995,000 of County-Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, consisting of serial and term bonds interest rates of 2% to 4.75% finally maturing in 2041. The proceeds of these bonds are used to finance the cap and closure of a municipal landfill and the construction of a public, nine-hole golf course thereon, together with all materials and work necessary therefor or incidental thereto (the “Project”) and pay costs of issuance associated with the Project. These bonds were subsequently financed in 2020 for \$11,790,000 at interest rates of 0.619%-3.09% due annually until 2041.

These bonds are the full faith and credit obligation of the HCIA payable solely out of the revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys of the HCIA. However, the County is obligated to make rental payments to the HCIA in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the bonds when due and other expenses of the HCIA and the Trustee. The amount of the County’s future minimum payments under the agreement is as follows:

Lincoln Park Golf Course - Minimum Future Payments			
Year	Total Lease Payments	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 701,332.81	\$ 455,000.00	\$ 246,332.81
2026	696,550.76	455,000.00	241,550.76
2027	700,882.41	465,000.00	235,882.41
2028	738,810.66	510,000.00	228,810.66
2029	740,112.96	520,000.00	220,112.96
2030-2034	3,791,683.22	2,860,000.00	931,683.22
2035-2039	3,989,055.33	3,465,000.00	524,055.33
2040-2041	1,654,980.75	1,605,000.00	49,980.75
	<u>\$ 13,013,408.90</u>	<u>\$ 10,335,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,678,408.90</u>

Renewal Energy Program - On December 8, 2011, the County adopted Ordinance No. 557-12-2011 authorizing the guaranty of payment of principal and interest on \$8,000,000 of County Guaranteed Renewable Energy Program Lease Revenue Bonds issued by the HCIA for the purpose of providing additional security therefor and determining certain other matters in connection therewith. Pursuant to this guarantee, the HCIA issued \$5,465,000 in County – Guaranteed Renewable Energy Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A.

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These bonds are the full faith and credit obligation of the HCIA payable solely out of the revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys of the HCIA. However, the County is obligated to make rental payments to the HCIA in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the bonds when due and other expenses of the HCIA and the Trustee. The amount of the County’s future minimum payments under the agreement is as follows:

Renewable Energy Program - Minimum Future Payments			
Total Lease			
Year	Payments	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 422,935.00	\$ 365,000.00	\$ 57,935.00
2026	406,692.50	365,000.00	41,692.50
2027	385,200.00	360,000.00	25,200.00
2028	368,460.00	360,000.00	8,460.00
	<u>\$ 1,583,287.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,450,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 133,287.50</u>

Casino-in-the-Park Project - On September 13, 2019, the County adopted an ordinance authorizing the guaranty of the payment of principal and interest on not exceeding \$7,500,000 aggregate principal amount of County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2019 (Casino in the Park Project) issued by the HCIA. The HCIA issued these bonds on December 17, 2019 in the amount of \$7,500,000, maturing in annual installments from 2022 through 2030 in addition to term bonds of \$2,025,000 due in 2039 at 3.567% interest and \$3,985,000 due in 2051 at 3.717% interest. An additional guarantee for this project of \$2,500,000 was passed on November 12, 2020. The HICA issued these bonds on June 17, 2021 in the amount of \$2,500,000 consisting of four term bond payments due as follows: \$230,000 due in 2026 at 1.47% interest \$315,000 due in 2031 at 2.31% interest, \$775,000 due in 2041 at 3.1% interest and \$1,180,000 due in 2052 at 3.3% interest.

These bonds are the full faith and credit obligation of the HCIA payable solely out of the revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys of the HCIA. However, the County is obligated to make rental payments to the HCIA in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the bonds when due and other expenses of the HCIA and the Trustee.

Year	Total Lease Payment	Series 2021		Series 2020	
		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 541,959.70	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 72,005.50	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 249,954.20
2026	540,402.70	60,000.00	71,123.50	165,000.00	244,279.20
2027	539,495.70	60,000.00	70,241.50	170,000.00	239,254.20
2028	537,934.70	60,000.00	68,855.50	175,000.00	234,079.20
2029	541,223.70	65,000.00	67,469.50	180,000.00	228,754.20
2030-2034	2,705,500.18	335,000.00	313,129.50	1,010,000.00	1,047,370.68
2035-2039	2,710,613.79	395,000.00	259,335.00	1,205,000.00	851,278.79
2040-2044	2,708,428.05	455,000.00	193,840.00	1,450,000.00	609,588.05
2045-2049	2,703,431.52	535,000.00	114,345.00	1,740,000.00	314,086.52
2050-2052	1,214,083.94	365,000.00	24,255.00	795,000.00	29,828.94
	<u>\$ 14,743,073.98</u>	<u>\$ 2,390,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,254,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,050,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,048,473.98</u>

County Courthouse Project - On May 7, 2020, the County adopted an ordinance authorizing the guaranty of the payment of principal and interest not exceeding \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (Hudson County Courthouse Project) issued by the HCIA. The HCIA issued these bonds on October 15, 2020 in the amount of \$342,240,000, maturing in annual installments from 2022 through 2041 in addition to term bonds of \$74,860,000 due in 2046 at 4.0% interest and \$75,000,000 due in 2051 at 4.0% interest.

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These bonds are the full faith and credit obligation of the HCIA payable solely out of the revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys of the HCIA. However, the County is obligated to make rental payments to the HCIA in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the bonds when due and other expenses of the HCIA and the Trustee.

Year	Total Lease Payment	Series 2020	
		Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 20,192,150.00	\$ 7,500,000.00	\$ 12,692,150.00
2026	19,892,150.00	7,500,000.00	12,392,150.00
2027	19,517,150.00	7,500,000.00	12,017,150.00
2028	19,142,150.00	7,500,000.00	11,642,150.00
2029	18,767,150.00	7,500,000.00	11,267,150.00
2030-2034	98,981,950.00	48,215,000.00	50,766,950.00
2035-2039	104,288,600.00	62,935,000.00	41,353,600.00
2040-2044	102,766,000.00	72,890,000.00	29,876,000.00
2045-2049	90,000,000.00	75,000,000.00	15,000,000.00
2050-2051	31,800,000.00	30,000,000.00	1,800,000.00
	<u>\$ 525,347,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 326,540,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 198,807,300.00</u>

115 Christopher Columbus Drive Project - On November 21, 2023, the County adopted an ordinance authorizing the guaranty of the payment of principal and interest not exceeding \$13,500,000 aggregate principal amount of County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (115 Christopher Columbus Drive Project) issued by the HCIA. The HCIA issued notes on December 19, 2024 in the amount of \$13,500,000, maturing December 18, 2025 at 4.64% interest. The outstanding balance of these notes at December 31, 2024 was \$13,500,000.

These notes are special, limited obligations of the HCIA, payable solely out of the revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys of the HCIA pledged under the indenture and from any amounts otherwise available under the indenture for the payment of the notes, including the Trust Estate.

BERGEN AVE REFUNDING BONDS AND COUNTY-GUARANTEE OF DEBT

Acquisition of Bergen Avenue Property - On April 22, 2011, the County adopted Ordinance No. 415-9-2011 authorizing the guaranty of payment of principal and interest on \$18,000,000 of County Guaranteed Special Acquisition Bonds issued by the HCIA for the purpose of providing additional security therefor and determining certain other matters in connection therewith. Pursuant to this guarantee, the HCIA issued \$17,835,000 of County-Guaranteed Special Acquisition Bonds, Series 2011, consisting of serial and term bonds with interest rates of 2% to 4.5% finally maturing in 2031. The proceeds of the bonds are being used to finance the acquisition and improvements to 830 Bergen Avenue (the "Property"), fund the debt service reserve fund, fund capitalized interest on the bonds from the date of the bonds through and including November 15, 2012, and pay costs of issuance associated with the Property. These bonds were subsequently refunded in 2020 for \$11,225,000.

On November 30, 2011, the HCIA purchased the Property located at 830 Bergen Avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey containing approximately 110,000 square feet of office space and associated parking for approximately one hundred and fifty cars and converted the Property into two condominiums. The HCIA retained one of the condominiums consisting of one floor of office space and a 12.5% interest in the Property and the second condominium was sold to the County consisting of seven floors of office space and an 87.5% interest in the Property pursuant to an installment purchase agreement. The County has financed the installment purchase agreement through the adoption of Ordinance No. 416-9-2011 on September 22, 2011. The purchase of the property was \$8,175,115. The remaining proceeds of the 2011 bonds are being held by a trustee to pay bills associated with improvements of the property and other associated costs as submitted by the County and HCIA. Should any funds remain, they will be used to pay down the related debt, reducing the liability of the County.

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Accordingly, a liability has been established on the books of the County for its pro-rata share of the purchase price and subsequent improvements. 87.5% of costs incurred and submitted to the trustee are charged to the improvement authorization, and mortgage payable, established to track the County’s share of costs paid by the trustee, is correspondingly increased.

On September 15, 2020, the HCIA issued \$11,225,000 of Federally Taxable County-Guaranteed Special Acquisition Refunding Bonds Series 2020. The County obligation of these bonds, representing its installment purchase or mortgage principal due, was \$9,821,875. The remaining \$1,403,125 is the direct obligation of the HCIA and represents the amount of the County guarantee.

The amortization schedule below details the County’s installment purchase, or mortgage payable, due as represented in the General Capital Fund Balance Sheet as “Bergen Ave Refunding Bonds”. The amortization schedule also presents the County’s guarantee for the HCIA’s portion of the Bergen Ave Refunding Bonds above that of the County’s liability.

County Share (of Bergen Ave Refunding Bonds) Bergen Avenue Installment Payment Obligations				County Guarantee of HCIA Share Bergen Avenue Installment Payment Obligations		
Year	Total	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,057,187.22	\$ 949,375.00	\$ 107,812.22	\$ 151,026.74	\$ 135,625.00	\$ 15,401.74
2026	1,052,201.38	953,750.00	98,451.38	150,314.48	136,250.00	14,064.48
2027	1,054,682.52	966,875.00	87,807.52	150,668.94	138,125.00	12,543.94
2028	1,050,418.40	975,625.00	74,793.40	150,059.78	139,375.00	10,684.78
2029	1,057,210.22	997,500.00	59,710.22	151,030.04	142,500.00	8,530.04
2030-2031	2,106,056.64	2,043,125.00	62,931.64	300,865.22	291,875.00	8,990.22
	<u>\$ 7,377,756.38</u>	<u>\$ 6,886,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 491,506.38</u>	<u>\$ 1,053,965.20</u>	<u>\$ 983,750.00</u>	<u>\$ 70,215.20</u>

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE

The County issues bond anticipation notes to temporarily fund various capital projects prior to the issuance of serial bonds. The term of the notes cannot exceed one year, but the notes may be renewed from time to time for a period not exceeding one year. Generally, such notes may be paid no later than the close of the tenth fiscal year next following the date of the original notes. The Division also prescribes that notes cannot be renewed past the third anniversary date of the original note unless an amount equal to at least the first legally required installment is paid prior to each anniversary date.

On February 29, 2024, the County issued \$140,605,157 of Series 2024 Bond Anticipation Notes. These notes bear an interest rate of 4.0% and mature February 28, 2025, and were issued to finance the costs of projects authorized as noted below:

Ordinance Number	Adoption Date	Notes General Purpose and Date of Final Adoption	Notes Issued
339-6-2018	6/30/2018	Roads and Property Improvements	\$ 15,438,000.00
553-9-2019	9/12/2019	Various 2019 Capital Improvements	28,380,950.00
245-4-2021	4/29/2021	2021 Parks Improvements	15,685,714.00
305-5-2021	5/27/2021	2021 Roads and Public Property	21,392,380.00
247-4-2022	4/28/2022	2022 Park Improvements	17,153,923.00
145-2-2023	2/23/2023	Various 2023 Capital Improvements	20,004,857.00
303-4-2023	4/13/2023	Various 2023 Park Improvements	22,549,333.00
			<u>\$ 140,605,157.00</u>

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NOTE 4. COUNTY DEBT (continued)

BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

The County has authorized but not issued bonds and notes as noted in the table that follows, in the General Capital Fund, and which includes authorizations for General, Community College and Technical School capital projects. The following activity relates to bonds and notes authorized but not issued that occurred during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 226,236,957.34	\$ 149,023,645.00
Add Debt Authorized	<u>34,124,585.00</u>	<u>93,247,480.00</u>
	260,361,542.34	242,271,125.00
Less: Financed or Funded by:		
Bonds Issued	7,312,000.00	7,028,000.00
Notes Issued	140,605,157.00	-
Premium	663.00	-
Grants, Aid and Loans	-	8,506,167.66
Budget Appropriations	<u>500,000.00</u>	<u>500,000.00</u>
	<u>148,417,820.00</u>	<u>16,034,167.66</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 111,943,722.34</u>	<u>\$ 226,236,957.34</u>

SUMMARY OF STATUTORY DEBT CONDITION – ANNUAL DEBT STATEMENT

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows for the year ended December 31, 2024 is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
General Debt	\$ 1,378,809,149.18	\$ 807,113,975.26	\$ 571,695,173.92

Net debt, \$571,695,173.92, divided by equalized valuation basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$119,436,889,635 equals 0.479%. Equalized valuation basis is the average of the equalized valuations of real estate, including improvements, and the assessed valuation of class II Railroad Property of the County for the last 3 preceding years.

