

AUDIT REPORT

**MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota**

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

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MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

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MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
McLean County
Washburn, North Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of McLean County, Washburn, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the county's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of McLean County, Washburn, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 10, budgeting comparison information on pages 43 through 54, and the schedule of employer's share of net pension liability on page 55 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audits of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements. The schedules of fund activity are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedules of fund activity and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules of fund activity and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 14, 2017 on our consideration of the county's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the county's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rath and Mehrer

Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

April 14, 2017

MCLEAN COUNTY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

December 31, 2016 and 2015

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of McLean County's financial performance provides an overall review of the county's financial activities for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the county's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and related notes.

The MD&A is a new element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Government Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 "*Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments*". Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior years is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

- * Net position of the county decreased \$1,151,751 as a result of the current year's operations.
- * Governmental net position as of the end of the fiscal year totaled \$1,566,468.
- * Total revenues from all sources were \$16,620,152.
- * Total expenses were \$17,771,903.
- * The county's general fund had \$5,875,470 in total revenues and \$6,264,114 in total expenditures. There was a total of \$172,983 received from other financing sources. Overall, the general fund balance decreased by \$215,660 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Key financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2015 are as follows:

- * Net position of the county decreased \$863,576 as a result of the current year's operations.
- * Governmental net position as of the end of the fiscal year totaled \$2,718,219.
- * Total revenues from all sources were \$14,246,361.
- * Total expenses were \$15,109,937.
- * The county's general fund had \$4,755,027 in total revenues and \$5,547,241 in total expenditures. There was a total of \$137,519 paid from other financing uses. Overall, the general fund balance decreased by \$929,732 for the year ended December 31, 2015.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual financial report consists of a series of statements and related footnotes. These statements are organized so that the reader can understand the county as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole county, presenting both an aggregate view of the county's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. These statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the county's general fund, highway operating fund, oil impact grant fund, farm to market road fund, emergency fund, FEMA expenses - 2011 fund, water resource district fund and county building fund with all other governmental funds presented in total in one column.

REPORTING ON THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

These statements are summaries of all the funds used by the county to provide programs and activities and attempt to answer the question "How did the county do financially during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015?"

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the county's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the county is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information on how the county's net position changed during the fiscal year. This statement is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which means that all changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick leave and/or vacation leave).

These two statements report the county's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for the county as a whole, the financial position of the county has improved or deteriorated. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the county reports governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where most of the county's programs and services are reported including, but not limited to, general government, public safety, highways and public improvement, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and conservation and economic development.

REPORTING ON THE COUNTY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

The county uses separate funds to account for and manage money dedicated for particular purposes (e.g. taxes collected from special mill levies and funds received from grants and donations). The fund basis financial statements allow the county to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources provided by taxpayers and other entities. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the county's major funds. Using the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 34, the county's general fund, highway operating fund, oil impact grant fund, farm to market road fund, emergency fund, FEMA expenses - 2011 fund, water resource district fund and county building fund are considered "major funds".

The county's other funds, which are used to account for a multitude of financial transactions, are summarized under the heading "Other Governmental Funds".

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Table I provides a summary of the county's net position as of December 31, 2016, and 2015. A comparative analysis of county-wide data is presented for both current and prior years.

As indicated in the financial highlights above, the county's net position decreased by \$1,151,751 and \$863,576 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Changes in net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the county's financial position.

As of December 31, 2016 the county's net position of \$1,566,468 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets total \$5,558,574 of the county's total net position. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. The restricted component of net position is \$2,325,003 of the county's total net position and represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The remaining unrestricted component of net position is (\$6,317,109), which includes (\$2,861,233) relating to the reporting of it's share of the unfunded liability for the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System as required by GASB Statement No. 68. The net amount of (\$3,455,876) is available to meet the county's ongoing obligations.

As of December 31, 2015 the county's net position of \$2,718,219 is segregated into three separate categories. Net investment in capital assets total \$5,689,439 of the county's total net position. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending. The restricted component of net position is \$2,329,232 of the county's total net position and represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they must be spent. The remaining unrestricted component of net position is (\$5,300,451), which includes (\$2,873,038) relating to the reporting of it's share of the unfunded liability for the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System as required by GASB Statement No. 68. The net amount of (\$2,427,413) is available to meet the county's ongoing obligations.

Table I
Net Position
As of December 31, 2016 and 2015
(With comparative totals for December 31, 2014)

	2016	2015	2014
Assets			
Current Assets	1,547,881	1,278,443	1,774,199
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	11,412,361	11,205,458	11,386,592
Total Assets	12,960,242	12,483,901	13,160,791
Deferred Outflows of Resources	745,815	383,474	279,510
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	1,493,866	502,702	531,163
Long-Term Liabilities	5,920,988	5,335,538	5,599,236
Net Pension Liability	2,938,968	2,724,649	3,151,307
Total Liabilities	10,353,822	8,562,889	9,281,706
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,785,767	1,586,267	576,799
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,558,574	5,689,439	5,585,227
Restricted	2,325,003	2,329,232	2,687,057
Unrestricted	(6,317,109)	(5,300,451)	(4,690,488)
Total Net Position	1,566,468	2,718,219	3,581,796

Table II shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. A comparative analysis of county-wide data is presented for both current and prior years.

Table II
Changes in Net Position
As of December 31, 2016 and 2015
(With comparative totals for December 31, 2014)

	2016	2015	2014
Revenues			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	1,771,999	1,555,853	1,166,971
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,396,393	6,217,971	5,917,277
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	4,105,276	2,475,995	2,117,147
Other Taxes	1,687,742	1,893,765	2,512,489
Federal Aid - Unrestricted	405,128	399,554	403,682
State Aid - Unrestricted	790,130	1,079,147	1,035,236
Interest Earnings and Other Revenue	316,551	618,168	418,991
Gain on Trade-in/Disposal of Capital Assets	146,933	5,908	
Total Revenues	16,620,152	14,246,361	13,571,793
Expenses			
General Government	3,244,350	3,081,834	3,492,723
Public Safety	2,851,722	2,776,482	2,450,429
Highways and Public Improve.	8,910,771	7,606,058	6,559,982
Health and Welfare	786,357	709,676	741,930
Culture and Recreation	142,281	97,488	230,618
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	1,392,470	380,729	397,950
Other	223,689	244,990	793,672
Interest on Long-Term Debt	220,264	212,680	223,166
Total Expenses	17,771,903	15,109,937	14,890,470
Net Change in Position	(1,151,751)	(863,576)	(1,318,677)

Property taxes constituted 25%, other taxes 10%, unrestricted state aid 5%, operating grants and contributions 45%, and charges for services made up 11% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the county for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

General government constituted 18%, public safety 16%, highways and public improvement 50%, and health and welfare 4% of total expenses for governmental activities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Property taxes constituted 17%, other taxes 13%, unrestricted state aid 8%, operating grants and contributions 44%, and charges for services made up 11% of the total revenues of governmental activities of the county for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

General government constituted 20%, public safety 18%, highways and public improvement 50%, and health and welfare 5% of total expenses for governmental activities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table III shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and other unrestricted revenues.

Table III

Total and Net Cost of Services
As of December 31, 2016

	Total Cost Year Ended December 31, 2016	Total Cost Year Ended December 31, 2016
General Government	3,244,350	2,881,126
Public Safety	2,851,722	1,530,669
Highways and Public Improvement	8,910,771	3,138,078
Health and Welfare	786,357	786,357
Culture and Recreation	142,281	28,139
Conservation and Economic Dvlpmnt.	1,392,470	(148,894)
Other	223,689	167,771
Interest on Long-Term Debt	220,264	220,264
Total Expenses	17,771,903	8,603,511

Total and Net Cost of Services
As of December 31, 2015

	Total Cost Year Ended December 31, 2015	Total Cost Year Ended December 31, 2015
General Government	3,081,834	2,760,063
Public Safety	2,776,482	1,483,445
Highways and Public Improvement	7,606,058	1,612,507
Health and Welfare	709,676	709,676
Culture and Recreation	97,488	33,205
Conservation and Economic Dvlpmnt.	380,729	326,797
Other	244,990	197,740
Interest on Long-Term Debt	212,680	212,680
Total Expenses	15,109,937	7,336,113

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The purpose of the county's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows and balances of available resources. Unassigned fund balance generally can be used as a measure of the county's net resources available for spending as of the end of the fiscal year. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The county's governmental funds had total revenue of \$16,424,457 and expenditures of \$18,141,746 for the year ended December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2016, the unassigned fund balance of the county's general fund was (\$1,701,188) and total unassigned fund balances for all the county's governmental funds was (\$2,960,069). The county's governmental funds had total revenue of \$14,246,461 and expenditures of \$15,174,467 for the year ended December 31, 2015. As of December 31, 2015, the unassigned fund balance of the county's general fund was (\$1,485,528) and total unassigned fund balances for all the county's governmental funds was (\$2,399,908).

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

During the course of fiscal years 2016 and 2015, the county did not amend the general fund budgets.

Actual revenue for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$193,143 less than budgeted. Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2016 were over budget by \$563,297. This budget variance is due to the county not including an appropriation for the debt service payments for the coal severance loans.

