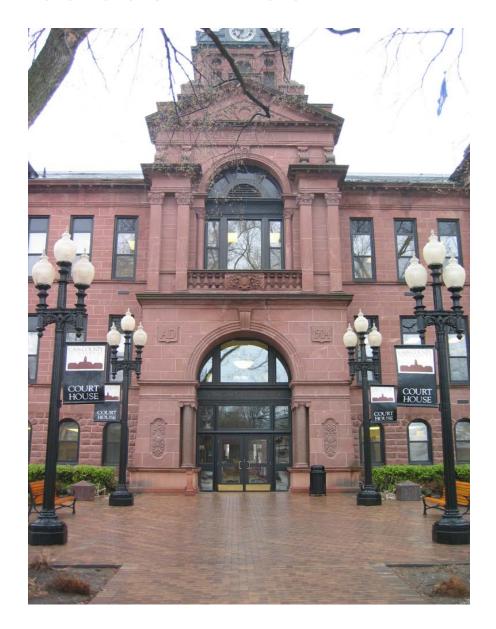
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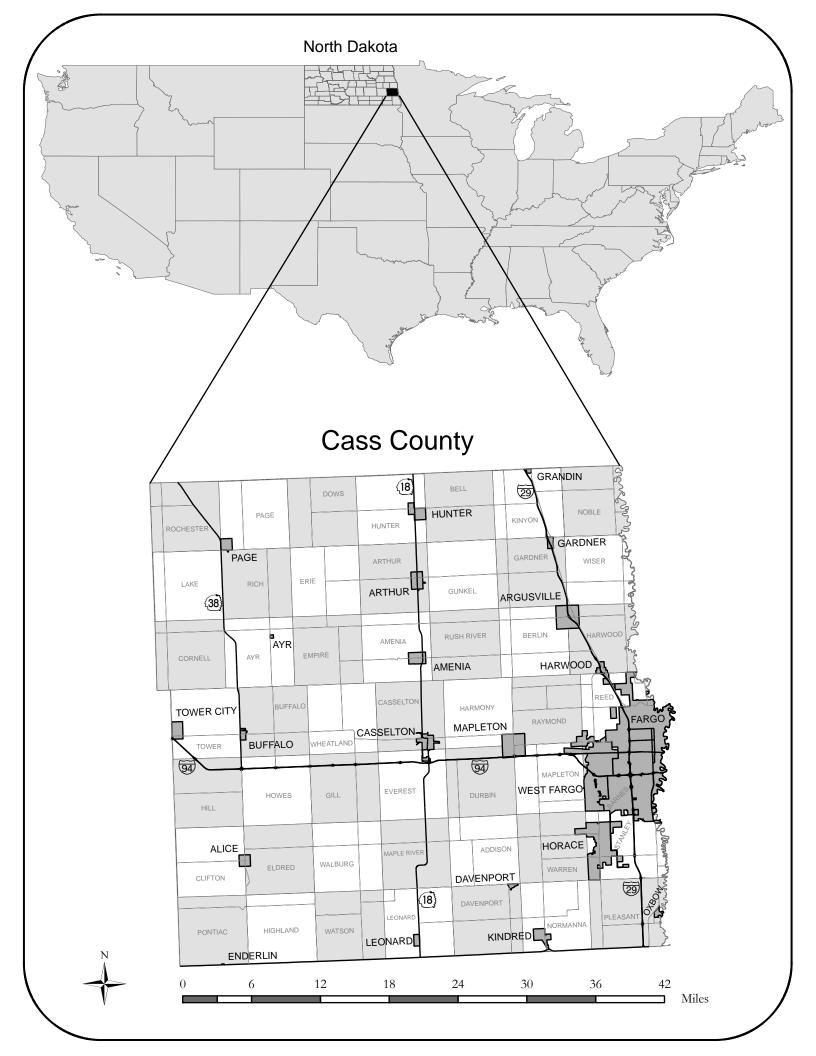
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008 Fargo, North Dakota

CASS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

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Prepared by the County Auditor's Office



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INTRODUCTORY SECTION



May 31, 2009

Auditor

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Treasurer

Charlotte Sandvik 701-241-5611

Director of Equalization

Frank Klein 701-241-5616 The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of Cass County is hereby submitted for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

This report was prepared by the County Auditor's Office. The responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the County. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds of the County. necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the County's financial activities have been included.

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that assets are protected from loss, theft, or misuse, and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived, and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

As a recipient of federal and state financial assistance, the County also is responsible for ensuring that an adequate internal control structure is in place to comply with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. This internal control structure is subject to periodic evaluation by management.

The Office of the State Auditor has audited the County's financial statements. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified opinion that the County's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The auditor's report is included in the Financial Section of this report.

Federal funds received by the County are also subject to an annual program compliance audit under the requirements of the Single Audit Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. As part of the government's single audit, tests are made to determine the adequacy of the internal control structure, including that portion related to federal financial assistance programs, as well as to determine that the government has complied with applicable laws and Fargo, North Dakota 58103 regulations. There were no instances of material weaknesses in the internal control structure. The results of this examination for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 are incorporated in a separate report.

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The Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) is a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the county. The MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditors' report (page 11). This letter of transmittal is intended to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it.

The Notes to the Financial Statements are considered an integral and essential part of adequate disclosure and fair presentation of the basic financial statements. The notes include the summary of significant accounting policies applied to the matters relating to the financial position and results of operations of the County. The notes provide significant insight and are necessary to understand the financial statements.

Profile of the Government

Cass County is located on the eastern edge of North Dakota, bordering along the Red River, the boundary between North Dakota and Minnesota. The Red River Valley is one of the most fertile agricultural areas in the world. The economic condition and outlook of the County have remained strong; the County population grew almost twenty percent from 1990 to 2000, according to the latest census figures, while the overall increase in statewide population was less than one percent. Two of the fastest growing cities in North Dakota are located in Cass County, including the City of Fargo, home of the County Courthouse and administrative offices.

A board of five members elected for four-year terms governs the county. Each commissioner represents a population district of the county. The commissioners make policies regulating the functions of the many departments and see that these are carried out. Responsibilities of the board are: levy taxes, appropriations, authorize bonds, set salaries, approve bills, accept bids, and approve the annual county budget, just to mention a few

The County provides a full range of services. These services include tax assessment and collection; law enforcement and jail services; social services and public health services; the construction and maintenance of highways; and general administrative services.

The County is also accountable to the citizens of the county for the decisions and financial obligations of boards that are appointed by the governing body of the county. The County Commission appoints all of the board members for the Vector, Noxious Weed, and the four water resource districts located in the county. In addition to appointing the governing boards of these districts, the county is responsible for approving their budgets and tax levies. The activities of the Vector, Noxious Weed, and the four water resource districts are combined and shown in the component unit column of the financial statements.

The County supports, through grants, various senior citizen boards, ambulance and rescue squad boards, the fair board, and the historical society board. The County is not responsible for the activities of these boards and accordingly their financial information has not been included in this report. Note 1 of the Notes to the Financial Statements defines the reporting entity.

Readers of this report are reminded that certain assets reported in agency funds are held in the name of the County and represent funds held for others in a fiduciary capacity and, as such, are not available for the general use of the County.

Local Economy

Cass County is home to the state's second largest university, North Dakota State University, with a student body of over 10,500. Also serving the region are another state university and a private college, both located across the river in Moorhead, Minnesota.

The area is well known for quality health care services, with two major medical facilities, Dakota Clinic and the affiliated Innovis Hospital, and Meritcare Health System. Dakota Clinic and Innovis Hospital were recently purchased by Essential Health who has plans for major additions to the facilities. These facilities serve a large area in both North Dakota and Minnesota, and have a combined daily patient volume of approximately 400 patients.

Cass County is a regional trade center that draws from eastern North Dakota, western Minnesota, and central Canada. Taxable sales and purchases through the fourth quarter of 2008 were \$2.5 billion, which represents a 5.2 percent increase from 2007. Sales have increased by an average 4 percent over the last ten years.

Long-Term Financial Planning

Over the past ten years, the taxable valuation of the County has been growing at an average rate of over 7.0 percent, and the population, as noted above, has been growing at an average rate of 2.0 percent. The taxable valuation growth has occurred mainly in the service industry and in new home construction. These growth trends are expected to continue. The county continues to manage resources through budgeting policies.

The County Commission is required to adopt an annual budget on or before October 1 of each year. The objective of budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the County Commission and to give County departments definite guidelines for operations. The County is legally required to maintain budgetary control (that is, the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount) at the fund level. The County's budgetary policy includes provisions for maintaining reserves at an adequate level (7% to 10% of budgeted expenditures) for each separate fund. The County also requires officials to maintain budgetary control at the department level.

With the continued growth through out the county many departments are experiencing case load increases which has resulted in need for increased staff. The county has hired consultants to review statistical information on work loads and to help with long-term growth and planning for the future. The results of this study will be used in the preparation of the planning process to build an addition to the courthouse.

Relevant Financial Policies

Cash Management

Cash is pooled for the purpose of increasing interest income through investment activities. Cash is primarily invested in demand deposits, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. These amounts must be deposited in a financial institution situated and doing business within the state. The majority of County investments are short term.

Risk Management

The County is self-insured for various types of risk including group medical employee benefits and unemployment insurance. Insurance liability reserves as of December 31, 2008 are considered adequate by management to cover the ultimate cost to defend or settle claims arising from these risks.

Awards

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Cass County for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. This was the fourteenth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

Acknowledgments

The preparation of this report could not have been completed if it had not been for the commitment of the County Commission in improving the accounting, budgeting, and financial operation of the County. The Commission has provided the support and fiscal resources necessary to make this report possible. I would also like to acknowledge the professional expertise of Mary Matheson and Alicia Ulberg, Accountants, and DeAnn Buckhouse, principal secretary, who assisted in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Montplaisir, CPA

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County Auditor

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Presented to

Cass County Government North Dakota

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2007

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFRs) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.



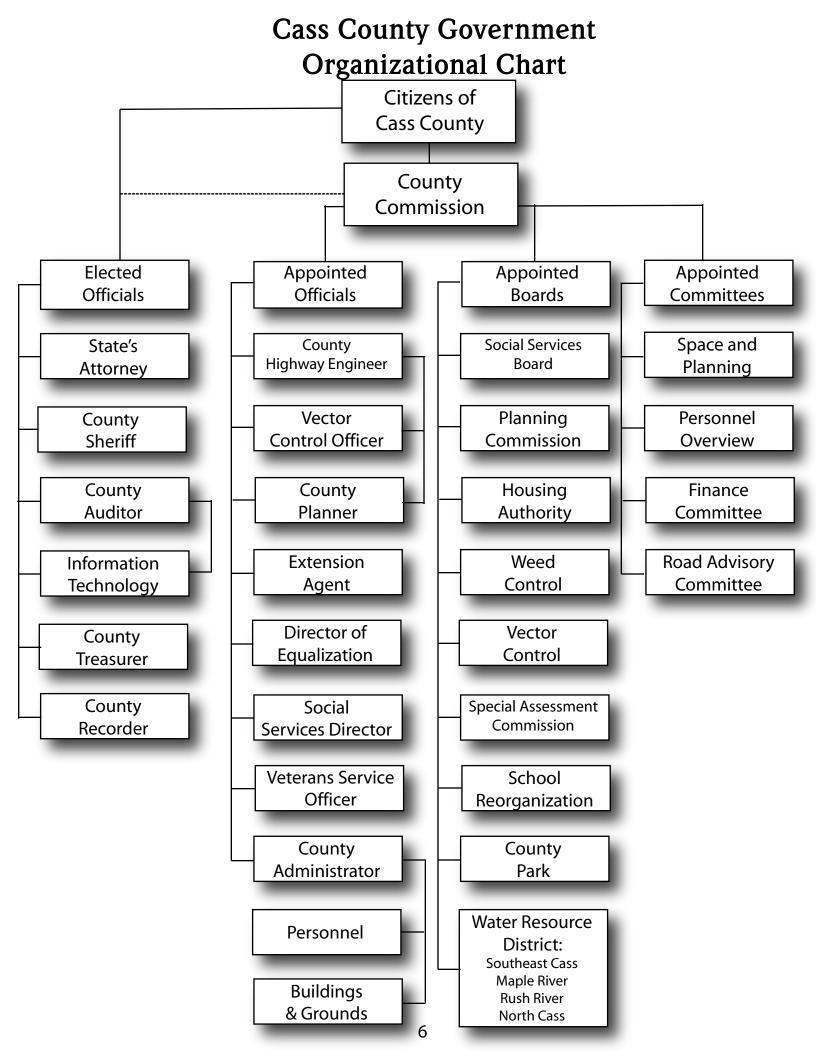
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CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT COUNTY OFFICIALS

Current Officials

Commissioners:	Robyn Sorum, Chairman Scott Wagner Kenneth Pawluk Darrell Vanyo Vern Bennett
Auditor:	Michael Montplaisir
Treasurer:	Charlotte Sandvik
Sheriff:	Paul Laney
Recorder:	Jewel Spies
States Attorney:	Birch Burdick
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Governing Board of Cass County Fargo, North Dakota

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund, the human service fund, and the county road and bridge fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued under separate cover, our report dated May 29, 2009 on our consideration of Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit preformed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 11 through 18 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, combining schedules of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance — budget and actual, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, combining schedules of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance — budget and actual have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Robert R. Peterson

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State Auditor

May 29, 2009

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The County's management discussion and analysis offers readers of the County's financial statements a narrative overview and analysis of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, and in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- At December 31, 2008, the net assets of Cass County Government exceeded liabilities by \$119,388,810. Net assets invested in capital assets (net of depreciation and related debt) accounted for nearly 88% of this amount, with a value of \$105,044,599. Of the remaining net assets, \$2,720,921 is restricted for special purposes, \$8,922,459 is restricted for capital projects, and \$2,697,911 is unrestricted and may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors, without legal restriction.
- At December 31, 2008, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$13,831,440, a decrease of \$3,284,490 over the previous year.
- At December 31, 2008, the unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,830,637 or 14% of total general fund expenditures.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. They consist of the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities.

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

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during fiscal year 2008. All changes in net assets 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 this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods. Items such as uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave will be included in the Statement of Activities as revenues and expenses, even though the cash associated with these items will not be received or distributed in 2008.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the County include general government, public safety, highways and streets, conservation and economic development, relief and charities, and culture and recreation.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the County itself (known as the primary government), but also the following legally separate component units: Southeast Cass Water Resource District, Maple River Water Resource District, North Cass Water Resource District, Rush River Water Resource District, Cass County Vector Control District, and Cass County Noxious Weed District. Financial information for these component units is reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government itself.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 19-21 of this report.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All funds of the County can be divided into three categories: Governmental Funds, Proprietary Funds, and Fiduciary Funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide statements. By doing so,

readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's nearterm financing decisions. The Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance provide reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The County maintains thirty individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and in the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for the General, Human Services, County Road and Bridge, Future Building and Jail Construction Funds, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other twenty-five governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements in the supplementary information section of this report.

The County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general, budgeted special revenue, and debt service funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for these funds to demonstrate budgetary compliance.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 24-37 of this report. Combining component unit statements can be found on pages 38-41.

Proprietary Funds

The county maintains one type of proprietary fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions. The County uses internal service funds to account for its health insurance, dental insurance, telephone trust, and motor pool. Because these services benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

All internal service funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation in the proprietary fund financial statements. Individual fund data for the internal service funds is provided in the form of combining statements in the supplementary information section of this report.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 34-36 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the County's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is similar to proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 37 of this report.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 42-66 of this report.

OTHER INFORMATION

The combining statements referred to on page 13 in connection with non-major governmental funds and internal service funds are presented in the supplementary information section of this report. Combining and individual fund schedules can be found on pages 67-114 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve, over time, as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, Cass County's assets exceeded liabilities by \$119,375,335.

Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2008 and 2007

	Governmental Activities			
	2008			2007
Current and Other Assets	\$	26,150,741	\$	29,923,155
Capital Assets		105,633,777		97,115,550
Total Assets	\$	131,784,518	\$	127,038,705
Long-Term Liabilities	\$	1,198,074	\$	1,403,594
Other Liabilities		11,197,633		11,884,549
Total Liabilities	\$	12,395,707	\$	13,288,143
Net Assets: Invested in Capital Assets Net				
of Related Debt	\$	105,044,599	\$	96,422,671
Restricted		11,646,300		13,536,598
Unrestricted		2,697,911		3,791,292
Total Net Assets	\$	119,388,810	\$	113,750,562
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The largest portion of the County's net assets (87.9 %), reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, and equipment), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investments in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the County's net assets (9.7 %) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets \$2,697,911 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. Total Net Assets increased by over \$5 million. The main reason for the increase was the result of various county road improvement projects that were funded by capital grants and private sources.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Governmental activities increased the County's net assets by \$5,638,257. Key elements in changes in net assets are shown in the following table.

	Governmental				
	Activities				
Revenues:		2008		2007	
Program Revenues:				_	
Charges for Services	\$	4,225,915	\$	6,225,796	
Operating Grants and Contributions		11,530,050		11,424,686	
Capital Grants and Contributions		1,144,856		1,365,000	
General Revenues:					
Property Taxes		24,584,536		22,794,242	
Sales Tax		3,443		9,060	
Estate Tax		13,200		93,929	
State Share Revenues		3,551,164		3,101,960	
Other		1,216,547		1,800,899	
Total Revenues	\$	46,269,711	\$	46,815,572	
Expenses:					
General Government	\$	5,948,114	\$	5,725,081	
Public Safety		13,844,524		14,649,223	
Highways and Streets		8,202,883		7,680,829	
Relief and Charities		10,115,364		10,349,353	
Conservation Economic Development		1,750,024		1,648,980	
Culture & Recreation		701,706		691,406	
Interest on Long-Term Debt		68,837		57,868	
Total Expenses	\$	40,631,453	\$	40,802,741	
Increase in Net Assets	\$	5,638,259	\$	6,012,830	
Net Assets – January 1		113,750,562		107,737,729	
Net Assets – December 31	\$	119,388,810	\$	113,750,562	

Total revenues for 2008 were \$46,259,711. Property tax revenue accounted for 53% of total revenues. Other taxes accounted for less than 1%, operating grants accounted for 23%, capital grants accounted for 2%, and the remaining 21% came from charges for services, state shared revenues and interest income.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The County has three fund categories: Governmental Funds, Proprietary Funds and Fiduciary Funds.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The focus of the County's governmental funds is to provide information on nearterm inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. In particular, the unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of fiscal year 2008, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$13,831,440, a decrease of \$3,284,490 compared with the previous year. The General, Human Services, County Road and Bridge, Future Building and Jail Construction Funds are reported as major funds.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At the end of the fiscal year 2008, unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$2,830,637, while total fund balance was \$3,112,246. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unreserved fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 14% of total General Fund expenditures.

The County's General Fund balance increased by \$594,218 during 2008 as a result of the county's governing board efforts to closely match revenues with expenses each year. The County Commission has a policy of maintaining a cash reserve of approximately 10% of budgeted expenditures. When the reserve is greater than 10% the County Commission adjusts tax rates to decrease revenue and bring the reserve closer to the 10% goal.