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows for the year ended December 31, 2023 is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
General Debt	\$ 1,381,375,330.85	\$ 797,727,966.54	\$ 583,647,364.31

Net debt, \$583,647,364.31, divided by equalized valuation basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$112,111,564,358 equals 0.521%. Equalized valuation basis is the average of the equalized valuations of real estate, including improvements, and the assessed valuation of class II Railroad Property of the County for the last 3 preceding years.

BORROWING POWER UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6, AS AMENDED

	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
2% of Equalized Valuation Basis	\$ 2,388,737,792.70	\$ 2,242,231,287.15
Net Debt	571,695,173.92	583,647,364.31
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 1,817,042,618.78</u>	<u>\$ 1,658,583,922.84</u>

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NOTE 5. FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund balance of the County consists of cash surplus and non-cash surplus. The County can anticipate fund balance to support its budget of the succeeding year, however, use of non-cash surplus is subject to the prior written consent of the Director of the Division. Fund balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023 that were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in the succeeding year were as follows:

	Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Utilized in 2025 Budget*	Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Utilized in 2024 Budget
Current Fund	\$ 59,919,068.48	\$ 52,000,000.00	\$ 57,990,709.81	\$ 42,000,000.00
General Capital Fund	1,738,774.03	-	878,774.12	-
Trust Fund	441,245.46	-		
Affordable Housing Utility Operating Fund	404,788.19	250.00	398,315.80	250.00

*Per introduced budget. The amount of surplus anticipated in 2025 is subject to change.

The accounting principles and requirements prescribed by the Division do not provide for reservations or designations of fund balance on the financial statements.

NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Substantially all County employees participate in the Consolidated Police and Fireman’s Pension Fund (CPFPPF), Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), Police and Fireman’s Retirement System of New Jersey (PFRS) or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP), all of which are multiple employer plans sponsored and administered by the State of New Jersey, with the exception of the CPFPPF, which is a single employer plan. The CPFPPF, PERS and PFRS are cost sharing contributory defined benefit public employee retirement systems. The DCRP is a defined contribution plan.

In addition, certain employees participate in the following plans: Hudson County Employees’ Pension Fund, Court Attendant’s Pension Fund, Non-Contributory Pension Fund and Veterans’ Pension Fund.

STATE-MANAGED PENSION PLANS - CPFPPF

The Consolidated Police and Fireman's Pension Fund (CPFPPF) is a single employer contributory defined benefit plan which was established on January 1, 1952, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16 to provide retirement, death and disability benefits to county and municipal police and firemen who were appointed prior to July 1, 1944. The fund is a closed system with no active members. The County currently only makes contributions for its retirees who are enrolled in this pension fund. During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, the County contributed \$17,888.65, \$17,905.31 and \$18,325.72, respectively.

STATE-MANAGED PENSION PLANS – PERS (PROSECUTORS PART)

Chapter 366, P.L. 2001, established a special Prosecutors Part within the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS), effective January 7, 2002. Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, closed the Prosecutors Part of the PERS to new members as of May 21, 2010. Prosecutors who were enrolled on or before May 21, 2010, remain members of the Prosecutors Part of the PERS, provided that they continue in eligible prosecutor service. Prosecutors taking office after May 21, 2010, will be enrolled as “regular” Tier 4 members of the PERS - except that a County Prosecutor who is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate will be enrolled in the Defined Contributions Retirement Program (DCRP) or regular PERS if a Tier 1 PERS member continuously since July 1, 2007.

NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

STATE-MANAGED PENSION PLANS – PERS

Regulatory Basis Disclosure –The New Jersey Division of Local Government Services allows counties to include in their annual audits the most recent available audited GASB 68 financial information published by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits. As of the date of this report information for the period ended June 30, 2024 was not available, therefore the information dated June 30, 2023 is disclosed.

Plan Description and Eligibility - The PERS was established in January, 1955 under provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A and provides retirement, death, disability and post-retirement medical benefits to certain qualifying Plan members and beneficiaries. Membership is mandatory to substantially all full time employees and vesting occurs after 8 to 10 years of service for pension benefits. Significant modifications to enrollment, benefits and eligibility for benefits under the plan were made in 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011. These changes resulted in various “tiers” which distinguish period of eligibility for enrollment. The delineation of these tiers is as follows:

- Tier 1: Employees enrolled before July 1, 2007.
- Tier 2: Employees eligible for enrollment after June 30, 2007 but before November 2, 2008.
- Tier 3: Employees eligible for enrollment after November 1, 2008 but before May 22, 2010.
- Tier 4: Employees eligible for enrollment after May 21, 2010 but before June 28, 2011.
- Tier 5: Employees eligible for enrollment after June 27, 2011.

Tier 1 and 2 employees must earn a base salary of \$1,500 or more to enroll in the plan. Pensionable salaries are limited to the IRS maximum salary compensation limits for Tier 1 employees and social security maximum wage for Tier 2 employees. Tier 2 employees earning over the social security maximum wage are eligible to participate in DCRP for the excess amount. Tier 3 employees must earn a base salary that is annually adjusted.

For the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, this base salary amount was \$9,000 and \$8,700, respectively. Employees earning between \$5,000 and the Tier 3 minimum base salary are eligible for participation in DCRP. Pensionable salaries are limited to the social security maximum wage. Employees earning over the social security maximum wage are eligible to participate in DCRP for the excess amount. Tier 4 and 5 employees do not have a minimum salary requirement to enroll but must work a minimum of 32 hours per week. Employees not meeting the minimum hour requirement but that make over \$5,000 are eligible to enroll in DCRP. Pensionable salaries are limited to the social security maximum wage. Employees earning over the social security maximum wage are eligible to participate in DCRP for the excess amount.

Plan Benefits - Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more of service credit before age 62 and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the retirement age of their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier. Each of the 5 Tiers have eligibility requirements and benefit calculations which vary for deferred retirements, early retirements, veteran retirements, ordinary disability retirements and accidental disability retirements. There is no minimum service requirement to receive these pension benefits. State-paid insurance coverage may be obtained after 25 years of service for employees in Tiers 1 through 4 and 30 years of service for Tier 5 employees.

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NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

Contributions and Liability - The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and their employers. Such contributions may be amended by State legislation. Employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate. The annual employer contributions include funding for basic retirement allowances and non-contributory death benefits. The employee contributions include funding for basic retirement allowances and contributory death benefits. Contributions made by the County and its employees for the previous three years are as follows:

Year Ended Dec. 31,	County Contribution		Base Wages Subject to Contributions	Employee Contributions		
	Amount Paid or Charged	As a Percentage of Base Wages		Amount Contributed	As a Percentage of Base Wages	
					Prosecutor	Regular
2024	\$ 21,235,928.45	16.0%	\$ 132,625,188.00	\$ 10,112,802.67	10.00%	7.50%
2023	\$ 20,284,241.58	15.9%	\$ 127,798,240.00	\$ 9,753,385.39	10.00%	7.50%
2022	\$ 18,401,796.18	15.3%	\$ 120,641,765.00	\$ 9,163,408.90	10.00%	7.50%

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the County's net pension liability for PERS, including the County's proportionate share, was as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Proportionate Share		Net Pension Liability
	Rate	Change	
2023	1.58768%	-0.02206%	\$ 229,965,391
2022	1.60973%	0.04501%	\$ 241,964,470

Sensitivity of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rate:

At:	2023		2022	
	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount
1% Decrease	6.00%	\$ 299,366,010	6.00%	\$ 310,853,466
Current Discount Rate	7.00%	229,965,391	7.00%	241,964,470
1% Increase	8.00%	170,896,289	8.00%	183,337,161

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 measurement dates were determined by actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2022 and 2021, respectively, which were rolled forward to June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Measurement Date	Inflation Rate		Salary Increases Based on Years of Service	Investment Rate of Return
	Price	Wage		
June 30, 2023	2.75%	3.25%	2.75-6.55%	7.00%
June 30, 2022	2.75%	3.25%	2.75-6.55%	7.00%

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NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

Mortality – For the June 30, 2022 and 2021 Measurement Dates, preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 and 2021 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS target asset allocations as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	
	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%	13.00%	11.80%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%	8.00%	11.19%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%	3.00%	7.60%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%	3.00%	4.91%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%	*	*

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources - The following presents a summary of changes in the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	June 30, 2023			June 30, 2022		
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflow / (Inflow)	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflow / (Inflow)
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 505,187	\$ (13,936,888)	\$ (13,431,701)	\$ 749,682	\$ (36,231,660)	\$ (35,481,978)
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	2,198,765	(940,025)	1,258,740	1,746,388	(1,540,067)	206,321
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	1,059,021	-	1,059,021	10,014,691	-	10,014,691
Changes in Proportion	9,635,473	(2,094,935)	7,540,538	16,084,212	-	16,084,212
	<u>\$ 13,398,446</u>	<u>\$ (16,971,848)</u>	<u>\$ (3,573,402)</u>	<u>\$ 28,594,973</u>	<u>\$ (37,771,727)</u>	<u>\$ (9,176,754)</u>

The future deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources to be recognized in future pension expense were determined as of the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 to be:

Year Ended		Year Ended	
June 30,		June 30,	
2024	\$ (3,903,727)	2023	\$ (7,540,007)
2025	(2,178,911)	2024	(3,841,380)
2026	3,044,882	2025	(1,873,366)
2027	(544,914)	2026	4,086,977
2028	9,268	2027	(8,977)
	<u>\$ (3,573,402)</u>		<u>\$ (9,176,754)</u>

STATE-MANAGED PENSION PLANS – PFRS

Regulatory Basis Disclosure –The New Jersey Division of Local Government Services allows counties to include in their annual audits the most recent available audited GASB 68 financial information published by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits. As of the date of this report information for the period ended June 30, 2024 was not available, therefore the information dated June 30, 2023 is disclosed.

Plan Description and Eligibility - The PFRS was established in July, 1944, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A to provide coverage to substantially all full time county and municipal police or firefighters and state police appointed after June 30, 1944. Membership is mandatory for such employees with vesting occurring after 10 years of membership. Significant modifications to enrollment, benefits and eligibility for benefits under the plan were made in 2010 and 2011. These changes resulted in various “tiers” which distinguish period of eligibility for enrollment. The delineation of these tiers is noted as follows:

- Tier 1: Employees enrolled before May 22, 2010.
- Tier 2: Employees enrolled after May 21, 2010 but before June 29, 2011.
- Tier 3: Employees enrolled after June 28, 2011.

There is no minimum salary requirement to enroll, regardless of tier. Pensionable salaries are limited to the social security maximum wage for Tier 2 and 3 employees and federal pensionable maximum for Tier 1 employees. Employees earning over the social security maximum wage are eligible to participate in DCRP for the excess amount.

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NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

Plan Benefits - Service retirement benefits are available at age 55 and are generally determined to be 2% of final compensation for each year of creditable service, as defined, up to 30 years plus 1% for each year of service in excess of 30 years. Members may seek special retirement after achieving 25 years of creditable service, in which benefits would equal 65% (tiers 1 and 2 members) and 60% (tier 3 members) of final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years. Members may elect deferred retirement benefits after achieving ten years of service, in which case benefits would begin at age 55 equal to 2% of final compensation for each year of service.

Contributions and Liability - The contribution policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and their employers. Such contributions may be amended by State legislation. Employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. The annual employer contributions include funding for basic retirement allowances and non-contributory death benefits. The employee contributions include funding for basic retirement allowances and contributory death benefits. Contributions made by the County and its employees for the previous three years are as follows:

Year Ended Dec. 31,	County Contribution		Base Wages Subject to Contributions	Employee Contributions	
	Amount Paid or Charged	As a Percentage of Base Wages		Amount Contributed	As a Percentage of Base Wages
2024	\$ 21,566,103.84	33.4%	\$ 64,498,569.00	\$ 6,449,743.30	10.00%
2023	\$ 21,301,118.65	36.2%	\$ 58,787,024.00	\$ 5,879,132.64	10.00%
2022	\$ 17,964,532.21	31.6%	\$ 56,911,660.00	\$ 5,691,166.00	10.00%

Under N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the State is as follows: Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001.