Actual revenue for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$66,290 more than budgeted. Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2015 were under budget by \$234,145.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the county had \$11,412,361 and \$11,205,458, respectively, invested in capital assets. Table IV shows the balances as of December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Table IV
 Capital Assets
 (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)
 As of December 31, 2016 and 2015
 (With comparative totals for December 31, 2014)

	2016	2015	2014
Buildings	8,144,983	8,264,553	8,384,123
Machinery and Vehicles	3,267,378	2,940,905	3,002,469
Total (net of depreciation)	11,412,361	11,205,458	11,386,592
	=====	=====	=====

As of December 31, 2016, this total represents an increase of \$206,903 in capital assets from January 1, 2016. As of December 31, 2015, this total represents a decrease of \$181,134 in capital assets from January 1, 2015. During the years ending December 31, 2016 and 2015, the changes in machinery and vehicles were due to the purchase of numerous vehicles and equipment and included the purchase of 3 Caterpillar 140M3 motor graders and various machinery and vehicles for the county's sheriff's department and highway department.

For a detailed breakdown of the additions and deletions to capital assets, readers are referred to Note 6 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of December 31, 2016, the county had \$6,449,233 in outstanding debt of which \$528,245 was due within one year. As of December 31, 2015, the county had \$5,631,770 in outstanding debt of which \$296,233 was due within one year.

During fiscal years 2016 and 2015, the county issued four new long-term debt obligations:

Bank Loan Payable in the amount of \$500,000. The county obtained funding from Farmers Security Bank to provide operating funds. This loan will have a final payment on May 15, 2020.

Capital Lease Payable in the amount of \$227,000. The county obtained financing to purchase of a Caterpillar 140M3 motor grader. This lease will have a final payment on May 15, 2022.

Capital Lease Payable in the amount of \$222,900. The county obtained financing to purchase of a Caterpillar 140M3 motor grader. This lease will have a final payment on May 15, 2022.

Capital Lease Payable in the amount of \$184,100. The county obtained financing to purchase of a Caterpillar 140M3 motor grader. This lease will have a final payment on May 15, 2022.

For a detailed breakdown of the long-term debt, readers are referred to Note 11 to the audited financial statements which follow this analysis.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the county's finances and to show the county's accountability for the money it receives. Anyone who has questions about information contained in this report or who is interested in receiving additional information is encouraged to contact Les Korgel, County Auditor, McLean County, Washburn, ND 58577.

MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS:	
Cash and Investments	1,436,769.04
Accounts Receivable	19,371.00
Taxes Receivable	91,740.56
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):	
Buildings	8,144,983.00
Machinery and Vehicles	3,267,378.00
	11,412,361.00
Total Capital Assets	
Total Assets	12,960,241.60
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	745,815.00
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable	947,151.29
Interest Payable	18,470.19
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year:	
Capital Leases Payable	98,137.94
Bank Loan Payable	122,572.83
Coal Impact Loans Payable	307,534.20
Due After One Year:	
Capital Leases Payable	535,862.06
Bank Loan Payable	377,427.17
Coal Impact Loans Payable	4,912,252.45
Compensated Absences Payable	95,446.17
Net Pension Liability	2,938,968.00
Total Liabilities	10,353,822.30
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Unavailable Revenue	1,117,686.52
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	668,080.00
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,785,766.52
NET POSITION:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,558,574.35
Restricted for:	
Special Purposes	2,325,002.55
Unrestricted	(6,317,109.12)
Total Net Position	1,566,467.78

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2015

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS:	
Cash and Investments	1,207,023.37
Accounts Receivable	28,441.11
Taxes Receivable	42,978.76
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):	
Buildings	8,264,553.00
Machinery and Vehicles	2,940,905.00
Total Capital Assets	11,205,458.00
Total Assets	12,483,901.24
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	383,474.00
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable	206,469.50
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year:	
Coal Impact Loans Payable	296,232.55
Due After One Year:	
Coal Impact Loans Payable	5,219,786.65
Compensated Absences Payable	115,751.15
Net Pension Liability	2,724,649.00
Total Liabilities	8,562,888.85
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Unavailable Revenue	1,054,404.19
Changes in Resources Related to Pensions	531,863.00
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,586,267.19
NET POSITION:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,689,438.80
Restricted for:	
Special Purposes	2,329,231.55
Unrestricted	(5,300,451.15)
Total Net Position	2,718,219.20

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<u>Functions/Programs</u>				
<u>Primary Government:</u>				
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
General Government	3,244,349.90	357,757.75	5,466.31	(2,881,125.84)
Public Safety	2,851,722.26	1,216,570.49	104,482.32	(1,530,669.45)
Highways and Public Improve.	8,910,770.63	118,677.39	5,654,015.16	(3,138,078.08)
Health and Welfare	786,357.22			(786,357.22)
Culture and Recreation	142,280.52	74,130.00	40,011.03	(28,139.49)
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	1,392,470.03	4,863.06	1,536,500.73	148,893.76
Other	223,688.83		55,917.62	(167,771.21)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	220,263.80			(220,263.80)
Total Governmental Activities	17,771,903.19	1,771,998.69	7,396,393.17	(8,603,511.33)
<u>General Revenues:</u>				
<u>Taxes:</u>				
Property taxes; levied for general purposes				1,714,957.80
Property taxes; levied for special purposes				2,390,318.41
Emergency 911 taxes				119,703.50
Coal severance taxes				732,029.83
Coal conversion taxes				231,468.67
Homestead tax credit				271,325.68
Telecommunications taxes				1,668.03
Oil and gas production taxes				297,384.45
Transmission line taxes				23,557.33
Mobile home taxes				10,604.84
Federal aid not restricted to specific program:				
Federal payments in lieu of taxes				402,415.00
Federal mineral royalties				146.99
Flood control				2,565.61
State aid not restricted to specific program:				
State aid distribution				790,129.67
Earnings on investments and other revenue				316,551.10
Gain on trade-in/disposal of capital assets				146,933.00
Total General Revenues				7,451,759.91
Change in Net Position				(1,151,751.42)
Net Position - January 1				2,718,219.20
Net Position - December 31				1,566,467.78

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<u>Functions/Programs</u>				
<u>Primary Government:</u>				
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
General Government	3,081,834.04	317,059.03	4,711.94	(2,760,063.07)
Public Safety	2,776,481.94	1,052,627.27	240,409.42	(1,483,445.25)
Highways and Public Improve.	7,606,057.79	114,481.04	5,879,069.74	(1,612,507.01)
Health and Welfare	709,676.45			(709,676.45)
Culture and Recreation	97,488.37	64,283.46		(33,204.91)
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	380,729.01	7,402.07	46,530.00	(326,796.94)
Other	244,989.89		47,250.00	(197,739.89)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	212,679.94			(212,679.94)
Total Governmental Activities	15,109,937.43	1,555,852.87	6,217,971.10	(7,336,113.46)
<u>General Revenues:</u>				
<u>Taxes:</u>				
Property taxes; levied for general purposes				448,332.33
Property taxes; levied for special purposes				2,027,662.22
Emergency 911 taxes				119,767.31
Coal severance taxes				834,422.31
Coal conversion taxes				334,581.94
Homestead tax credit				77,219.40
Telecommunications taxes				1,668.03
Oil and gas production taxes				494,282.29
Transmission line taxes				22,501.94
Mobile home taxes				9,322.01
<u>Federal aid not restricted to specific program:</u>				
Federal payments in lieu of taxes				395,208.00
Federal mineral royalties				146.12
Flood control				4,199.89
<u>State aid not restricted to specific program:</u>				
State aid distribution				1,079,146.88
Earnings on investments and other revenue				618,168.31
Gain on trade-in/disposal of capital assets				5,908.00
Total General Revenues				6,472,536.98
Change in Net Position				(863,576.48)
Net Position - January 1				6,453,592.68
Prior Period Adjustment, See Note 17				(2,871,797.00)
Net Position - January 1, as restated				3,581,795.68
Net Position - December 31				2,718,219.20

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2016

Major Funds

	General	Highway Operating	Oil Impact Grant	Farm to Market Road	Emergency	FEMA Expenses - 2011	Water Resource District	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:									
Cash and Investments	205,115.50			387.18	307.10	80,283.02	560,806.91	589,869.33	1,436,769.04
Accounts Receivable	19,371.00								19,371.00
Taxes Receivable	37,826.90	960.10		16,271.90			3,578.29	33,103.37	91,740.56
Interfund Receivables				694,000.00	475,000.00	402,615.47			1,571,615.47
Total Assets	37,826.90	225,446.60	-0-	710,659.08	475,307.10	482,898.49	564,385.20	622,972.70	3,119,496.07
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities:									
Accounts Payable	35,790.27	609,546.47		152,187.84			31,039.49	118,587.22	947,151.29
Interfund Payables	1,084,720.77		354,294.16					132,600.54	1,571,615.47
Total Liabilities	1,120,511.04	609,546.47	354,294.16	152,187.84			31,039.49	251,187.76	2,518,766.76
Deferred Inflows of Resources:									
Unavailable Revenue	618,504.01	121,443.10		158,350.92			22,474.77	288,654.28	1,209,427.08
Fund Balances:									
Restricted for:									
General Government								93.62	93.62
Public Safety								61,739.39	61,739.39
Highways and Public Improvements				400,120.32	475,307.10	482,898.49		227,294.28	1,585,620.19
Culture and Recreation								22,070.30	22,070.30
Conservation and Economic Development							510,870.94	65,651.25	576,522.19
Emergency Services								28,099.63	28,099.63
Other Purposes								77,226.18	77,226.18
Unassigned	(1,701,188.15)	(505,542.97)	(354,294.16)					(399,043.99)	(2,960,069.27)
Total Fund Balances	(1,701,188.15)	(505,542.97)	(354,294.16)	400,120.32	475,307.10	482,898.49	510,870.94	83,130.66	(608,697.77)
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	37,826.90	225,446.60	-0-	710,659.08	475,307.10	482,898.49	564,385.20	622,972.70	3,119,496.07

