

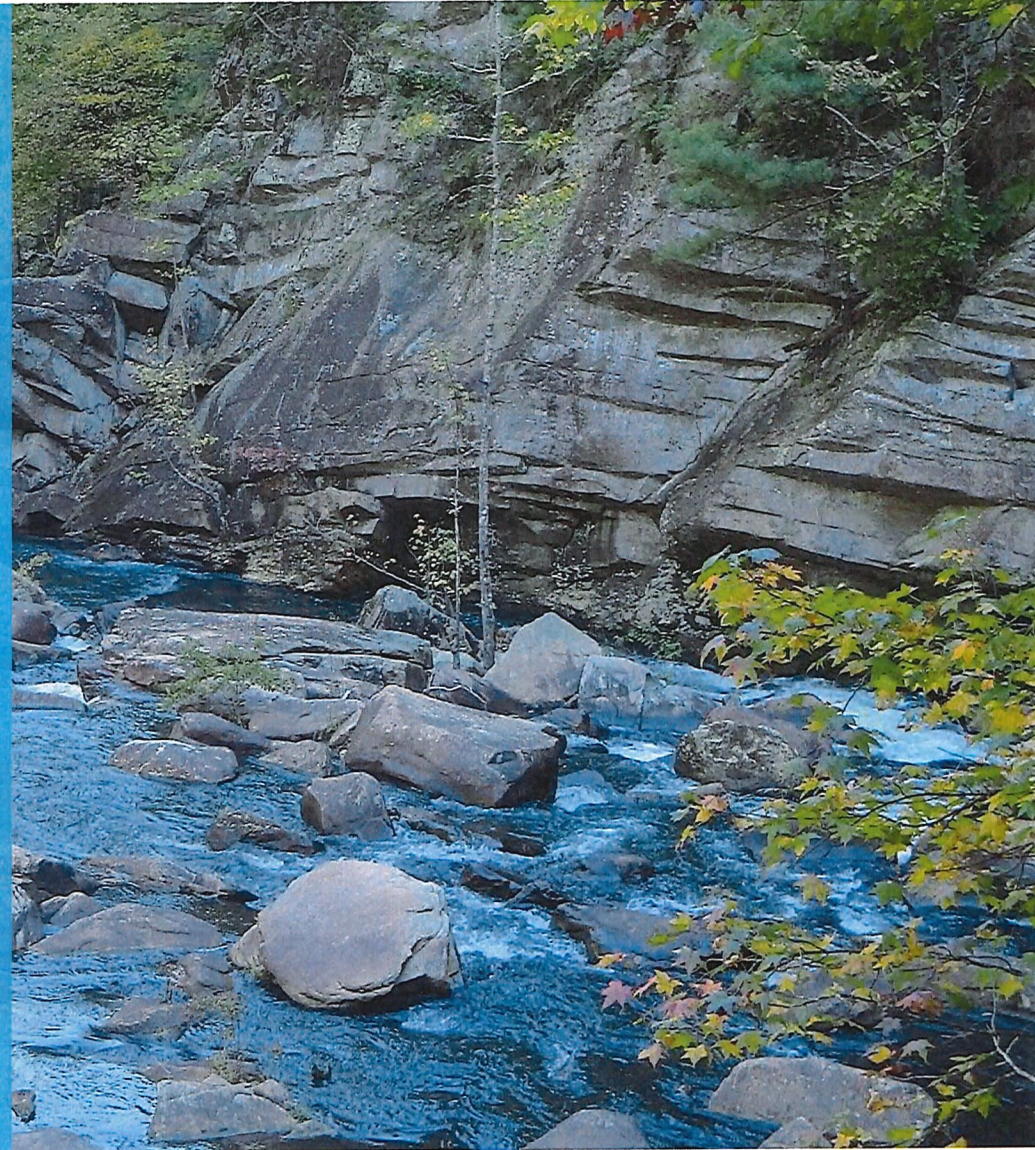


State of the County 2021

Habersham County

Presented by
Vice-Chair
Bruce Harkness

Interim County Manager
Alicia Vaughn





Bruce Palmer
Dist. 1
Took Office Jan. 1, 2021



Dustin Meador
Chairman
District 2
Took Office Jan. 1, 2019



Jimmy Tench
District 3
Took Office Jan. 1, 2019



Bruce Harkness
District 4