The amounts contributed on behalf of the County under this legislation are considered to be a special funding situation. As such, the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the County does not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specified financed amounts), there is no net pension liability to report in the financial statements of the County related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the County must disclose the portion of the State's total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the County. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the County's net pension liability for PFRS, including the special funding situation described above and changes in the County's proportionate share, was as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	County (employer)		Net Pension Liability	State of N.J. (Nonemployer) On-Behalf of County		Total
	Proportionate Share					
	Rate	Change				
2023	1.56686%	-0.06962%	\$ 173,118,774	\$ 31,899,148		\$205,017,922
2022	1.63648%	0.09927%	\$ 187,317,329	\$ 33,336,993		\$220,654,322
2021	1.53721%	-0.04584%	\$ 112,357,261	\$ 31,600,457		\$143,957,718

NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

Sensitivity of the County’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability of the as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rate::

At:	2023		2022	
	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount
1% Decrease	6.00%	\$ 285,656,575	6.00%	\$ 302,761,561
Current Discount Rate	7.00%	205,017,922	7.00%	220,654,322
1% Increase	8.00%	137,865,191	8.00%	152,299,647

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 measurement dates were determined by actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2022 and 2021, respectively, which were rolled forward to June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions::

Measurement Date	Inflation Rate		Salary Increases Based on Years of Service	Investment
	Price	Wage		Rate of Return
June 30, 2023	2.75%	3.25%	3.25-16.25%	7.00%
June 30, 2022	2.75%	3.25%	3.25-16.25%	7.00%

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on these assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Mortality – For the June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 Measurement Dates, employee mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females. For healthy annuitants, mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96.0% adjustment for females. Disability rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 152% adjustment for males and 109.3% adjustment for females. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PFRS target asset allocations as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	
	Target	Long-Term Expected	Target	Long-Term Expected
	Allocation	Rate of Return	Allocation	Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%	13.00%	11.80%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%	8.00%	11.19%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%	3.00%	7.60%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%	3.00%	4.91%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%	*	*

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources - The following presents a summary of changes in the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	June 30, 2023			June 30, 2022		
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflow / (Inflow)	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflow / (Inflow)
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 373,652	\$ (11,689,666)	\$ (11,316,014)	\$ 513,362	\$ (23,579,552)	\$ (23,066,190)
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	7,412,600	(8,256,230)	(843,630)	8,478,483	(11,475,733)	(2,997,250)
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	8,816,612	-	8,816,612	17,152,763	-	17,152,763
Changes in Proportion	16,782,859	(13,883,446)	2,899,413	21,085,233	(7,125,436)	13,959,797
	<u>\$ 33,385,723</u>	<u>\$ (33,829,342)</u>	<u>\$ (443,619)</u>	<u>\$ 47,229,841</u>	<u>\$ (42,180,721)</u>	<u>\$ 5,049,120</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended		Year Ended	
June 30,		June 30,	
2023	\$ (894,021)	2022	\$ 5,308,741
2024	(857,971)	2023	3,392,617
2025	1,380,388	2024	3,231,843
2026	(118,724)	2025	(6,750,818)
2027	42,376	2026	(65,059)
Thereafter	4,333	Thereafter	(68,204)
	<u>\$ (443,619)</u>		<u>\$ 5,049,120</u>

NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

STATE-MANAGED PENSION PLANS – GENERAL

The State established and administers a Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund (SACT) which is available to active members of State-administered retirement systems to purchase annuities to supplement the guaranteed benefits provided by their retirement system. The State or local government employers do not appropriate funds to SACT.

The State also administers the Pension Adjustment Fund (PAF) which provides cost of living increases, equal to 60 percent of the change in the average consumer price index, to eligible retirees in all State-sponsored pension systems except SACT. The cost of living increases for PFRS and PERS are funded directly by each of the respective systems and are considered in the annual actuarial calculation of the required State contribution for that system.

PERS and PFRS Fiduciary Net Position - According to state statutes, all obligations of PERS and PFRS will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the PERS and PFRS be terminated. The State of New Jersey issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about the fiduciary net position of the PERS and PFRS. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. This report may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295 or accessed at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (the “DCRP”), was established under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008 and Chapter 1, P.L. 2010. It provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage.

Individuals eligible for membership in the DCRP include (a) state or local officials elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2007, (b) employees enrolled in PERS on or after July 1, 2007 or PFRS after May 21, 2010 who earn salary in excess of established maximum compensation limits and (c) employees otherwise eligible for PERS on or after November 2, 2008 or PFRS after May 21, 2010 that do not earn below the minimum PFRS or PERS salary but more than \$5,000 annually. Participation in DCRP can be irrevocably waived if an official earns less than \$5,000. Vesting occurs upon commencement of the third year of membership. Should the vesting period not be reached, contributions will be refunded to the appropriate contributing parties. Employer matching contributions and earnings are only available after the age of 55. Distributions render the member retired and ineligible for future participation in any State-administered plans. Otherwise, distributions are available at any time as lump sum, fixed term or life annuity. Members are covered by employer-paid life insurance in the amount of 1 ½ times the annual base salary on which DCRP contributions was based. Members are also eligible for employer-paid long-term disability coverage after one year of participation. Eligibility occurs after six consecutive months of total disability. Members would receive a regular monthly income benefit up to 60% of the base salary on which DCRP contributions were based during the 12 months preceding the onset of the disability, offset by any other periodic benefit the member may be receiving. Benefits will be paid until the age of 70 so long as the member remains disabled and has not begun receiving retirement annuity payments. DCRP activity for each of the previous three years was as follows:

Year Ended	Employee Contributions		County Contributions	
	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate
Dec. 31, 2024	\$ 162,951.27	5.50%	\$ 88,882.51	3.0%
Dec. 31, 2023	\$ 152,110.92	5.50%	\$ 82,969.59	3.0%
Dec. 31, 2022	\$ 104,509.66	5.50%	\$ 57,005.27	3.0%

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NOTE 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (continued)

COUNTY OF HUDSON EMPLOYEES PENSION FUNDS

The County administers the County Employees’ Pension Fund and the Court Attendants’ Pension Fund, which are contributory pension plans which are closed to new memberships. The County also awards non-contributory pensions by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners for certain veterans and County employees who were not eligible to join other pension plans. The following is an analysis of pension contributions expended by the County for these plans expended in each of the last three years:

	2024	2023	2022
County Contributory Plans:			
County Employees' Pension Fund	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Court Attendants' Pension Fund	117,137.16	172,908.28	231,772.58
County Non-Contributory Plans:			
Non-Contributory County Pension Fund	1,939,749.05	2,131,422.79	2,036,192.40
Veterans' Pension Fund	-	-	-

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The County has established a deferred compensation program for its employees under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plans are a tax-deferred supplemental retirement program that allows County employees to contribute a portion of their salaries, before federal taxes, to a retirement account. Contributions, or deferrals, are made through payroll deductions. Individuals are 100% vested. Distributions are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property or rights are solely property and rights of the individual contributors and are not subject to the claims of the County’s general creditors.

NOTE 7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Regulatory Basis Disclosure –The New Jersey Division of Local Government Services allows counties to include in their annual audits the most recent available audited GASB 75 financial information published by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits. As of the date of this report information for the period ended June 30, 2024 was not available, therefore the information dated June 30, 2023 is disclosed.

Plan Description – The County contributes to the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment healthcare plan administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. SHBP was established in 1961 under N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., to provide health benefits to State employees, retirees, and their dependents. Rules governing the operation and administration of the Program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code. SHBP provides medical, prescription drugs, mental health/ substance abuse and Medicare part B reimbursements to retirees and their covered dependents. The County further adopted provisions of Chapter 48 (NJSA 52:14-17.38) for certain of its retirees who have achieved 25 years of service but were hired after August 13, 2015. The SHBP was extended to employees, retirees and dependents of participating local public employers in 1964. Local employers must adopt a resolution to participate in the SHBP. The County will pay the cost of Health Benefits Insurance for retirees and their dependents, if the retiree:

1. Receives retirement benefits from a state or locally administered retirement system; and
2. Has 25 or more years of service credited in that retirement system and was hired on or before August 13, 2015; or
3. Has 25 or more years of service credited in that retirement system and at least ten years of actual service with the County at the time of retirement and was hired after August 13, 2015; or
4. Retired on an approved Disability Retirement (regardless of years of service).

NOTE 7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

Employees who do not qualify for County-paid Health Benefits insurance at retirement may be eligible to continue Health Benefits insurance at their own expense upon retirement. Employees who elect Deferred Retirement are not eligible for these benefits.

The State Health Benefits Commission is the executive body established by statute to be responsible for the operation of the SHBP. The State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the SHBP. That report may be obtained by writing to: State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295 or by visiting their website at: www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

Funding Policy - Participating employers are contractually required to contribute based on the amount of premiums attributable to their retirees. Post-retirement medical benefits under the plan have been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis since 1994. Prior to 1994, medical benefits were funded on an accrual basis. Contributions to pay for health premiums of participating County retirees in the SHBP are billed to the County on a monthly basis. Payments are made through an annual appropriation in the line item "Insurance – Group Plans for Employees". The County contributions to SHBP for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$17,048,090.36, \$15,431,443.30, and \$13,463,621.71, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

Significant Legislation - Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, effective June 28, 2011, established new employee contribution requirements towards the cost of employer-provided health benefit coverage. Employees are required to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of coverage. The rate of contribution is determined based on the employee's annual salary and the selected level of coverage. The increased employee contributions will be phased in over a 4-year period for those employed prior to Chapter 78's effective date with a minimum contribution required to be at least 1.5% of salary. For those employed on or after June 28, 2011, the 4-year phase-in does not apply and contributions based on the full percentage rate of contribution are required. Under Chapter 78, certain future retirees eligible for employee-paid health care coverage at retirement will also be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their medical coverage determined on the basis of their annual retirement benefit.

Chapter 2, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, requires a minimum contribution of 1.5% of base salary toward the cost of health benefits coverage by all active public employees. Employees who become a member on or after the law's effective date would be required to pay in retirement 1.5% of their pension benefit toward the cost of health care coverage under the SHBP.

GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions*, ("GASB 75"), is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017, and replaces the requirements of GASB Statement 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions*. Under GASB 75, the County would recognize the cost of other postemployment benefits (OPEB) in the year when the employee services are received and report the accumulated liability for OPEB on the face of its financial statements. Under the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division, the County is not required to recognize the cost of OPEB in the year when the employee services were received, or report the accumulated liability on the face of its financial statements. However, disclosure of such amounts is required.

Retiree Contributions - Future retirees who do not fall under the grandfathering provisions of Chapter 78 of the 2011 Pension and Health Benefit Reforms will be required to contribute to the costs of their retiree health care. Participant contributions are based on salary level and pension benefit amounts and are phased in as a percentage based on salary or pension earnings. Grandfathered participants include those with greater than 20 years of service as of June 28, 2011 who retire with 25 years of service with the County, or who reached age 62 as of that date with 15 years of service will receive benefits at no cost to the participant.

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NOTE 7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

Net OPEB Obligation – The components of the net OPEB liability of the County at June 30, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	2023	2022
County's Share of:		
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 638,975,493	\$ 595,595,262
OPEB Plan fiduciary net position	(5,059,111)	(2,179,592)
Net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 644,034,604</u>	<u>\$ 597,774,854</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	-0.79%	-0.36%

Actuarial Assumptions - The total OPEB liability for the June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 measurement dates were determined by actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2022 and 2021, respectively, which were rolled forward to June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in.

	2022	2021
Inflation Rate	not noted	2.50%
Salary Increases:	<i>based on years of service</i>	<i>based on years of service</i>
PERS All Future Years	2.75% to 6.55%	2.00% to 6.00%
PFRS All Future Years	3.25% to 16.25%	3.25% to 15.25%

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

PERS mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General classification Headcount-Weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2021 scale for June 30, 2023 and 2022. PFRS mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety classification Headcount-Weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2021 scale for June 30, 2023 and 2022.