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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2015

Major Funds

	General	Highway Operating	Oil Impact Grant	Farm to Market Road	Emergency	FEMA Expenses - 2011	Water Resource District	County Building	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:										
Cash and Investments		239,865.74	101,277.88	2,866.71	307.10	139,689.16	111,729.51		611,287.27	1,207,023.37
Accounts Receivable		28,441.11								28,441.11
Taxes Receivable	8,794.82	280.40		11,208.47			2,442.10		20,252.97	42,978.76
Interfund Receivables				850,000.00	475,000.00	294,172.88				1,619,172.88
Total Assets	8,794.82	268,587.25	101,277.88	864,075.18	475,307.10	433,862.04	114,171.61	-0-	631,540.24	2,897,616.12
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES										
Liabilities:										
Accounts Payable	38,492.40	30,560.80		49,394.78			66,180.65	219,925.95	21,840.87	206,469.50
Interfund Payables	972,192.36								427,054.57	1,619,172.88
Total Liabilities	1,010,684.76	30,560.80		49,394.78			66,180.65	219,925.95	448,895.44	1,825,642.38
Deferred Inflows of Resources:										
Unavailable Revenue	483,637.84	14,719.60		178,028.25			38,475.19		382,522.07	1,097,382.95
Fund Balances:										
Restricted for:										
General Government									1,176.45	1,176.45
Public Safety									52,934.16	52,934.16
Highways and Public Improvements		223,306.85	101,277.88	636,652.15		433,862.04			283,895.84	1,678,994.76
Culture and Recreation									97,443.39	97,443.39
Conservation and Econ. Development					475,307.10		9,515.77		13,914.66	23,430.43
Emergency Services									10,776.78	486,083.88
Other Purposes									34,435.67	34,435.67
Unassigned	(1,485,527.78)							(219,925.95)	(694,454.22)	(2,399,907.95)
Total Fund Balances	(1,485,527.78)	223,306.85	101,277.88	636,652.15	475,307.10	433,862.04	9,515.77	(219,925.95)	(199,877.27)	(25,409.21)
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	8,794.82	268,587.25	101,277.88	864,075.18	475,307.10	433,862.04	114,171.61	-0-	631,540.24	2,897,616.12

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	(608,697.77)
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Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of Capital Assets	15,146,193.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,733,832.00)	
		11,412,361.00
Net Capital Assets		

Property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	91,740.56
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The deferred outflows and inflows of resources reported on the statement of net position are the result of changes in resources related to pensions and do not affect current financial resources.

Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	745,815.00	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	(668,080.00)	
		77,735.00
Net Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources		

Long-term liabilities applicable to the county's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Long-term liabilities -both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2016 are:

Capital Leases Payable	(634,000.00)	
Bank Loan Payable	(500,000.00)	
Coal Impact Loans Payable	(5,219,786.65)	
Interest Payable	(18,470.19)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(95,446.17)	
Net Pension Liability	(2,938,968.00)	
		(9,406,671.01)
Total Long-Term Liabilities		

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	1,566,467.78
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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	(25,409.21)
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Total net position reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of Capital Assets	14,802,240.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,596,782.00)	
Net Capital Assets		11,205,458.00

Property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	42,978.76
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The deferred outflows and inflows of resources reported on the statement of net position are the result of changes in resources related to pensions and do not affect current financial resources.

Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	383,474.00	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	(531,863.00)	
Net Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources		(148,389.00)

Long-term liabilities applicable to the county's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Long-term liabilities -both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2015 are:

Coal Impact Loans Payable	(5,516,019.20)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(115,751.15)	
Net Pension Liability	(2,724,649.00)	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		(8,356,419.35)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	2,718,219.20
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Washburn, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Major Funds

	General	Highway Operating	Oil Impact Grant	Farm to Market Road	Emergency	FEMA Expenses - 2011	Water Resource District	County Building	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues:</u>										
Taxes	1,690,978.32	52,716.71		679,028.09			146,554.82		1,619,212.84	4,188,490.78
Licenses, Permits and Fees	117,722.69	5,450.00							78,362.06	201,534.75
Intergovernmental	2,421,319.60	1,291,792.77	4,207,452.00	31,077.83		61,065.09	1,537,519.18		597,189.93	10,147,416.40
Charges for Services	1,449,849.05	113,227.39							7,387.50	1,570,463.94
Miscellaneous	195,600.31	89,592.84					150.00	1,200.00	30,007.95	316,551.10
Total Revenues	5,875,469.97	1,552,779.71	4,207,452.00	710,105.92		61,065.09	1,684,224.00	1,200.00	2,332,160.28	16,424,456.97
<u>Expenditures:</u>										
Current:										
General Government	3,188,630.70								1,176.45	3,189,807.15
Public Safety	2,438,537.96								244,907.38	2,683,445.34
Highways and Public Improve.		2,769,692.45	4,663,024.04	946,637.75		12,028.64			78.43	8,391,461.31
Health and Welfare									784,301.19	784,301.19
Culture and Recreation									136,721.52	136,721.52
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.							1,182,868.83		198,674.20	1,381,543.03
Other	45,057.88								178,630.95	223,688.83
Capital Outlay	93,861.00	758,890.00								852,751.00
Debt Services:										
Principal	296,232.55									296,232.55
Interest	201,793.61									201,793.61
Total Expenditures	6,264,113.70	3,528,582.45	4,663,024.04	946,637.75		12,028.64	1,182,868.83	1,200.00	1,544,490.12	18,141,745.53
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(388,643.73)	(1,975,802.74)	(455,572.04)	(236,531.83)		49,036.45	501,355.17	1,200.00	787,670.16	(1,717,288.56)

<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>										
Transfers In	63,692.81	612,952.92						218,725.95	176,126.49	1,071,498.17
Transfers Out	(390,709.45)								(680,788.72)	(1,071,498.17)
Proceeds from Bank Loan	500,000.00									500,000.00
Proceeds from Capital Leases		634,000.00								634,000.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	172,983.36	1,246,952.92						218,725.95	(504,662.23)	1,134,000.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	(215,660.37)	(728,849.82)	(455,572.04)	(236,531.83)	49,036.45	501,355.17	219,925.95	283,007.93	(583,288.56)	
Fund Balance - January 1	(1,485,527.78)	223,306.85	101,277.88	636,652.15	475,307.10	433,862.04	9,515.77	(219,925.95)	(199,877.27)	(25,409.21)
Fund Balance - December 31	(1,701,188.15)	(505,542.97)	(354,294.16)	400,120.32	475,307.10	482,898.49	510,870.94	-0-	83,130.66	(608,697.77)

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MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Major Funds

	General	Highway Operating	Oil Impact Grant	Farm to Market Road	Emergency	FEMA Expenses - 2011	Water Resource District	County Building	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:										
Taxes	453,083.71	28,897.56		626,566.74			143,761.02		1,360,451.19	2,612,760.22
Licenses, Permits and Fees	34,693.39	4,780.00							147,014.53	186,487.92
Intergovernmental	2,814,879.01	1,458,753.64	3,932,418.92	31,620.16			47,521.72		1,006,793.29	9,291,986.74
Charges for Services	1,253,506.41	109,701.04							6,157.50	1,369,364.95
Miscellaneous	198,864.82	115,465.26					800.00	1,200.00	469,531.36	785,861.44
Total Revenues	4,755,027.34	1,717,597.50	3,932,418.92	658,186.90			192,082.74	1,200.00	2,989,947.87	14,246,461.27
Expenditures:										
Current:										
General Government	2,785,588.37								222,217.62	3,007,805.99
Public Safety	2,156,123.35								449,958.68	2,606,082.03
Highways and Public Improve.		2,332,549.49	3,527,289.92	1,165,742.94					63,706.97	7,089,289.32
Health and Welfare									709,040.91	709,040.91
Culture and Recreation									90,829.37	90,829.37
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.							164,985.73		204,816.28	369,802.01
Other	46,266.68								198,723.21	244,989.89
Capital Outlay	61,236.00	460,153.00							37,212.00	558,601.00
Debt Service:										
Principal	285,346.22									285,346.22
Interest	212,679.94									212,679.94
Total Expenditures	5,547,240.56	2,792,702.49	3,527,289.92	1,165,742.94			164,985.73		1,976,505.04	15,174,466.68
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(792,213.22)	(1,075,104.99)	405,129.00	(507,556.04)			27,097.01	1,200.00	1,013,442.83	(928,005.41)

<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>									
Transfers In		1,012,000.00						295,958.89	1,307,958.89
Transfers Out		(137,519.14)						(1,170,439.75)	(1,307,958.89)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(137,519.14)	1,012,000.00					(874,480.86)	
Net Change in Fund Balances		(929,732.36)	(63,104.99)	405,129.00	(507,556.04)	27,097.01	1,200.00	138,961.97	(928,005.41)
Fund Balance - January 1		(555,795.42)	286,411.84	(303,851.12)	1,144,208.19	475,307.10	433,862.04	(338,839.24)	902,596.20
Fund Balance - December 31		(1,485,527.78)	223,306.85	101,277.88	636,652.15	475,307.10	433,862.04	(199,877.27)	(25,409.21)

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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (583,288.56)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	852,751.00	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(792,781.00)	59,970.00

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which debt proceeds exceeded repayment of debt.