The Human Service Fund balance at December 31, 2008 was \$1,905,149 – a increase of \$218,512 over December 2007. The increase was primarily due to an increase in property tax collections as a result of increased property valuations.

The fund balance of the County Road and Bridge Fund at December 31, 2008 was \$(1,935,246). This was a decrease of \$3,655,692 over 2007. The decrease was the result of an increase in construction projects. The county commission approved completing projects that were originally planned for 2009 to be completed in 2008 due to the anticipation that construction costs were going to continue increasing with the poor national economic forecasts. To fund the increased projects, the County's Future Building Fund loaned the County Road and Bridge fund \$2,000,000 to be paid back from future property tax collections.

The Future Building Fund is funded by estate tax collections and as such the revenue is extremely unpredictable. The fund is used for building renovations and minor construction projects. The fund balance at December 31, 2008 was \$8,763,918; an increase of \$275,385 over December 2007. The increase in fund balance was due to increased interest income.

The fund balance of the Jail Construction Fund was \$4,380 at December 31, 2008; a decrease of \$843,084. This fund was established to provide for the construction, maintenance, operation, and future expansion of the county jail. During the 2008 year the county purchased land near the jail in anticipation of future expansion.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Differences between the General Fund's original budget and the final amended budget were \$551,608 in revenues and \$560,892 in expenditures. The budgeted revenues and expenditures increased due to a homeland security grant awarded to the county.

The General Fund's actual revenue was \$221,409 under the final budget and the actual expenditures were \$1,121,932 less than the final budget. The variance is a result of the departments under spending their budgets.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2008, the County's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities, net of accumulated depreciation, amounts to \$105,633,776. This investment in capital assets includes, land, construction in progress, buildings, improvement other than buildings, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure. The total increase in the County's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$8,518,226.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Land purchased for future jail expansion facility.
- Construction of road and bridge infrastructure.
- Replacement of sheriff vehicles and heavy equipment for the road department.

The following is a schedule of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2008 and 2007:

	Governmental				
	 Activities				
	 2008	2007			
Land	\$ 10,976,013	\$	9,096,329		
Construction in Progress	8,799,612		1,157,436		
Buildings	22,490,285		23,064,807		
Improvement Other than					
Buildings	2,166,076		2,081,981		
Machinery and Equipment	3,205,458		3,406,087		
Infrastructure	 57,996,332		58,308,910		
Total	\$ 105,633,776	\$	97,115,550		
					

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Note 5 on page 54-57 of this report.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At the end of fiscal year 2008, the County had total debt outstanding of \$2,835,250. Of this amount, \$894,076 is special assessment debt for which the government is liable in the event of default by the property owners subject to the assessment. The remainder of the County's debt consists of special assessments payable, leases payable, and compensated absences.

The following is a schedule of the outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 2008 and 2007:

		Governmental Activities				
		2008 2007				
Special Assessment Bonds	\$	810,704	\$	894,076		
Special Assessments Payable		- 3,97				
Leases Payable		589,178 692,879				
Compensated Absences	_	1,288,255		1,244,325		
Total	\$	2,688,137	\$	2,835,250		

Additional information on the County's debt can be found in Note 7 on pages 57-64 of this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

- The unemployment rate for the County at December 31, 2008 was 3.1%.
- The taxable value of all property located in the county has increased by over 4% in each year for the last five years.
- The taxable sales in the county increased by 5.2% from the prior fiscal year.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to present users with a general overview of the County's finances and to demonstrate the County's accountability. If you have questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or need additional financial information, contact the County Auditor's Office, Box 2806, Fargo, ND 58108-2806.

BASIC FINANCIAL
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CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2008

	Primary				
	Government				
	Governmental			Component	
		Activities		Units	
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	22,157,781	\$	6,068,514	
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):	Ψ	22,137,701	Ψ	0,000,314	
Accounts		153,171		14,469	
Due From Primary Government		100,171		23,597	
Delinquent Tax		538,699		85,130	
Due From Other Governments		2,123,028		35,414	
Special Assessments		2,120,020		20,755	
Inventories		225,450		58,311	
Prepaids		252,852		11,248	
Uncertified Special Assessments Receivable		699,760		7,224,053	
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:		000,700		7,224,000	
Land		10,976,013		10,317,649	
Construction in progress		8,799,612		1,159,500	
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation):		0,. 00,0.1		.,,	
Buildings		22,490,285		22,990	
Improvements other than buildings		2,166,076		-	
Machinery and equipment		3,205,458		188,773	
Infrastructure		57,996,332		86,366,983	
Total assets	\$	131,784,518	\$	111,597,385	
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LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	917,572	\$	205,382	
Retainages Payable		332,321		41,482	
Interest Payable		27,691		43,976	
Deposits		254,729		-	
IBNR Claims		207,475		-	
Due to Inmates		3,881		-	
Unearned Revenue		7,963,901		232,212	
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Due within one year		1,490,063		678,887	
Due in more than one year		1,198,074		6,735,083	
Total liabilities	\$	12,395,707	\$	7,937,022	
NET ASSETS					
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	\$	105,044,599	Ф	94,906,156	
Restricted for:	Φ	105,044,599	Φ	94,900,130	
General Government		606 240			
Public Safety		686,348 339,730		-	
Relief and Charities		1,597,598		-	
Culture and Recreation				_	
Conservation of Natural Resources		97,245		5,061,888	
Debt Service		2,920		7,928,207	
Capital Projects		8,922,459		1,320,201	
Unrestricted		2,697,912		(4,235,888)	
Total Net assets	\$	119,388,810	\$	103,660,362	
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Program Revenues				
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
	Lxperises	Jei vices	Contributions	Contributions	
Functions/Programs					
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 5,948,114	\$ 1,639,442	\$ -	\$ -	
Public safety	13,844,524	2,150,517	725,140	-	
Highways and streets	8,202,883	316,572	7,632,674	1,144,856	
Relief and charities	10,115,364	74,343	2,802,802	-	
Conservation & economic development	1,750,024	42,266	105,585	-	
Culture and recreation	701,706	2,775	263,849	-	
Interest on long-term debt	68,837				
Total primary government	\$ 40,631,453	\$ 4,225,915	\$ 11,530,050	\$ 1,144,856	
Component units:					
Water resource districts	\$ 5,966,967	\$ 2,318,495	\$ 2,357,549	\$ -	
Noxious weed	377,137	56,003	47,465	-	
Vector control	859,018	430,763	-	-	
Total component units	\$ 7,203,123	\$ 2,805,261	\$ 2,405,015	\$ -	

General revenues:
Property taxes
Sales taxes
Estate Taxes
Unrestricted State Shared Revenues
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets
Unrestricted investment earnings
Miscellaneous Revenue

Total general revenues Changes in net assets Net assets - beginning Net assets - ending

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

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets

	Changes in Net A	ssets	3			
Pr	imary Government		.			
Governmental			Component			
Activities			Units			
\$	(4,308,673)	\$	-			
	(10,968,867)		-			
	891,220		-			
	(7,238,219)		-			
	(1,602,174)		-			
	(435,082)		-			
	(68,837)		-			
\$	(23,730,632)	\$	-			
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\$	-	\$	(1,290,922)			
	-		(273,670)			
	<u> </u>		(428,255)			
\$		\$	(1,992,847)			
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\$	24,584,536	\$	2,281,507			
	3,443		-			
	13,200		-			
	3,551,164		31,436			
			14,178			
	1,005,542		213,317			
	211,005		374,892			
\$	29,368,890	\$	2,915,329			
	5,638,259		922,482			
	113,750,562		102,737,878			
\$	119,388,810	\$	103,660,362			
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CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds December 31, 2008

	General		Human Services		County Road and Bridge	
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Assets:						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,400,1	155 \$	4,254,178	\$	605,764	
Receivables:						
Taxes	291,7		158,928		75,424	
Accounts	40,9	970	7,426		10,287	
Loans	4.055.0	-	0.47.004		77.4.500	
Due From Other Governments	1,055,9	926	247,831		774,538	
Due From Other Funds	- .	-	-		-	
Inventory		551	-		154,240	
Inventory of supplies, at cost	63,6		-		-	
Prepaid Items	210,3		14,777		27,136	
TOTAL ASSETS	8,070,4	122	4,683,140		1,647,388	
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u> Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable	348,4	122	289,371		40,975	
Retainages Payable	,	-	-		332,321	
Deferred Revenues	4,609,7	754	2,488,619		1,209,338	
Due to Inmates		-	-		-	
Due to Other Funds		-	-		-	
Loans Payable		-	-		2,000,000	
Total Liabilities	4,958,1	76	2,777,991		3,582,634	
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for Inventory	71,2	210	-		154,240	
Reserved for Prepaid Items	210,3	399	14,777		27,136	
Reserved for Debt Service		-	-		-	
Unreserved, reported in:						
General Fund	2,830,6	37	-		-	
Special Revenue Funds Capital Projects Funds		-	1,890,372 -	((2,116,622)	
Total Fund Balances	3,112,2	246	1,905,149		(1,935,247)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 8,070,4	122 \$	4,683,140	\$	1,647,388	

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

	Future Building		Jail Construction		Other Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
\$	6,860,642	\$	4,596	\$	2,147,549	\$	20,272,884	
	-		-		12,586		538,699	
	-		-		89,826		148,509	
	2,000,000						2,000,000	
	-		-		44,734		2,123,028	
	-		-		6,500		6,500	
	-		-		-		161,791	
	-		-		-		63,659	
					541		252,852	
-	8,860,642		4,596		2,301,736		25,567,922	
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	96,724		216		115,469		891,177	
	-		-		-		332,321	
	-		-		194,889		8,502,600	
	-		-		3,881		3,881	
	-		-		6,500		6,500	
-	96,724		216		320,739		2,000,000 11,736,479	
	30,724		210		320,739		11,730,479	
	-		-		-		225,450	
	-		-		541		252,852	
	-		-		139,556		139,556	
	-		-		-		2,830,637	
	-		-		1,686,736		1,460,486	
	8,763,918		4,380		154,162		8,922,459	
	8,763,918		4,380		1,980,995		13,831,440	
\$	8,860,642	\$	4,596	\$	2,301,736	\$	25,567,922	

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Reconciliation of Fund Balances on the Balance Sheet for Governmental Funds to Net Assets of Governmental Activities on the Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2008

Fund balance - total governmental funds		\$ 13,831,440
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Add - Capital Assets Deduct - accumulated depreciation Net Assets	\$ 168,731,563 (63,187,281)	105,544,282
Property taxes and special assessments receivable 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 deferred revenues in the funds		538,699
Long-term uncertified special assessments receivable are not reported in the funds because they are unavailable to pay the current period's expenditures.		699,760
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain equipment usage and self-insurance to individual governmental funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets. Add - net assets of governmental activities accounted for in the internal service funds		1,490,455
Certain liabilities, such as bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Compensated absences payable Leases payable Special assessments bonds payable Unamortized Bond Discount Unamoritzed Bond Issuance Costs Interest Payable Total long term liabilities	(1,288,255) (589,178) (833,633) 9,372 13,556 (27,691)	(2,715,828)
Net assets of governmental activities		\$ 119,388,810

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Human Services	County Road and Bridge
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 13,317,504	\$ 7,244,929	\$ 3,497,475
Sales	-	-	<u>-</u>
Licenses, permits and fees	48,600	14,995	60,534
Intergovernmental revenues	4,213,159	2,802,802	7,632,674
Charges for services	2,373,151	58,548	178,156
Miscellaneous revenues	539,125	182,160	177,177
Total Revenues	20,491,539	10,303,434	11,546,016
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current:			
General government	5,421,396	-	-
Public Safety	12,599,722	-	-
Highways and streets	-	-	15,230,557
Relief and charities	-	10,084,922	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-
Conservation & economic development	1,750,958	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	82,961	-	20,740
Interest	23,780	-	5,945
Fiscal charges	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	19,878,817	10,084,922	15,257,242
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over	040.700	040.540	(2.744.000)
(under) expenditures	612,722	218,512	(3,711,226)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	56,550	-	-
Transfers out	(93,000)	-	-
Sale of capital assets	17,946	-	55,534
Total of other financing sources and uses	(18,504)		55,534
Net change in fund balances	594,218	218,512	(3,655,692)
Fund balances - beginning	2,518,027	1,686,637	1,720,445
Fund balances - ending	\$ 3,112,246	\$ 1,905,149	\$(1,935,246)

Futu Build		Con	Jail struction	Gov	Other vernmental Funds	 Total Governmental Funds
\$	- -	\$	- 3,443 -	\$	548,182 - 141,207	\$ 24,608,090 3,443 265,336
	13,200		-		439,377	15,101,212
	-		-		1,220,024	3,829,880
3	302,062		29,170		82,000	 1,311,694
3	15,262		32,613		2,430,790	 45,119,655
	-		_		579,344	6,000,740
	-		-		801,538	13,401,260
	-		-		-	15,230,557
	-		-		-	10,084,922
	-		-		695,203	695,203
4	-		-		407.077	1,750,958
1	62,399		875,697		137,877	1,175,973
	-		-		85,231	188,932
	-		-		38,762	68,487
	-		-		3,116	3,116
1	62,399		875,697		2,341,071	 48,600,148
1	52,863	(843,084)		89,719	 (3,480,493)
	_		_		93,000	149,550
	_		_		(56,550)	(149,550)
1	22,522		-		-	196,003
1	22,522				36,451	 196,003
	275,385		843,084)		126,170	 (3,284,490)
	88,533		847,463		1,854,824	 17,115,930
\$ 8,7	63,918	\$	4,380	\$	1,980,995	\$ 13,831,440

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds To the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$	(3,284,490)
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 outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period. Capital asset additions Current year depreciation expense	\$ 12,647,559 (4,018,221)		8,629,338
In the statement of activities, only the loss on the sale or disposal of capital assets is reported. However, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the capital assets sold or disposed.			
Retired assets Accumulated depreciation on retired assets	 (519,952) 454,230	-	(65,722)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. Increase in Taxes Receivable Decrease in Uncertified Special Assessments	82,760 (77,570)	-	5,189
Long term debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which proceeds exceeded repayments.			
Repayment of bonds Repayment of leases Repayment of specials	 85,231 103,701 3,970	<u>-</u>	192,902
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current finacial resources and, therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. Net decrease in interest payable	4,625		
Amorization of Bond Discounts Amorization of Bond Issuance Costs Net increase in compensated absences	 (745) (1,114) (43,930)	-	(41,165)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of the motor pool, employee health insurance and the telephone system to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.			202,194
Change in net assets of governmental activites		\$	5,638,258

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Variance With

	Buc	dget		Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 13,589,486	\$ 13,589,486	\$ 13,317,504	\$ (271,982)
Licenses, Permits and Fees	41,500	41,500	48,600	7,100
Intergovernmental Revenues	3,482,931	4,034,539	4,213,159	178,620
Charges for Services	2,613,923	2,613,923	2,373,151	(240,772)
Miscellaneous Revenues	433,500	433,500	539,125	105,625
Total Revenues	20,161,340	20,712,948	20,491,539	(221,409)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government:				
County Commission	578,977	578,977	547,007	31,970
County Administrator	1,960,900	1,960,900	1,737,197	223,703
Information Technology	966,636	966,636	913,672	52,964
Auditor	1,084,809	1,084,809	993,265	91,544
Treasurer	316,470	316,470	302,412	14,058
County Recorder	503,054	503,054	483,934	19,120
Director of Tax Equalization	168,693	168,693	155,726	12,967
Veterans Service	220,360	220,360	216,429	3,931
County Planning	75,831	75,831	71,754	4,077
Total General Government	5,875,730	5,875,730	5,421,396	454,334
Public Safety:				
Emergency Management	187,321	723,713	281,942	441,771
County Sheriff	10,593,068	10,606,068	10,281,580	324,488
States Attorney	2,029,280	2,029,280	2,026,378	2,902
Cemetary	7,164	10,164	9,822	342
Total Public Safety	12,816,833	13,369,225	12,599,722	769,503
Conservation & Econ. Development:	12,010,000	10,000,220	12,000,122	100,000
County Extension Agent	466,224	474,724	469,891	4,833
Public Service Agencies	1,281,069	1,281,069	1,281,067	4,000
Total Conservation & Econ Dev	1,747,293	1,755,793	1,750,958	4,835
	1,747,293	1,755,795	1,750,956	4,033
Debt Service:			00.004	(00.004)
Principal	•	-	82,961	(82,961)
Interest		<u>-</u>	23,780	(23,780)
Total Debt Service		<u> </u>	106,740	(106,740)
Total Expenditures	20,439,856	21,000,748	19,878,817	1,121,932
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
(Under) expenditures	(278,516)	(287,800)	612,722	900,523
01 5				
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				,
Transfers In	50,280	59,564	56,550	(3,014)
Sale of Property	18,000	18,000	17,946	(54)
Operating Transfers Out	(180,000)	(183,000)	(93,000)	90,000
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(111,720)	(105,436)	(18,504)	86,932
Net change in fund balances	(390,236)	(393,236)	594,218	987,455
Fund Balance - Beginning	594,218	2,518,027	2,518,027	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 203,982	\$ 2,124,791	\$ 3,112,246	\$ 987,455

Human Service

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Bu	dget				Fir	riance With nal Budget Positive
	 Original	Final		Actual		(Negative)	
Revenues: Property Taxes Licenses, Permits and Fees Intergovernmental Revenues Charges for Services	\$ 7,379,990 81,600 2,404,796 52,750	\$	7,379,990 81,600 2,404,796 52,750	\$	7,244,929 14,995 2,802,802 58,548	\$	(135,061) (66,605) 398,006 5,798
Miscellaneous Revenues	 300,000		300,000		182,160		(117,840)
Total Revenues	 10,219,136		10,219,136		10,303,434		84,298
Expenditures: Current:							
Relief and Charities	10,237,569		10,237,569		10,084,922		152,647
Total Expenditures	 10,237,569		10,237,569		10,084,922		152,647
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	 (18,433)		(18,433)		218,511		236,946
Fund Balance - Beginning	 1,686,637		1,686,637		1,686,637		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 1,668,204	\$	1,668,204	\$	1,905,150	\$	236,946

County Road and Bridge

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	 Bud Original	get	Final	Actual	Fii	riance With nal Budget Positive Negative)
Revenues: Property Taxes Licenses, Permits and Fees Intergovernmental Revenues Charges for Services Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 3,586,574 30,000 6,808,677 455,000 336,021	\$	3,586,574 30,000 6,808,677 455,000 336,021	\$ 3,497,475 60,534 7,632,674 178,156 177,177	\$	(89,099) 30,534 823,997 (276,844) (158,844)
Total Revenues	 11,216,272		11,216,272	 11,546,016		329,744
Expenditures: Current: Highways and Streets Debt Service: Principal Interest	11,763,936 20,740 5,945		16,193,936 20,740 5,945	 15,230,557 20,740 5,945		963,379 - -
Total Expenditures	11,790,621		16,220,621	15,257,242		963,379
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	 (574,349)		(5,004,349)	 (3,711,227)		1,293,124
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Sale of Property	 25,000		25,000	 55,534		30,534
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	 25,000		25,000	 55,534		30,534
Net change in fund balances	 (549,349)		(4,979,349)	(3,655,692)		1,323,658
Fund Balance - Beginning	 1,720,445		1,720,445	1,720,445		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 1,171,096	\$	(3,258,904)	\$ (1,935,247)	\$	1,323,658