100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

Discount Rate - The discount rate for June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 was 3.65% and 3.54%, respectively. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the County's share of the SHBP net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

At:	2023		2022	
	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount
1% Decrease	2.65%	\$ 745,997,354	2.54%	\$ 692,941,394
Current Discount Rate	3.65%	644,034,604	3.54%	597,774,854
1% Increase	4.65%	562,021,298	4.54%	521,204,469

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NOTE 7. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - The following presents the County's net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	2023	2022
At:		
1% Decrease	\$ 547,353,633	\$ 507,110,405
Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	644,034,604	597,774,854
1% Increase	767,815,793	713,890,483

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources - The OPEB expense and deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	June 30, 2023			June 30, 2022		
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflow/ (Inflow)	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net Deferred Outflow/ (Inflow)
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 83,426,645	\$ 182,047,963	\$ (98,621,318)	\$ 79,775,532	\$ 204,009,033	\$ (124,233,501)
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	29,699,553	174,898,753	(145,199,200)	30,869,732	110,802,049	(79,932,317)
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	-	106,268	(106,268)	157,368	-	157,368
Changes in Proportion	150,909,964	41,976,727	108,933,237	50,987,975	59,989,479	(9,001,504)
	<u>\$ 264,036,162</u>	<u>\$ 399,029,711</u>	<u>\$ (134,993,549)</u>	<u>\$ 161,790,607</u>	<u>\$ 374,800,561</u>	<u>\$ (213,009,954)</u>

The amounts reported as a deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,		Year Ended June 30,	
2024	\$ (40,435,702)	2023	\$ (36,770,627)
2025	(33,119,384)	2024	(36,818,998)
2026	(17,917,017)	2025	(36,863,197)
2027	(8,398,863)	2026	(26,324,119)
2028	(16,953,472)	2027	(4,425,271)
Thereafter	(18,169,112)	2028-2029	6,208,664
	<u>\$ (134,993,549)</u>		<u>\$ (213,009,954)</u>

OPEB Expense - The components of allocable OPEB expense, which exclude OPEB expense related to specific liabilities of individual employers, for the years ending June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 are as follows:

	2023	2022
Proportionate Share of Allocable Allocable Plan OPEB (Benefit) Expense	\$ (20,767,012)	\$ 5,587,603
Net Amortizations of Deferred Amounts from Changes in Proportion	9,910,953	(6,292,558)
OPEB (benefit) expense	<u>\$ (10,856,060)</u>	<u>\$ (704,955)</u>

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NOTE 8. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

County policy permits employees to carry over one year’s accrued unused vacation days and to carry over all unused sick days. The maximum payment for unused sick days is \$10,000. This payment is made only to employees eligible for retirement and is based upon one-half of their accumulated sick leave. Should an employee die after having met the age and service requirements for a regular pension, the compensation for unused sick leave will be paid to the employee’s estate. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the total accumulated absence liability was \$36,659,564.30 and \$34,670,454.23, respectively. Under accounting principles prescribed for counties by the Division, such amount is not reported either as an expenditure or liability. The County pays for these costs on a pay-as-you-go basis and charges such costs to the Salaries and Wages line of the respective departments from which the costs derived. As of December 31, 2024, the County has reserved a total of \$5,008,322.49 for the future payment of compensated absences in the Current Fund and Trust Fund combined. As of December 31, 2023, the County has reserved a total of \$13,668,852.47 for the future payment of compensated absences in the Current Fund and Trust Fund combined.

NOTE 9. RISK MANAGEMENT

Disaster Recovery - The County has prepared an internal disaster recovery plan in an effort to protect its financial processes and data in the event an unforeseen disaster should occur. Three external servers, each at a different location, are being maintained and updated daily. A fourth server and location are currently under construction. Daily activity is updated to the external servers daily. In addition, a software program has been integrated which synchronizes data on a daily basis for storage on the external servers, and a second program which can restore said data from the external servers should the need arise. In addition, ADP provides external storage for payroll data and provides disks to the County of such information.

Insurance Coverage - The County established a self-insurance program in accordance with New Jersey Statute Chapter 40:10-6. The Chapter enables the governing body of any local unit to create a fund to provide insurance coverage for its exposure to a wide variety of property casualty risks, including property damage caused to any of the unit's property, motor vehicles, equipment or apparatus; liability resulting from the use or operation of such motor vehicles, equipment or apparatus; liability for the unit's negligence, including that of its officers, employees and servants and workers' compensation obligations. The County self-insures against such claims, including tort lawsuits, civil lawsuits, civil rights and worker's compensation. The County maintains a self-insurance fund, which at December 31, 2024 and 2023 held \$4,705,119.25 and \$9,051,260.96, respectively. The County contributed \$9,800,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively, to the fund during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 10. FIXED ASSETS

The County had the following investment balance and activity in general fixed assets for and as of the years ended December 31, 2024.

	Balance: Dec. 31, 2023	Additions	Disposals	Balance: Dec. 31, 2024
Land	\$ 108,369,753.21	\$ -	\$ 78,834.33	\$ 108,290,918.88
Buildings	334,492,474.95	287,314.11	-	334,779,789.06
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture	154,838,465.24	10,408,235.54	-	165,246,700.78
Total	\$ 597,700,693.40	\$ 10,695,549.65	\$ 78,834.33	\$ 608,317,408.72

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NOTE 10. FIXED ASSETS (continued)

The County had the following investment balance and activity in general fixed assets for and as of the years ended December 31, 2023.

	Balance:			Balance:
	Dec. 31, 2022	Additions	Disposals	Dec. 31, 2023
Land	\$ 102,208,063.97	\$ 6,161,689.24	\$ -	\$ 108,369,753.21
Buildings	335,495,457.85	-	1,002,982.90	334,492,474.95
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture	155,067,728.32	-	229,263.08	154,838,465.24
Total	\$ 592,771,250.14	\$ 6,161,689.24	\$ 1,232,245.98	\$ 597,700,693.40

In accordance with accounting practices prescribed by the Division, and as further detailed in Note 1, no depreciation has been provided for and fixed assets acquired through grants in aid or contributed capital have not been accounted for separately.

NOTE 11. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

The County has various transactions by and between its individual funds. Certain accounts of the Trust and Capital Funds earn interest which is required to be recorded as revenue in the Current Fund budget. Other transactions include budget appropriations in the Current Fund which are required to be turned over to the Federal and State Grant, Trust and Capital Funds. All these transfers are routine and are consistent with the activities of the funds making the transfers.

Transfers by and between the County's funds during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 consisted of the following:

	2024		2023	
	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Capital	\$ 32,117,763.71	\$ 26,112,690.95	\$ 19,480,091.87	\$ 12,483,935.07
Other Trust	29,200,595.60	28,931,002.11	23,104,337.02	23,025,210.14
Grants Fund	113,713,953.87	125,430,552.49	108,565,535.47	121,230,711.17
Current Fund	167,073,086.31	161,631,153.94	131,221,911.73	125,632,019.71
Affordable Housing Utility Operating	163.11	-	-	162.99
Affordable Housing Utility Capital	-	163.11	162.99	-
	\$ 342,105,562.60	\$ 342,105,562.60	\$ 282,372,039.08	\$ 282,372,039.08

Current Fund and Utility Operating interfunds receivable are fully reserved and recognized as credits to operations in the year the interfunds are received in cash. Interfunds receivable in the Trust, General Capital and Utility Capital Funds are not reserved. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the following interfund balances remained on the County's records for the reasons as stated.

2024	2023	Due From	Due To	Purpose
\$ 503.24	\$ 340.13	Utility Capital	Utility Operating	Interest on Deposits
113,856.92	-	General Capital	Current Fund	Interest on Deposits
739,533.24	1,009,126.73	Trust Fund	Current Fund	Advances
953,077.08	7,072,006.76	General Capital	Grant Fund	Advances
-	5,597,669	Current Fund	Grant Fund	Grants Collected in Current

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The County has various lease commitments and installment purchase agreements which are not subject to statutory debt limitations. Under GASB Statement No. 87, lease commitments, including those with bargain purchase options, are required to be recorded as lease liabilities at the present value of future lease payments, offset with a tangible asset or right-of-use asset as applicable. Commitments for the purchase and ownership of capital assets are recorded as financed purchases reflected in the amount of the liability and corresponding asset. In accordance with accounting practices prescribed by the Division, leases for operating expenditures are not shown as liabilities and accordingly no corresponding asset is recorded. Leases for non-operating expenditures for the acquisition of assets with useful lives exceeding five years may be recorded at historical cost as capital leases or installment purchase agreements payable with offsetting deferred charges if there is either a transfer of ownership of property or an option for ownership. The future minimum payments for leases and installment purchases are identified on the pages that follow.

CAPITAL LEASE PROGRAM OBLIGATIONS

Hudson County Lease – 1992 Facility Lease Revenue Bonds - On December 1, 1992, the HCIA issued Facility Lease Revenue Bonds (the 1992 Bonds) in the aggregate principal amount of \$112,700,000. The 1992 Bonds were issued to provide funds for (a) the costs of acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of: (i) a 590-bed long-term care facility to be located in the County; (ii) a 66-bed youth house facility; (iii) a police and fire training academy; and (iv) other public facilities to be provided to and used by the County, including County administrative offices (the facilities described in items (i) through (iv) are collectively referred to as the 1992 Facilities) for lease to the County; (b) funding capitalized interest on the 1992 Bonds; and (c) the payment of costs of issuing the 1992 Bonds.

In connection with the issuance of the 1992 Bonds by the HCIA, the HCIA and the County entered into a lease agreement providing for, among other things, the lease of the real property and the construction thereon of the 1992 Facilities by the HCIA, and upon acquisition, construction, installation or equipping of the 1992 Facilities, the payment of rental payments to the HCIA by the County for the County's lease of the 1992 Facilities. The construction and equipping of the new 590-bed long term care facility (hereafter referred to as the New Hospital Facility) was planned to combine the operations at both the Meadowview Nursing Center and the B.S. Pollak Hospital (together, the Hospitals). The Hospitals were acquired and improved by the Authority with the proceeds of the 1992 Bonds and leased back to the County.

In 1996 the construction of the New Hospital Facility was discontinued and the County and the HCIA determined to transfer the operation, and ultimately the ownership, of the Hospitals to Progressive Health Care of Hudson County Inc. (Progressive), a private company, pursuant to a lease and purchase agreement (the Transfer Agreement). The conveyance of the Hospitals to Progressive resulted in private use of the Hospitals. In a Letter Ruling dated November 19, 1996 (the Letter Ruling), the IRS determined that in order to effectuate the transfer of the Hospitals to Progressive without adverse tax consequences, the HCIA would be required to make a tender offer to holders of \$26,735,000 of the 1992 Bonds, and defease any of the 1992 Bonds for which the tender offer was made but which were not acquired in the tender offer with moneys other than tax-exempt bond proceeds, at a rate restricted to the yield on the 1992 Bonds.

On February 14, 1997, the HCIA received and accepted for purchase \$21,360,000 of the 1992 Bonds. The HCIA defeased the \$5,375,000 balance of its 1992 Bonds in accordance with the IRS Letter ruling, for a total issue of \$26,735,000. The HCIA used a portion of the 1997 Bonds to (i) pay the tender price to the holders of the Tendered Bonds and (ii) defease the bonds.

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NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

On August 1, 1998, the HCIA issued \$91,575,000 of Facility Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds. The series 1998 Bonds were issued to advance refund all of the HCIA’s outstanding \$85,635,000 1992 bonds and pay the costs of issuance of the series 1998 Bonds. The series 1998 bonds are direct and special obligations of the authority payable from and secured by the revenues of the HCIA which are derived from lease of facilities to the County (from County Rental Payments); investment income from related funds; and other related monies, securities and funds.

On March 12, 2004, the HCIA entered into a forward bond purchase contract for the benefit of the County to purchase up to \$71,520,000 of the outstanding 1998 bonds between October 1, 2008 and October 1, 2010 through the issuance of bonds (the “Future Bonds”) during that period, provided that the debt service on the 1998 Bonds purchased. The HCIA exercised its right to issue the Future Bonds.

On November 30, 2010, the HCIA, at the consent of the County, as lessee, issued the \$65,900,000 Facility Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 to call all of the outstanding \$91,575,000 1998 Bonds. The 2010 Bonds are guaranteed by the County and mature annually through 2025. The remaining debt service on the 1997 Bonds facility lease, with interest rates ranging from 7.3% to 7.7% and the 2010 Bonds facility lease, with interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 5.40%, is as follows:

Year	Total Lease Payment	Series 1997		Series 2010	
		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 2,518,530.00	\$ 2,345,000.00	\$ 173,530.00	\$ 6,110,000.00	\$ 329,940.00
	\$ 2,518,530.00	\$ 2,345,000.00	\$ 173,530.00	\$ 6,110,000.00	\$ 329,940.00

Hudson County Improvement Authority 2005 Secured Lease Revenue Bonds - On April 1, 2005, the HCIA issued County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$29,505,000. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to (a) finance the acquisition, renovation and improvements to the Block Drug Building and the Block Drug Building Site (b) finance the acquisition, renovation and improvement to the Additional County Site (c) pay 12 months capitalized interest on the 2005 bonds, (d) pay costs of issuance associated with the issuance of the Series 2005 bonds, and (e) establish a bond reserve fund.

The Series 2005 Bonds are special obligations of the HCIA payable from and secured by, (i) Revenues of the HCIA which are derived from: (a) the lease of the Facilities to the County pursuant to the provisions of a lease agreement by and between the HCIA and the County dated as of April 1, 2005(the “Lease Agreement”), under which the County is obligated to make Rental Payments sufficient, among other things, to pay debt service on the Series 2005 Bonds, (b) investment income derived from funds held under the Resolution,(ii) an assignment of the lease Agreement to the Trustee for the Series 2005 Bonds by the HCIA, and (iii) by all monies, securities and funds held or set aside, or to be held or set aside pursuant to the Resolution (except monies in the Rebate Fund which are required to be rebated to the United States Government pursuant to the provisions of the Code in order to ensure that interest on the Series 2005 Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes).

On January 15, 2013, the HCIA issued \$25,460,000 Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 203 (Hudson County Plaza Refunding Project) to provide funds to advance refund \$24,010,000 of the outstanding 2005 Bonds, and to pay associated costs of issuance. Under the terms of the amended financing, the HCIA leased back its interest in this project to the County, and the County is obligated to make rental payments to the HCIA in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the Series 2013 Refunding Bonds when due, as well as other expenses of the HCIA and Trustee.