Debt Proceeds	(1,134,000.00)	
Repayment of Debt	296,232.55	(837,767.45)

Some expenses reported on the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Increase in Interest Payable	(18,470.19)	
Net Decrease in Compensated Absences	20,304.98	
Net Decrease to Pension Expense	11,805.00	13,639.79

Some revenues reported on the statement of activities are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds since they do not represent available resources to pay current expenditures.

Net Decrease in Taxes Receivable		48,761.80
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In the statement of activities, only the gain on the trade-in/disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, this transaction has no effect on financial resources. Thus the net effect of transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins) is to increase net position.

146,933.00

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		(1,151,751.42)
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MCLEAN COUNTY
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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (928,005.41)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay	558,601.00	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(745,643.00)	(187,042.00)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which repayment of debt exceeded debt proceeds.

Debt Proceeds	0.00	
Repayment of Debt	285,346.22	285,346.22

Some expenses reported on the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Increase in Compensated Absences	(32,533.97)	
Net Increase to Pension Expense	(1,241.00)	(33,774.97)

Some revenues reported on the statement of activities are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds since they do not represent available resources to pay current expenditures.

Net Decrease in Taxes Receivable		(6,008.32)
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In the statement of activities, only the gain on the trade-in/disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, this transaction has no effect on financial resources. Thus the net effect of transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins) is to increase net position.

		5,908.00

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		(863,576.48)

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MCLEAN COUNTY
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Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
December 31, 2016

	Agency Funds
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash and Investments	1,658,151.14 =====
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Due to Other Governments	1,658,151.14 =====

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MCLEAN COUNTY
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Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
December 31, 2015

	Agency Funds
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash and Investments	1,896,252.51 =====
<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Due to Other Governments	1,896,252.51 =====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MCLEAN COUNTY
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Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of McLean County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the county. The county has considered all potential component units for which the county is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the county are such that exclusion would cause the county's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Government Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the county to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on McLean County.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within McLean County as a reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, McLean County. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the county's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the county's funds including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental and fiduciary - are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The county reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This is the county's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Highway Operating. This fund accounts for the highway tax distribution from the state of North Dakota. It is the county's primary road maintenance fund. It accounts for all financial resources related to highway maintenance, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Oil Impact Grant. This fund accounts for an oil impact grant from the State of North Dakota used for the maintenance and repair of roads within the county.

Farm to Market Road. This fund accounts for a special levy used for the maintenance and repair of federal aid farm to market roads within the county.

Emergency. This fund accounts for a special levy used to provide services during a county declared emergency.

FEMA Expenses - 2011. This fund accounts for state and federal funding for the purpose of road repairs and maintenance within the county.

Water Resource District. This fund accounts for a special levy and state grants for the purpose of providing resources to mitigate flooding within McLean County.

County Building. This fund accounts for the proceeds of a coal impact loan used for the construction of a new courthouse building.

The county reports the following fund type:

Agency Funds. These funds account for assets held by the county in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The county's agency funds are used to account for various deposits of other governments.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting
and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements: The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. These financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the county gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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

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

D. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and money market accounts.

Investments consist of certificates of deposit stated at cost.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets include plant and equipment. Assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the county as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

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

Buildings	75 years
Machinery and Vehicles	4 to 10 years

F. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated sick leave is reported in the government-wide statement of net position. Compensation for unused sick leave will be granted to all full-time employees upon termination of employment with the county. County employees will be compensated a total of 10% of accumulated sick leave. Compensated absences represent the liability of the county for these employee benefits.

Vested or accumulated vacation leave is not reported in the government-wide statement of net position as it is considered immaterial.

G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

H. Pension

For purposes of measuring net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS); additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

I. Fund Equity

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance." Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position."

Fund Balance - Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the county is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash such as inventories or prepaid expenses) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (i.e., endowment funds).

Restricted - Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the county or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments (i.e., funds restricted by state statute, unspent bond proceeds, grants earned but not spent, debt covenants or taxes raised for a specific purpose).

Committed - Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the county commission through the adoption of a resolution. The county commission also may modify or rescind the commitment.

Assigned - Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the county's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned - Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The county reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative fund balances may be reported in all funds.

Flow Assumptions - When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the county's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the county's policy to use fund balance in the following order:

- * Committed
- * Assigned
- * Unassigned

Net Position - Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used (i.e., the amount that the county has not spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted as described in the fund balance section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

J. Interfund Transactions

In the governmental fund statements, transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

K. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as estimated useful lives in determining depreciation expense); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the county maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal Land Bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investments companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district or any other political subdivision of the State of North Dakota, whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by another state of the United States or other securities approved by the banking board.

At December 31, 2016 the county's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,087,393 and the bank balance was \$3,131,343. Of the bank balance, \$706,554 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$2,424,789 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

At December 31, 2015 the county's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,101,507 and the bank balance was \$3,160,043. Of the bank balance, \$855,522 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining balance of \$2,304,521 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

Credit Risk

The county may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (1) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities or organizations created by an act of Congress.
- (2) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above.
- (3) Certificates of deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (4) Obligations of the State.

At December 31, 2016 the county held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$400,000, which are all considered deposits.

At December 31, 2015 the county held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$400,000, which are all considered deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The county does not have a limit on the amount the county may invest in any one issuer.

Note 3 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due the highway department for roadwork performed for cities, townships, etc. No allowance has been established for estimated uncollectible accounts receivable.

Note 4 TAXES RECEIVABLE

Taxes receivable represent the past two years of uncollected current and delinquent taxes. No allowance has been established for uncollectible taxes and special assessment receivables.

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property taxes levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Any material tax collections are distributed after the end of each month.

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1 and may be paid in two installments. The first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments and the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

Most property owners choose to pay property taxes and special assessments in a single payment on or before February 15 and receive the discount on the property taxes.

Note 5 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

Interfund receivables/payables are created by negative cash balances in various funds. The amounts shown as interfund payables represent the amounts of negative cash in the funds. Interfund receivables/payables for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	<u>Receivable</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Payable</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>December 31, 2016</u>		
Farm to Market Road	694,000.00	
Emergency	475,000.00	
FEMA Expenses - 2011	402,615.47	
General Fund		1,084,720.77
Oil Impact Grant		354,294.16
Social Services		31,985.96
Impound & Towing		13,090.00
Emergency 911		87,524.58
<u>December 31, 2015</u>		
Farm to Market Road	850,000.00	
Emergency	475,000.00	
FEMA Expenses - 2011	294,172.88	
General Fund		972,192.36
County Building		219,925.95
Oil Impact Round 3		34,763.70
Social Services		97,706.23
Impound & Towing		3,315.00
Weed Control		17,563.48
Emergency 911		131,012.84
Law Enforcement Equipment		34,199.27
County Owned Special Assessments		108,494.05

Note 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

December 31, 2016

	<u>Balance</u> <u>January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31</u>
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets</i>				
<i>being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings	8,967,751			8,967,751
Machinery & Vehicles	5,834,489	1,164,801	820,848	6,178,442
Total	<u>14,802,240</u>	<u>1,164,801</u>	<u>820,848</u>	<u>15,146,193</u>
<i>Less accumulated</i>				
<i>depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings	703,198	119,570		822,768
Machinery & Vehicles	2,893,584	673,211	655,731	2,911,064
Total	<u>3,596,782</u>	<u>792,781</u>	<u>655,731</u>	<u>3,733,832</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	<u>11,205,458</u>	<u>372,020</u>	<u>165,117</u>	<u>11,412,361</u>
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December 31, 2015

	<u>Balance</u> <u>January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31</u>
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets</i>				
<i>being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings	8,967,751			8,967,751
Machinery & Vehicles	5,444,168	565,931	175,610	5,834,489
Total	<u>14,411,919</u>	<u>565,931</u>	<u>175,610</u>	<u>14,802,240</u>
<i>Less accumulated</i>				
<i>depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings	583,628	119,570		703,198
Machinery & Vehicles	2,441,699	626,073	174,188	2,893,584
Total	<u>3,025,327</u>	<u>745,643</u>	<u>174,188</u>	<u>3,596,782</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	<u>11,386,592</u>	<u>(179,712)</u>	<u>1,422</u>	<u>11,205,458</u>
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Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the county as follows for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
General Government	71,221	71,221
Public Safety	166,338	167,445
Highways and Public Improve.	538,736	489,391
Culture and Recreation	5,559	6,659
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	10,927	10,927
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>792,781</u>	<u>745,643</u>
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Note 7 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consist of amounts on open account for goods and services received prior to December 31 and chargeable to the appropriations for the periods then ended, but paid for subsequent to that date.

Note 8 INTEREST PAYABLE

Interest payable consists of interest on long-term liabilities accrued to December 31, 2016.

Note 9 UNAVAILABLE REVENUE

Unavailable revenue on the fund financial statements consist of amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, such amounts are measurable but not available and include taxes receivable and prepaid property taxes.

Unavailable revenue on the government-wide financial statements consists of prepaid property taxes.

Note 10 CAPITAL LEASE PAYABLE

The county has entered into the following lease agreements.