Proprietary Funds Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2008

	Governmental		
		Activities Internal	
	Se	rvice Funds	
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<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets: Cash and Investments Accounts Receivable	\$	1,884,897 4,662	
Total Current Assets		1,889,559	
Noncurrent Assets: Capital Assets Less: Accumulated Depreciation		397,568 (308,072)	
Total Noncurrent Assets		89,496	
Total Assets	\$	1,979,055	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Deposits IBNR Claims	\$	26,395 254,729 207,475	
Total Liabilities	\$	488,599	
Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets Unrestricted	\$	89,495 1,400,960	
Total Net Assets	\$	1,490,455	

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets All Proprietary Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Governmental Activities			
	Internal			
	Ser	vice Funds		
Operating Revenues:				
Premiums	\$	2,797,531		
Charges for Services		179,284		
Miscellaneous		25,356		
Total Operating Revenues		3,002,171		
Operating Expenses:				
Premiums		308,017		
Medical Services		7,648		
Telephone Service Maintenance Agreements		41,556 41,462		
Administrative Fees		153,536		
Collision Repair/Replacement		33,673		
Benefit Payments		2,026,139		
IBNR Claims		207,475		
Depreciation Expense		44,060		
Total Operating Expenses		2,863,566		
Operating Income		138,605		
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):				
Interest Income		64,998		
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets		(1,409)		
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		63,589		
Change in Net Assets		202,194		
Total Net Assets Beginning		1,288,259		
Total Net Assets Ending	\$	1,490,455		

Statement of Cash Flows All Proprietary Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Governmental Activities Internal		
	Serv	ice Funds	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities: Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers Claims paid Other receipts	\$	2,981,887 (587,928) (2,315,087) 25,356	
Net cash provided by operating activities		104,228	
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities: Purchase of capital assets Proceeds on Sale of Capital Assets		(1,070) 990	
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities		(80)	
Cash Flows From Investing Activities: Interest income		64,998	
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents		169,146	
Cash and cash equivalents -beginning of the year		1,715,751	
Cash and cash equivalents - end of the year		1,884,897	
Reconciliation of Operating Income to net cash provided by operating activities: Operating income Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash flows from operating activities:		138,606	
Depreciation Changes in assets and liabilities:		44,060	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		5,071	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		(2,036)	
Increase (decrease) in premium deposit funds		29,615	
Increase (decrease) in IBNR claims		(111,088)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	104,228	

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities Fiduciary Funds December 31, 2008

		Agency Funds			
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and Investments	\$	58,935,684			
Total Assets	\$	58,935,684			
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Due to Component Units Deposits		65,284 23,597 58,846,803			
Total Liabilities	\$	58,935,684			

Statement of Net Assets Component Units December 31, 2008

		Southeast Cass WRD	North Cass WRD		
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Assets:	•	4 004 000	•	0.40.000	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	4,391,082	\$	342,389	
Receivables:					
Accounts Receivable		-		-	
Taxes Receivable		56,957		2,676	
Intergovernmental Receivable		31,638		847	
Special Assessments		19,167		161	
Due From Primary Government		16,688		1,060	
Inventory		-		-	
Prepaids		-		-	
Long-Term Receivables:					
Uncertified Special Assessments Receivable		5,581,379		142,490	
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:					
Land		6,067,680		1,036,104	
Construction in Progress		1,159,500		-	
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)					
Buildings		-		-	
Equipment		-		-	
Infrastructure		70,572,957		4,140,594	
TOTAL ASSETS	-	87,897,049		5,666,321	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
Accounts Payable		123,149		1,020	
Retainages Payable		15,647		-	
Deferred Revenues		-		-	
Interest Payable		28,007		3,469	
Noncurrent Liabilities:					
Due within one year		507,091		59,584	
Due in more than one year		4,876,891		393,039	
Total Liabilities		5,550,785		457,112	
Net Assets					
Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt		76,666,858		4,725,393	
Restricted For:		-,		, -,	
Conservation of Natural Resources		4,221,208		298,370	
Debt Service		6,061,263		184,182	
Unrestricted		(4,603,065)		1,265	
Total Net Assets	\$	82,346,264	\$	5,209,209	
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Totals	 /ector Control							Ma
6,068,514	\$ 61,147	\$	392,384	\$	481,900	\$	399,613	\$
14,469	8,014		6,456		-		-	
85,130	8,948		8,142		2,839		5,567	
35,414	-		-		822		2,106	
20,755	-		-		1,094		333	
23,597	-		-		1,930		3,918	
58,311	58,311		-		-		-	
11,248	10,072		1,176		-		-	
7,224,053	-		-		1,205,534		294,650	
10,317,649	-		-		1,869,357		1,344,508	
1,159,500	-		-		-		-	
22,990	-		22,990		-		-	
188,773	152,129		36,644		-		-	
86,366,983	 -		-		5,141,281		6,512,151	
111,597,385	298,621		467,791		8,704,756		8,562,847	
205,382	17		3,435		12,810		64,951	
41,482	-		-		17,467		8,368	
232,212	133,132	99,080			-		-	
43,976	-		-		9,551		2,949	
678,887	8,000		815		71,053		32,344	
6,735,083	 -		-		1,145,154		320,000	
7,937,022	 141,149		103,330		1,256,036		428,611	
94,906,156	152,129		59,635		5,795,483		7,506,659	
5,061,888	-		-		332,051		210,258	
7,928,207	-		-		1,317,836		364,926	
(4,235,888)	 5,343		304,826		3,349		52,392	
103,660,362	\$ 157,472	\$	364,461	\$	7,448,720	\$	8,134,236	\$

Statement of Activities Component Units For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

			Progra	ım Reve	nues		
	 Expenses	Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Gran	pital ts and butions
Functions/Programs							
Component units:							
Southeast Cass Water Resource District	\$ 3,532,733	\$	1,655,450	\$	923,947	\$	-
Maple River Water Resource District	1,421,417		312,760		720,487		-
North Cass Water Resource District	209,425		226,356		137,093		-
Rush River Water Resource District	803,391		123,929		576,022		-
Noxious weed	377,137		56,003		47,465		-
Vector control	859,018		430,763		-		-
Total component units	\$ 7,203,123	\$	2,805,261	\$	2,405,015	\$	-

General revenues:

Property taxes

Unrestricted State Shared Revenue Gain on Sale of Capital Assets Unrestricted investment earnings

Miscellaneous Revenue

Total general revenues Changes in net assets Net assets - beginning Net assets - ending

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets

Sou	theast Cass WRD	 North Cass WRD		Maple River WRD		Rush River WRD		Weed Control		Vector Control		Total
\$	(953,336)	\$ -	\$	- (388,170)	\$	- -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(953,336 <u>)</u> (388,170
	_	154,024		(000,170)		_		-		-		154,024
	-	· -		-		(103,440)		-		-		(103,440)
	-	-		-		-		(273,670)		-		(273,670)
	-	-		-		-		-		(428,255)		(428,255
\$	(953,336)	\$ 154,024	\$	(388,170)	\$	(103,440)	\$	(273,670)	\$	(428,255)	\$	(1,992,847)
\$	1,358,341	\$ 38,515	\$	110,208	\$	40,375	\$	318,914	\$	415,154	\$	2,281,507
	-	-		-		-		9,628		21,808		31,436
	-	-		-		-		16,130		(1,952)		14,178
	162,264	8,289		17,799		7,575		15,731		1,658		213,317
	50,717	-		165,791		152,701		998		4,685		374,892
\$	1,571,322	\$ 46,805	\$	293,798	\$	200,651	\$	361,401	\$	441,352	\$	2,915,329
	617,986	200,829		(94,373)		97,211		87,732		13,097		922,482
	81,728,277	5,008,379		8,228,609		7,351,509		276,729		144,375		102,737,878
\$	82,346,264	\$ 5,209,209	\$	8,134,236	\$	7,448,720	\$	364,461	\$	157,472	\$	103,660,362

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2008

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cass County operates under a Home Rule Charter passed by the voters in 1994. The financial statements of the County have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applicable to governments. The Governmental 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. The Financial Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Cass County has included all funds and has considered all potential component units for which Cass County is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with Cass County are such that exclusion would cause Cass 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. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of Cass 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 Cass County.

Based on these criteria, Cass County has included six discretely presented component units within Cass County's reporting entity.

B. Individual Component Unit Disclosures

Discretely Presented Component Units. The component units' column in the combined financial statements include the financial data of the county's other component units. They are reported in a separate column to emphasize that they are legally separate from the county. The county board appoints the governing bodies of all of these component units.

The component units consist of the four Water Resource Districts: Southeast Cass, North Cass, Maple River, and Rush River; the Cass County Vector Control District and the Cass County Noxious Weed District.

The Water Resource Districts have jurisdiction over the management of the water resources within their respective boundaries. The County's governing body has the authority to modify or approve the budgets of these districts.

Complete financial statements of the individual Water Resource Districts can be obtained at Water Resource Districts, 1201 Main Avenue West, West Fargo, North Dakota 58078.

The primary responsibilities of the Cass County Vector Control District and Cass County Noxious Weed District are to provide vector and weed control, respectively, on public land. The County Engineer is responsible for the management of the Vector Control District. Board members are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners for each District. The Cass County Board of Commissioners has the authority to modify or approve the budgets of these districts. Both districts are located at the Cass County Highway Department. Complete financial statements of the Cass County Noxious Weed District and Cass County Vector Control District can be obtained at Cass County Auditor's Office, Box 2806, Fargo, ND 58108-2806.

C. Joint Ventures

Under authorization of state statutes, the Cass County Water Resource Districts have joined the water resource districts of Richland County, Grand Forks County, Pembina County, Traill County, Steele County, Walsh County, Nelson County, Ransom County, and Sargent County to establish and operate a joint exercise of powers agreement for water management within the Red River Valley. Known as the Red River Valley Joint Water Resource Board, the agreement was established for mutual advantage of the governments. Each government appoints one member to the Board of Directors. The operating and capital expenses are funded by contributions from each government. Each government's share of assets, liabilities, and fund equity cannot be determined due to lack of provision being made for this in the joint venture agreement and the fact that each government's contribution each year depends on where the Red River Joint Water Resource Board projects are being undertaken.

The following is summary financial information on the joint venture as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which is the most current audited information available:

Total Assets	\$ 2,689,382
Total Liabilities	<u>48,357</u>
Total Equity	<u>2,641,025</u>
Revenues	953,536
Expenses	<u>455,729</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 497,807</u>

Complete financial statements can be obtained at Red River Joint Water Resource Board, Box 10, Hillsboro, North Dakota, 58045.

D. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule include interfund services provided and used between governmental functions. Elimination of these would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned. Governmental activities are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Indirect expenses are charged based upon a county-wide cost allocation plan which allocates costs based upon the number of full time equivalents, number of transactions, and other pertinent information. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of

accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise fees, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

- The **General Fund** is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Human Service Fund This fund is used to account for the County Social Service operations; this department is designated by law to provide relief to the poor and related services to the citizens of the County. The majority of the services/programs offered by the County are done in conjunction with state and federal agencies, mainly the North Dakota Department of Human Services.
- County Road and Bridge Fund This fund is used for the normal maintenance of county roads and the operation of the road shops. Most of the revenues for this fund are derived from the highway tax distribution fund.
- Future Building Fund This fund is used to provide for the future construction of county buildings and major remodeling projects.
- Jail Construction Fund This fund is used to provide for the construction of the new county jail. Revenues are derived from sales tax.

Additionally, the county reports the following fund types:

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Internal Service Funds - Internal service funds are used to account for services provided to other department or agency to other departments or agencies of the governmental unit, or to other governmental units, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The following Internal Service Funds are used by the county:

Health Insurance Trust - This fund accounts for a self-funded comprehensive health insurance plan for county employees, administered by an outside firm. Costs are recovered by monthly premiums charged to each department.

Dental Insurance Trust - This fund accounts for a self-funded dental insurance plan for county employees, administered by an outside firm. Costs are recovered by monthly premiums charged to each department.

Telephone Trust - This fund provides for the operation of the county's telephone system. Monthly user fees are charged to departments.

Motor Pool - This fund provides for uses and repairs to county owned vehicles. Departments are charged a per mile fee for the use of county owned vehicles.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Agency Funds - Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the County as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The following types of agency funds are used by the county:

County Funds - These funds provide clearing facilities for items to be apportioned to other county funds.

Tax Collection Funds - These funds are used by the county in its role as tax collector to record property tax receipts awaiting apportionment to other governmental units and recipient county funds, and their periodic distribution.

Funds of Other Governmental Units - The County Treasurer provides fiscal services for various other governmental entities. These funds represent the assets, primarily cash and investments, of these entities in the Treasurer's custody and the related liability of the county to disburse these monies on demand.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the County's internal service funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for internal service funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

F. Budgets

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general, special revenue and debt service funds. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. Encumbrance accounting--under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation--is not utilized in the governmental funds.

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, money market accounts and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Investments consist of demand deposits and certificates of deposit with maturities greater than three months. These investments are stated at cost.

H. Receivables

Receivables in the County's governmental funds consist primarily of tax revenues. Receivables in all other funds include amounts due for services to individuals performed by the County and not received by December 31, 2008.

I. Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments consist primarily of receivables due from state government for reimbursements from various state departments, the federal government and other local governments for grants and prisoner board fees.

J. Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. The costs of governmental fund type inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

K. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2008, are recorded as prepaid items.

L. Uncertified Special Assessments

This represents a long-term receivable in the government-wide financial statements showing the amount of uncertified/uncollected debt service fund special assessments over the life of the special assessment bonds.

M. Capital Assets

Capital assets including property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. The capitalization threshold is \$5,000. Assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date received.

In the case of the initial capitalization of general infrastructure assets the county chose to include all such items regardless of their acquisition date.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable.

Interest incurred during construction of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Depreciation on the capital assets (including infrastructure) of the primary government, as well as the component units, is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	40-50
Improvements Other Than Buildings	50
Vehicles	5
Machinery and Equipment	10
Infrastructure	15-60

N. Accounts Payable

Accounts payable are liability accounts reflecting amounts on open accounts owing to private persons or organizations for goods and services received prior to December 31, 2008.

O. Retainages Payable

Retainages payable consists of amounts owed to contractors on open construction contracts for road construction projects not yet completed at year-end.

P. Interest Payable

Interest payable represents the amount payable on all special assessment bonds and leases interest at year-end.

Q. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave are payable to employees upon separation from service. All vacation leave pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported. No liability is recorded for accumulated sick leave as this is a non-vesting benefit. The computed liability is in compliance with GASB Statement No. 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences.

R. Deferred Revenues

Deferred revenues arise when the County receives resources before it has a legal claim to them, as when property tax monies are received before they are due. In subsequent periods, when the County has a legal claim to the resources, the deferred revenue is recognized as revenue.

S. IBNR Claims - Self Insurance

The IBNR (Incurred But Not Reported) claims are an estimate of the health insurance and dental insurance claims, for which the County is liable, incurred prior to December 31, but not processed and paid until the following year.

The County is self-insured for a comprehensive group health insurance plan and dental insurance plan. The County records estimated liabilities for such claims filed or estimated to be filed for incidents that have occurred in the related Internal Service Funds. Premiums are collected from county departments and employees, and claims are paid in the related Internal Service Funds.

Reconciliation of Claims Liability:

Employee Health	2008	2007
Balance January 1	\$ 305,911	\$ 181,169
Incurred Claims Including IBNR's and Changes		
in Estimates	1,705,574	2,115,001
Less Claims Payments	1,815,138	1,990,259
Balance December 31	\$ 196,347	\$ 305,911

Employee Dental	2008	2007
Balance January 1	\$ 12,652	\$ 10,797
Incurred Claims Including IBNR's and Changes		
in Estimates	209,477	239,012
Less Claims Payments	211,001	237,157
Balance December 31	\$ 11,128	\$ 12,652

T. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, the long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net assets. For new bond issuance after the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method which approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognized bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premium received on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

U. Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances consist of reserved and unreserved amounts. Reservations of fund balance represent that portion which is not appropriable for expenditure or is legally segregated for a specific future use. Fund balance reservation includes inventories, prepaid items, and debt service.

V. Interfund Transactions

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 a reduction of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. All other transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

NOTE 2: <u>LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS</u>

Chapter 11-23 of the North Dakota Century Code governs county government in North Dakota. The Century Code chapter and the Home Rule Charter passed by the county voters in 1994 are the basis for the legal level of budgetary control in Cass County.

Each department completes its budget and delivers it to the county auditor who then files it with the board of county commissioners. The county auditor prepares a preliminary county budget for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The preliminary budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The board of county commissioners holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may testify in favor of or against any proposed expenditure or tax levy. The board of county commissioners may not approve the budget until after the public budget hearing, but must adopt the final budget on or before October 1st. For the year ending December 31, 2008, the County complied with the applicable budget laws:

Chapter 11-23 of the North Dakota Century Code sets the legal level of budgetary control at the fund level, no expenditure or commitment of funds may exceed the appropriation for the fund as a whole. In addition, it is the policy of Cass County to control budgets at the departmental level. In the General Fund, departments consist of the various county offices. In the Special Revenue and Debt Service Funds, the departments are comprised of the various individual funds.

Management may approve transfers of appropriations within departments without formal approval by the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners must approve all appropriation transfers between departments, or any supplemental appropriation. All supplemental appropriations must be approved by the board of county commissioners at the fund level and may only be done within additional revenues or reserves that were not anticipated at the time the original budget was adopted. During the year, several supplementary appropriations were necessary. At year-end, the balance of each appropriation becomes a part of the unappropriated fund balance.

NOTE 3: 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 be deposited either 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 secured with pledges of securities equal to 110% of the uninsured balance.

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 deposits, shares of investment 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 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 any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At year-end, the County's deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the county's name.

State statutes authorize the County to invest in:

- (1) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation of, or an 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 or by the state.
- (4) Obligation of the State.

Concentration of Credit Risk:

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

Component Units

<u>Deposits</u>: At December 31, 2008, the deposits of the Water Resource Districts were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the district's custodial bank in the district's name. For the purpose of risk analysis, certificates of deposits are classified as deposits.

Deposits of the Cass County Noxious Weed Control and Cass County Vector Control were pooled with the County's funds and held in the County's custodial bank in the County's name. The Weed and Vector Control deposits were covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the County's agent in the County's name.

NOTE 4: TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE

The taxes and special assessments receivable represent the past four years of delinquent uncollected tax levies and billings. No allowance has been established for uncollectible taxes and assessments receivable.

Property that is subject to taxation is assessed on February 1 of each year to determine its 'true and full value'. Property that is under construction is

assessed on the percentage of completion as of February 1. Property owners have the opportunity to appeal their assessment through a County Board of Equalization in June of each year.