Took Office Jan. 1, 2021



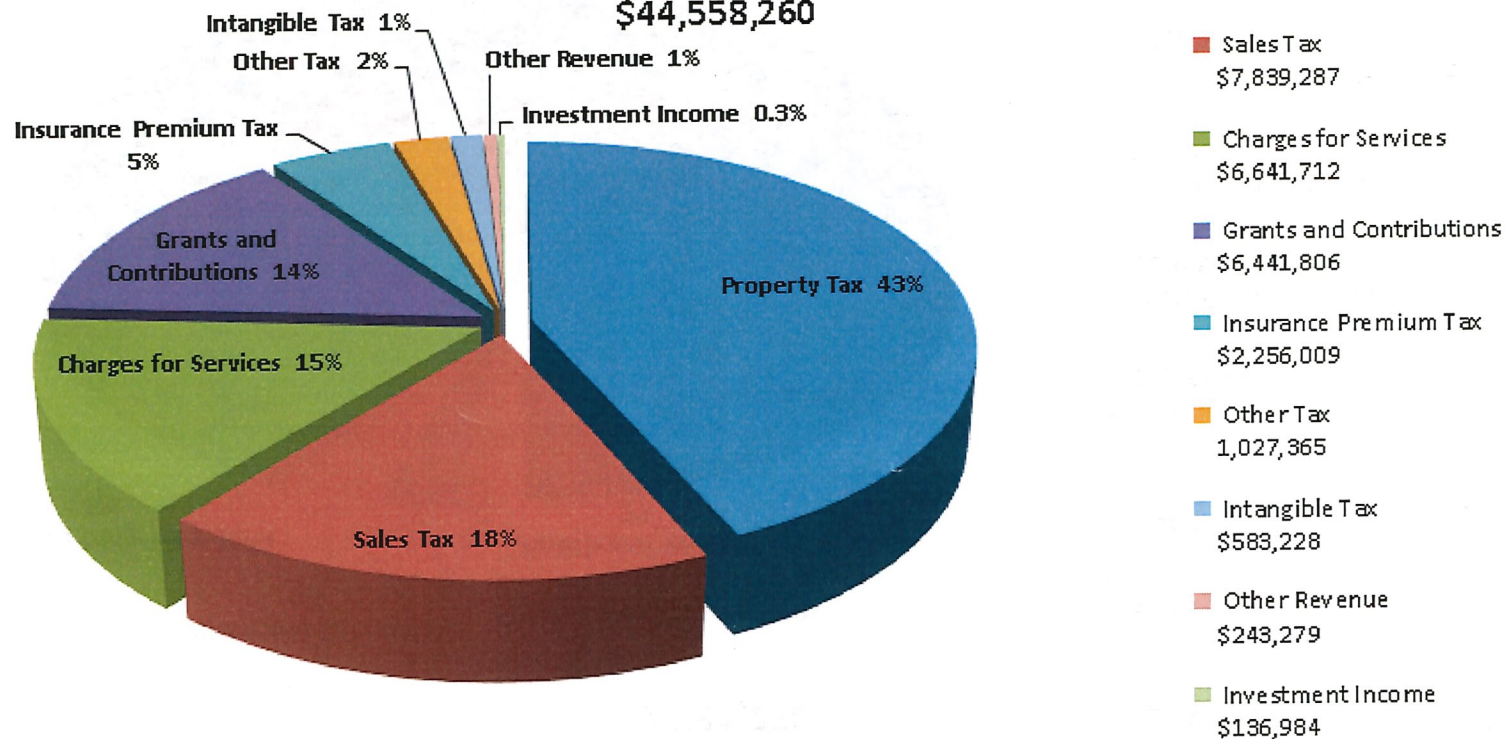
Ty Akins
District 5
Takes Office Dec. 15, 2021

Our mission is to preserve,
protect and enhance the
natural beauty and cultural
heritage of our community
in order to provide a quality
of life that ensures
Habersham County is a
great place to live, work,
and raise a family now and
for future generations.