Lease-purchase of Caterpillar 140M3 motor grader due in annual installments of \$41,834.22, which includes interest at 2.95%; through May 15, 2022.	227,000.00
Lease-purchase of Caterpillar 140M3 motor grader due in annual installments of \$41,078.62, which includes interest at 2.95%; through May 15, 2022.	222,900.00
Lease-purchase of Caterpillar 140M3 motor grader due in annual installments of \$33,928.10, which includes interest at 2.95%; through May 15, 2022.	184,100.00
Total Capital Leases Payable	<u>634,000.00</u>
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These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes (title transfers at the end of the lease term). The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under these capital leases, and the net present value of the minimum lease payments at December 31, 2016;

Year Ending <u>December 31</u>	<u>Payments</u>
2017	116,840.94
2018	116,840.94
2019	116,840.94
2020	116,840.94
2021	116,840.94
2022	116,840.94
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Total minimum lease payments	701,045.64
Less: amount representing interest	(67,045.64)
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Present value of future minimum lease payments	634,000.00
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Note 11 Long-Term Debt

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities. During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the long-term liabilities - Governmental Activities:

	<u>2016</u>				
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Capital Leases		634,000		634,000	98,138
Bank Loan		500,000		500,000	122,573
Coal Impact Loans	5,516,019		296,233	5,219,786	307,534
Compensated Absences *	115,751		20,305	95,446	
Total	<hr/> 5,631,770	<hr/> 1,134,000	<hr/> 316,538	<hr/> 6,449,232	<hr/> 528,245
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

	<u>2015</u>				
	<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Coal Impact Loans	5,801,365		285,346	5,516,019	296,233
Compensated Absences *	83,217	32,534		115,751	
Total	<hr/> 5,884,582	<hr/> 32,534	<hr/> 285,346	<hr/> 5,631,770	<hr/> 296,233
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

* The changes in compensated absences is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of increases and decreases.

Outstanding debt at December 31, 2016 consists of the following:

General Obligation Debt. General obligation debt is a direct obligation and pledges the full faith and credit of the government. General obligation debt outstanding at December 31, 2016, is as follows:

Bank Loan Payable. The county has entered into the following loan agreement to provide operating funds. The loan payable at December 31, 2016 is as follows:

\$500,000 loan with Farmers Security Bank due in annual installments of \$138,600.23 through May 15, 2020; payments include interest of 5%.	500,000.00 =====
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The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding bank loan are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2017	122,572.83	16,027.40
2018	119,728.87	18,871.36
2019	125,715.31	12,884.92
2020	131,982.99	6,599.15
Total	500,000.00	54,382.83
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Coal Impact Loans. The county has entered into coal impact loans to provide funding for the construction of a new law enforcement center and a county courthouse office building. Payments are withheld from the county's share of coal severance taxes.

\$2,500,000.00 loan dated October 2007 with monthly payments of \$14,822.21 through October 2027, which include interest at 3.75%.	1,581,514.35
\$4,500,000.00 loan dated November 2011 with monthly payments of \$26,679.97 through October 2031, which include interest at 3.75%.	3,638,272.30
Total Coal Impact Loans	5,219,786.65
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The annual requirements to amortize the outstanding coal impact loan are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2017	307,534	190,492
2018	319,267	178,759
2019	331,447	166,579
2020	344,093	153,934
2021	357,220	140,806
2022-2026	2,001,228	488,903
2027-2031	1,558,997	135,844
Total	5,219,787	1,455,316
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Note 12 TRANSFERS

The following is a reconciliation between transfers in and transfers out as reported in the basic financial statements for the years ended December 31:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
<u>December 31, 2016</u>		
General Fund	60,235.64	
Oil Impact Round 1		43,842.46
Oil Impact Round 2		16,393.18
County Building	218,725.95	
General Fund		218,725.95
To close funds.		
General Fund	3,457.17	
Social Security		3,457.17
To transfer prior years tax collections.		
Highway Operating	612,952.92	
Unorganized Township Road		612,952.92
Weed Control	4,142.99	
Leafy Spurge		4,142.99
Oil Impact Round 3	6,287.26	
Veteran's Service Officer	23,094.33	
Disaster Emergency Services	14,340.22	
County Agent	93,601.77	
Law Enforcement Equipment	34,659.92	
General Fund		171,983.50
To subsidize expenditures.		
<u>December 31, 2015</u>		
Highway Operating	1,012,000.00	
Unorganized Township Road		1,012,000.00
Weed Control	7,175.00	
Leafy Spurge		7,175.00
Social Services	151,264.75	
Human Services		151,264.75
Veteran's Service Officer	22,360.26	
Disaster Emergency Services	13,476.11	
County Agent	101,682.77	
General Fund		137,519.14
To subsidize expenditures.		

Note 13 RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The county is also responsible for levying a property tax for the McLean County Senior Citizens and McLean County Historical Society. However, the county's accountability for these entities does not extend beyond levying the tax. In 2016 and 2015, the county remitted \$155,750.56 and \$129,426.56 to the senior citizens and \$18,601.90 and \$17,759.07 to the historical society, respectively.

Note 14 DEFICIT FUND BALANCES

The following funds had deficit balances at December 31:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
General Fund	(1,701,188.15)	(1,485,527.78)
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Highway Operating	(505,542.97)	
Oil Impact Grant	(354,294.16)	
Oil Impact Round 3		(34,763.70)
Social Services	(296,987.07)	(276,978.33)
Impound & Towing	(13,090.00)	(3,315.00)
Weed Control		(67,539.26)
Emergency 911	(88,798.88)	(133,631.98)
Law Enforcement Equip.		(34,199.27)
County Owned Special Assessments	(168.04)	(144,026.68)
<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>		
County Building		(219,925.95)
<u>Agency Funds</u>		
Flexible Benefits	(32,369.09)	(29,287.93)
Morton County OT	(33,832.90)	
Preservation		(2,657.84)
Drug Task Force Seizures		(23,156.06)
Dakota Central Social Services	(329,891.82)	(283,390.14)

The county plans to eliminate these deficit fund balances with future revenue collections and/or transfers from other funds.

Note 15 RISK MANAGEMENT

McLean County is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRIF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The county pays an annual premium to NDRIF for its general liability, automobile and public assets insurance coverage. The coverage by NDRIF is limited to losses of \$6,000,000 per occurrence for general liability and automobile; and \$6,803,198 for public assets.

The county also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The county pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third party insurance carrier for losses in excess of \$1,000,000 per occurrence during a 12 month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the county with a blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The county has worker's compensation with the Department of Workforce Safety and Insurance; and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 16 PENSION PLAN

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54-52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the NDPERS plan is financed by investment income and contributions.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS benefits program is assigned to a Board comprised of seven members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by active membership of the NDPERS system; and one member elected by the retired public employees.

Pension Benefits

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provision or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Members of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016 the Rule of 85 will be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the members' accumulated contributions plus interest.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, life-time monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% Joint and Survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If the surviving spouse dies before the member's accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse's designated beneficiary.

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition of disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Refunds of Member Account Balance

Upon termination, if a member of the Main System is not vested (is not 65 or does not have three years of service), they will receive the accumulated member contributions and vested employer contributions, plus interest, or may elect to receive this amount at a later date. If the member has vested, they have the option of applying for a refund or can remain as a terminated vested participant. If a member terminated and withdrew their accumulated member contribution and is subsequently reemployed, they have the option of repurchasing their previous service.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of covered compensation. Member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 7.12% of covered compensation.

The member's account balance includes the vested employer contributions equal to the member's contributions to an eligible deferred compensation plan. The minimum member contribution is \$25 and the maximum may not exceed the following:

- 1 to 12 months of service -
Greater of one percent of monthly salary or \$25
- 13 to 25 months of service -
Greater of two percent of monthly salary or \$25
- 25 to 36 months of service -
Greater of three percent of monthly salary or \$25
- Longer than 36 months of service -
Greater of four percent of monthly salary or \$25

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense; and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2016, McLean County reported a liability of \$2,938,968 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The county's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the county's share of covered payroll in the Main System pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating Main System employers. At June 30, 2015 the county's proportion was .432212 percent, which was an increase of .002945 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended December 31, 2016 the county recognized pension expense of \$282,871. At December 31, 2016 the county reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources -----	Deferred Inflows of Resources -----
Differences between expected and actual experience	85,263	
Changes in assumptions		261,848
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	339,592	401,634
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	18,101	4,598
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date (see below)	302,859	
Total	<u>745,815</u> =====	<u>668,080</u> =====

\$302,859 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from county contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2017.

Other 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 June 30: -----	
2017	(76,863)
2018	(76,863)
2019	(76,863)
2020	51,338
2021	(45,891)
Thereafter	0

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.50%
Salary increases	4.50% per annum
Investment rate of return	8.00%, net of investment expenses.
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table set back two years for males and three years for females, projected generationally using the SSA 2014 Intermediate Cost scale from 2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Morality Table with ages set back one year for males (not set back for females).

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2015. They are the same as the assumptions used in the July 1, 2015, funding actuarial valuation for NDPERS.

As a result of the 2015 actuarial experience study, the NDPERS Board adopted several changes to the actuarial assumptions effective July 1, 2015. This includes changes to the mortality tables, disability incidence rates, retirement rates, administrative expenses, salary scale, and percent married assumption.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net 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 real rates of return for each major asset class included in the fund's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	31%	6.90%
International Equity	21%	7.55%
Private Equity	5%	11.30%
Domestic Fixed Income	17%	1.52%
International Equity Income	5%	0.45%
Global Real Assets	20%	5.38%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8 percent as of June 30, 2015. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2015, Actuarial Valuation Report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of June 30, 2015. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2015.