Property tax mill levies must be approved by the County Commission on or before October 1 of each year. Levies are expressed in terms of one thousandth of a dollar or 'mills'. The property tax for each taxed property is computed by the Cass County Auditor and certified for collection to the County Treasurer by December 10. Before computing the tax, the true and full value is reduced by 50 percent to arrive at an 'assessed value'. The assessed value is further reduced to 10 percent of assessed value for commercial and agricultural property and 9 percent of assessed value for residential property. The result is the 'taxable value' and is used when applying the mill levy to the property.

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. The tax levy may be paid in two installments: the first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all of the special assessments; 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 five percent discount is allowed if all taxes and special assessments are paid by February 15. Penalties of 3 percent on the first installment are assessed on March 2, May 1, July 1, and October 16. Penalties of 6 percent are assessed on the second installment on October 16.

Four years after the property tax has become due, the County will start the process of foreclosing on the tax lien. The property owner has until October 1st of the fourth year to satisfy the tax lien at which time the County is entitled to a tax deed. The County, upon receiving a tax deed, will set a minimum sales price on the property and offer it for sale at a public auction.

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets during the year ended December 31, 2008:

Primary Governments Capital Assets

 Polonee						Balance
			_			
 1/1/2008		Increases	L	ecreases		12/31/2008
\$ 9,096,329	\$	1,879,684	\$	-	\$	10,976,013
1,157,436		7,642,176				8,799,612
\$ 10,253,765	\$	9,521,861	\$		\$	19,775,626
\$ 31,828,960	\$	-	\$	10,000	\$	31,818,960
2,565,246		126,724		-		2,691,971
8,235,299		557,820		519,652		8,273,466
 104,126,884		2,442,224		-		106,569,108
\$ 146,756,389	\$	3,126,768	\$	529,652	\$	149,353,504
\$ 8,764,153	\$	574,522	\$	10,000	\$	9,328,675
483,265		42,630		-		525,895
4,829,212		690,327		451,531		5,068,008
45,817,974		2,754,802				48,572,777
\$ 59,894,604	\$	4,062,281	\$	461,531	\$	63,495,354
\$ 86,861,785	\$	(935,513)	\$	68,121	\$	85,858,150
\$ 97,115,550	\$	8,586,348	\$	68,121	\$	105,633,776
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Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of primary government as follows:

Governmenatl Activities:	
General Government	\$ 204,009
Public Safety	687,060
Highways and Streets	3,037,528
Relief and Charities	81,731
Culture and Recreation	6,503
Conservation and Econ. Development	1,390_
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities	\$4,018,221
Depreciation of Internal Service Funds	44,060
Total Depreciation Expense	\$4,062,281

Component Units

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the following changes occurred in the capital assets of:

Southeast Cass Water Reource District										
		Balance						Balance		
		1/1/2008		Increases		Decreases		12/31/08		
Governmental Activities:										
Capital assets not being depreciated:										
Land	\$	6,035,220	\$	32,460	\$	-	\$	6,067,680		
Construction in Progress		1,967,000		432,500		1,240,000		1,159,500		
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	\$	8,002,220	\$	464,960	\$	1,240,000	\$	7,227,180		
Facilities	\$	70,149,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	70,149,000		
Projects		16,478,070		2,156,330		-		18,634,400		
Equipment		40,000				-		40,000		
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$	86,667,070	\$	2,156,330	\$	-	\$	88,823,400		
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:										
Facilities	\$	14,371,840	\$	1,402,980	\$	-	\$	15,774,820		
Projects		2,106,062		329,561		-		2,435,623		
Equipment		40,000				<u>-</u>		40,000		
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	16,517,902	\$	1,732,541	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	18,250,443		
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$	70,149,168	\$	423,789	\$	-	\$	70,572,957		
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	78,151,388	\$	888,749	\$	1,240,000	\$	77,800,137		

Maple I	River V	Vater Resourc	e Dis	strict			
		Balance					 Balance
		1/1/2008		Increases	D	ecreases	12/31/2008
Governmental Activities:							
Capital assets not being depreciated:							
Land	\$	1,344,508	\$	-	\$	_	\$ 1,344,508
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	\$	1,344,508	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,344,508
Capital assets being depreciated:		***************************************					
Facilities	\$	10,535,000	\$	15,637	\$	-	\$ 10,550,637
Projects		2,169,000		94,665		5,134	 2,258,531
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$	12,704,000	\$	110,302	\$	5,134	\$ 12,809,168
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:		= · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Facilities	\$	5,857,060	\$	204,340	\$	-	\$ 6,061,400
Projects		192,340		43,277			235,617
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	6,049,400	\$	247,617	\$	-	\$ 6,297,017
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$	6,654,600	\$	(137,315)	\$	5,134	\$ 6,512,151
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	7,999,108	\$	(137,315)	\$	5,134	\$ 7,856,659

North 0	Cass V	Nater Resour	ce [District			
		Balance 1/1/2008		Increases	De	ecreases	Balance 12/31/2008
Governmental Activities:							
Capital assets not being depreciated:							
Land	\$	1,015,784	\$	20,320	\$	-	\$ 1,036,104
Capital assets being depreciated:							
Facilities	\$	3,768,900	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 3,768,900
Projects		2,505,290		359,583			2,864,873
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$	6,274,190	\$	359,583	\$	-	\$ 6,633,773
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:							
Facilities	\$	2,024,894	\$	75,378	\$	-	\$ 2,100,272
Projects		342,801		50,106			392,907
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	2,367,695	\$	125,484	\$	_	\$ 2,493,179
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$	3,906,495	\$	234,099	\$	-	\$ 4,140,594
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	4,922,279	\$	254,419	\$	-	\$ 5,176,698

Rush R	iver V	later Resour	се	District					
		Balance					-	Balance	
		1/1/2008		Increases	Decreases			12/31/2008	
Governmental Activities:									
Capital assets not being depreciated:									
Land	\$	1,869,357	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,869,357	
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	\$	1,869,357	\$	-	\$	4	\$	1,869,357	
Capital assets being depreciated:									
Facilities	\$	21,610,000	\$	-	\$	_	\$	21,610,000	
Projects		371,586		-				371,586	
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$	21,981,586	\$	-	\$		\$	21,981,586	
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:									
Facilities	\$	16,529,440	\$	258,200	\$	-	\$	16,787,640	
Projects		45,233		7,432				52,665	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	16,574,673	\$	265,632	\$	-	\$	16,840,305	
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$	5,406,912	\$	(265,632)	\$	-	\$	5,141,281	
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	7,276,269	\$	(265,632)	\$	-	\$	7,010,638	

Noxious Weed Control									
	Balance				•			Balance	
	1	1/1/2008	ln	creases	D	ecreases	12	2/31/2008	
Capital Assets, being depreciated:									
Buildings	\$	41,054	\$	-	\$	-	\$	41,054	
Machinery & Equipment		90,700		_		21,350		69,350	
Total capital assets, being depreciated	\$	131,754	\$	_	\$	21,350	\$	110,404	
Less Accumulated Depreciation:									
Buildings	\$	(17,242)	\$	(821)	\$	-	\$	(18,063)	
Machinery & Equipment		(41,351)		(6,835)		(15,480)		(32,706)	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	(58,594)	\$	(7,656)	\$	(15,480)	\$	(50,770)	
Total Capital Assets Net of Depreciation	\$	73,161	\$	(7,656)	\$	5,870	\$	59,635	

	Vecto	or Control					
		Balance 1/1/2008	lr	ncreases	De	ecreases	Balance 2/31/2008
Capital Assets, being depreciated:							
Machinery & Equipment	\$	301,816	\$	38,939	\$	10,000	\$ 330,755
Less Accumulated Depreciation							
Machinery & Equipment		(150,611)		(32,015)		4,000	(178,626)
Total Capital Assets Net of Depreciation	\$	151,205	\$	6,924	\$	6,000	\$ 152,129

NOTE 6: LEASES

<u>Capital Leases</u> - The County has entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the construction of a building addition to the county highway shop. This lease qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments in the government-wide financial statements.

The assets acquired through the capital leases are as follows:

Asset	Capital Asset						
Building	\$	900,000					
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(72,000)					
Total	\$	828,000					

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2008, were as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Long	-Term Debt
2009	\$	133,425
2010		133,425
2011		133,425
2012		133,425
2013		133,425
Total minimum lease payments	\$	667,127
Less: Amount representing Interest		(77,949)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$	589,178

NOTE 7: LONG-TERM DEBT

Special Assessment Bonds

Cass County issues special assessment bonds for construction in various subdivisions. The original amount of special assessment bonds issued in prior years was \$1,230,000. These bonds will be repaid from the debt service funds by amounts levied against the property owners benefited by this construction. As of December 31, 2008, the County had funds of \$139,556 available for payment on the special assessment bonds. In the event that a deficiency exists because of unpaid or delinquent special assessments at the time a debt service payment is due, the government must provide resources

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to cover the deficiency until other resources, for example, foreclosure proceeds are received. The County may levy general taxes to make up deficiencies in special assessment funds. Special assessments on property must be paid at the same time property taxes are paid.

Special assessment bonds at December 31, 2008, are comprised of the following individual issues:

Special Assessment Bonds:

\$95,000 Refunding Improvement Bonds of 1995 for construction in the Borderud's Subdivision due in annual installments of \$10,000 through 2010 with interest at 5.6%.

\$ 20,000

\$305,000 Refunding Improvement Bonds of 1997 for construction in the Round Hill Subdivision due in annual installments of \$25,000 through 2012 with interest at 5.2%.

100,000

\$380,000 Refunding Improvement Bonds of 2005 for construction in the Greyhawks Estates Subdivision due in annual installments of \$25,000 to \$30,000 through 2020 with interest at 3.4% to 4.40%.

310,000

\$365,000 Refunding Improvement Bonds of 2007 due in annual installments of \$15,000 to \$25,000 through 2022 with interest at 3.65% to 4.45%.

350,000

\$85,000 Refunding Improvement Bonds of 2001 for construction in the Holmen's 3rd Subdivision due in annual installments of \$5,231 to \$8,024 through 2016 with interest at 5.42%.

53,633

Total Special Assessment Bonds \$ 833,633

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for special assessment bonds are as follows:

Year Ending		
December 31	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 95,518	\$ 34,202
2010	95,821	30,054
2011	81,141	26,179
2012	81,478	22,629
2013	56,834	19,661
2014-2018	272,839	62,021
2019-2022	150,000	11,100
Total	\$ 833,633	\$ 205,845

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term debt.

	Balance				 Balance	Du	e Within
	 1/1/08	Additions	ł	Reductions	12/31/08	On	e Year
Special Assessment Bonds	\$ 918,864	\$ -	\$	(85,231)	\$ 833,633	\$	95,518
Less Deferred:							
Bond Discount	\$ 10,117	\$ -	\$	(745)	\$ 9,372	\$	745
Issuance Costs	14,671	_		(1,114)	13,557		1,114
Total Deferred	\$ 24,788	\$ -	\$	(1,859)	\$ 22,930	\$	1,859
Total Special Assessment Bonds	\$ 894,076	\$ -	\$	(83,371)	\$ 810,703	\$	93,658
Lease Payable	692,879	_		(103,701)	589,177		108,150
Special Assessments	3,970	_		(3,970)	_		· -
Compensated Absences	1,244,325	1,319,739		(1,275,809)	1,288,255		1,288,255
Total	\$ 2,835,250	\$ 1,319,739	\$	(1,466,851)	\$ 2,688,136	\$	1,490,063

The County is subject to a statutory limitation by the State of North Dakota for indebtedness payable principally from property taxes. At December 31, 2008, the statutory limit for the County was \$223,988,604. The County has leases payable that are subject to this limitation. The leases payable at December 31, 2008 were \$589,178. The legal debt margin at December 31, 2008 is \$223,399,426. The compensated absences are generally liquidated as follows: 55% from the General fund, 35% from Human Service fund, and 10% from County Road and Bridge fund.

Component Units

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the following changes occurred in the long-term debt of the Water Resource Districts:

	Southeast Cass Water Resource District										
		Balance						Balance	D	ue Within	
		1-1-08		Increases		Decreases		12-31-08	C	ne Year	
Bonds Payable	\$	6,014,000	\$	2,320,000	\$	(3,560,000)	\$	4,774,000	\$	465,000	
Less Deferred Amounts:											
Bond Discount		21,867		17,400		(3,235)		36,032		3,525	
Bond Issuance Costs		11,678		20,325		(2,647)		29,356		2,986	
Total Bonds Payable	\$	5,980,455	\$	2,282,275	\$	(3,554,118)	\$	4,708,612	\$	458,489	
Loans Payable		620,427		82,852		(35,000)		668,279		35,000	
Compensated Absences		5,409		6,150		(4,468)		7,091		7,091	
TOTAL	\$	6,606,290	\$	2,371,277	\$	(3,593,586)	\$	5,383,982	\$	500,580	

Maple River Water Resource District												
		Balance						Balance	Dι	e Within		
		1-1-08	Ind	Increases		Decreases		12-31-08		One Year		
Bonds Payable	\$	185,000	\$	-	\$	(15,000)	\$	170,000	\$	15,000		
Loan Payable		195,000		-		(15,000)		180,000		15,000		
Compensated Absences		1,688		2,397		(1,742)		2,344		2,344		
TOTAL	\$	381,688	\$	2,397	\$	(31,742)	\$	352,344	\$	32,344		

North Cass Water Resource District											
	E	Balance						Balance	Dι	ie Within	
		1-1-08	ŀr	ncreases	De	ecreases		12-31-08	0	ne Year	
Bonds Payable	\$	223,250	\$	260,000	\$	(24,000)	\$	459,250	\$	60,000	
Less Deferred Amounts:											
Bond Discount		-		3,167		(264)		2,903		633	
Bond Issuance Costs		_		5,500		(458)		5,042		1,100	
Total Bonds Payable		223,250		251,333		(23,278)		451,305		58,267	
Compensated Absences		1,061		938		(682)		1,318		1,318	
TOTAL	\$	224,311	\$	252,271	\$	(23,959)	\$	452,623	\$	59,584	

Rush River Water Resource District										
	J	Balance		<u> </u>				Balance	Dι	e Within
		1-1-08	ln	creases	D	ecreases		12-31-08	0	ne Year
Bonds Payable	\$	730,000	\$	560,000	\$	(40,000)	\$	1,250,000	\$	70,000
Less Deferred Amounts:										
Bond Discount		9,667		7,907		(976)		16,598		1,327
Bond Issuance Costs		12,486		6,950		(1,188)		18,248		1,497
Total Bonds Payable	\$	707,847	\$	545,143	\$	(37,837)	\$	1,215,154	\$	67,176
Compensated Absences		797		938		(682)		1,053		1,053
TOTAL	\$	708,644	\$	546,081	\$	(38,518)	\$	1,216,207	\$	68,230

Long-term debt of the Water Resource Districts at December 31, 2008, is comprised of the following special assessment bonds:

Southeast Cass Water Resource District:

2008 \$2,320,000 Refunding Improvement Bonds, due in annual installments of \$65,000 to \$300,000 through 2018; with interest at 2.1% to 3.5%.	
	\$2,320,000
\$2,800,000 2005 Improvement Bonds due in annual installments of \$155,000 to \$240,000 through 2020; interest at 3.0% to 4.0%.	2,340,000
1998 \$214,000 State Revolving Loan Fund Municipal Bond Bank, due in annual installments of \$10,000 to \$15,000 through 2018; with interest at 2.50%.	444.000
Total Southeast Cass Special Assessment Bonds and Warrants	114,000
Payable	\$4,774,000
Loans Payable: \$655,427 State Revolving Loan Fund drawdown. Maximum drawdown amount is up to \$850,000. There is no current set payment schedule until all monies have been drawn.	\$ 668,279
Total Southeast Cass Long-term Debt (excluding Compensated Absences)	\$5,442,279
Maple River District Bonds and Warrants Payable:	
\$228,000 Improvement Bonds of 2005, due in annual	
installments of \$15,000 to \$16,000 through 2019; interest at 4.9%.	\$ 170,000
Loans Payable: \$225,000 2005 State Bank & Trust Loan, due in annual installments of \$15,000 through 2020; interest at 5.25%.	\$ 180,000
Total Maple River Long-Term Debt (excluding Compensated Absences)	\$ 350,000

Rush River District Bonds and Warrants Pavable

Rush River District Bonds and Warrants Payable:		
2005 \$800,000 Improvement Bonds, due in annual installments of \$40,000 to \$70,000 through 2020, with interest at 2.6% to 4.35%.	\$	690,000
2008 \$560,000 Improvement Bonds, due in annual installments of \$25,000 to \$45,000 through 2023, with interest at 3.25% to 4.65%.		560,000
Total Rush River Long-Term Debt (excluding Compensated Absences)	<u>\$</u>	1,250,000
North Cass District Bonds Payable:		
2003 \$215,000 Improvement Bonds, due in annual installments of \$15,000 through 2018, with interest at 4.0% to 5.0%.	\$	150,000
2008 \$260,000 Improvement Bonds, due in annual installments of \$45,000 to \$60,000 through 2013, with interest at 2.75% to 3.5%.		260,000
\$85,000 2005 Improvement Bonds, due in one annual installment of \$64,250 in 2013; interest at 4.8%.	-	49,250
Total North Cass Special Assessment Bonds and Warrants	•	

Payable

459,250

Water Resource Districts' long term debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Southeast Cass Water Resource Districts Bonds Payable:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES										
Year Ending	SA Bonds Payable				Loan Payable					
December 31	Principal			Interest	Principal		Interest			
2009	\$	465,000	\$	145,538	\$	35,000	\$	16,707		
2010		475,000		133,256		35,000		15,832		
2011		465,000		120,340		35,000		14,957		
2012		465,000		106,996		40,000		14,082		
2013		460,000		93,243		40,000		13,082		
2014 - 2018		1,974,000		251,954		205,000		50,410		
2019 - 2024		470,000		19,000		278,279		24,492		
Total	\$	4,774,000	\$	870,325	\$	668,279	\$	149,561		

Maple River Water Resource Districts Bonds Pavable:

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES											
Year Ending		SA Bond	s P	ayable		Loan P	aya	ble				
December 31	F	rincipal		Interest	F	rincipal	Interest					
2009	\$	15,000	\$	7,963	\$	15,000	\$	9,049				
2010		15,000		7,228		15,000		8,266				
2011		15,000		6,493		15,000		7,478				
2012		15,000		5,758		15,000		6,695				
2013		15,000		5,023		15,000		5,900				
2014 - 2018		79,000		13,696		75,000		17,704				
2019 - 2021		16,000		392		30,000		1,570				
Total	\$	170,000	\$	46,550	\$	180,000	\$	56,661				

North Cass Water Resource Districts Bonds Payable:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES									
Year Ending	Spec. Assess. Bonds Payable								
December 31	F	Interest							
2009	\$	60,000	\$	18,980					
2010		65,000		14,977					
2011		65,000		12,814					
2012		70,000		10,302					
2013		124,250		6,357					
2014 - 2018		75,000		9,375					
	\$	459,250	\$	72,804					

Rush River Water Resource Districts Bonds Payable:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES									
Year Ending	Spec. Assess. Bonds Payable								
December 31		Principal		Interest					
2009	\$	70,000	\$	52,376					
2010		75,000		46,199					
2011		80,000		43,633					
2012		85,000		40,814					
2013		90,000		37,734					
2014 - 2018		495,000		133,508					
2019 - 2023		355,000		31,781					
Total	\$	1,250,000	\$	386,043					

The County is secondarily liable for the payment of principal and interest on water resource district bonds. These special assessment bonds are paid from the debt service funds that are funded by annual payments made by property owners directly benefiting from each project. As of December 31, 2008, the water resource districts had funds of \$1,318,192 available for payment on the special assessment bonds. The water resource district may reassess properties in the improvement district or may use general tax levies to cover deficiencies. In the event the water resource district is not able to generate

funds to meet principal and interest payments, the County is also obligated to levy general tax levies to fund the deficiencies.