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

The 2013 Bonds consist of (i) serial bonds in the amount of \$14,195,000 bearing interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00% a year maturing from 2014 to 2028 in varying amounts ranging from \$75,000 to \$1,380,000, (ii) \$5,935,000 term bond bearing interest at 3.22% a year, subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from 2029 to 2032 (final maturity) in varying amounts from \$1,420,000 to \$1,550,000, (iii) \$4,935,000 term bond bearing interest at 3.5% a year, subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from 2033 to 2035 (final maturity) in varying amounts from \$1,595,000 to \$1,695,000. The following is an analysis of the lease payments to be made by the County through maturity:

Year	Total Lease Payment	Series 2013	
		Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,740,012.50	\$ 1,225,000.00	\$ 515,012.50
2026	1,742,137.50	1,290,000.00	452,137.50
2027	1,734,862.50	1,335,000.00	399,862.50
2028	1,739,137.50	1,380,000.00	359,137.50
2029	1,737,137.50	1,420,000.00	317,137.50
2030-2034	8,658,325.00	7,755,000.00	903,325.00
2035	1,722,543.75	1,695,000.00	27,543.75
	<u>\$ 19,074,156.25</u>	<u>\$ 16,100,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,974,156.25</u>

Hudson County Improvement Authority Secured Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2007 - On July 11, 2007, the HCIA issued County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$27,490,000 at interest rates of 4.0%-5.0%. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to (a) finance the renovation of the facilities to house the relocation of a number of social services agencies that are currently leasing space from private owners,(b) pay 12 months capitalized interest on the 2007 bonds, (c) pay costs of issuance associated with the issuance of the Series 2007 bonds, and (d) establish a bond reserve fund. These Lease Revenue Bonds were subsequently partially refunded as noted in the following two paragraphs.

HCIA Secured Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (Hudson County Plaza Completion Project Refunding Project) - On June 11, 2015 the HCIA issued \$17,335,000 Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 to provide funds to advance refund a portion of the HCIA’s outstanding County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2007 (County Services Building Completion Project). The Refunding Plan calls for the Advance refunding of the Refunded Bonds, together with the interest payable thereon April 1, 2017. The Refunding Bonds are subject to optional and mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to their stated maturities and to pay certain costs of issuance of the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds. Under the terms of the amended financing, the HCIA leased back its interest in the Project to the County, and the County is obligated to make rental payments to the HCIA in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the Series 2015 Refunding Bonds when due and other expenses of the HCIA and the Trustee. See also the next paragraph.

County Secured Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 (Hudson County Plaza Completion Project Refunding Project) - On September 15, 2016 the HCIA issued its \$4,925,000 Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 (Hudson County Plaza Completion Refunding Project) (the “Series 2016 Refunding Bonds) to provide funds to advance refund a portion of the HCIA’s outstanding County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2007 (County Services Building Completion Project), the Refunding Plan calls for the Advance refunding of the Refunded Bonds, together with the interest payable thereon April 1, 2017. The Refunding Bonds are subject to optional and mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to their stated maturities and pay certain costs of issuance of the Series 2016 Refunding Bonds. Under the terms of the amended financing, the Authority leased back its interest in the Project to the County, and the County is obligated to make rental payments to the Authority in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the Series 2016 Refunding Bonds when due and other expenses of the Authority and the Trustee.

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The 2016 Bonds consist of serial bonds in the amount of \$1,580,000 bearing interest rate of 5.00% a year maturing in 2033 and \$3,345,000 term bond bearing interest at 3.00% a year, subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from 2034 to 2035 (final maturity) in varying amounts from \$1,645,000 to \$1,700,000. The table that follows is an analysis of the lease payments to be made by the County through maturity.

Year	Total Lease Payment	Series 2016		Series 2015	
		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,692,812.50	\$ -	\$ 179,350.00	\$ 1,145,000.00	\$ 368,462.50
2026	1,701,187.50	-	179,350.00	1,200,000.00	321,837.50
2027	1,693,487.50	-	179,350.00	1,235,000.00	279,137.50
2028	1,697,987.50	-	179,350.00	1,290,000.00	228,637.50
2029	1,699,575.00	-	179,350.00	1,340,000.00	180,225.00
2030-2034	8,517,381.25	3,225,000.00	753,575.00	4,295,000.00	243,806.25
2035	1,725,500.00	1,700,000.00	25,500.00	-	-
	<u>\$ 18,727,931.25</u>	<u>\$ 4,925,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,675,825.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,505,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,622,106.25</u>

HCIA Secured Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2016 (Hudson County Vocational –Technical Schools Project) - On April 27, 2016, the HCIA issued \$160,000,000 in County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2016 (Hudson County Vocational – Technical Schools Project) to finance the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of a new Hudson County Vocational-Technical School, to pay Capitalized Interest on the Bonds from their dated date April 27, 2016 to and including May 1, 2018 and pay certain costs of issuance the Bonds. Under the terms of the financing , the HCIA leased back its interest in the Project to the County , and the County is obligated to make rental payments to the authority in amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the 2016 bonds when due and other expenses of the Authority and the Trustee.

The Series 2016 Bonds consist of serial bonds in the amount of \$55,705,000, bearing interest rates ranging from 4.50% to 5.00% maturing in annual amounts ranging from \$1,980,000 in 2019 to \$4,540,000 in 2036, \$26,445,000 term bonds bearing interest at 5.00% a year, subject to annual mandatory sinking fund redemption 2037 to 2041 (final maturity) in varying amounts ranging from \$4,775,000 to \$5,830,000, \$33,960,000, term bonds bearing interest at 5.00% a year subject to annual mandatory sinking fund redemption from 2042 to 2046 (final maturity) in varying amounts ranging from \$6,130,000 to \$7,490,000 and \$43,890,000 term bonds bearing interest at 5.25% a year subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from 2047 to 2051 (final maturity) in varying amounts from \$7,880,000 to \$9,725,000. The remaining debt service requirements on these bonds are as follows:

Year	Total Lease Payment	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 9,977,850.00	\$ 2,660,000.00	\$ 7,317,850.00
2026	9,981,350.00	2,800,000.00	7,181,350.00
2027	9,979,987.50	2,935,000.00	7,044,987.50
2028	9,976,750.00	3,075,000.00	6,901,750.00
2029	9,979,000.00	3,235,000.00	6,744,000.00
2030-2034	49,904,250.00	18,675,000.00	31,229,250.00
2035-2039	49,895,625.00	23,930,000.00	25,965,625.00
2040-2044	49,893,000.00	30,725,000.00	19,168,000.00
2045-2049	49,893,060.50	39,550,000.00	10,343,060.50
2050-2051	19,958,000.00	18,950,000.00	1,008,000.00
	<u>\$ 269,438,873.00</u>	<u>\$ 146,535,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 122,903,873.00</u>

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

HCIA Secured Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2023 (Bayonne High School Project) - On June 1, 2023, the HCIA issued \$21,860,000 in County Secured Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2023 (Bayonne High School Project) to finance the design, construction and equipping of the school “Facilities” (refer to following paragraphs), pay capitalized interest on the Bonds and pay certain costs of issuance.

Description of the Facilities - The Board of Education of the Hudson County Schools of Technology (the “HCST”), in conjunction with the County, has determined that the implementation of its goals, purposes and curriculum will be best served via the construction of a new two-story +/- 37,690 square foot facility, along with the renovation of a portion of the City’s existing high school facility, to provide Career and Technical Educational programs. The facility to be constructed and renovated will be part of the HCST and will be located on land owned by the Board of Education of the City of, located at 669 Avenue A, Block 160, Lot 1.02 on the official tax map of the City (the “Project Site”). The construction and renovation will include the necessary furnishings, equipment, parking, administrative offices, classroom space and related amenities, and all work related and incidental thereto. The Facilities will operate as a new vocational high school academy with new programs of study in welding, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and cosmetology. The building will house administrative services, student services and CTE education. The Facilities will be on a subdivided site within the existing Bayonne High School campus. The new vocational school will be able to accommodate approximately 400 students per session.

The County’s obligation is to make rental payments and pay other amounts due under the lease agreement, and to perform its obligations thereunder. The County has no rights of set-off, recoupment or counterclaim. These rental payments, if not made from other sources, shall be payable from the levy of ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property in the County without limitation as to rate or amount. The remaining debt service requirements on these bonds, in the form of rental payments, are as follows:

Year	Total Lease Payment	Series 2016	
		Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,458,775.00	\$ 455,000.00	\$ 1,003,775.00
2026	1,460,400.00	480,000.00	980,400.00
2027	1,455,900.00	500,000.00	955,900.00
2028	1,460,150.00	530,000.00	930,150.00
2029	1,458,025.00	555,000.00	903,025.00
2030-2034	7,297,000.00	3,240,000.00	4,057,000.00
2035-2039	7,291,875.00	4,155,000.00	3,136,875.00
2040-2044	7,292,600.00	5,330,000.00	1,962,600.00
2045-2049	7,297,500.00	6,615,000.00	682,500.00
	<u>\$ 36,472,225.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,860,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,612,225.00</u>

Lincoln Park Golf Course Project – The County also entered into a lease agreement with the HCIA as part of an agreement regarding the financing of the Lincoln Park Golf Course Project. Refer to Note 4 “County-Guaranteed Debt” for further description of the matter.

Casino-in-the-Park Project - The County also entered into two lease agreements with the HCIA as part of agreements regarding the financing of the Casino-in-the-Park Project. Refer to Note 4 “County-Guaranteed Debt” for further description of the matter.

Courthouse Project - The County also entered into a lease agreement with the HCIA as part of an agreement regarding the financing of the Hudson County Courthouse Project. Refer to Note 4 “County-Guaranteed Debt” for further description of the matter.

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

ARBITRAGE REBATE

The County is subject Section 148 of Internal Revenue Code, which was enacted to minimize the arbitrage benefits from investing gross proceeds of tax-exempt bonds in higher yielding investments and to remove the arbitrage incentives to issue more bonds, to issue bonds earlier, or to leave bonds outstanding longer than is otherwise reasonably necessary to accomplish the governmental purposes for which the bonds were issued. The County has obtained outside professional services to calculate and monitor the arbitrage requirements for certain bond issues. At December 31, 2024 and 2023 the County has reserved \$2,450,000 to meet potential arbitrage requirements.

SUBSIDY OF RECOVERY ZONE BONDS

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the County issued General Obligation Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds in the amount of \$20,700,000. By designating the Bonds as “Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds,” the County, through the HCIA, will receive cash subsidy payments from the United States Treasury equal to 45 percent of the interest payable on the Bonds on each interest payment date. Over the course of the bonds, through maturity in 2030, the County is due to receive \$7,701,988.81 in subsidies in support of interest payable.

GRANT PROGRAMS

The County participates in several federal and state financial assistance grant programs. Entitlement to the funds is generally conditional upon compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable regulations, including the expenditures of funds for eligible purposes. The state and federal grants received and expended in the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 were subject to Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and N.J. OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*, which mandate that grant revenues and expenditures be audited in conjunction with the County’s annual audit. In addition, these programs are also subject to compliance and financial audits by the grantors or their representatives. These grantor agencies reserve the right to conduct additional audits of the County’s grant programs for economy, efficiency and program results. As a result of these audits, costs previously reimbursed could become disallowed and require repayment by the County to the grantor agency. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the County does not believe that any material liabilities will result from such audits, however, certain matters concerning the County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grants identified by Federal monitoring are described in more detail below.

The County received notice from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the County’s is not expending grant funds in a timely manner. The CDBG program must maintain a balance in its Letter of Credit due from HUD that is less than 1.5 times its annual grant. The County was determined to have violated this timeliness requirement for four consecutive years. In a letter referencing a consultation on November 14, 2024, HUD notified the County that it will not reduce its funding for the 2024 grant by \$344,540, which represents the amount that the County is considered to be in violation of this requirement. The County continues to be at risk for lost funding until it becomes compliant with the timeliness requirement.