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 calculated using the discount rate of 8 percent, as well as what the county's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (7 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (7%)	Current Rate (8%)	1% Increase (9%)
	-----	-----	-----
The county's proportionate share of the net pension liability	4,506,760	3,938,968	1,656,230

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued NDPERS financial report.

Note 17 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

A prior period adjustment was made to the Governmental Activities. This adjustment was made to account for the county's net pension liability less its deferred outflows of resources at December 31, 2014.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	2,149,183.24	2,149,183.24	1,690,978.32	(458,204.92)
Licenses, Permits and Fees	99,200.00	99,200.00	117,722.69	18,522.69
Intergovernmental	2,404,893.00	2,404,893.00	2,421,319.60	16,426.60
Charges for Services	1,230,336.30	1,230,336.30	1,449,849.05	219,512.75
Miscellaneous	185,000.00	185,000.00	195,600.31	10,600.31
Total Revenues	6,068,612.54	6,068,612.54	5,875,469.97	(193,142.57)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General Government	3,015,722.26	3,015,722.26	3,188,630.70	(172,908.44)
Public Safety	2,521,094.48	2,521,094.48	2,438,537.96	82,556.52
Other			45,057.88	(45,057.88)
Capital Outlay	164,000.00	164,000.00	93,861.00	70,139.00
Debt Service:				
Principal			296,232.55	(296,232.55)
Interest			201,793.61	(201,793.61)
Total Expenditures	5,700,816.74	5,700,816.74	6,264,113.70	(563,296.96)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	367,795.80	367,795.80	(388,643.73)	(756,439.53)
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Transfers In			63,692.81	63,692.81
Transfers Out			(390,709.45)	(390,709.45)
Proceeds from Bank Loan			500,000.00	500,000.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			172,983.36	172,983.36
Net Change in Fund Balances	367,795.80	367,795.80	(215,660.37)	(583,456.17)
Fund Balance - January 1	(1,485,527.78)	(1,485,527.78)	(1,485,527.78)	
Fund Balance - December 31	(1,117,731.98)	(1,117,731.98)	(1,701,188.15)	(583,456.17)

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	641,108.39	641,108.39	453,083.71	(188,024.68)
Licenses, Permits and Fees	50,072.00	50,072.00	34,693.39	(15,378.61)
Intergovernmental	2,895,387.00	2,895,387.00	2,814,879.01	(80,507.99)
Charges for Services	1,034,750.00	1,034,750.00	1,253,506.41	218,756.41
Miscellaneous	200,000.00	200,000.00	198,864.82	(1,135.18)
Total Revenues	4,821,317.39	4,821,317.39	4,755,027.34	(66,290.05)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	3,209,929.58	3,209,929.58	2,785,588.37	424,341.21
Public Safety	2,253,736.67	2,253,736.67	2,156,123.35	97,613.32
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	154,969.28	154,969.28		154,969.28
Other			46,266.68	(46,266.68)
Capital Outlay	162,750.00	162,750.00	61,236.00	101,514.00
Debt Service:				
Principal			285,346.22	(285,346.22)
Interest			212,679.94	(212,679.94)
Total Expenditures	5,781,385.53	5,781,385.53	5,547,240.56	234,144.97
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(960,068.14)	(960,068.14)	(792,213.22)	167,854.92
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	50,000.00	50,000.00		(50,000.00)
Transfers Out	(301,751.96)	(301,751.96)	(137,519.14)	164,232.82
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(251,751.96)	(251,751.96)	(137,519.14)	114,232.82
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,211,820.10)	(1,211,820.10)	(929,732.36)	282,087.74
Fund Balance - January 1	(555,795.42)	(555,795.42)	(555,795.42)	
Fund Balance - December 31	(1,767,615.52)	(1,767,615.52)	(1,485,527.78)	282,087.74

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Highway Operating Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	49,870.42	49,870.42	52,716.71	2,846.29
Licenses, Permits and Fees			5,450.00	5,450.00
Intergovernmental	1,504,000.00	1,504,000.00	1,291,792.77	(212,207.23)
Charges for Services	90,000.00	90,000.00	113,227.39	23,227.39
Sale of Road Equipment	100,000.00	100,000.00		(100,000.00)
Miscellaneous	76,000.00	76,000.00	89,592.84	13,592.84
Total Revenues	1,819,870.42	1,819,870.42	1,552,779.71	(267,090.71)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.	3,021,994.42	3,021,994.42	2,769,692.45	252,301.97
Capital Outlay	865,000.00	865,000.00	758,890.00	106,110.00
Total Expenditures	3,886,994.42	3,886,994.42	3,528,582.45	358,411.97
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(2,067,124.00)	(2,067,124.00)	(1,975,802.74)	91,321.26
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>				
Transfers In	750,000.00	750,000.00	612,952.92	(137,047.08)
Proceeds from Capital Lease			634,000.00	634,000.00
Total Other Financing Sources	750,000.00	750,000.00	1,246,952.92	496,952.92
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,317,124.00)	(1,317,124.00)	(728,849.82)	588,274.18
Fund Balance - January 1	223,306.85	223,306.85	223,306.85	
Fund Balance - December 31	(1,093,817.15)	(1,093,817.15)	(505,542.97)	588,274.18

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Highway Operating Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	16,103.32	16,103.32	28,897.56	12,794.24
Licenses, Permits and Fees			4,780.00	4,780.00
Intergovernmental	1,562,800.00	1,562,800.00	1,458,753.64	(104,046.36)
Charges for Services	85,500.00	85,500.00	109,701.04	24,201.04
Sale of Road Equipment	400,000.00	400,000.00		(400,000.00)
Miscellaneous	76,000.00	76,000.00	115,465.26	39,465.26
Total Revenues	2,140,403.32	2,140,403.32	1,717,597.50	(422,805.82)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.	2,242,013.58	2,242,013.58	2,332,549.49	(90,535.91)
Capital Outlay	1,525,000.00	1,525,000.00	460,153.00	1,064,847.00
Total Expenditures	3,767,013.58	3,767,013.58	2,792,702.49	974,311.09
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(1,626,610.26)	(1,626,610.26)	(1,075,104.99)	551,505.27
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>				
Transfers In	300,000.00	300,000.00	1,012,000.00	712,000.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,326,610.26)	(1,326,610.26)	(63,104.99)	1,263,505.27
Fund Balance - January 1	286,411.84	286,411.84	286,411.84	
Fund Balance - December 31	(1,040,198.42)	(1,040,198.42)	223,306.85	1,263,505.27

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Oil Impact Grant Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental			4,207,452.00	4,207,452.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.		4,663,024.04	4,663,024.04	
Net Change in Fund Balances		(4,663,024.04)	(455,572.04)	4,207,452.00
Fund Balance - January 1	101,277.88	101,277.88	101,277.88	
Fund Balance - December 31	101,277.88	(4,561,746.16)	(354,294.16)	4,207,452.00

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Oil Impact Grant Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental			3,932,418.92	3,932,418.92
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.		3,527,289.92	3,527,289.92	
Net Change in Fund Balances		(3,527,289.92)	405,129.00	3,932,418.92
Fund Balance - January 1	(303,851.12)	(303,851.12)	(303,851.12)	
Fund Balance - December 31	(303,851.12)	(3,831,141.04)	101,277.88	3,932,418.92

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Farm to Market Road Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	704,984.20	704,984.20	679,028.09	(25,956.11)
Intergovernmental	36,500.00	36,500.00	31,077.83	(5,422.17)
Total Revenues	741,484.20	741,484.20	710,105.92	(31,378.28)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.	950,000.00	950,000.00	946,637.75	3,362.25
Net Change in Fund Balances	(208,515.80)	(208,515.80)	(236,531.83)	(28,016.03)
Fund Balance - January 1	636,652.15	636,652.15	636,652.15	
Fund Balance - December 31	428,136.35	428,136.35	400,120.32	(28,016.03)

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Farm to Market Road Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	646,632.82	646,632.82	626,566.74	(20,066.08)
Intergovernmental	36,500.00	36,500.00	31,620.16	(4,879.84)
Total Revenues	683,132.82	683,132.82	658,186.90	(24,945.92)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Highways and Public Improve.	970,000.00	970,000.00	1,165,742.94	(195,742.94)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(286,867.18)	(286,867.18)	(507,556.04)	(220,688.86)
Fund Balance - January 1	1,144,208.19	1,144,208.19	1,144,208.19	
Fund Balance - December 31	857,341.01	857,341.01	636,652.15	(220,688.86)

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Water Resource District Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	152,255.00	152,255.00	146,554.82	(5,700.18)
Intergovernmental	325.00	325.00	1,537,519.18	1,537,194.18
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00	150.00	(850.00)
Total Revenues	153,580.00	153,580.00	1,684,224.00	1,530,644.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	152,080.00	152,080.00	1,182,868.83	(1,030,788.83)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,500.00	1,500.00	501,355.17	499,855.17
Fund Balance - January 1	9,515.77	9,515.77	9,515.77	
Fund Balance - December 31	11,015.77	11,015.77	510,870.94	499,855.17

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Water Resource District Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	149,255.00	149,255.00	143,761.02	(5,493.98)
Intergovernmental	325.00	325.00	47,521.72	47,196.72
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00	800.00	(200.00)
Total Revenues	150,580.00	150,580.00	192,082.74	41,502.74
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Conser. and Economic Dvlpmnt.	149,080.00	149,080.00	164,985.73	(15,905.73)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,500.00	1,500.00	27,097.01	25,597.01
Fund Balance - January 1	(17,581.24)	(17,581.24)	(17,581.24)	
Fund Balance - December 31	(16,081.24)	(16,081.24)	9,515.77	25,597.01

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Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules
December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT BUDGET POLICIES

Annually, the board of county commissioners provides each office a department budget. The departments complete their budget and file it with the county auditor. Based upon the departmental budget requests and other financial information, the county auditor prepares the preliminary county budget. The budget is prepared for the general and special revenue funds on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The preliminary budget includes the proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

The board of county commissioners holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may testify in favor or against any proposed expenditures or tax levies requested in the preliminary budget. After the budget hearing and on or before the October meeting, the board adopts the final budget and shall determine the amount of taxes that shall be levied for county purposes and shall levy all such taxes in specific amounts. No expenditure shall be made or liability incurred in excess of the total appropriation by fund, except for transfers as authorized by the North Dakota Century Code Section 11-23-07. However, the board of county commissioners may amend the budget, except for property taxes, during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. The budget amendments must be approved by the board and the approval must be noted in the proceedings of the board.