NOTE 8: CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATIONS

From time to time, the County has issued Industrial Revenue Bonds and Community Development Block Grants to provide financial assistance to private-sector entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest. The bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. Neither the county, nor state, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

As of December 31, 2008, there were 26 series of Industrial Revenue Bonds outstanding with an aggregate principal amount payable of \$168,828,504.

NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS

The county contributes to the North Dakota Public Employees' Retirement System (NDPERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Dakota. NDPERS provides for retirement disability and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit and contribution provisions are administered in accordance with chapter 54-52 of the North Dakota Century Code. NDPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NDPERS. That report may be obtained by writing to NDPERS, 400 E Broadway, Suite 505, PO Box 1214, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58502-1214.

Plan members are required to contribute 4% of their annual covered salary. The county is required to contribute 5.12% of the employees' salary, which consists of 4.12% for employee and 1% for the retiree health benefits fund. The county has agreed to pay 100% of the member assessments in lieu of a salary increase. The contribution requirements of plan members and the county are established and may be amended by the state legislature. The county's contributions to NDPERS for the years ending December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were 1,427,155, 1,384,565, and \$1,313,460, respectively, equal to the required contributions for the year.

Three-Year Trend Information										
Fiscal Year	Annua	al Pension Cost	Percentage of APC	Net Pension						
Ending		(APC)	Contributed	Obligation						
 12/31/2008	.\$	1,427,155	100%							
12/31/2007		1,384,565	100%	-						
 12/31/2006		1,313,460	100%	-						

NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and 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 (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and more than 2,000 political subdivisions. The County pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, auto, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of two million dollars per occurrence.

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 building and personal property. Estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund provides replacement cost coverage.

The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third party insurance carrier for losses in excess of one million dollars per occurrence during a 12-month period.

The State Bonding Fund currently provides the County with 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 participates in the North Dakota Worker's Compensation Bureau. The County has retained risk for employee health and accident up to a maximum of \$65,000 per individual and up to 120% of actuarially expected claims. The County has purchased a stop loss policy for amounts in excess of \$65,000 per employee and 120% of actuarially expected claims. The County has sufficient reserves in the self-insurance fund to fund the retained risk. A liability for incurred but not reported claims is included on the balance sheet.

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

NOTE 11: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits incident to its operations. In the opinion of County Counsel and management, such claims against the County not covered by insurance would not materially affect the financial condition of the County.

NOTE 12: CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

The County has the following open construction contracts with balances owing at December 31, 2008:

Project	Amount	Completed	Retainage	Balance
Highway 17 Bit Overlay	\$ 4,053,431	\$ 5,231,664	\$ 208,809	-
Perley Bridge	2,499,094	2,321,249	120,689	298,533
Total Construction Commitments	\$ 6,552,525	\$ 7,552,913	\$ 329,498	\$ 298,533

NOTE 13: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The county and surrounding communities were impacted by spring flooding. As a result the county incurred costs to fight the flood and will continue to incur costs for home buy outs and permanent flood protection. The financial impact to the county should be minimal as the county expects to be reimbursed by federal and state funds.

SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Sheriff Asset Forfeiture

This fund is used to account for assets seized by law enforcement due to criminal activity. These funds are used to supplement a law enforcement budget and cannot supplant funding provided by general tax dollars.

JAIBG

This is the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant fund and is 90% federal funds. The funds are used for programs that encourage or assist juvenile offenders in being more accountable for their criminal activities.

Sheriff Block Grant

This is a fund for the accounting of various grants received by the Sheriff's Department. Currently, it accounts a public health emergency preparedness and response grant. This was a grant through the Fargo Cass Public Health Department to reimburse various cities for time expended for the development of security plans.

Jail Commissary

This fund is used to account for telephone commissions in the County Jail. These revenues are used to purchase furniture, fixtures, recreational and audio-visual equipment and miscellaneous items for inmates of the jail.

Hazardous Plan/Response

This fund is set up through state statute and used to account for chemical fees paid by those under the local Emergency Planning Commission. Revenues are used to purchase supplies for the Hazardous Material Response Team.

Valley Water Rescue

This fund accounts for grants received from four city governments and two county governments and is used to repair and purchase equipment for the Valley Water Rescue Unit.

State's Attorney Asset Forfeiture

This is a fund for assets seized by various law enforcement agencies.

Senior Citizens

These funds provide support for senior citizen programs throughout the County, in accordance with the guidelines set by the State Department of Human Services.

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

911 Service

This fund is used to accumulate the 911 fees from both land lines and cellular lines and pay for the cost of dispatch service through the Red River Regional Dispatch Center. This Center is a joint operation between Cass County, Clay County of Minnesota, and the cities of Fargo and Moorhead.

Justice Mental Health

This fund is used to account for a Department of Justice grant for the salary and benefits of a mental health coordinator at the county jail.

County Emergency Fund

This is a contingency fund, authorized by state law and used to provide funds for unexpected events.

NDRIN-County Recorders

This fund provides for the management of the North Dakota Recorders Information Network Fund (NDRIN).

NDRIN provides for the operation of a central repository for electronic land records from member counties and provides for access to those records by electronic means over the Internet. Funding is provided by electronic access fees and the Document Preservation Fee charged by member counties for recording documents.

Document Preservation Fund

This fund accounts for Cass County's Document Preservation Fee. Currently \$2 of the \$3 fee is used to fund the NDRIN project, \$1 is used to maintain the technology within the County Recorders Office.

County Park

The funds received through this levy are for maintenance of the county park facilities at Brewer Lake, Erie, North Dakota, and for other park projects around the County.

SWAT Vehicle Replacement

This fund will be used to set aside resource to replace a SWAT vehicle for the sheriff's department.

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Nonmajor Debt Service Funds

Debt service funds are used to account for accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, principal and interest on long term debt.

Borderuds Subdivision
Windsor Green Subdivision
Sleepy Hollow Subdivision
Round Hill Subdivision
Greyhawk Estates Subdivision
Grandberg/ Amber Plains
Holmen's 3rd Subdivision

These funds are used to accumulate resources for the payment of principal and interest on the special assessment bonds related to improvements within the specific subdivision. Revenues are received primarily from special assessments on property within the district. The County issues bonds for special assessments if the subdivision is not within city limits.

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds

Capital projects funds are used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities.

Forest River Subdivision

This fund is used to provide for the construction of street improvements in the Forest River Subdivision.

Greyhawk Estates Subdivision

This fund is used to provide for the construction of street improvements in the Greyhawk Estates Subdivision.

Round Hill Subdivision

This fund is used to provide for the construction of street improvements in the Round Hill Subdivision.

Grandberg/ Amber Plains

This fund is used to provide for the construction of street improvements in the Granbergs and Amber Plains Subdivisions.

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Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds December 31, 2008

	Sheriff							
	A	Asset		JAIBG	S	Sheriff		
	Fo	rfeiture		Fund	Block Grant			
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,871	\$	40,471	\$	1,113		
Receivables:								
Taxes		-		-		-		
Accounts Due From Other Funds		-		- 6 500		-		
Prepaid Items		-		6,500		_		
Due From Other Governments		_		_		_		
Due From Guier Governments	-							
TOTAL ASSETS		2,871		46,971		1,113		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
<u>Liabilities:</u>								
Accounts Payable		2,107		-		-		
Due to Other Funds		-		-		-		
Due to Inmates		-		-		-		
Deferred Revenues								
Total Liabilities		2,107						
Fund Balance:								
Fund Balances, Unreserved		764		46,971		1,113		
Fund Balances, Reserved:								
Reserved for Prepaid Items								
Total Fund Balances	ī	764		46,971		1,113		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	2,871	\$	46,971	\$	1 112		
IOTAL LIADILITIES AND I SIND DALANCES	Ψ	۷,011	Ψ	70,811	Ψ	1,113		

Jail Commissary		Hazardous Plan/ Response		Valley Water Rescue		St. Att'y Asset orfeiture	Senior Citizens	
\$	202,340	\$ 22,167	\$	35,839	\$	63,285	\$	141,521
	- 17,022 - 348	- - -		- - -		- - -		8,948 - -
	4,491	 <u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
	224,200	 22,167		35,839		63,285		150,468
	3,054	- -		11,495 -		- -		-
	3,881	 - -		<u>-</u>		- -		- 142,080
	6,935	 		11,495				142,080
	040 047	22.467		24.244		C2 205		0.200
	216,917 348	 22,167		24,344		63,285		8,388
	217,265	22,167		24,344		63,285		8,388
\$	224,200	\$ 22,167	\$	35,839	\$	63,285	\$	150,468

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Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds December 31, 2008

	;	911 Service	Justice Mental Health		Emergency Fund	
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables: Taxes Accounts Due From Other Funds Prepaid Items Due From Other Governments	\$	31,357 - - - - - 27,899	\$	- - - -	\$	487,934 885 - - -
TOTAL ASSETS		59,255		_		488,819
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities: Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds Due to Inmates Deferred Revenues		12,074 - - -		2,000 6,500 - -		- - - 885
Total Liabilities		12,074		8,500		885
Fund Balances: Fund Balances, Unreserved Fund Balances, Reserved: Reserved for Prepaid Items		47,181 <u>-</u>		(8,500) <u>-</u>		487,934 <u>-</u>
Total Fund Balances		47,181		(8,500)		487,934
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	59,255	\$	-	\$	488,819

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(County		Document Preservation ROD		County Park		SWAT Vehicle Replacement		Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds		
\$	579,691	\$	106,774	\$	94,030	\$	3,009	\$	1,812,402				
	72,804 - - -		- - - - 11,650		753 - - 193 696		- - - - -		10,586 89,826 6,500 541 44,734				
	652,495		118,424		95,671		3,009		1,964,588				
	2,063		82,508		169		-		115,469				
	-		-		-		_		6,500 3,881				
	<u>-</u>		<u> </u>		8,496		<u>-</u>		151,461				
	2,063		82,508		8,664		-		277,311				
	650,432		35,916		86,814		3,009		1,686,736				
			_		193				541				
	650,432		35,916		87,008		3,009		1,687,277				
\$	652,495	\$	118,424	\$	95,671	\$	3,009	\$	1,964,588				

Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds - All Debt Service Funds December 31, 2008

	Round Hill Subdivision		Holmen's Third Subdivision		Borderud's Subdivision		Windsor Green Subdivision	
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and Investments Receivables: Taxes	\$	46,726	\$	14,403	\$	26,071	\$	7,081
Total Assets		46,726		14,403		26,071		7,081
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
<u>Liabilities:</u> Deferred Revenues		7,265		3,150		760		
Total Liabilities		7,265		3,150		760		
Fund Balances: Reserved for Debt Service		39,461		11,253		25,311		7,081
Total Fund Balances		39,461		11,253		25,311		7,081
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	46,726	\$	14,403	\$	26,071	\$	7,081

Sleepy Hollow Subdivision		Е	eyhawk Estates odivision		andberg Amber Plains	ll Nonmajor bt Service Funds
\$	16,097	\$	44,914	\$	25,692	\$ 180,985
			2,000			 2,000
	16,097		46,914		25,692	182,985
			17,261		14,992	 43,428
			17,261		14,992	 43,428
	16,097		29,653	_	10,700	 139,556
	16,097		29,653		10,700	139,556
\$	16,097	\$	46,914	\$	25,692	\$ 182,985

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Capital Projects Funds December 31, 2008

	Forest River Subdivision		Round Hill bdivision	Greyhawks Estates Subdivision		Grandberg Amber Plains		Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	
<u>ASSETS</u>									
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts Receivable	\$	28,410	\$ 37,131 -	\$	29,721	\$	58,899 <u>-</u>	\$	154,162 -
Total Assets		28,410	 37,131		29,721		58,899		154,162
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
<u>Liabilities:</u> Accounts Payable Retainage Payable		- -	 - -		- -		- -		- -
Total Liabilities			 						<u>-</u> _
Fund Balances: Fund Balances, Unreserved		28,410	 37,131		29,721		58,899		154,162
Total Fund Balances		28,410	 37,131		29,721		58,899		154,162
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	28,410	\$ 37,131	\$	29,721	\$	58,899	\$	154,162

Combining Balance Sheet All Nonmajor Governmental Funds December 31, 2008

	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds		Total Nonmajor Debt Service Funds		Total Nonmajor Capital Project Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,812,402	\$	180,985	\$	154,162	\$	2,147,549
Receivables:								
Taxes		10,586		2,000		-		12,586
Accounts		89,826		-		-		89,826
Due From Other Governments		44,734		-		-		44,734
Due From Other Funds		6,500		-		-		6,500
Prepaid Items		541		-		-		541
TOTAL ASSETS		1,964,588		182,985		154,162		2,301,736
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:		445 400						445 400
Accounts Payable		115,469		-		-		115,469
Retainages Payable		454.404		40.400		-		404.000
Deferred Revenues		151,461		43,428		-		194,889
Due to General Funds		6,500		-		-		6,500
Due To Inmates		3,881				-		3,881
Total Liabilities		277,311		43,428		-		320,739
Fund Balances:								
Reserved for Prepaid Items		541		-		-		541
Reserved for Debt Service		-		139,556		-		139,556
Unreserved		1,686,736		-		154,162		1,840,898
Total Balances		1,687,277		139,556		154,162		1,980,995
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	1,964,588	\$	182,985	\$	154,162	\$	2,301,736

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -- Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Sheriff Asset Forfeiture	JAIBG Fund	Sheriff Block Grant	
Revenues:	Ф	c	Φ.	
Property Taxes License, Permits & Fees	\$ - 92,716	\$ - 8,003	\$ -	
Intergovernmental Revenues	117,719	6,003	_	
Charges for Services	-	_	-	
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,444	1,593	99	
Total Revenues	212,879	9,596	99_	
Expenditures:				
Current: General Government	_	_	_	
Public Safety	188,169	2,893	3,157	
Culture and Recreation	-	_,000	-	
Conservation & Econ. Development				
Total Expenditures	188,169	2,893	3,157	
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	24,710 -	6,703	(3,058)	
Other Financing Sources (Hose)				
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfers In	_	_	_	
Transfers Out				
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)				
Net change in fund balances	24,710	6,703	(3,058)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	(23,946)	40,267	4,170	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 764	\$ 46,971	\$ 1,113	

Co	Jail mmissary	Hazar Pla Respo	n/	V	/alley Vater escue	Atty Asset orfeiture	Senior Citizens	 911 Service
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ - 40,489	\$ 413,011	\$ -
	-	4	,063		37,365	40,469	263,849	-
	265,167 8,870		992		- 1,696	 2,191	 3,640	 249,006 3,270
	274,037	5	,055		39,061	 42,680	 680,500	 252,275
	-	1	,363		-	-	-	-
	251,992 -		-		30,875	2,904 -	- 676,789	299,548
	-					 	 <u> </u>	
	251,992	1	,363_		30,875	 2,904	 676,789	 299,548
	22,045	3	3,692		8,186	 39,776	 3,711	 (47,273)
	-		_		-	-	-	90,000
	(37,267)	(9	,283)		-	(10,000)	 -	 -
	(37,267)	(9	,283)			 (10,000)	 -	 90,000
	(15,222)	(5	5,591 <u>)</u>		8,186	 29,776	 3,711	 42,727
	232,487	27	,760		16,158	 33,510	 4,677	 4,454
\$	217,265	\$ 22	2,167	\$	24,344	\$ 63,285	\$ 8,388	\$ 47,181

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -- Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Justice Mental Health	Emergency Fund	NDRIN - County Recorders	
Revenues: Property Taxes License, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,753	\$ -	
Intergovernmental Revenues Charges for Services	13,500 -		- 573,631	
Miscellaneous Revenues		17,552	15,554	
Total Revenues	13,500	19,305	589,185	
Expenditures: Current:				
General Government	-	-	393,228	
Public Safety Culture and Recreation	22,000	-	-	
Conservation & Econ. Development				
Total Expenditures	22,000		393,228	
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(8,500)	19,305	195,957	
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfers In	-	-	-	
Transfers Out				
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)				
Net change in fund balances	(8,500)	19,305	195,957	
Fund Balance - Beginning		468,628	454,475	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ (8,500)	\$ 487,934	\$ 650,432	

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D	Document		5	SWAT	Total Nonmajor		
Pre	eservation	(County	V	'ehicle	Spe	cial Revenue
	Fund		Park	Rep	lacement		Funds
\$	-	\$	27,104	\$	-	\$	441,869
	-		-				141,207
	-		2,881		-		439,377
	129,445		2,775		-		1,220,024
	4,419		3,348		9		65,677
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
	133,864		36,108		9		2,308,154
	<u> </u>			-			
	184,752		-		-		579,344
	-		-		-		801,538
	-		18,414		-		695,203
	-		-		-		-
	184,752		18,414		-		2,076,085
	_						
	(50,888)		17,694		9		232,070
	-		-		3,000		93,000
			-				(56,550)
					3,000		36,450
	(50,888)		17,694		3,009		268,519
	86,804		69,314		-		1,418,758
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\$	35,916	\$	87,008	\$	3,009	\$	1,687,277

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Debt Service Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Round Hill Subdivision		Holmen's Third Subdivision		Borderud's Subdivision	
Revenues: Property Taxes Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	18,821 1,682	\$	7,763 562	\$ 3,963 994	
Total Revenues	•	20,503		8,325	4,957	
Expenditures: Debt Service: Principal Interest Fiscal Charges		25,000 5,850 695		5,231 3,120 -	10,000 1,400 498	
Total Expenditures		31,545		8,351	 11,898	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(11,042)		(26)	 (6,941)	
Fund Balance - Beginning		50,503		11,279	32,252	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	39,461	\$	11,253	\$ 25,311	

Windsor Green Subdivision		ŀ	Sleepy Hollow Subdivision		Greyhawk Estates Subdivision		Grandberg Amber Plains		Total Nonmajor Debt Service Funds	
\$	- 255	\$	- 580	\$	41,115 1,422	\$	34,651 652	\$	106,314 6,147	
	255		580		42,537		35,303		112,461	
	- - -		-		30,000 13,080		15,000 15,312		85,231 38,762	
					795		1,128		3,116	
					43,875		31,440		127,110	
	255		580		(1,338)		3,863		(14,649)	
1	6,826		15,517		30,990		6,837		154,205	
\$	7,081	\$	16,097	\$	29,653	\$	10,700	\$	139,556	