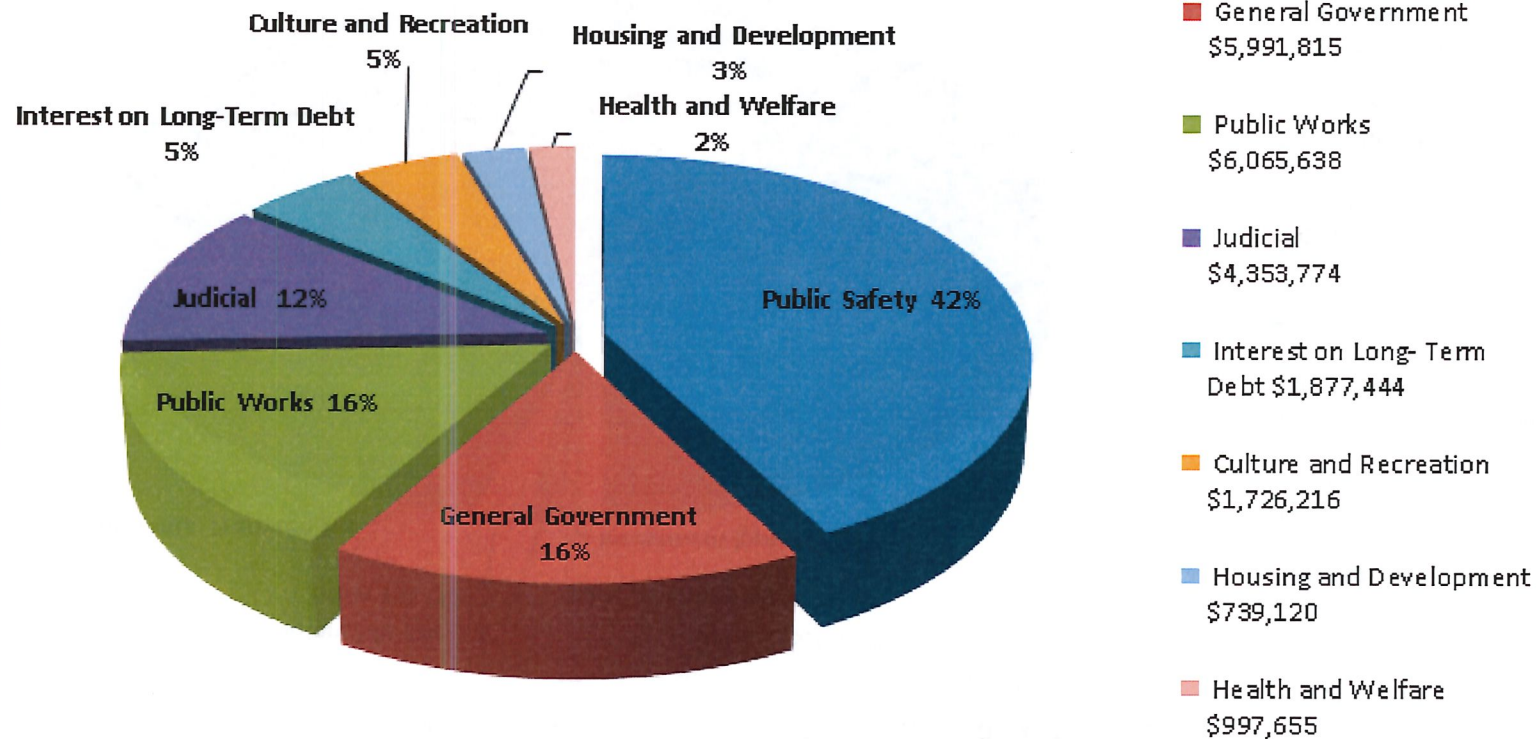
Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