Note 2

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The governing board approved the following amendments to the county's budgets for the years ending:

December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
<u>Appropriations</u>			
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Oil Impact Grant Fund		4,663,024	4,663,024
Oil Impact Round 3		21,024	21,024
Park Grants		28,348	28,348
Law Enforcement Safety		2,912	2,912
Sobriety Expense		46,977	46,977

December 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
<u>Appropriations</u>			
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Oil Impact Grant Fund		3,527,290	3,527,290
Oil Impact Round 1	58,636	58,636	117,273
Oil Impact Round 2	17,873	17,873	35,746
Disaster Em. Services	29,993	63,610	93,603
County Park	72,421	30,589	103,010

Excess of Actual Expenditures Over Budget

Expenditures exceeded budget in the following funds for the years ending December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
General Fund	563,296.96	
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
Farm to Market Road		195,742.94
** FEMA Expenses - 2011	12,028.64	
Water Resource District	1,030,788.83	15,905.73
*+ Oil Impact Round 3		34,763.70
** Impound and Towing	26,815.00	775.00
** Advertising	250.10	
Disaster Em. Services	10,797.63	
** Social Security	926.35	
Historical Society		309.07
** County Park	73,146.87	
Park Grants	16,625.05	
* Federal Prisoner Transport	6,462.50	6,157.50
** Law Enforcement Equipment	8,107.48	
Sobriety Expense	4,756.00	11,285.00

* A budget was not prepared for these funds for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

** A budget was not prepared for these funds for the year ended December 31, 2016.

*+ A budget was not prepared for these funds for the year ended December 31, 2015.

No remedial action is anticipated or required by the county regarding these excess expenditures.

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2015 -----	2016 -----
County's proportion of the net pension liability	0.429267%	0.432212%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	2,724,649	2,938,968
County's covered-employee payroll	3,718,095	4,030,247
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	73.28%	72.92%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	77.70%	77.15%

Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2015 -----	2016 -----
Statutorily required contribution	247,022	286,953
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(247,022)	(286,953)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	0	0
County's covered-employee payroll	3,718,095	4,030,247
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.64%	7.12%

* Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

- For changes of assumptions, see Note 16 to the financial statements.

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Schedule of Fund Activity
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Balance 1-1-16	Revenues	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Expenditures	Balance 12-31-16
Major Governmental Funds:						
General Fund	(1,485,527.78)	6,375,469.97	63,692.81	390,709.45	6,264,113.70	(1,701,188.15)
Highway Operating	223,306.85	1,552,779.71	612,952.92		2,894,582.45	(505,542.97)
Oil Impact Grant	101,277.88	4,207,452.00			4,663,024.04	(354,294.16)
Farm to Market Road	636,652.15	710,105.92			946,637.75	400,120.32
Emergency	475,307.10					475,307.10
FEMA Expenses - 2011	433,862.04	61,065.09			12,028.64	482,898.49
Water Resource District	9,515.77	1,684,224.00			1,182,868.83	510,870.94
County Building	(219,925.95)	1,200.00	218,725.95			
Total Major Governmental Funds	174,468.06	14,592,296.69	895,371.68	390,709.45	15,963,255.41	(691,828.43)
Non-Major Governmental Funds:						
Oil Impact Round 1	41,289.48	2,552.98		43,842.46		
Oil Impact Round 2	13,629.27	2,818.91		16,393.18	55.00	
Oil Impact Round 3	(34,763.70)	49,500.00	6,287.26		21,023.56	
Unorganized Township Road	2,795.03	611,270.11		612,952.92		1,112.22
Social Services	(276,978.33)	764,292.45			784,301.19	(296,987.07)
Impound and Towing	(3,315.00)	17,040.00			26,815.00	(13,090.00)
County Agent	13,677.53	1,815.82	93,601.77		95,098.31	13,996.81
Advertising	250.10				250.10	
Veteran's Services Officer	772.29		23,094.33		22,880.39	986.23
Disaster Emergency Services	10,776.78	38,896.96	14,340.22		35,914.33	28,099.63
Social Security	926.35	3,550.79		3,457.17	926.35	93.62
Weed Control	(67,539.26)	217,669.40	4,142.99		103,575.89	50,697.24
Leafy Spurge	237.13	4,863.06		4,142.99		957.20
Historical Society	81.11	18,563.40			18,601.90	42.61
County Park	79,499.18				73,146.87	6,352.31
Park Grants	17,863.10	42,785.03			44,972.75	15,675.38
Emergency 911	(133,631.98)	136,795.63			91,962.53	(88,798.88)
Senior Citizens	33,663.38	198,327.13			155,750.56	76,239.95
Hazardous Chemical	25,826.68	2,275.00				28,101.68
Law Enforcement Safety	11.36	3,000.00			2,912.45	98.91
Federal Prisoner Transport	137.50	7,387.50			6,462.50	1,062.50
Law Enforcement Equipment	(34,199.27)	8,438.47	34,659.92		8,107.48	791.64
County Owned Special Assessments	(144,026.68)	143,858.64				(168.04)
Sobriety Expense	26,958.62	56,459.00			51,732.96	31,684.66
Falkirk Mine Road	24,017.80					24,017.80
FEMA Expenses - 2013	202,164.26					202,164.26
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	(199,877.27)	2,332,160.28	176,126.49	680,788.72	1,544,490.12	83,130.66
Total Governmental Funds	(25,409.21)	16,924,456.97	1,071,498.17	1,071,498.17	17,507,745.53	(608,697.77)

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Schedule of Fund Activity
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	Balance 1-1-16	Revenues	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Expenditures	Balance 12-31-16
<u>Agency Funds:</u>						
Flexible Benefits	(29,287.93)				3,081.16	(32,369.09)
State Tax	16,971.10	66,228.58			68,834.95	14,364.73
Garrison Diversion	17,006.39	73,478.15			76,106.26	14,378.28
County Library	68,020.82	316,235.88			326,744.15	57,512.55
First District Health Unit	54,473.88	143,775.52			162,975.00	35,274.40
Morton County OT (DAPL Reimb.)		26,375.49			60,208.39	(33,832.90)
County Fair	295.42	914.10			1,187.16	22.36
County Equalization		128.56			128.56	
Estimate	411.02	11,918.55			12,148.85	180.72
Game and Fish	19,399.00	35,275.00			54,674.00	
Domestic Violence	35.00	1,120.00			1,120.00	35.00
Reynolds Cattle Trust	2,688.45					2,688.45
Victim/Witness	900.00	7,411.00			7,746.00	565.00
Juvenile Justice Grant	241.20					241.20
Parole/Probation	4,080.00					4,080.00
Jobs Promotion		1,600.00			1,600.00	
Strawberry Lake Special Assmts.	10,657.95	34,071.52			37,776.20	6,953.27
Brush Lake Special Assmts.	12,647.30	36,664.67			45,811.97	3,500.00
Spring Creek RSD Specials	2,857.63	7,567.67			8,063.05	2,362.25
Preservation	(2,657.84)	15,693.50			1,378.43	11,657.23
Drug Task Force Seizures	(23,156.06)	67,964.84			15,504.00	29,304.78
Underwood Safe House	4,538.00					4,538.00
McLean County Safe House	1,000.00					1,000.00
Rescue Boat Operations	12.43	1,443.35			1,445.85	9.93
Dakota Central Social Services	(283,390.14)	2,250,231.31			2,296,732.99	(329,891.82)
Dakota Central Human Services	82,313.97	2,200.00			17,021.79	67,492.18
Total Cities	337,687.72	1,884,548.24			1,834,157.26	388,078.70
Total City Parks	59,953.64	279,854.84			287,943.05	51,865.43
Total School Districts	1,268,558.52	5,098,733.96			5,238,813.43	1,128,479.05
Total Townships	80,207.55	554,045.77			575,370.75	58,882.57
Total Rural Fire Districts	82,357.19	368,833.16			371,191.79	79,998.56
Total Ambulance Districts	64,959.70	267,836.94			277,894.78	54,901.86
Total Soil Conservation Dist.	42,470.60	169,768.39			176,360.54	35,878.45
Total Agency Funds	1,896,252.51	11,723,918.99			11,962,020.36	1,658,151.14
Total All Funds	1,870,843.30	28,648,375.96	1,071,498.17	1,071,498.17	29,469,765.89	1,049,453.37