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

LITIGATION

The County, its officers and employees, are Defendant in a number of lawsuits, including but not limited to, lawsuits arising out of alleged torts by the County and its employees, alleged breaches of contract and alleged violations of civil rights. The County is engaged in a number of activities, such as police protection and public works construction, which could result in future litigation with a possible significant monetary exposure to the County. It should be noted that the County is self-insured and maintains a "Settlement and Judgement Fund" and an excess insurance policy with a \$500,000/\$750,000 loss retention, based upon the year in which it was filed. Additionally, any claims arising out of the dissolution of the HCUA is covered by either a bond issue previously authorized by the Board of County Commissioners and by the terms of the service agreements with the several municipal authorities, which make said municipal authorities responsible for the payment of any claims. Litigation with potential substantial exposure exceeding \$1,000,000 as noted by County Counsel is highlighted as follows:

- **Abreu, Rosario and Mercedes, Esteysi:** This case concerns serious bodily injury suffered by the Plaintiff when a tree fell on her at Braddock Park. It is alleged that the Plaintiff suffered serious bodily injury due to the County's negligence in maintaining its trees. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.00.
- **Bonilla, Estate of Carlos:** This case concerns the death of a person in custody at the Hudson County Correctional Center. It is alleged that the decedent received inappropriate, insufficient, and incorrect medical care, depriving him of his civil rights and resulting in his death. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Borroto, Estate of Carlos:** This case concerns the death of a person in custody at the Hudson County Correctional Center. It is alleged that the decedent received inappropriate, insufficient, and incorrect medical care, depriving him of his civil rights and resulting in his death. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Cresci, Peter:** This is a lawsuit alleging retaliation from Mr. Cresci acting as a lawyer and suing on behalf of employees of the County. It is asserted that the County and others retaliated against him for bringing such lawsuits or claims. Because of the nature of the allegations and the fee shifting theories under which the allegations were brought that the case has a potential value up to \$1,000,000.
- **Faulknor, Mavis:** This is an employment case against Meadowview Hospital for discrimination on the basis of gender and race. Because of the nature of the allegations and the fee shifting theories, the matter has a potential in excess of \$1,000,000. This matter is pending an Appeal.
- **Guance, Luisa:** This case concerns the estate of Rayniel Lewis Guance de Leon, the deceased. Plaintiff alleges the County was negligent in its maintenance of its roads causing Mr. Guance's death. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Ihenakwe, Esther:** This is a case filed by multiple County employees alleging they were discriminated against because of their gender and retaliated against. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Kazanovich, Estate of Bella:** This case concerns the murder of a person by a former Hudson County Correctional Officer, while off duty. It is alleged that the County failed to and/or was negligent in training the officer and/or in evaluating the employee psychologically for fitness. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **M.P and E.O.:** This case concerns two alleged victims of sexual assault and/or abuse. These alleged victims were juvenile inmates of the County's former juvenile detention center. It is alleged that the County failed to and/or was negligent in protecting these inmates from said alleged abuse. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

- **Post River Road Urban Renewal:** This case concerns the JFK Blvd East Concrete Arch Over Cliff at East of 76th Street, North Bergen. Plaintiff alleges that the County's negligence caused a rockfall which damaged Plaintiff's property. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Nalls-Castillo, Tish:** This is a false arrest and improper seizure and defamation case brought under several civil rights statutes as the seizing person was a law enforcement officer. Given the nature of the complaint and the fact that all theories are fee shifting the case could have a potential of value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Ocasio, Luis:** This matter is related to No. 1 on the list as Mr. Ocasio was a part of the original group bringing a lawsuit. The parties have since split and he is separately represented by counsel on his own. The allegations and theories are essentially identical and are fee shifting. Therefore, the case does have a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000. This case is now an appeal.
- **Riano, Estate of Adriana:** This case concerns the death of a person in a vehicular accident that occurred on Paterson Plank Road, a County road. It is alleged that the County was deliberately indifferent towards the medical needs of the inmate, among other claims, (including Monell claims). Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Roman, Estate of Eunice:** This case concerns the suicide of an inmate while housed at the Hudson County Correctional Facility. It is alleged that the "dangerous nature" of the road in question was a key contributing factor as well as the allegation made by the decedent that the County was on notice of previous serious accidents. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Shpilberg, Daniel:** This case concerns the murder of a person by a former Hudson County Correctional Officer, while off duty. It is alleged that the County failed to and/or was negligent in training the officer and/or in evaluating the employee psychologically for fitness. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Sosa, Geurys:** This case concerns the permanent injuries of a person in custody at the Hudson County Correctional Center. It is alleged that the decedent received inappropriate, insufficient, and incorrect medical care, depriving him of his civil rights and resulting in his permanent injuries. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.
- **Vakharia, Hina:** This case concerns serious bodily injured suffered by Plaintiff while working at the Days Hotel. It is alleged that the County is responsible for housing the perpetrator of the attack at the Days Hotel, and as such, was negligent in its placement. Given the nature of the allegations, and the fee shifting theories, this matter has a potential value in excess of \$1,000,000.

NOTE 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 23, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Issuance of Debt

\$210,954,561 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2025 – On February 27, 2025, the County sold \$210,954,561 of Bond Anticipation Notes maturing February 26, 2026 with an interest rate of 4%. These notes are being issued to renew the Series 2024 \$140,605,157 Bond Anticipation Notes, which were issued to finance various capital, road, public property and park improvements in the County as authorized by seven capital ordinances adopted from 2018 to 2023. An additional \$70,349,404 was added to the notes in order to finance 2023 and 2024 road and bridge improvement, 2024 park improvements and the construction of tower project for Hudson County Community College.

NOTE 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (continued)

\$6,655,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 – The County anticipates selling \$6,655,000 of Bonds on June 26, 2025, bearing interest rates ranging from 4.0% to 4.375%. Payments would be expected to be due annually on July 1 from 2026 through 2045. The annual payments would range from \$175,000 to \$525,000. \$3,500,000 of the bonds are County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds (issued pursuant to the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended), for various improvements to the Hudson County Schools of Technology as authorized by County Ordinance No. 451-7-2024 adopted on July 11, 2024. The remaining \$3,155,000 of the bonds are County College Bonds (issued pursuant to the County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended), for various improvements to the Hudson County Community College as authorized by County Ordinance No. 557-9-2024 adopted on September 12, 2024.

Guaranteed Debt

\$44,589,000 HCIA Tax-Exempt County-Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2025A - On March 13, 2025, the HCIA issued \$44,589,000 County Guaranteed Pool Notes Series 2025A maturing March 12, 2026. These notes are Tax-Exempt Notes and bear an interest rate of 4.0%. These notes constitute direct, special, and limited obligations of the HCIA with a County Guaranty that remains in effect until these notes are paid in full.

\$94,161,517 HCIA County-Secured Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2025B – As of the date of this report, the HCIA anticipates selling \$78,301,517 of Tax-Exempt County Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2025B-1, with an interest rate of 4.0% and \$15,860,000 of Federally Taxable County Guaranteed Pooled Notes, Series 2025B-2, with an interest rate of 5.25%. The HCIA expects these notes to be delivered on June 25, 2025, with a maturity of June 24, 2026. These notes constitute direct, special, and limited obligations of the HCIA with a County Guaranty that remains in effect until these notes are paid in full.

\$52,500,000 HCIA County-Guaranteed Housing Revenue Bonds – On March 13, 2025 the County adopted an ordinance authorizing the guaranty of the payment of the principal of and interest on not exceeding \$52,500,000 aggregate principal amount of County-Guaranteed Housing Revenue Bonds issued by the Hudson County Improvement Authority for the purpose of providing additional security therefor, consenting to such financing and determining certain other matters in connection therewith.

Improvement Authorization Ordinances

\$39,995,920 Various 2025 Capital Improvements – On January 23, 2025 the County adopted an ordinance providing for various 2025 Capital Improvements and the acquisition of equipment for the Department of Roads and Public Property and appropriating \$39,995,920 therefor (including State and Federal Funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$4,070,000) and authorizing the issuance of \$34,215,161 Bonds or Notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

\$37,199,047 Various 2025 Road and Bridge Improvements – On February 27, 2025 the County adopted an ordinance providing for various 2025 Road and Bridge Improvements and appropriating \$37,199,047 (including Federal Grants received or expected to be received in the aggregate amount of \$12,670,000 and State Grants received or expected to be received in the aggregate amount of \$12,811,065) therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$10,556,649 Bonds or Notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

\$22,661,740 Various 2025 Park Improvements – On June 12, 2025 the County adopted an ordinance providing for various 2025 Park Improvements and appropriating \$22,661,740 therefor (including State Grants received or expected to be received in the aggregate amount of \$3,099,000) and authorizing the issuance of \$18,631,180 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.

APPENDIX C

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARIES (2025 (Unaudited), 2024, 2023, and 2022)

COUNTY OF HUDSON
COMPARATIVE ASSETS
CURRENT FUND
December 31

Assets:	2025	2024	2023	2022
Regular Fund				
Cash and Investments	\$ 134,856,460	\$ 167,503,163	\$ 228,505,000	\$ 210,561,338
Change Funds	700	700	700	700
	134,857,160	167,503,863	228,505,700	210,562,038
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Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:				
Added and Omitted Taxes	5,362,257	6,074,942	3,177,710	8,552,708
Intergovernmental Receivables				
Recovery Zone Bond Subsidy				
Due from Grant Fund	-	853,390		
Due to/from Other Funds	469,096	-	1,009,127	1,005,850
Security Deposits				
Federal & State Revenue Rec.	-	-	-	-
	\$ 5,831,353	\$ 6,928,333	\$ 4,186,836	\$ 9,558,558
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Total Assets	\$ 140,688,514	\$ 174,432,196	\$ 232,692,536	\$ 220,120,596

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 COMPARATIVE LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE
 CURRENT FUND
 December 31

Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance:	2025	2024	2023	2022
Regular Fund Liabilities:				
Appropriation Reserves & Commitments	\$ 39,332,594	\$ 37,282,490	\$ 78,705,666	\$ 58,608,271
Accounts Payable	\$ 30,760,528	\$ 62,377,135	\$ 68,498,661	\$ 78,156,420
Reserves For:				
Due to/from Other Funds			\$ 5,597,669	
Reserve Tax Rebate on Capital Investment	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,450,000
USDA Disallowance				
Unclaimed Property	\$ 433,864	\$ 432,110	\$ 312,890	\$ 312,890
HCST Summer Youth Program	\$ 70,332	\$ 70,332	\$ 70,332	\$ 70,332
Compensated Absences	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,960,819	\$ 10,960,819
Prepaid Revenues	\$ 211,256	\$ 1,686,730	\$ 1,463,322	\$ 202,813
Appropriation Refunds	\$ -	\$ -		
Reserve-Sale of County Prop				
Reserve for Debt Service				
Reserve for Forfeited Bail	\$ 758,388	\$ 737,138	\$ 726,138	\$ 726,138
Cash Transfer Welfare Admin				
Misc Contr-Open Space Traust Fund				
Due State of NJ-Realty Transfer Fee	\$ 2,683,607	\$ 2,515,210	\$ 1,695,842	\$ 2,443,095
County College -(EFA) Interest	\$ 33,652	\$ 33,652	\$ 33,652	\$ 33,652
Receivables & Other Assets	\$ 6,659,271	\$ 6,928,333	\$ 4,186,836	\$ 9,558,558
Total Liabilities	\$ 83,393,492	\$ 114,513,127	\$ 174,701,827	\$ 163,522,987
Fund Balance	\$ 57,295,022	\$ 59,919,068	\$ 57,990,710	\$ 56,597,609
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance	\$ 140,688,514	\$ 174,432,196	\$ 232,692,536	\$ 220,120,596

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 COMPARATIVE OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 CURRENT FUND
 December 31

Revenue:	2025	2024	2023	2022
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 52,000,000	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 35,000,000
Misc. Revenue Anticipated	189,708,865	185,929,960	204,764,827	194,749,411
Receipts from Current Taxes	453,180,876	429,180,876	414,180,876	399,180,876
Non-Budget Revenues	6,254,246	5,680,137	11,629,306	11,917,271
Other Credit to Income	18,458,575	49,962,492	24,803,086	34,322,837
Total Revenue and Other Income	\$ 719,602,562	\$ 712,753,466	\$ 697,378,096	\$ 675,170,396
Expenditures:				
Budget Appropriations:				
Operating	513,219,904	510,865,627	506,586,352	476,355,905
Capital Improvements	48,254,701	47,606,914	45,849,454	54,581,118
Debt Service	47,133,550	41,882,828	41,327,641	44,274,329
Deferred Charges, Statutory				
Expend & Judgments	61,618,454	68,469,739	60,217,048	54,158,488
Other Charges				
Total Expenditures	\$ 670,226,609	\$ 668,825,107	\$ 653,980,495	\$ 629,369,840
Excess in Revenue	49,375,953	43,928,359	43,397,601	45,800,556
Fund Balance, January 1	59,919,068	57,990,710	56,593,109	45,792,553
	109,295,022	101,919,068	99,990,710	91,593,109
Decreased by Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	52,000,000	42,000,000	42,000,000	35,000,000
Reserve from Fund Balance				
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 57,295,022	\$ 59,919,068	\$ 57,990,710	\$ 56,593,109

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 COMPARATIVE ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND RESERVES
 FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS
 December 31

Assets:	2025	2024	2023	2022
Cash	45,574,588	69,626,684	46,369,794	93,106,447
State and Federal Grant Receivable	52,353,485	76,899,961	71,923,444	70,550,547
Due to/from Other Funds	-	953,077	5,597,669	
Total Assets	97,928,073	147,479,722	123,890,907	163,656,994
Liabilities and Reserves:				
Appropriated Reserves for Federal and State Grants	97,928,073	147,426,672	123,283,274	127,695,372
Unappropriated Reserves for Federal and State Grants				
Due to/from Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Revenues	-	53,050	607,633	35,961,622
Total Liabilities and Reserves:	97,928,073	147,479,722	123,890,907	163,656,994

COUNTY OF HUDSON
COMPARATIVE ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND RESERVES
TRUST FUNDS
December 31