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Combining Statement of Revenues , Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Capital Projects Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	F	orest River odivision	Round Hill <u>Subdivision</u>		
Revenues: Intergovernmental Revenues Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	1,024	\$	- 1,338	
Total Revenues		1,024		1,338	
Expenditures: Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures					
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		1,024		1,338	
Fund Balance - Beginning		27,386		35,793	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	28,410	\$	37,131	

Greyhawks Estates <u>Subdivision</u>		1	randber Amber <u>Plains</u>	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects <u>Funds</u>			
\$	2,007	\$	- 5,808	\$	10,176		
	2,007		5,808		10,176		
	34,244		103,633	137,877 137,877			
	(32,237) 61,958		(97,825) 156,725		(127,701) 281,862		
\$	29,721	\$	58,899	\$	154,162		

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances All Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

DEVENUE	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Project Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
REVENUES Taxes:					
Property	\$ 441,869	\$ 106,314	\$ -	\$ 548,182	
Licenses, permits and fees	141,207	-	<u>-</u>	141,207	
Intergovernmental revenues	439,377	-	-	439,377	
Charges for services	1,220,024	-	-	1,220,024	
Miscellaneous revenues	65,677	6,147	10,176	82,000	
Total Revenues	2,308,154	112,461	10,176	2,430,790	
EXPENDITURES Current:					
General government	579,344	-	-	579,344	
Public Safety	801,538	-	-	801,538	
Culture and recreation	695,203	-	-	695,203	
Conservation & economic development	-	-	-	-	
Capital outlay	-	-	137,877	137,877	
Debt service:				07.004	
Principal retirement	-	85,231	-	85,231	
Interest	-	38,762	-	38,762	
Fiscal charges	-	3,116	-	3,116	
Total Expenditures	2,076,085	127,110	137,877	2,341,071	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over					
(under) expenditures	232,070	(14,649)	(127,700)	89,719	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	93,000	-	-	93,000	
Transfers out	(56,550)		-	(56,550)	
Total of other financing uses	36,450			36,450	
Net change in fund balances	268,519	(14,649)	(127,700)	126,169	
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,418,758	154,205	281,862	1,854,824	
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 1,687,277	\$ 139,556	\$ 154,162	\$ 1,980,995	

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Sheriff Asset Forfeiture							
	Budg Original	et <u>Final</u>	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)				
Revenues: Property Taxes License, Permits & Fees	\$ - 40,000	\$ - 40,000	\$ - 92,716	\$ - 52,716				
Intergovernmental Revenues Charges for Services Miscellaneous Revenues	121,759 - 2,000	121,759 - 2,000	117,719 - 2,444	(4,040) - 444				
Total Revenues	163,759	163,759	212,879	49,120				
Expenditures: Current: General Government Public Safety Culture and Recreation	91,625 	231,625 	- 188,169 	- 43,456 				
Total Expenditures	91,625	231,625	188,169	43,456				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	72,134	(67,866)	24,710	92,576				
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfers In Transfers Out		<u> </u>	 	<u> </u>				
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Net change in fund balances	72,134	(67,866)	24,710	92,576				
Fund Balance - Beginning	(23,946)	(23,946)	(23,946)					
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 48,188	\$ (91,812)	\$ 764	\$ 92,576				

	JAIBG Fund					Sheriff Block Grants					
Budget Original Final		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)	Budget Original Final			Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)			
\$	6,000	\$ - 6,000	\$ - 8,003	\$ - 2,003	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	-	-		2,003		-	-	-	-		
	1,500	1,500	- 1,593	93		<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	99	99		
	7,500	7,500	9,596	2,096				99	99		
	- 7,000	- 7,000	-	-		-	-	-	-		
	7,000	7,000	2,893	4,107 			5,000	3,157 	1,843		
	7,000	7,000	2,893	4,107		<u>-</u>	5,000	3,157	1,843		
	500	500	6,703	6,203			(5,000)	(3,058)	1,942		
	- -	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>		-	- -	- -	-		
						-					
	500	500	6,703	6,203		<u>-</u>	(5,000)	(3,058)	1,942		
	40,267	40,267	40,267			4,170	4,170	4,170			
\$	40,767	\$ 40,767	\$ 46,971	\$ 6,204	\$	4,170	\$ (830)	\$ 1,113	\$ 1,942		

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Jail Commissary						
	Bud Original	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)				
Revenues: Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
License, Permits & Fees	Ψ - -	Ψ - -	Ψ - -	Ψ -			
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	-	- (0.4.000)			
Charges for Services Miscellaneous Revenues	300,000 15,000	300,000 15,000	265,167 8,870	(34,833) (6,130)			
Wildelianeous Nevenues	10,000	15,000	0,070	(0,130)			
Total Revenues	315,000	315,000	274,037	(40,963)			
Current: General Government Public Safety Culture and Recreation	261,274 	- 281,274 	251,992 	29,282 			
Total Expenditures	261,274	281,274	251,992	29,282			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures Other Financing Sources (Uses):	53,726	33,726	22,045	(11,681)			
Transfers In	-	-	-	-			
Transfers Out	(40,280)	(40,280)	(37,267)	3,013			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(40,280)	(40,280)	(37,267)	3,013			
Net change in fund balances	13,446	(6,554)	(15,222)	(8,668)			
Fund Balance - Beginning	232,487	232,487	232,487				
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 245,933	\$ 225,933	\$ 217,265	\$ (8,668)			
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		Hazardous Pla	n/Response		Valley Water Rescue					
Budget Original Final		Variance With Final Budget Positive Actual (Negative)		Budget Original Final		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)			
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	5,000	5,000	4,063	(937)	- 37,415	- 37,415	- 37,365	(50)		
	- 1,400_	1,400	992	(408)	2,000	2,000	1,696	(304)		
	6,400	6,400	5,055	(1,345)	39,415	39,415	39,061	(354)		
	4,000	4,500	1,363 - 	(1,363) 4,500	38,100	38,100 -	30,875 	7,225 -		
	4,000	4,500	1,363	3,137	38,100	38,100	30,875	7,225		
	2,400	1,900	3,692	1,792	1,315	1,315	8,186	6,872		
	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	(9,283)	(9,283)		<u> </u>	<u>-</u>			
	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	(9,283)	(9,283)						
	2,400	1,900	(5,591)	(7,491)	1,315	1,315	8,186	6,872		
	27,760	27,760	27,760		16,158	16,158	16,158			
\$	30,160	\$ 29,660	\$ 22,167	\$ (7,491)	\$ 17,473	\$ 17,473	\$ 24,344	\$ 6,872		

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	States Attorney Asset Forfeiture							
	Original	Actual		Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)				
Revenues: Property Taxes	\$	- \$		\$	_	\$	_	
License, Permits & Fees	'	000	10,000		,489	Ψ	30,489	
Intergovernmental Revenues		-	, -		-		· -	
Charges for Services		-	-		-		-	
Miscellaneous Revenues	1	500	1,500	2	,191		691	
Total Revenues	11	500	11,500	42	,680		31,180	
Expenditures: Current:								
General Government Public Safety		-	5,000	2	- ,904		2,096	
Culture and Recreation		-	5,000	2	,904		2,090	
				-				
Total Expenditures		<u> </u>	5,000	2	,904_		2,096	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	11	500	6,500	30	.776		33,277	
(under) experiultures			0,300		,770		33,211	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Transfers In Transfers Out	(10	000)	(10,000)	(10	,000)		-	
Transiers Out	(10)		(10,000)	(10	,000)			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(10	000)	(10,000)	(10	,000)			
Net change in fund balances	1	500	(3,500)	29	,776		33,277	
Fund Balance - Beginning	33	510	33,510	33	,510			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 35	010 \$	30,010	\$ 63	,285	\$	33,277	

	Senior	Citizens		911 Service					
Budget Original Final		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)	Budç Original	get Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
\$ 421,481 -	\$ 421,481 -	\$ 413,011 -	\$ (8,470)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - -	\$ -		
260,000	260,000	263,849	3,849	-	-	-	-		
		-	- (0.007)	168,856	168,856	249,006	80,150		
6,727	6,727	3,640	(3,087)	500	500	3,270	2,770		
688,208	688,208	680,500	(7,708)	169,356	169,356	252,276	82,920		
- - 676,789	- - 676,789	- - 676,789	- - -	347,945 -	- 347,945 -	- 299,548 -	- 48,397 -		
676,789	676,789	676,789		347,945	347,945	299,548	48,397		
11,419	11,419	3,711	(7,708)	(178,589)	(178,589)	(47,272)	131,317		
-	-	-	-	180,000	180,000	90,000	(90,000)		
				180,000	180,000	90,000	(90,000)		
11,419	11,419	3,711	(7,708)	1,411	1,411	42,728	41,317		
4,677	4,677	4,677		4,454	4,454	4,454			
\$ 16,096	\$ 16,096	\$ 8,388	\$ (7,708)	\$ 5,865	\$ 5,865	\$ 47,181	\$ 41,317		

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

			Justic	e Ment	al Health			
	Budget Original Final			al	Actual		Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Revenues:							_	
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
License, Permits & Fees Intergovernmental Revenues		-	90	,000,	13	- ,500		(76,500)
Charges for Services		-	90	,000	13	,500		(70,500)
Miscellaneous Revenues		_		_		-		_
Total Revenues			90	,000	13	,500		(76,500)
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General Government		-		-		-		-
Public Safety		-	90	,000	22	,000		68,000
Culture and Recreation		<u> </u>						-
Total Expenditures			90	,000	22	,000		68,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over								
(under) expenditures					(8	,500)		(8,500)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Transfers In		-		-		-		-
Transfers Out		-						-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		<u>-</u>						-
Net change in fund balances				-	(8	,500)		(8,500)
Fund Balance - Beginning								
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	_	\$	_	\$ (8	,500)	\$	(8,500)

Emergency Fund					NDRIN - County Recorder Project					
Budget Original Final		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)	Final Budget Positive Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)			
\$	1,764	\$ 1,764	\$ 1,753	\$ (11)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	36,246	36,246	- 17,552	(18,694)	316,500 20,000	316,500 20,000	573,631 15,554	257,131 (4,446)		
	38,010	38,010	19,305	(18,706)	336,500	336,500	589,185	252,685		
	50,000	50,000	<u>-</u>	50,000	223,000	398,000	393,228	4,772		
	- -	- -	<u>-</u>	, - -		- -	, - -	, - -		
_	50,000	50,000		50,000	223,000	398,000	393,228	4,772		
	(11,990)	(11,990)	19,305	31,294	113,500	(61,500)	195,957	257,457		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>	-			
	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>			- _		<u> </u>	- _		
	(11,990)	(11,990)	19,305	31,294	113,500	(61,500)	195,957	257,457		
	468,628	468,628	468,628		454,475	454,475	454,475			
\$	456,638	\$ 456,638	\$ 487,934	\$ 31,294	\$ 567,975	\$ 392,975	\$ 650,432	\$ 257,457		

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

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		Budge Driginal		Final	A	ctual _	Fina P	ance With al Budget ositive egative)			
Revenues:	Φ.		Φ.		•		Φ.				
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-			
License, Permits & Fees Intergovernmental Revenues		-		-		-		-			
Charges for Services		73,350		- 118,012	1	- 29,445		11,433			
Miscellaneous Revenues		3,000		3,000	14	4,419		1,419			
Miscellarieous Neveriues	-	3,000		3,000		4,413		1,413			
Total Revenues		76,350		121,012	1;	33,864		12,852			
Expenditures: Current:											
General Government		108,500		184,959	18	84,752		207			
Public Safety Culture and Recreation		-		-		-		-			
Culture and Recreation							-				
Total Expenditures		108,500		184,959	18	84,752		207			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(32,150)		(63,947)	(50,888)		13,060			
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfers In Transfers Out		- -		- -		<u>-</u>		- -			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
Net change in fund balances		(32,150)		(63,947)	(:	50,888)		13,060			
Fund Balance - Beginning		86,804		86,804		86,804					
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	54,654	\$	22,857	\$:	35,916	\$	13,060			

County Park								SWAT Vehicle Replacement							
Bud <u>ç</u> Original	get	Final		Actual	Fina P	ance With al Budget ositive egative)	Ori	Buo ginal	dget	nal		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
\$ 27,700	\$	27,700	\$	27,104	\$	(596)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
- 2,482		- 2,482		- 2,881		- 399		-		-		-		-	
		-		2,775		2,775		-		-		-		-	
 3,000		3,000		3,348		348		-				9		9	
 33,182		33,182		36,108		2,925						9		9	
-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
- 28,742		28,742		- 18,414		10,328		-		-		-		-	
 20,1 42				10,414		·									
 28,742		28,742		18,414		10,328									
 4,440		4,440		17,694		13,253						9		9	
-		-		-		-		-		-		3,000		-	
 						-							-		
						-						3,000			
 4,440		4,440		17,694		13,253						3,009		9	
 69,314		69,314		69,314											
\$ 73,754	\$	73,754	\$	87,008	\$	13,253	\$	_	\$	_	\$	3,009	\$	9	

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Total	Nonmajor Budgeted S	Special Revenue Fund	ds
·	Budg	get		Variance With Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues: Property Taxes License, Permits & Fees Intergovernmental Revenues Charges for Services Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 450,945 56,000 426,656 858,706 92,873	\$ 450,945 56,000 516,656 903,368 92,873	\$ 441,869 141,207 439,377 1,220,024 65,677	\$ (9,076) 85,207 (77,279) 316,656 (27,196)
Total Revenues	1,885,180	2,019,842	2,308,154	288,312
Expenditures: Current: General Government Public Safety Culture and Recreation	381,500 749,944 705,531	632,959 1,010,444 705,531	579,344 801,538 695,203	53,615 208,906 10,328
Total Expenditures	1,836,975	2,348,934	2,076,085	272,849
Excess (deficiency) of revenu	es over			
(under) expenditures	48,205	(329,092)	232,069	561,163
Other Financing Sources (Use Transfers In Transfers Out	es): 180,000 (50,280)	180,000 (50,280)	93,000 (56,550)	(87,000) (6,270)
Total Other Financing Source	129,720	129,720	36,450	(6,270)
Net change in fund balances	177,925	(199,372)	268,519	467,893
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,418,758	1,418,758	1,418,758	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 1,596,683	\$ 1,219,386	\$ 1,687,277	\$ 467,895

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Debt Service Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Round Hill Subdivision											
	Budget						Fin	ance With al Budget Positive				
	Origianl			Final		Actual	(N	legative)				
Revenues:												
Property Taxes	\$	18,062	\$	18,062	\$	18,821	\$	759				
Miscellaneous Revenues		1,000		1,000		1,682	-	682				
Total Revenues		19,062	-	19,062		20,503		1,441				
Expenditures:												
Debt Service:												
Principal		25,000		25,000		25,000		-				
Interest		5,850		5,850		5,850		-				
Fiscal Charges		1,000		1,000		695		305				
Total Expenditures		31,850	-	31,850		31,545		305				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over												
(under) expenditures		(12,788)		(12,788)		(11,042)		1,747				
Fund Balance - Beginning		50,503		50,503		50,503						
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	37,715	\$	37,715	\$	39,461	\$	1,747				

	Holmen's Thir	rd Sudvidisor	า				Bord	lerud's	Sub	division		
Bud	<u> </u>		Final Po	nce With Budget sitive		Bud					Final Po	nce With Budget sitive
 Original	Final	Actual	(Ne	gative)	-	Original	Fir	nal		Actual	(Ne	gative)
\$ 7,743 200	\$ 7,743 200	\$ 7,763 562	\$	362	\$	4,033 500	\$ 4	4,033 500	\$	3,963 994	\$	(70) 494
 7,943	7,943	8,325		362		4,533		<u>1,533</u>		4,957		424
5,231	5,231	5,231		-		10,000		0,000		10,000		-
 3,121	3,121	3,120		<u>-</u>		1,400 1,000		1,400 1,000		1,400 498		502
 8,352	8,352	8,351				12,400	12	2,400		11,898		502
 (409)	(409)	(26)		363		(7,867)	(7	7,867)		(6,941)		926
 11,279	11,279	11,279				32,252	32	2,252		32,252		
\$ 10,870	\$ 10,870	\$ 11,253	\$	363	\$	24,385	\$ 24	4,385	\$	25,311	\$	926

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Debt Service Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Windsor Green Subdivision											
	Budget Original Final						Fina Po	nce With I Budget				
Revenues:		Original		Final		Actual	(Ne	gative)				
	Φ.		Ф		Φ		Ф					
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-				
Miscellaneous Revenues		-		-		255		255				
Total Revenues						255		255				
Expenditures:												
Debt Service:												
Principal		-		-		_		_				
Interest		_		_		_		_				
Fiscal Charges								-				
Total Expenditures												
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over												
(under) expenditures						255		255				
Fund Balance - Beginning		6,826		6,826		6,826						
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	6,826	\$	6,826	\$	7,081	\$	255				

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	Sleepy Hol	low Subdivisio	n		Greyhawks	Subdivision	
Original	Budget Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)	-	Budget Original Final		Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
\$	- \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$41,115	\$ 115
	<u> </u>	580	580	42,000	1,000	1,422 42,537	537
	- 	- -	-	30,000 13,080	30,000 13,080	30,000 13,080	- -
	<u> </u>			1,000	1,000	795	205
	<u> </u>	-		44,080	44,080	43,875	205
	<u> </u>	580	580	(2,080)	(2,080)	(1,338)	742
15,517		15,517		30,990	30,990	30,990	
\$ 15,517	7 \$ 15,517	\$ 16,097	\$ 580	\$ 28,910	\$ 28,910	\$ 29,653	\$ 742

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - Debt Service Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Grandberg Amber Plains										
						Vari	ance With				
						Fin	al Budget				
		Budg	get			F	Positive				
		Original		Final	Actual	(N	egative)				
Revenues:											
Taxes	\$	-	\$	32,000	\$ 34,651	\$	2,651				
Miscellaneous Revenues				-	652		652				
				_							
Total Revenues		-		32,000	35,303		3,303				
Expenditures:											
Debt Service:											
Principal		-		15,000	15,000		-				
Interest		-		15,400	15,312		-				
Fiscal Charges				1,600	1,128		472				
Total Expenditures				32,000	31,440		472				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over											
(under) expenditures				-	3,863		3,775				
Fund Balance - Beginning		6,837		6,837	6,837						
	_										
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	6,837	\$	6,837	\$ 10,700	\$	3,775				

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Total	Nonmaior	Doht S	arvica	Funde
TOLAI	Noninalor	Dept 3	ervice	runus

 		itommajor i			Varia	ance With
					Fina	al Budget
Bud	laet					ositive
 Original	.901	Final		Actual		egative)
 Original		- I III CI				oguaro)
\$ 70,838	\$	102,838	\$	106,314	\$	3,476
2,700		2,700		6,147		3,447
73,538		105,538		112,461		6,923
70,231		85,231		85,231		-
23,451		38,851		38,762		89
3,000		4,600		3,116		1,484
_						
96,682		128,682		127,110		1,573
 (23,144)		(23,144)		(14,649)		8,496
123,215		154,205		154,205		-
\$ 100,071	\$	131,061	\$	139,556	\$	8,496

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Internal Service Funds

Internal service funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the county, on a cost reimbursement basis.