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Schedule of Fund Activity
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Balance 1-1-15	Revenues	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Expenditures	Balance 12-31-15
Major Governmental Funds:						
General Fund	(555,795.42)	4,755,027.34		137,519.14	5,547,240.56	(1,485,527.78)
Highway Operating	286,411.84	1,717,597.50	1,012,000.00		2,792,702.49	223,306.85
Oil Impact Grant	(303,851.12)	3,932,418.92			3,527,289.92	101,277.88
Farm to Market Road	1,144,208.19	658,186.90			1,165,742.94	636,652.15
Emergency	475,307.10					475,307.10
FEMA Expenses - 2011	433,862.04					433,862.04
Water Resource District	(17,581.24)	192,082.74			164,985.73	9,515.77
County Building	(221,125.95)	1,200.00				(219,925.95)
Total Major Governmental Funds	1,241,435.44	11,256,513.40	1,012,000.00	137,519.14	13,197,961.64	174,468.06
Non-Major Governmental Funds:						
Oil Impact Round 1	(4,326.53)	105,040.14			59,424.13	41,289.48
Oil Impact Round 2	(60,195.10)	93,346.36			19,521.99	13,629.27
Oil Impact Round 3					34,763.70	(34,763.70)
Emergency Repairs	(195,945.12)	259,555.49			63,610.37	
Unorganized Township Road	5,078.79	1,009,716.24		1,012,000.00		2,795.03
Human Services	12.40	151,252.35		151,264.75		
Social Services	(206,605.18)	487,403.01	151,264.75		709,040.91	(276,978.33)
Impound and Towing		3,460.00			6,775.00	(3,315.00)
County Agent	4,266.96	1,743.95	101,682.77		94,016.15	13,677.53
Advertising	(2,799.90)	3,050.00				250.10
Veteran's Services Officer	918.52		22,360.26		22,506.49	772.29
Disaster Emergency Services	16,425.02	22,655.53	13,476.11		41,779.88	10,776.78
Social Security	(46,602.62)	269,746.59			222,217.62	926.35
Weed Control	(23,390.64)	59,573.11	7,175.00		110,896.73	(67,539.26)
Leafy Spurge	305.06	7,107.07		7,175.00		237.13
Historical Society	55.12	17,785.06			17,759.07	81.11
County Park	58,514.56	101,224.92			80,240.30	79,499.18
Park Grants	17,863.10					17,863.10
Emergency 911	(56,306.41)	121,396.03			198,721.60	(133,631.98)
Senior Citizens	(16,114.95)	179,204.89			129,426.56	33,663.38
Hazardous Chemical	23,176.68	2,650.00				25,826.68
Law Enforcement Safety	11.36					11.36
Federal Prisoner Transport	137.50	6,157.50			6,157.50	137.50
Law Enforcement Equipment	(1,017.39)	15,931.00			49,112.88	(34,199.27)
County Owned Special Assessments	(97,316.15)	79.66			46,790.19	(144,026.68)
Sobriety Expense	18,833.62	71,869.00			63,744.00	26,958.62
Falkirk Mine Road	24,017.80					24,017.80
FEMA Expenses - 2013	202,164.26					202,164.26
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	(338,839.24)	2,989,947.90	295,958.89	1,170,439.75	1,976,505.07	(199,877.27)
Total Governmental Funds	902,596.20	14,246,461.30	1,307,958.89	1,307,958.89	15,174,466.71	(25,409.21)

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Schedule of Fund Activity
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015
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	Balance 1-1-15	Revenues	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Expenditures	Balance 12-31-15
Agency Funds:						
Flexible Benefits	(25,468.31)				3,819.62	(29,287.93)
State Tax	14,539.71	65,607.72			63,176.33	16,971.10
Garrison Diversion	14,560.25	75,832.81			73,386.67	17,006.39
County Library	57,807.64	318,721.21			308,508.03	68,020.82
First District Health Unit	57,036.51	152,717.37			155,280.00	54,473.88
County Fair	14,856.19	53,597.51			68,158.28	295.42
County Equalization		331.22			331.22	
Estimate	471.33	15,171.38			15,231.69	411.02
Game and Fish	27,138.00	93,950.00			101,689.00	19,399.00
Domestic Violence		1,120.00			1,085.00	35.00
Reynolds Cattle Trust	2,688.45					2,688.45
Victim/Witness	685.00	7,695.00			7,480.00	900.00
Ed Byrne Grant		17,888.00			17,888.00	
Juvenile Justice Grant	241.20					241.20
Parole/Probation	4,080.00					4,080.00
Jobs Promotion		1,600.00			1,600.00	
Strawberry Lake Special Assmts.	7,685.00	42,089.84			39,116.89	10,657.95
Brush Lake Special Assmts.	5,200.00	24,543.60			17,096.30	12,647.30
Spring Creek RSD Specials		2,857.63				2,857.63
Preservation	17,509.89	22,521.00			42,688.73	(2,657.84)
Drug Task Force Seizures	12,756.70	24,377.12			60,289.88	(23,156.06)
Underwood Safe House	4,538.00					4,538.00
McLean County Safe House	1,000.00					1,000.00
Rescue Boat Operations	7.51	1,592.78			1,587.86	12.43
Dakota Central Social Services	(1,074,715.84)	3,024,816.96			2,233,491.26	(283,390.14)
Dakota Central Human Services	945,707.95	404,564.55			1,267,958.53	82,313.97
Total Cities	299,238.99	1,806,695.40			1,768,246.67	337,687.72
Total City Parks	51,680.17	268,985.04			260,711.57	59,953.64
Total School Districts	969,752.03	4,735,590.09			4,436,783.60	1,268,558.52
Total Townships	70,113.54	758,096.81			748,002.80	80,207.55
Total Rural Fire Districts	73,942.64	378,760.71			370,346.16	82,357.19
Total Ambulance Districts	47,272.43	244,561.31			226,874.04	64,959.70
Total Soil Conservation Dist.	171,902.48	162,040.39			291,472.27	42,470.60
Total Agency Funds	1,772,227.46	12,706,325.45			12,582,300.40	1,896,252.51
Total All Funds	2,674,823.66	26,952,786.75	1,307,958.89	1,307,958.89	27,756,767.11	1,870,843.30

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Number	Expenditures	
			2016	2015
<u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>				
Passed Through ND State Treasurer:				
Payments to States in Lieu of Real Estate Taxes	12.112		2,905.04	7,485.01
<u>U.S. Department of the Interior</u>				
Direct Program:				
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	15.226		402,415.00	395,208.00
Passed Through ND State Treasurer:				
Minerals Leasing Act	15.437		146.99	146.12
Passed Through State Game and Fish Department:				
Sport Fish Restoration	15.605		3,187.50	6,707.29
Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education	15.611		29,763.77	24,257.55
Fish and Wildlife Coordination and Assistance	15.664			42,185.00
Total Passed Through State Game and Fish Department			32,951.27	73,149.84
Total U.S. Department of the Interior			435,513.26	468,503.96
<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>				
Passed Through the State Department of Health:				
Stop Violence against Women Formula Grants	16.588		10,250.00	14,106.93
Passed Through the State Attorney General's Office:				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738		4,416.90	6,388.00
Total U.S. Department of Justice			14,666.90	20,494.93
<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u>				
Passed Through State Department of Transportation:				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205			786.39
Alcohol Traffic Safety Incentive Grant	20.601			4,500.44
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616		8,909.42	12,876.97
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			8,909.42	18,163.80

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For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015
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Federal Grantor Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Grant Number	Expenditures	
			2016	2015
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
Passed Through State Dept. of Human Services:				
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556		667.41	3,100.77
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558		101,242.45	146,586.00
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds	93.596		9,378.91	13,216.57
Child Welfare Services - State Grant	93.645		5,873.00	8,087.36
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658		113,844.36	133,711.24
Adoption Assistance	93.659		2,253.59	1,498.49
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		330.66	
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant	93.994		1,980.10	1,743.47
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			235,570.48	307,943.90
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>				
Passed Through State Department of Emergency Services:				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036		56,658.33	
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039		21,542.73	
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042		20,531.00	22,655.53
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067		11,043.00	
Total Passed Through State Department of Emergency Services			109,775.06	22,655.53
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			807,340.16	845,247.13

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The de minimis indirect cost rate was not used.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
McLean County
Washburn, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of McLean County, Washburn, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 14, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the county's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the county's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audits we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control or on compliance. This is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the county's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Rath and Mehrer

Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

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April 14, 2017

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND REPORT ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
McLean County
Washburn, North Dakota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited McLean County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the county's major federal programs for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The county's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and responses.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to each of its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the county's major federal programs based on our audits of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audits of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the county's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audits do not provide a legal determination of the county's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the county complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of McLean County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audits of compliance, we considered the county's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Rath and Mehrer

Rath and Mehrer, P.C.

Bismarck, North Dakota

April 14, 2017

MCLEAN COUNTY
Washburn, North Dakota

Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS:

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:
Governmental Activities Unmodified
Major Governmental Funds Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

* Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No
* Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ Yes X None Reported
Noncompliance Material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major program(s):

* Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No
* Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ Yes X None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major program(s): Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516 (a)? _____ Yes X No

Identification of major program(s):

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
15.426	Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _____ Yes X No

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS:

No matters were reported

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

No matters were reported