Assets:	2025	2024	2023	2022
Cash and Investments:				
Checking Accounts	\$ 67,044,919	\$ 57,534,719	\$ 49,673,608	\$ 45,739,574
Cash Management Account	2,437,638	3,349,716	2,309,083	1,262,844
Money Market Fund	11,857,988	11,738,370	13,334,028	15,180,226
Certificates of Deposit				
Revenue Accounts Receivables Due From (To) Current				
 Community Development Programs Accounts Receivable	 26,415,638	 27,673,397	 30,756,846	 30,990,503
Total Assets	\$ 107,756,183	\$ 100,296,203	\$ 96,073,565	\$ 93,173,147

Liabilities and Reserves:				
Reserve for Revenue Accounts Receivable				
Reserve for:				
Due From (To) Other Funds Due to Claims	\$ 316,435	\$ 581,723	\$ 1,009,127	\$ 949,029
County Open Space	15,304,624	13,654,583	10,115,563	9,360,242
Dedicated Revenue	28,649,945	25,090,892	20,481,358	19,894,058
Motor Vehicle Fines	3,387,568	2,701,666	2,564,529	2,293,927
Community Development Programs	21,503,993	19,512,577	21,564,823	24,414,984
Other Cash Reserves	32,633,447	27,375,463	25,764,040	17,339,330
Self Insurance Fund	205,225	4,705,119	9,051,261	13,230,203
State Unemployment Insurance Fund	4,513,174	5,432,406	4,722,338	4,890,846
Confiscated Cash Seized on Arrest Fund Balance	800,527 441,245	800,527 441,245	800,527	800,527
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$ 107,756,183	\$ 100,296,203	\$ 96,073,565	\$ 93,173,147

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COUNTY OF HUDSON
 COMPARATIVE ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE
 GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
 December 31

Assets:	2025	2024	2023	2022
Cash: Checking Accounts	\$ 13,259,725	\$ 630,068	\$ 1,928,476	\$ 3,256,792
Investment - NJ/ARM	624,114	598,667	568,897	541,292
Escrow - Bond Proceeds	99,873,337	69,427,383	1,074,002	31,197,795
Money Market Fund				
Due to/from Other Funds	0	0		
State/Federal/Other Aid Receivable	121,578,080	105,195,737	85,250,612	60,197,531
Grant Receivable	9,283,550	4,213,550	3,500,000	
Deferred Charge to Future Taxation:				
Funded	362,614,079	385,355,328	406,458,046	426,944,199
Unfunded	316,867,194	252,548,879	226,236,957	149,023,645
Total Assets	\$ 924,100,078	\$ 817,969,613	\$ 725,016,991	\$ 671,161,254
Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance:				
Liabilities:				
Serial Bonds	\$ 355,681,663	\$ 377,248,000	\$ 397,189,000	\$ 416,510,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	210,954,561	140,605,157	-	-
Capital Improvement Fund	2,721,812	3,525,464	1,910,632	6,218,342
Mortgage Payable HCIA	5,936,875	6,886,250	7,826,875	8,758,750
Improvement Authorizations:				
Funded	59,419,113	81,120,851	125,896,671	94,205,152
Unfunded	162,425,690	105,622,577	118,983,010	61,997,645
Retainage Percentage Due Contractors	478,344	651,398	923,029	1,100,108
Contracts Payable	96,714,359	77,221,882	44,639,617	49,213,203
Reserve for Payment of Bonds & NJ EFA				
Bonds	14,372,100	11,772,950	18,481,120	25,200,000
Green Acres Loan Payable	995,541	1,221,078	1,442,171	1,675,449
Reserve to Pay Bans	4,105,783	1,475,180	315,187	315,187
Reserve for State Road Aid Allotment				
Receivable	2,142,500	2,142,500	2,142,500	2,142,500
Grants Reserve			-	
Reserve for Escrow Investment Earnings				
Reserve for Youth Consultation Services	130,935	130,935	130,935	130,935
Reserve for Public Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Art Inclusion	4,863,482	3,930,159	3,506,329	2,738,218
Reserve for Prelim Exp Cnty Wide Bldg	-	-	751,140	1,140
RESERVE FOR PRELIM EXP PARKS				
ARCH,ENVRN,SHADE TREE	439,816	534,334		
RESERVE FOR				
INCLUSIVITY(DISABILITYACCES)	1,686,070	1,075,190		
Due To/from Fund	152,661	1,066,934	-	75,850
Fund Balance	878,774	1,738,774	878,774	878,774
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance	\$ 924,100,078	\$ 817,969,613	\$ 725,016,991	\$ 671,161,254
Bond and Notes Authorized But Not Issued (Memo)				
	\$ 105,912,633	\$ 111,943,722	\$ 226,236,957	\$ 149,023,645

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 COMPARATIVE APPROPRIATIONS
 CURRENT FUND
 (in thousands)
 December 31

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Operations:				
Legislative, Administrative, Constitutional Offices	135,225	123,189	114,287	107,142
Judiciary	1,777	1,690	1,537	1,622
Regulation	55,333	55,941	48,363	45,939
Public Resources	-	-	-	-
Parks, Community Service & Planning	21,366	19,128	17,904	17,064
Roads, Public Property & Engineering	44,751	42,865	38,871	41,916
Health & Human Services	37,506	42,966	39,689	36,330
Housing & Comm. Reintegrat	-	3,511	2,621	3,631
Family Services	80,308	70,957	63,929	65,502
Corrections	93,617	82,332	76,436	73,950
Education	64,768	60,763	58,379	56,649
Unclassified	1,048	1,175	730	785
Public and Private Programs Offset by				
Revenues	19,031	47,607	26,389	21,673
Contingent	30	-	-	30
Total Operations	554,761	552,123	489,135	472,231
Capital Improvement	48,263	47,607	45,849	63,141
Debt Service	47,188	41,383	41,328	44,324

COUNTY OF HUDSON
 COMPARATIVE APPROPRIATIONS
 CURRENT FUND
 (in thousands)
 December 31

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Statutory Expenditures:				
Contributions to:				
Public Employees'				
Retirement System	21,686	21,236	20,284	18,402
Social Security System	15,850	14,850	13,691	13,200
Police and Fireman's Retirement System	21,828	21,566	21,301	17,965
Consolidated Police and Fireman's Pension Fund	0	0	18	25
Hudson Co. Employees Pension Fund	500	500	900	1,000
Fund	120	180	173	325
Non-Contributory County Pension	1,980	2,100	2,131	2,400
Veteran's Pension Deferred Contribution	0	0	0	0
Retirement Plan	110	105	83	85
Insurance	300	300	300	300
NJ State Disability Insurance	1,000	1,000	836	850
Total Statutory Expenditures	63,374	61,837	59,717	54,552
Deferred Charges	-	500	500	500
Total Expenditures	713,587	703,450	636,529	634,749

APPENDIX D

FORM OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINION

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July __, 2026

County Executive and Members of the
Board of County Commissioners of the
County of Hudson
Jersey City, New Jersey

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Bond Counsel in connection with the authorization, sale, issuance and delivery of \$8,134,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, consisting of \$1,500,000 aggregate principal amount of County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2026 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended) (the "Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds") and \$6,634,000 aggregate principal amount of County College Bonds, Series 2026 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended) (the "Chapter 12 Bonds" and together with the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, the "Bonds"), of the County of Hudson (the "County"), a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey (the "State").

The Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds are authorized by and are issued pursuant to the provisions of (i) N.J.S.A. 18A:54-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, (ii) the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"), (iii) Bond Ordinance Number 563-9-2025 duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County on September 25, 2025 (the "Vocational-Technical Schools Ordinance"), such Vocational-Technical Schools Ordinance having been approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law, (iv) a resolution duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County on May 28, 2026 (the "Resolution"), and (v) a certificate executed by the County Executive on June 16, 2026 pertaining to the Bonds (the "County Executive Certificate").

The Chapter 12 Bonds are authorized by and are issued pursuant to the provisions of (i) N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, (ii) the Local Bond Law, (iii) Bond Ordinance Number 564-9-2025 duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County on September 25, 2025 (the "Chapter 12 Ordinance"), such

Chapter 12 Ordinance having been approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law, (iv) the Resolution, and (v) the County Executive Certificate.

Proceeds of the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds are being used to (i) provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and the acquisition of related capital equipment and buses at and for the Hudson County Schools of Technology, and (ii) pay for the costs of issuance of the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds.

Proceeds of the Chapter 12 Bonds are being used to (i) provide for the permanent financing of capital improvements and acquisition of related capital equipment at and for certain facilities of Hudson County Community College, and (ii) pay for the costs of issuance of the Chapter 12 Bonds.

The Bonds are issued in fully registered form, without coupons, initially registered in the name of, and held by, Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York ("DTC"), an automated depository for securities and clearing house for securities transactions. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of each series maturing in each year. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry form, without certificates, in the principal amount of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the County as Paying Agent (or a duly appointed Paying Agent) directly to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Disbursal of such payments to the DTC participants is the responsibility of DTC and disbursal of such payments to the beneficial owners of the Bonds is the responsibility of the DTC participants.

The Bonds are dated and shall bear interest from their date of delivery, which interest shall be payable semiannually on the first day of January and July (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing January 1, 2027, in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, as applicable. The Bonds shall mature on July 1 in each of the years, in the principal amounts and at the interest rates as follows:

\$1,500,000 COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS BONDS, SERIES 2026
(New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended)

<u>Maturity</u> <u>July 1</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>July 1</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rates</u>
2027	\$ 100,000	%	2033	\$ 125,000	%
2028	105,000		2034	130,000	
2029	110,000		2035	135,000	
2030	115,000		2036	140,000	
2031	115,000		2037	150,000	
2032	120,000		2038	155,000	

\$6,634,000 COUNTY COLLEGE BONDS, SERIES 2026
(County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, As Amended)

<u>Maturity</u> <u>July 1</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Maturity</u> <u>July 1</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rates</u>
		%			%
2027	\$ 224,000		2037	\$ 330,000	
2028	235,000		2038	345,000	
2029	240,000		2039	360,000	
2030	250,000		2040	375,000	
2031	260,000		2041	385,000	
2032	270,000		2042	405,000	
2033	285,000		2043	420,000	
2034	295,000		2044	440,000	
2035	305,000		2045	445,000	
2036	320,000		2046	445,000	

The Bonds maturing on or after July 1, 2035 are subject to optional redemption prior to their stated maturities as set forth in each of the Bonds.

We have examined such matters of law, certified copies of the proceedings, including all authorization proceedings for the Bonds, and other documents and proofs relative to the authorization, issuance, sale, execution and delivery of the Bonds as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the opinions rendered below. In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to the original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies. As to any facts material to our opinion, we have, when relevant facts were not independently established, relied upon the aforesaid instruments, certificates and documents.

We are of the opinion that (i) such proceedings and proofs show lawful authority for the issuance, sale, execution and delivery of the Bonds pursuant to the New Jersey Statutes, (ii) the Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered and constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the County enforceable in accordance with their terms, and (iii) the County has pledged its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and, unless paid from other sources, all the taxable property within the County is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), sets forth certain requirements which must be met at the time of, and on a continuing basis subsequent to, the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order for the interest thereon to be and remain excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. Noncompliance with such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in

gross income for Federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of the issuance of the Bonds. The County has covenanted in its tax certificate relating to the Bonds to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Code.

In our opinion, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance by the County with the requirements of the Code and the aforementioned covenants and representations stated in its tax certificate, interest on the Bonds is not includable for Federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners of the Bonds pursuant to Section 103 of the Code. The Bonds are not “specified private activity bonds” within the meaning of Section 57 of the Code and, therefore, the interest on the Bonds will not be treated as a preference item for purposes of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022.

[The Bonds maturing on July 1 in the years ____ through ____, inclusive (collectively, the “Premium Bonds”) have been sold to the public at a premium. Section 171 of the Code provides rules under which a bond premium may be amortized and a deduction allowed for the amount of the amortizable bond premium for a taxable year. Under Section 171(a)(2) of the Code, however, no deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of bonds, like the [Premium] Bonds, the interest on which is excludable from gross income. Under Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code, the purchaser’s basis in a [Premium] Bond will be reduced by the amount of the amortizable bond premium disallowable as a deduction under Section 171(a)(2) of the Code. Proceeds received from the sale, exchange, redemption or payment of a [Premium] Bond in excess of the owner’s adjusted basis (as reduced pursuant to Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code), will be treated as a gain from the sale or exchange of such [Premium] Bond and not as interest. Holders of the Premium Bonds should consult their tax advisors for an explanation of the bond premium amortization rules.]

[We are also of the opinion that the difference between the stated principal amount of the Bonds maturing on July 1 in the years ____ through ____, inclusive (collectively, the “Discount Bonds”) and their respective initial public offering prices to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at which prices a substantial amount of the [Discount] Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate were sold, constitutes original issue discount which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as interest on the Bonds. In the case of any holder of the [Discount] Bonds, the amount of such original issue discount which is treated as having accrued with respect to the [Discount] Bonds is added to the cost basis of the holder in determining, for federal income tax purposes, gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption or payment at maturity). Holders of the [Discount] Bonds should consult their tax advisors for an explanation of the original issue discount rules.]