Health Insurance Trust

This fund accounts for a self-funded comprehensive health insurance plan for County employees, administered by an outside firm. Costs are recovered by monthly premiums charged to each department and the plan holder. The portion of the total premium paid by the plan holder for a single, single plus dependent, or family plan is 7.15%, 14.3%, or 21.45%, respectively.

The expenditures are the actual claims incurred, up to a certain level. Stop loss coverage is purchased to limit the County's liability on each individual and in the aggregate.

Telephone Trust

This fund provides for the operation of the County's telephone system. Monthly user fees are charged to departments, as well as related long-distance charges.

Dental Insurance Trust

This fund accounts for a self-funded dental insurance plan for County employees, administered by an outside firm. Costs are recovered by monthly premiums charged to each department and the plan holder. The plan holder has a choice of a single or family policy. The county covers only the cost of the single policy.

Motor Pool Operating

The Motor Pool Operating Fund is used to account for the operations of the Cass County's motor pool. The fund pays for the purchase and operation of cars that are "rented" to Cass County departments. Departments pay for the use of the vehicles on per mile basis.

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Combining Statement of Net Assets Internal Service Funds

December 31, 2008

	Health Insurance Trust	Dental Insurance Trust		 elephone Trust	Motor Pool perating	Total	
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,580,121	\$	26,920	\$ 254,982 4,662	\$ 22,876	\$	1,884,897 4,662
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,580,121	\$	26,920	\$ 259,643	\$ 22,876	\$	1,889,559
Noncurrent Assets: Capital Assets Less: Accumulated Depreciation	 -		<u>-</u>	 320,522 (253,596)	77,046 (54,477)		397,568 (308,072)
Total Noncurrent Assets	 			66,926	22,569		89,496
Total Assets	1,580,121		26,920	 326,569	 45,445		1,979,055
<u>LIABILITIES</u>							
Current Liabilities: Accounts Payable Deposits IBNR Claims	 7,648 230,020 196,347		24,709 11,128	 18,255 - -	 492 - -		26,395 254,729 207,475
Total Liabilities	 434,015		35,837	 18,255	 492		488,599
Net Assets: Invested in Capital Assets Unrestricted	 - 1,146,105		(8,917)	66,926 241,388	22,569 22,384		89,495 1,400,960
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,146,105	\$	(8,917)	\$ 308,314	\$ 44,953	\$	1,490,455

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Internal Service Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Health Insurance Trust	Dental Insurance Trust	Telephone Trust	Motor Pool	Total
Operating Revenues:					
Premiums	\$ 2,492,461	\$ 305,070	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,797,531
Charges for Services	=	-	139,682	39,602	179,284
Miscellaneous	15,245			10,111	25,356
Total Operating Revenues	2,507,706	305,070	139,682	49,713	3,002,171
Operating Expenses:					
Premiums	308,017	-	-	-	308,017
Medical Services	7,648	-	-	-	7,648
Telephone Service	-	=	41,556	-	41,556
Maintenance Agreements	-	-	41,462	-	41,462
Administrative Fees	132,618	20,918	_	-	153,536
Maintenance and Repairs	-	-	2,112	31,561	33,673
Benefit Payments	1,815,138	211,001	· <u>-</u>	-	2,026,139
IBNR Claims	196,347	11,128	-	=	207,475
Depreciation Expense	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	29,491	14,568	44,060
Total Operating Expenses	2,459,767	243,047	114,621	46,130	2,863,566
Operating Income	47,939	62,023	25,061	3,583	138,605
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	50.044	4.47	7.507	0.44	04.000
Interest Income	56,941	147	7,567	344	64,998
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	-		(1,399)	(10)	(1,409)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	56,941	147	6,168	334	63,589
Change in Net Assets	104,880	62,170	31,229	3,917	202,194
Total Net Assets Beginning	1,041,227	(71,087)	277,085	41,035	1,288,259
Total Net Assets Ending	\$ 1,146,105	\$ (8,917)	\$ 308,314	\$ 44,953	\$ 1,490,455

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Combining Statement of Cash Flows Internal Service Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Health Insurance Trust	Dental Insurance Trust	Telephone Trust	Motor Pool	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	Ф 0.400.000	\$ 305.070	\$ 138.255	\$ 39.602	£ 2.004.007
Receipts from customers Payments to Suppliers	\$ 2,498,960 (446,905)	\$ 305,070 (20,918)	\$ 138,255 (88,968)	\$ 39,602 (31,137)	\$ 2,981,887 (587,928)
Claims Paid	(2,091,224)	(223,863)	(00,900)	(31,137)	(2,315,087)
Other Receipts	15,245	(223,003)		10,111	25,356
Other Receipts	15,245			10,111	25,550
Net Cash provided by operating activities	(23,924)	60,289	49,287	18,576	104,228
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:					
Due to/Due From Other Funds	33,516	(33,516)			
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:					
Purchase of Capital Assets	-	-	(1,070)	-	(1,070)
Proceeds on Sale of Capital Assets				990	990
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities			(1,070)	990	(80)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:					
Interest Income	56,941	147	7,567	344	64,998
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents	66,533	26,920	55,784	19,910	169,146
Balances -Beginning of the Year	1,513,587		199,198	2,966	1,715,751
Balances - End of the Year	1,580,120	26,920	254,982	22,876	1,884,897
Reconciliation of Operating Income to net cash provided by operating activities: Operating Income (Loss) Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	47,939	62,023	25,061	3,583	138,606
Depreciation	-	-	29,491	14,568	44,060
Changes in Assets and Liabilities: (Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable Increase (Decrease) in Premium Deposit Funds Increase (Decrease) in IBNR Claims	6,499 1,378 29,825 (109,564)	- (210) (1,524)	(1,428) (3,838) -	- 424 - -	5,071 (2,036) 29,615 (111,088)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ (23,923)	\$ 60,289	\$ 49,287	\$ 18,575	\$ 104,228
1401 Oddin i Tovidod by Operating Motivities	Ψ (20,525)	Ψ 00,203	Ψ +5,201	Ψ 10,070	Ψ 107,220

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Agency Funds

Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the county as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds.

County Funds

These funds provide clearing facilities for items to be apportioned to other County funds.

Tax Collection Funds

These funds are used by the County in its role as tax collector to record property tax receipts awaiting apportionment to other governmental units and recipient County funds, and their periodic distribution.

Funds of Other Governmental Units

The County Treasurer provides fiscal services for various other governmental entities. These funds represent the assets, primarily cash and investments, of these entities in the Treasurer's custody and the related liability of the County to disburse these monies on demand.

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities Fiduciary Funds December 31, 2008

	Agency Funds						
	County Funds		Tax Collection Funds		unds of Other ernmental Units	Ą	Total gency Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 107,850	\$	58,249,782	\$	578,052	\$	58,935,684
Total Assets	\$ 107,850	\$	58,249,782	\$	578,052	\$	58,935,684
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Due to Component Units Deposits	65,284 - 42,566		23,597 58,226,185		- - 578,052		65,284 23,597 58,846,803
Total Liabilities	\$ 107,850	\$	58,249,782	\$	578,052	\$	58,935,684

Statement of Changes in Fuduciary Assets and Liabilities Agency Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Balance 1/1/2008	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/08
COUNTY FUNDS		_		
Assets	6 44446.	1	Ф 0.070.07 <i>Г</i>	Ф 407.054
Cash and Investments Total Assets	\$ 114,164 114,164		\$ 3,879,975 3,879,975	\$ 107,851 107,851
Total / toolo	111,10	0,010,002	0,010,010	101,001
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	63,20		63,201	65,284
Funds Held for County Departments	50,963 114,164		3,816,774	42,566
Total Liabilities	114,104	3,873,662	3,879,975	107,850
TAX COLLECTION FUNDS				
Assets				
Cash and Investments	58,506,958		193,265,684	58,249,783
Total Assets	58,506,958	193,008,508	193,265,684	58,249,783
Liabilities				
Due to Component Units	13,937	23,597	13,937	23,597
Accounts Payable	10,001		-	-
Tax Collections Due to Other				
Governmental Units	58,493,02		193,251,747	58,226,186
Total Liabilities	58,506,958	193,008,508	193,265,684	58,249,783
FUNDS OF OTHER				
GOVERNMENTAL UNITS				
Assets				
Cash and Investments	603,572	797,524	823,044	578,052
Total Assets	603,572		823,044	578,052
Liabilities	004		000	
Accounts Payable Funds Held for Other Governmental Units	300 603,272		300 822,744	- 578,052
Total Liabilities	603,572		823,044	578,052
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TOTALS:				
Assets Cash and Investments	50 224 60	1 107 670 604	107.069.704	E0 02E 606
Total Assets	59,224,69 ⁴ 59,224,69 ⁴		197,968,704 197,968,704	58,935,686 58,935,686
Total Assets	33,224,03-	191,019,034	197,900,704	30,333,000
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	63,50	,	63,501	65,284
Funds Held for Other Governmental Units	59,096,293		194,074,492	58,804,238
Funds Held for County Government	50,963		3,816,774	42,566
Total Liabilities	\$ 59,224,694	<u>\$ 197,679,694</u>	\$ 197,968,703	\$ 58,935,684

STATISTICAL SECTION

Statistical Section

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This part of the Cass County Government's comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the county's overall financial health.

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Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year. The county implemented Statement 34 in 2003; schedules presenting government-wide information include information beginning in that year.	

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT NET ASSETS BY COMPONENT LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS

(accrual basis of accounting) (Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year			
	2003	2004		
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 77,517,018	\$ 76,670,686		
Restricted	11,100,279	10,572,401		
Unrestricted	6,093,807	7,911,261		
Total governmental activities net assets	\$ 94,711,104	\$ 95,154,348		

Note: Accrual-basis financial information for the county government as a whole is available back to 2003 only, the year GASB 34 was implemented.

T:	1 \/
Fiscal	ıyear

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2005	2006		6 2007		2008
\$ 81,491,542 15,901,640 3,468,282	\$	89,756,013 14,875,029 3,106,687	\$	96,422,671 13,536,598 3,791,292	\$ 105,044,599 11,646,300 2,697,912
\$ 100,861,464	\$	107,737,729	\$	113,750,562	\$ 119,388,810

Changes in Net Assets, Last Six Fiscal Years (accural basis of accounting) (unaudited)

		Fiscal	Yea	ar
		2003		2004
Expenses				
Primary Government				
Governmental activities:	•	- 4000	•	
General government	\$	5,125,526	\$	5,004,958
Public safety		11,233,154		11,898,296
Highways and streets Relief and charities		6,372,040		7,343,638
Conservation & economic development		7,959,846		8,442,340
Culture & recreation		1,578,168 474,987		2,025,487 437,164
Interest on long-term debt		39,075		32,142
Total primary government expenses	\$	32,782,796	\$	35,184,025
rotal primary government expenses	<u>Ψ</u>	32,702,790	Ψ	33,104,023
Program Revenues				
Governmental activities:				
Charges for services				
General government	\$	1,980,065	\$	1,935,275
Public safety		1,851,844		1,897,377
Highways and streets		383,596		32,354
Relief and charities		157,742		186,743
Conservation & economic development		215,236		27,884
Culture and Recreation				
Operating grants and contributions:				
General government	\$	_	\$	92,186
Public safety	•	1,784,681	•	1,746,966
Highways and streets		4,439,276		4,227,770
Relief and charities		2,159,378		2,165,785
Conservation & economic development		793,005		20,491
Culture & recreation		169,391		172,357
Capital grants and contributions:				
General government				
Highways and streets		2,515,614		
Total primary government program revenues	\$	16,449,828	\$	12,505,188
Net (Expense)/Revenue				
Governmental activities	\$	(16,332,968)	\$	(22,678,837)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets				
General activities:	¢	17 660 107	ф	10 701 751
Property Taxes	\$	17,669,197 2,967,611	\$	18,781,751
Sales Taxes Estate Taxes		476,797		26,810 1,445,233
Unrestricted State Shared Revenues		2,066,262		
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets		262,776		2,520,002
Unrestricted investment earnings		106,094		266,067
Miscellaneous		100,034		78,771
Total primary government	\$	23,548,734	\$	23,118,630
rotal plantary government	Ψ_	20,070,704	Ψ	20,110,000
Change in Net Assets				
Primary governement	\$	7,215,766	\$	439,794

Note: Accrual-basis financial information for the county government as a whole is only available back to 2003, the year GASB Statement 34 was implemented.

Fiscal Year									
2005	2006	2007	2008						
\$ 6,938,087 15,379,112 6,929,374 8,974,484 1,529,573 531,426	\$ 8,337,708 14,801,716 5,722,810 9,526,530 1,591,068 627,911	\$ 5,725,081 14,649,223 7,680,829 10,349,353 1,648,980 691,406	\$ 5,948,114 13,844,524 8,202,883 10,115,364 1,750,024 701,706						
46,550 \$ 40,328,605	70,884 \$ 40,678,626	\$ 40,802,740	68,837 \$ 40,631,452						
\$ 1,590,639	\$ 1,409,888	\$ 1,511,975	\$ 1,639,442						
2,082,383 257,724 168,687 110,422	2,274,642 796,453 201,781 41,206	2,138,361 2,404,760 132,749 37,057 895	2,150,517 316,572 74,343 42,266 2,775						
\$ 339,058 4,868,055 5,632,451 2,520,189 18,409 150,068	\$ 55,458 3,273,421 7,642,342 2,369,816 54,979 224,292	\$ 2,340,639 6,254,799 2,505,044 85,685 238,517	\$ 725,140 7,632,674 2,802,802 105,585 263,849						
380,000	0.000.705	365,000	-						
2,529,749 \$ 20,647,834	3,628,725 \$ 21,973,003	1,000,000 \$ 19,015,481	1,144,856 \$ 16,900,821						
\$ (19,680,771)	\$ (18,705,623)	• /	\$ (23,730,631)						
\$ 20,010,985 40,209 1,960,172 2,553,626 731,093	\$ 20,913,355 2,412 313,134 2,727,366 1,409,356	\$ 22,794,242 9,060 93,929 3,101,960 1,604,059	\$ 24,584,536 3,443 13,200 3,551,164 1,005,542						
91,804	216,264	196,840	211,005						
\$ 25,387,889	\$ 25,581,887	\$ 27,800,090	\$ 29,368,890						
\$ 5,707,118	\$ 6,876,263	\$ 6,012,830	\$ 5,638,258						

Fund Balances, Governmental Funds, Last Ten Fiscal Years (modified accrual basis of accounting) (Unaudited)

	Fiscal Years					
	1999	2000	2001	2002		
General Fund:						
Reserved	\$ 13,459	\$ 15,450	\$ 71,082	\$ 89,501		
Unreserved	1,841,277	1,557,829	2,373,608	1,977,891		
Total General Fund	\$ 1,854,736	\$ 1,573,279	\$ 2,444,690	\$ 2,067,392		
All Other Governmental Funds:						
Reserved	\$ 1,514,386	\$ 557,824	\$ 597,248	\$ 397,555		
Unreserved	4,813,032	10,869,880	7,370,366	10,395,977		
Total all other governmental funds	\$ 6,327,418	\$ 11,427,704	\$ 7,967,614	\$ 10,793,532		

Fiscal Years

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
\$ 126,383 2,806,832	\$ 205,689 2,780,722	\$ 393,362 2,453,462	\$ 231,684 2,198,970	\$ 277,457 2,240,570	\$ 281,609 2,830,637
\$ 2,933,215	\$ 2,986,411	\$ 2,846,824	\$ 2,430,654	\$ 2,518,027	\$ 3,112,246
\$ 455,459	\$ 493,097	\$ 413,651	\$ 347,365	\$ 333,669	\$ 336,249
13,896,269	14,804,720	15,926,561	14,933,691	14,264,235	10,382,945
\$ 14,351,728	\$ 15,297,817	\$ 16,340,212	\$ 15,281,056	\$ 14,597,904	\$ 10,719,194

Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds Last Ten Fiscal Years (modified accrual basis of accounting) (unaudited)

	Fiscal Year							
_		1999		2000		2001		2002
				_				·
Revenues								
Taxes	\$	15,464,625	\$	21,547,575	\$	22,801,190	\$	24,071,826
Intergovernmental		14,278,670		12,132,538		12,839,214		12,363,921
Licenses Permits & Fees		9,532		9,921		83,476		147,139
Charges for Services		1,756,552		1,748,851		2,794,182		3,245,720
Miscellaneous		905,262		1,334,497		1,342,492		509,299
Total revenues	\$	32,414,641	\$	36,773,382	\$	39,860,554	\$	40,337,905
Expenditures								
General Government	\$	2,722,164	\$	3,371,416	\$	3,432,683	\$	4,366,461
Public Safety	Ψ	7,193,003	Ψ	8,032,353	Ψ	7,894,722	Ψ	9,437,503
Public Works		6,916,721		7,620,498		8,718,962		7,226,360
Relief & Charities		6,317,407		6,743,414		7,277,875		7,802,578
Culture & Recreation		325,291		348,016		353,994		417,521
Conservation & Economic Development		3,968,128		1,854,005		2,515,423		2,497,721
Capital Outlay		1,490,840		3,346,741		12,452,426		6,334,131
Debt Service		1,430,040		3,340,741		12,432,420		0,004,101
Principal Principal		577,292		614,525		101,876		113,146
Interest		81,937		53,606		36,135		35,323
Total expenditures	\$	29,592,783	\$	31,984,574	\$	42,784,096	2	38,230,744
Total experialities	Ψ	23,332,703	Ψ	31,304,374	Ψ	42,704,030	Ψ	30,230,744
Excess of revenues over (under)								
expenditures	\$	2,821,858	\$	4,788,808	\$	(2,923,542)	\$	2,107,161
experiances	Ψ	2,021,000	Ψ	4,700,000	Ψ	(2,020,042)	Ψ	2,107,101
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Bonds Issued	\$	_	\$	_	\$	85,264	\$	-
Lease Proceeds	*	_	•	_	•	-	•	303,179
Sale of Property		138,815		30,019		80,178		51,412
Transfers In		6,150		-		-		8,500
Transfers Out		(6,150)		_		_		(8,500)
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$	138,815	\$	30,019	\$	165,442	\$	354,591
Net change in fund balance	\$	2,960,673	\$	4,818,827	\$	(2,758,100)	\$	2,461,752
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Debt service as a percentage of								
noncapital expenditures		2.35%		2.33%		0.46%		0.47%