We are also of the opinion that, under existing laws of the State of New Jersey, interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not includable in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, 1976 N.J. Laws c. 47, as amended and supplemented.

Except as stated in the preceding paragraphs, we express no opinion as to any Federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences of the ownership or disposition of the Bonds. Furthermore, we express no opinion as to any Federal, state, local or foreign tax law consequences with respect to the Bonds, or the interest thereon, if any action is taken with respect to the Bonds or the proceeds thereof upon the advice or approval of other bond counsel.

This opinion is qualified to the extent that the enforceability of the rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, debt adjustment, moratorium, reorganization or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

This opinion is rendered on the basis of Federal law and the laws of the State of New Jersey as enacted and construed on the date hereof.

We have examined the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds and the Chapter 12 Bonds, as executed by the County, and, in our opinion, the form of the Bonds and their execution are regular and proper.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX E

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate, dated July __, 2026 (the "Disclosure Certificate"), is executed and delivered by the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey (the "County" or the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of its \$8,134,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, consisting of (i) \$1,500,000 aggregate principal amount of County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2026 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended) (the "Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds") and (ii) \$6,634,000 aggregate principal amount of County College Bonds, Series 2026 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended) (the "Chapter 12 Bonds" and together with the Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, the "Bonds"), all such Bonds being dated July 1, 2026. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to various bond ordinances duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County, approved by the County Executive, and published as required by law, a resolution entitled, "Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of the Offering of \$8,134,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026 of the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, Consisting of \$1,500,000 County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds, Series 2026 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended) and \$6,634,000 County College Bonds, Series 2026 (County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended) and Providing for the Sale of such Bonds, and Determining Certain Matters with Respect Thereto" (the "Bond Resolution"), such Bond Resolution being duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County on May 28, 2026, and a certificate executed by the County Executive on June 16, 2026 pertaining to the Bonds (the "County Executive Certificate"). The County covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the County for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds to assist the Underwriter(s) in complying with the Rule (as defined below). The County acknowledges it is an "Obligated Person" under the Rule (as defined below).

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Bond Resolution which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"*Annual Report*" shall mean any Annual Report provided by the County pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

"*Beneficial Owner*" shall mean any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for Federal income tax purposes.

"*Business Day*" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the County or the Dissemination Agent is authorized by law or contract to remain closed.

"*Continuing Disclosure Information*" shall mean, collectively, (i) each Annual Report, (ii) any notice required to be electronically filed by the County with the MSRB through EMMA pursuant to Section 3 of this Disclosure Certificate, and (iii) any notice of a Listed Event required to be filed by the County with the MSRB through EMMA pursuant to Section 5 of this Disclosure Certificate.

"*Disclosure Representative*" shall mean the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration/County Treasurer of the County or his or her designee, or such other person as the County shall designate in writing from time to time for the purposes of this Disclosure Certificate.

"*Dissemination Agent*" shall mean, initially, Digital Assurance Certification, LLC, or any Dissemination Agent subsequently designated in writing by the County which has filed with the County a written acceptance of such designation.

"*EMMA*" shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access system, a website created by the MSRB and approved by the SEC to provide a central location where investors can obtain municipal bond information including disclosure documents. The County or the Dissemination Agent shall submit disclosure documents to EMMA as a PDF file to www.emma.msrb.org.

"*Financial Obligation*" shall mean a: (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b) listed hereinabove. The term "*Financial Obligation*" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB (as defined below) consistent with the Rule (as defined below).

"*Listed Events*" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

"*MSRB*" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"*National Repository*" shall mean the MSRB, through the internet facilities of EMMA, or any other public or private repository or entity that shall hereafter be designated by the SEC (as defined below) as a repository for purposes of the Rule (as defined below).

"*Rule*" shall mean Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"*SEC*" shall mean the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"*State*" shall mean the State of New Jersey.

"*Underwriter(s)*" shall mean the original underwriter(s) of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the purchase of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The County shall provide or cause to be provided to the Dissemination Agent not later than September 15 of each fiscal year, commencing September 15, 2026 (for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025), an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Each Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the County may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report; and provided, further, that if the audited financial statements of the County are not available by September 15 of each year, the County shall include unaudited financial statements with its Annual Report and when such audited financial statements become available to the County, the same shall be submitted to the Dissemination Agent no later than thirty (30) days after the receipt of the same by the County.

(b) Not later than October 1 of each year (commencing October 1, 2026), the Dissemination Agent shall provide to EMMA a copy of the Annual Report received by the Dissemination Agent pursuant to subsection (a) hereof.

(c) If the County does not provide or is unable to provide an Annual Report by the applicable date required in subsection (a) above, such that the Dissemination Agent cannot forward the Annual Report to EMMA in accordance with subsection (b) above, the Dissemination Agent shall send a timely notice of such event to EMMA in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with copies to the County (if the Dissemination Agent is not the County).

(d) Each year the Dissemination Agent shall file a report with the County (if the Dissemination Agent is not the County), certifying that the Annual Report has been filed with EMMA pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, and stating the date it was provided.

(e) If the fiscal year of the County changes, the County shall give written notice of such change to the Dissemination Agent and the Dissemination Agent shall, within five (5) business days after the receipt thereof from the County, forward a notice of such change to EMMA in the manner provided in Section 5(e) hereof.

SECTION 4. Content of Annual Reports. (a) The County's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

1. The audited financial statements of the County (as of the preceding December 31).

The audited financial statements are to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs (the "Division") that demonstrate compliance with the modified accrual basis, with certain exceptions, which is a

comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the budget laws of the State.

2. The most current annual debt statement of the County (as of the preceding December 31); and

3. The general financial information and operating data of the County consistent with the information set forth in Appendices A, B and C to the Official Statement dated June __, 2026, prepared in connection with the sale of the Bonds (the "Official Statement"), and in the forepart thereof under the heading entitled, "LITIGATION".

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the County is an "Obligated Person" (as defined by the Rule), which have been filed with the MSRB, through the EMMA system, or the SEC. If the document incorporated by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The County shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) This Section 5 shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, as applicable:

1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
2. Nonpayment related defaults, if material;
3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
7. Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;
8. Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;

9. Defeasances of the Bonds;
10. Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
11. Rating changes relating to the Bonds;
12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the County;
13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the County or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the County, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee for the Bonds or the change of name of a trustee for the Bonds, if material;
15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the County, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the County, any of which affect Bondholders, if material; and
16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the County, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

The County shall, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any Listed Event, file a notice of the occurrence of such Listed Event with the MSRB, through the EMMA system, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this Disclosure Certificate. In determining the materiality of any of the Listed Events specified in subsection (a) of this Section 5 that require a materiality determination, the County may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an opinion of counsel.

(b) Whenever the County has or obtains knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events that require a materiality determination, the County shall, as soon as possible, determine if such event would constitute information material, if applicable, to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

(c) If the County (i) has or obtains knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events not requiring a materiality determination, or (ii) determines that the occurrence of a Listed Event requiring a materiality determination would be material to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, the County shall promptly notify the Dissemination Agent in writing (if the County is not the Dissemination Agent) and the County shall instruct the Dissemination Agent to report such Listed Event and the Dissemination Agent shall report the occurrence of such Listed Event pursuant to subsection (e) hereof.

(d) If the County determines that the occurrence of a Listed Event requiring a materiality determination would not be material to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, the County shall promptly notify the Dissemination Agent in writing (if the Dissemination Agent is not the County) and the Dissemination Agent (if the Dissemination Agent is not the County) shall be instructed by the County not to report the occurrence.

(e) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed in writing by the County to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB, through the EMMA system, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence thereof, with a copy to the County (if the Dissemination Agent is not the County). Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Events described in subsections (a)(8) and (9) hereof need not be given under this subsection any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to the Bondholders of the affected Bonds pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The County's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or when the County is no longer an "Obligated Person" (as defined in the Rule). The County shall file a notice of the termination of its reporting obligations pursuant to the provisions hereof with the Dissemination Agent, which notice shall be filed with the MSRB, through the EMMA system, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5(e) hereof.

SECTION 7. Compliance with the Rule. The County hereby covenants for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the beneficial holders of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data of the County, as detailed in Sections 3, 4 and 5 hereof, and to comply with the provisions of the Rule.

The County has engaged the services of Digital Assurance Certification, LLC, to act as dissemination agent for the County with respect to all of the County's outstanding continuing disclosure undertakings. As of the date hereof, the County is in compliance with all existing continuing disclosure agreements in all material respects. This covenant is being made by the County to assist the purchasers of the Bonds in complying with the Rule.

SECTION 8. Dissemination Agent; Compensation. The County may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be Digital Assurance Certification, LLC. The County shall

compensate the Dissemination Agent (which shall be appointed) for the performance of its obligations hereunder in accordance with an agreed upon fee structure.

SECTION 9. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the County may amend this Disclosure Certificate and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, if such amendment or waiver (supported by an opinion of counsel expert in Federal securities laws acceptable to the County to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof) is (a) made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the obligated person, or type of business conducted; (b) the undertaking, as amended or waived, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and (c) the amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of holders, as determined either by parties unaffiliated with the County, such determination being supported by an opinion of counsel expert in Federal securities laws, or by the approving vote of a majority of Beneficial Owners of the Bonds at the time of the amendment. The County shall give notice of such amendment or waiver to this Disclosure Certificate to the Dissemination Agent, which notice shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 hereof. Notwithstanding the above, the addition of or change in the Dissemination Agent shall not be construed to be an amendment under the provisions hereof.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the County shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the County. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as a Listed Event under Section 5 hereof, and (ii) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

SECTION 10. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the County from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the County chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the County shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 11. Default. In the event of a failure of the County to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Holders of at least 25% aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Bonds or any Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the County to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an Event of Default on the Bonds and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the County to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 12. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of the Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and, to the extent permitted by law, the County agrees to indemnify and hold the Dissemination Agent (if the Dissemination Agent is not the County) and its respective officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. To the extent permitted by law, the County further releases the Dissemination Agent from any liability for the disclosure of any information required by the Rule and this Disclosure Certificate. The Dissemination Agent shall not be deemed to be acting in any fiduciary capacity for the County, the Holders of the Bonds or any other party. The obligations of the County under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

SECTION 13. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the County, the Dissemination Agent, the Underwriter(s), and the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, including Bondholders, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 14. Notices. All notices and submissions required hereunder shall be given to the following, or their successors, by electronic mail or facsimile transmission (with written confirmation of receipt), followed by hard copy sent by certified or registered mail, personal delivery or recognized overnight delivery:

- (a) If to the County:
- Cheryl G. Fuller
Director of the Department of Finance and
Administration/County Treasurer
County of Hudson
Hudson County Administration Annex
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306
Telephone: (201) 795-6077
Email: cfuller@hcnj.us

- (b) Copies of all notices to the Dissemination Agent from time to time with respect to the Bonds:

Digital Assurance Certification, LLC
Attn: DAC Support
315 East Robinson Street, Suite 300
Orlando, Florida 32801
Telephone: (407) 515-1100
Email: support@dacbond.com

Each party shall give notice from time to time to the other parties, in the manner specified herein, of any change of the identity or address of anyone listed herein.

SECTION 15. Counterparts. This Disclosure Certificate may be executed in any number of counterparts which shall be executed by authorized signatories of the County and the Dissemination Agent, as applicable, and all of which together shall be regarded for all purposes as one original and shall constitute and be but one and the same.

SECTION 16. Severability. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements in this Disclosure Certificate to be performed on the part of the County and the Dissemination Agent should be contrary to law, then such covenant or covenants, agreement or agreements, shall be deemed severable from the remaining covenants and agreements and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 17. Governing Law. This Disclosure Certificate shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the Laws of the United States of America and the State, as applicable.

COUNTY OF HUDSON

CHERYL G. FULLER,
Director of the Department of Finance and
Administration/County Treasurer

Acknowledged and Accepted by:
DIGITAL ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION, LLC,
as Dissemination Agent

BRIANNA STEGER,
Senior Vice President
Securities Compliance Division

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO MSRB VIA EMMA OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: County of Hudson, State of New Jersey

Name of Bond Issue: \$1,500,000 County Vocational-Technical Schools Bonds,
Series 2026 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980
N.J. Laws c. 72, as Amended)
Dated July 1, 2026
(CUSIP Number 443726____)

\$6,634,000 County College Bonds, Series 2026
(County College Bond Act, 1971 N.J. Laws c. 12, as Amended)
Dated July 1, 2026
(CUSIP Number 443726____)

Date of Issuance: July 1, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above designated County has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by the Bond Resolution and a Continuing Disclosure Certificate dated July 1, 2026, which was executed by the County and acknowledged and accepted by the Dissemination Agent (the "Certificate"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Certificate.

DATED: _____

DISSEMINATION AGENT
(on behalf of the County)

cc: County of Hudson