				Fiscal Year						
	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	 2008
			_		_		_			
\$	20,752,619	\$	18,848,240	\$	20,119,716	\$	20,936,553	\$ 2	22,952,743	\$ 24,611,533
	11,945,099		12,398,342		17,464,515		16,680,942	•	14,201,619	15,101,212
	151,204		135,541		231,789		268,555		254,416	265,336
	4,095,337		3,921,100		4,514,596		4,362,415		6,354,859	3,829,880
	635,382		329,919		856,042		1,680,156		1,805,506	 1,311,694
\$	37,579,641	\$	35,633,142	\$	43,186,658	\$	43,928,621	\$ 4	15,569,143	\$ 45,119,655
\$	4,453,607	\$	4,854,347	\$	5,620,893	\$	5,442,844	\$	5,401,189	\$ 6,000,740
	10,801,885		11,522,810		15,061,699		14,437,318		14,142,215	13,401,260
	7,129,641		7,069,254		10,247,603		10,348,744		12,521,918	15,230,557
	7,903,898		8,420,107		8,917,652		9,437,985	•	10,214,941	10,084,922
	468,984		531,719		524,923		621,408		684,903	695,203
	1,574,123		2,021,770		1,536,733		1,585,220		1,647,007	1,750,958
	699,420		125,659		1,551,159		3,257,748		1,736,980	1,175,973
	135,272		138,427		131,717		252,830		169,393	188,932
	39,075		32,142		32,864		61,233		62,503	 71,603
\$	33,205,905	\$	34,716,235	\$	43,625,243	\$	45,445,330	\$ 4	16,581,049	\$ 48,600,148
\$	4,373,736	\$	916,907	\$	(438,585)	\$	(1,516,709)	\$	(1,011,906)	\$ (3,480,493)
\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,274,299	\$	-	\$	359,525	\$ -
	50,281		78,930		67,095		41,382		56,597	196,003
	1,299,997		1,539,688		65,171		260,408		746,370	149,550
	(1,299,997)		(1,539,688)		(65,171)		(260,408)		(746,370)	(149,550)
\$	50,281	\$	78,930	\$	1,341,394	\$	41,382	\$	416,121	\$ 196,002
	-,	<u> </u>	-,		, ,		,			 ,
\$	4,424,017	\$	995,837	\$	902,809	\$	(1,475,327)	\$	(595,785)	\$ (3,284,491)
	0.59%		0.54%		0.48%		1.03%		0.71%	0.72%

True and Full Value, Assessed Value, and Actual Value of Taxable Property Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

_	True and F	Full Value of Real Pr	operty			Total
Fiscal	Residential	Commerical		Total True &	Total Taxable	Direct Tax
Year	Property	Property	Farmland	Full Value	Value	Rate
1999	2,315,269,450	1,564,809,120	485,870,800	4,365,949,370	211,793,044	69.26
2000	2,512,541,650	1,664,507,120	485,250,800	4,662,299,570	225,748,971	67.37
2001	2,693,478,800	1,805,753,070	498,751,700	4,997,983,570	242,295,261	65.37
2002	2,860,436,000	2,016,216,420	515,825,300	5,392,477,720	261,221,097	62.69
2003	3,126,856,600	2,108,226,200	540,408,200	5,775,491,000	278,991,914	65.05
2004	3,407,052,460	2,247,441,920	516,528,200	6,171,022,580	297,734,736	65.00
2005	3,871,135,030	2,373,175,968	515,384,300	6,759,695,298	325,152,068	65.00
2006	4,350,871,760	2,538,581,120	567,002,700	7,456,455,580	357,775,914	62.00
2007	4,832,498,250	2,818,409,200	601,733,400	8,252,640,850	395,777,450	61.00
2008	5,231,690,770	3,127,203,900	600,649,500	8,959,544,170	428,417,209	61.00

Source: County Auditor's Office

Notes:

Taxable values for a given fiscal year are from the prior calendar year's tax roll.

Direct tax rate per \$1,000 of taxable value.

Property in Cass County is assessed annually. The county assesses property at true and full value. For residential and commercial property true and full is market value. For farmland true and full value is productivity value. True and full for all property is reduced by 50 percent to arrive at assessed value. Taxable value is calculated at 10% of assessed value for commercial property and farmland. Residential property is calculated at 9% of assessed value. Taxable value also includes centrally assessed property such as railroads, pipelines and electric. Taxable valuation is also reduced for homestead credits as approved by state statute.

Principal Property Tax Payers Current Year and Nine Years Ago (Unaudited)

	Fiscal Yea	ar 2008	Fiscal Year 1999		
Name	Taxable Value	Percentage of Total Taxable Value	Taxable Value	Percentage of Total Taxable Value	
Inreit Properties LLLP	\$ 4,712,995	1.10%			
Innovis Health LLC	4,126,980	0.96%			
West Acres Development Company	4,106,155	0.96%	2,199,400	0.97%	
Northern States Power Company	3,979,624	0.93%	3,188,348	1.41%	
Matrix Properties Corp.	2,328,740	0.54%			
Burlington Northern	1,924,621	0.45%	1,237,775	0.55%	
Blue Cross of North Dakota	1,553,350	0.36%			
Meritcare Medical Group	1,203,936	0.28%	790,550	0.35%	
Meritcare Hospitals	1,185,277	0.28%	658,103	0.29%	
Case Equipment Corporation	1,066,965	0.25%	857,655	0.38%	
Paracelsus Healthcare Corporation			2,216,047	0.98%	
Wylie Corporation			1,035,867	0.46%	
Medical Properties Inc.			954,050	0.42%	
Super Valu Stores Inc			712,300	0.32%	
Total Attributable to Ten Largest Property Taxpayers	26,188,643	6.11%	13,850,095	6.14%	
TOTAL GROSS TAXABLE VALUE	\$ 428,417,209	100.00%	225,748,971	100.00%	

SOURCE: County Auditor's Office

Property Tax Rates - Direct and Overlapping Last Ten Fiscal Years (per \$1,000 of taxable value) (Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year								
	1999	2000	2001	2002					
Direct									
General	30.94	30.40	30.40	29.52					
Human Service	20.94	20.15	19.89	19.89					
Highway	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25					
Veteran Service Officer	0.50	0.47	0.58	0.53					
Senior Citizens	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00					
10 Mill Matching Federal Aid	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00					
Job Development Authority	3.03	2.75	2.75	1.00					
Emergency			0.50	0.50					
County Loan	2.60	2.35							
Total Direct	69.26	67.37	65.37	62.69					
Overlapping Governments									
Cities									
Fargo	61.53	60.24	60.31	60.13					
West Fargo	73.72	69.63	67.71	72.99					
Other Cities	17.63-119.89	17.04-140.84	15.93-141.59	15.53-154.02					
Park Districts									
Fargo	32.38	33.07	32.67	32.67					
West Fargo	27.79	28.23	26.72	27.19					
Other Park Districts	4.00-27.72	4.00-28.31	3.90-27.29	3.99-28.32					
School Districts									
Fargo	322.66	320.24	327.40	327.88					
West Fargo	249.02	249.02	249.02	249.02					
Other School District	172.10-247.03	176.95-249.37	159.93-251.00	146.98-247.83					
Townships	11.61-40.81	11.07-41.42	14.07-38.94	13.63-37.44					
Water Resource Districts	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	5.00	5.00					
Fire Districts	2.65-10.00	2.28-10.78	2.52-10.00	2.41-10.00					

Source: County Auditor's Office

	Fiscal Year											
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008							
30.00	31.20	32.75	31.25	31.25	32.25							
21.00	21.00	21.00	19.00	18.00	17.50							
1.50	0.25	10.25	10.75	10.25	10.25							
0.50	0.50	-	-	-	-							
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00							
10.00	10.00	-	-	-	-							
0.80	0.80	-	-	-	-							
0.25	0.25	-	-	0.50	-							
65.05	65.00	65.00	62.00	61.00	61.00							
00.00	00.04	50.70	50.05	57.05	50.05							
60.30	60.24	58.73	59.25	57.25	58.25							
80.74	84.53	89.61	88.76	88.69	88.87							
14.43-163.66	13.59-184.27	12.30-194.24	11.44-179.29	10.85-210.21	10.56-207.07							
32.87	32.73	32.46	32.58	32.07	31.85							
26.76	26.45	32.40	39.66	36.02	38.06							
3.91-27.90	3.65-27.75	3.59-26.60	3.35-26.17	3.45-26.03	3.43-24.73							
3.91-27.90	3.03-27.73	3.59-20.00	3.33-20.17	3.43-20.03	3.43-24.73							
323.84	320.20	319.55	318.62	309.02	299.99							
254.02	254.02	254.02	254.02	254.02	248.76							
140.84-255.88	162.00-265.14	170.09-267.32	174.62-266.66	175.81-253.91	176.55-233.02							
12.60-35.50	11.73-36.77	9.70-38.77	8.56-32.88	12.26-30.75	12.12-29.8							
5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.5-5.0	4.6-5.0							

2.12-8.37

1.99-8.06

1.93-6.29

2.3-7.79 2.3-9.24

2.29-9.49

Property Tax Levies and Collections Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

	Taxes Levied		
	for the		Total
Fiscal	Fiscal Year		Adjusted
Year	Original Levy	<u>Adjustments</u>	Levy
1999	14,736,125	23,262	14,759,387
2000	15,291,547	54,160	15,345,707
2001	15,933,162	33,533	15,966,695
2002	16,475,527	44,219	16,519,746
2003	18,253,671	46,241	18,299,912
2004	19,464,083	50,133	19,514,216
2005	20,700,664	105,754	20,806,418
2006	21,664,145	93,963	21,758,109
2007	23,559,443	143,146	23,702,588
2008	25,588,742	(45,384)	25,543,357

Source: County Auditor's Office

Note: The information in this schedule relates to the county's own property tax levies, and does not include those it collects on behalf of other governments.

Collected Within the

Collected	vviuiiii uie			
Fiscal Year	of the Levy		Total Collec	tions to Date
	Percentage of			Percentage of
	Original	in Subsequent		Adjusted
Amount	Levy	Years	Amount	Levy
13,875,135	94.16%	249,888	14,125,024	95.70%
14,382,729	94.06%	305,096	14,687,825	95.71%
14,939,157	93.76%	348,488	15,287,645	95.75%
15,490,489	94.02%	333,568	15,824,057	95.79%
17,218,095	94.33%	300,289	17,518,384	95.73%
18,290,840	93.97%	384,193	18,675,033	95.70%
19,542,247	94.40%	344,459	19,886,705	95.58%
20,417,670	94.25%	352,167	20,769,837	95.46%
22,321,890	94.75%	262,598	22,584,488	95.28%
24,114,604	94.24%	-	24,114,604	94.41%

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (Unaudited)

	 1999	_	2000	 2001	 2002
Assessed Value of Property	\$ 2,182,974,685	\$	2,331,149,785	\$ 2,498,991,785	\$ 2,696,238,860
Debt Limit, 5% of Assessed Value	109,148,734		116,557,489	124,949,589	134,811,943
Amount of Debt Applicable to Limit Gerneral Obligation Bonds Less: Resources Restricted to Paying Principal	 520,000 161,747		-	 -	 -
Total Net General Obligation Bonds	358,253		-	-	-
Capital Leases	 192,708		148,183	 113,811	 355,136
Total net debt applicable to limit	550,961		148,183	113,811	355,136
Legal Debt Margin	\$ 108,597,773	\$	116,409,306	\$ 124,835,778	\$ 134,456,807
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	0.50%		0.13%	0.09%	0.26%

Source: County Auditor's Office

	2003	 2004		2005		2005 2006		2006	2007		2008	
\$	2,887,745,500	\$ 3,085,511,290	\$	3,379,847,649	\$	3,728,227,790	\$	4,126,320,425	\$	4,479,772,085		
	144,387,275	154,275,565		168,992,382		186,411,390		206,316,021		223,988,604		
	_	-		_		_		-		_		
-		 										
	-	-		-				-		-		
	231,911	 157,706		980,445		792,315		692,879		589,178		
	231,911	157,706		980,445		792,315		692,879		589,178		
\$	144,155,364	\$ 154,117,859	\$	168,011,937	\$	185,619,075	\$	205,623,142	\$	223,399,426		
	0.16%	0.10%		0.58%		0.43%		0.34%		0.26%		

Ratio of Outstanding Debt by Type Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

_		Less:	_	Percent of
	General	Amounts		Actual Value
Fiscal	Obligation	Restricted to		of Taxable
Year	Bonds	Repaying Principal	Total	Property(1)
1999	520,000	161,747	358,253	0.17%
2000	-			
2001	-			
2002	-			
2003	-			
2004	-			
2005	-			
2006				
2007	-			
2008				

_	Other G	overnmental Activiti	es Debt			
•	Special	Special		Total	Percentage	
Fiscal	Assessment	Assessments	Capital	Primary	of Personal	Per
Year	Bonds	Payable	Leases	Government	Income(2)	Capita(2)
1999	575,000	244,481	192,708	1,532,189	0.05%	12.57
2000	525,000	165,957	148,183	839,140	0.02%	6.80
2001	555,000	113,811	101,307	770,118	0.02%	6.19
2002	491,205	94,866	355,136	941,207	0.02%	7.52
2003	427,201	64,054	231,911	723,166	0.02%	5.71
2004	362,978	44,360	157,706	565,044	0.01%	4.36
2005	688,522	4,224	980,445	1,673,191	0.04%	12.83
2006	623,822	3,970	792,315	1,420,107	0.03%	10.72
2007	918,864	3,970	692,879	1,615,713	0.03%	11.74
2008	833,633	-	589,178	1,422,811	0.03%	10.17

Notes: 2008 percentages calculated using 2007 personal income date, which is the most recent available.

- (1) See Schedule on page 124 for property tax value data
- (2) See Schedule on page 133 for population and personal income data

Demographic Statistics Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

<u>Year</u>	Estimated Population (1)	Personal Income (thousands of dollars) (1)	Per Capita Income (1)	Unemployment Rate (2)
1999	121,921	3,366,317	27,611	1.8%
2000	123,373	3,646,982	29,561	1.6%
2001	124,336	3,721,579	29,932	1.5%
2002	125,189	3,932,151	31,410	3.5%
2003	126,595	4,068,773	32,140	2.5%
2004	129,583	4,371,119	33,732	2.8%
2005	130,455	4,563,011	34,978	2.7%
2006	132,525	5,024,221	48,917	2.6%
2007	137,582	5,338,528	38,872	2.6%
2008	139,918	*	*	3.1%

SOURCES:

- (1) Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce www.bea.gov
- (2) North Dakota Job Service www.state.nd.us

^{*} Information is not yet available.

Principal Employers Current Year and Nine Years Ago (Unaudited)

	2008		1999	
		Percentage		Percentage
	Number of	of Total County	Number of	of Total County
Employer	Employees	Employment	Employees	Employment
Meritcare Health Systems	3,691	4.35%	3,380	4.22%
North Dakota State University	2,401	2.83%	1,920	2.40%
Melroe Company		-	2,000	2.50%
Dakota Heartland Health System		-	1,350	1.69%
Noridian/ Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	1,747	2.06%	1,800	2.25%
Innovis Health	1,714	2.02%		
Fargo Public School District #1	1,419	1.67%	1,329	1.66%
Microsoft Business Solutions	946	1.12%		
U.S. Bank Service Center	980	1.16%		
Case New Holland Corporation	721	0.85%	770	0.96%
City of Fargo	689	0.81%		
West Fargo Public Schools	786	0.93%		
Dakota Clinic			1,000	1.25%
First Bank System			960	1.20%
Great Plains			737	0.92%
	15,094	17.79%	15,246	19.04%

SOURCE: Economic Development Corporation

http://www.fedc.com/businessclimate/employers.php

Job Service of North Dakota

http://www.state.nd.us/jsnd/Bin/Imidata.pl

CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Elected Officials and Full-Time Employees by Function (1) Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

	General	Public	Public	Human	Elected	
Year	Government	Safety	Works	Services	Officials	Total
1999	31	145	33	114	11	334
2000	38	148	37	115	13	351
2001	38	144	35	116	11	343.7
2002	35.5	160	36	121	10	362.5
2003	35	164	35.5	122	10	366.5
2004	34	169	33	124	10	370
2005	34	172	34	125	10	375
2006	36	174	34	130	10	384
2007	36	160	34	132	10	372
2008	36	165	34	135	10	380

⁽¹⁾ For this schedule, full-time is 30 hours per week (75% FTE) or more.

Operating Indicators by Function Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
Function/Program				
General Government				
Deeds Filled	5,055	4,756	4,268	5,543
Tax Statements Issued	45,939	46,887	47,881	50,776
Statements Collected	40,000	40,007	47,001	30,770
within First Year	44,563	45,308	46,253	49,309
Percent Collected in First Year	97.00%	96.63%	96.60%	97.11%
Marriage License Issued	37.0076 **	**	928	943
Death Certificates Issued ***	**	**	1,370	2,778
Death Certificates issued			1,370	2,770
Public Safety				
Total Inmates	5,366	5,399	6,213	6,843
Average Daily Population	100	99	118	175
Warrants Served	3,747	3,617	4,060	4,336
Civil Process Served	8,363	8,962	8,603	8,804
Citations Issued	**	**	**	5,783
Highways & Streets				
Miles of paved roads overlaid with asphalt	8.20	0.00	5.50	10.00
Miles of paved roads reconstructed with asphalt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miles of paved roads reconstructed with concrete	0.00	0.00	1.70	0.00
Miles of gravel roads paved with asphalt	2.00	2.40	2.00	0.00
Total Miles Surfaced	10.20	2.40	9.20	10.00
Miles of asphalt roads chip sealed	8.40	11.70	19.10	22.90
Relief & Charities				
Child Abuse/Neglect Avg New Cases	124	132	147	152
HCBS (1) Average Caseload Per Year	488	495	532	564
()				

⁽¹⁾ HCBS - Home and Community Based Services
** - Numbers are not available for these years.

Source: Various County Departments

^{*** -} Death Certificates Issued are now a function of the State not the County

Fiscal Year						
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
6,213	6,260	6,123	5,633	5,469	4,994	
50,117	52,208	53,772	55,014	56,747	57,415	
48,691	50,701	51,971	53,197	55,209	55,581	
97.15%	97.11%	96.65%	96.70%	97.29%	96.81%	
1,037	1,031	1,081	1,011	1,050	1,063	
1,428	1,321	1,348	1,377	1,426	75	
7,290	7,807	7,720	7,858	7,555	7,627	
203	198	223	230	210	204	
4,152	4,672	4,368	4,828	4,639	4,330	
9,234	10,400	10,223	10,434	11,234	11,507	
6,164	6,102	4,628	6,095	3,274	3,352	
31.40	15.80	11.70	6.30	18.30	13.00	
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.50	
0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	
31.40	15.80	11.70	10.30	20.30	14.00	
18.50	25.00	26.00	24.30	12.00	0.00	
149	160	156	164	164	187	
559	540	561	565	576	560	

Capital Asset Statistics by Function Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

		Fiscal Year			
	1999	2000	2001	2002	
Function/Program					
General Government Number of Voting Machines Number of E-Poll Books Number of Buildings	1 - 4	2 - 4	2 - 4	12 - 4	
Public Safety Jail Capacity	120	120	120	252	
Highways & Streets County Road Miles Maintained Number of Bridges Number of Motorgraders	650 260 7	650 260 7	650 260 7	650 260 7	

Source: Various County Departments

Fiscal Year							
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008		
34	68	136	137	137	137		
-	-	-	-	-	110		
4	4	4	4	4	4		
252	252	252	252	348	348		
650	650	650	650	652	652		
260	246	246	246	246	246		
7	7	7	7	7	7		