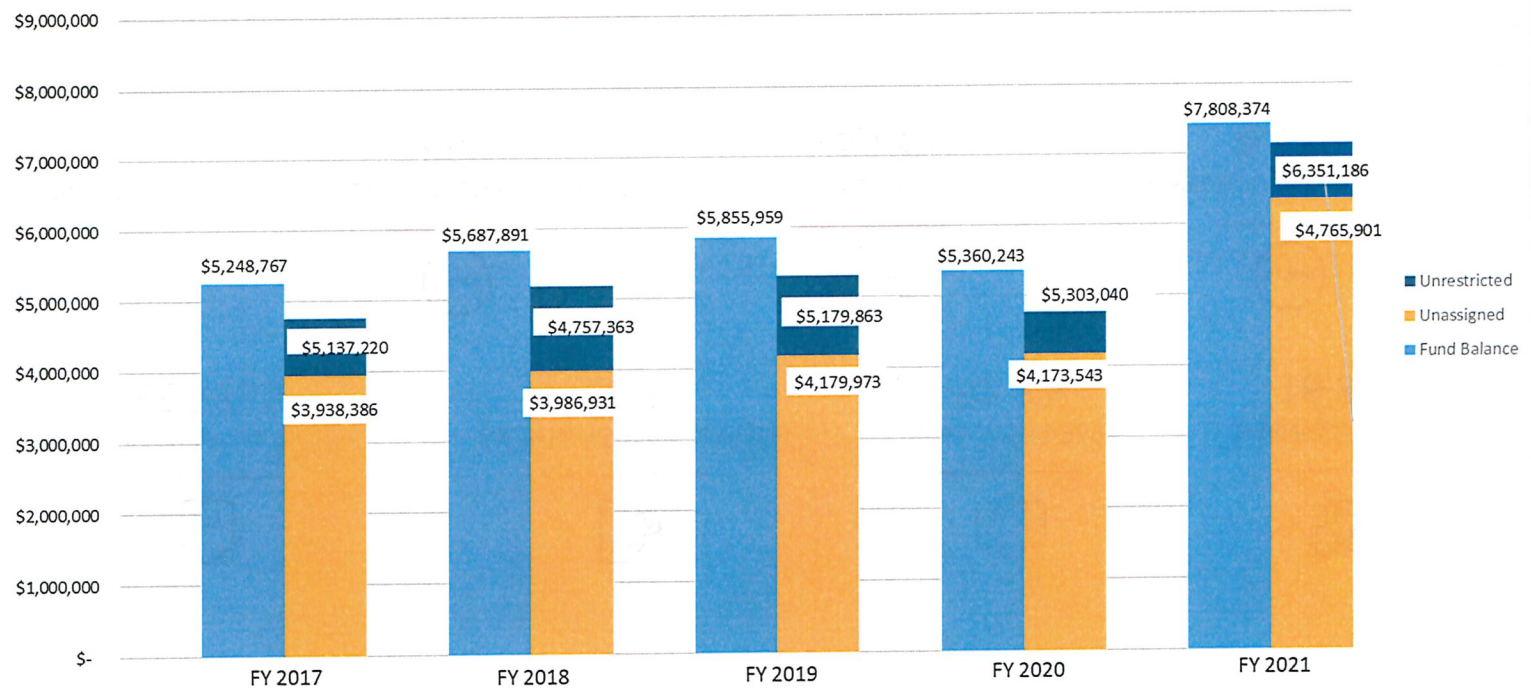
\$44,558,260



Expenses - Governmental Activities
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021
\$37,731,270



5 - Year General Fund Balance with Unrestricted and Unassigned



HABERSHAM IN NUMBERS



Total Population
46,031



Median Household Income
\$50,563



Bachelor's Degree or Higher
19.3%



Employment Rate
52.2%



Total Housing Units
18,340



Without Health Care Coverage
15.9%



Total Employer Establishments
861



Total Households
15,139



Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
6,880

HABERSHAM IN NUMBERS



122 NEW HIRES

Human Resources

We added 122 new employees and currently have 389 employees.



7,648 911 CALLS

E-911 and Emergency Services

Medical Transport calls made up a large part of calls with over 820 reported incidents.



30,100 REGISTERED VOTERS

Elections and Voter Registration

In the January 5, 2021 General/Special Runoff, 18,063 votes were cast. This is about 60% of registered voters.



1,051 ANIMALS INTAKES

Animal Care and Control

507 of the animals taken in were transported to No Kill Rescues throughout Georgia and the Northeast.



629 BUILDING PERMITS

Building and Planning

\$60.6 million in value was added to the tax digest in 2021.



7,300 TOTAL EMS RESPONSES

Habersham County Emergency Services

GRANTS

Total Grant Awards

\$6,354,766

Grants - Fiscal Year 2021

Local American Rescue Plan

Total Received: \$4,402,217

Total Award: \$8,804,433



Grants Applied for :

State ARPA Funds

Sewer Expansion (Hwy 365 Corridor)

Airport Business Park Expansion (Storm-water)

Storm-water Survey & Study

Chase Road Storm-water Reconstruction

WindStream Broadband Expansion

Trailwave Broadband Expansion

CARES Act - Public Safety

\$1,079,882

SOLAR RESILIENCY PROGRAM

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)

At 75%, estimated GEFA reimbursement is \$175,815

GEFA is offering phase three of the Solar Resiliency program to increase resiliency for critical facilities in communities across Georgia.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT LEADERGOV

On October 25th, LeaderGov led Habersham County leaders in a half-day workshop that included networking and leadership development exercises.



Dominance

37



Influence

44



Steadiness

70



Conscientiousness

66

217

Employee Results

ANIMAL SHELTER

HCACC Staff and Volunteers have implemented the “Dog Playing For Life” program to help socialize and provide daily enrichment for shelter dogs by hosting play groups each day.

This has resulted in happier, healthier dogs that are quickly finding homes!



AIRPORT



Airport Economic Impact

Typical Ad Valorem on a Single Engine
Plane = \$500 to \$2,000 per year



Airport Ranking

55 Based Aircraft – 21st Highest of 103
Public Use Airports in Georgia



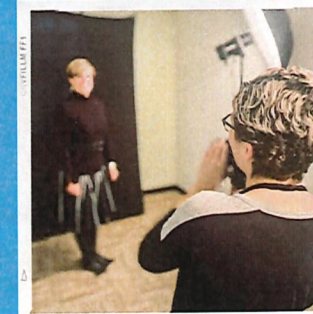
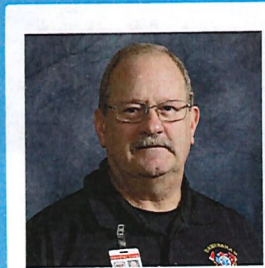
Upcoming Advancement

In 2022, Habersham County Airport will see improvements that will move the airport closer to being named an Airport of Regional Significance



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS NGTC

Habersham County partnered with North Georgia Technical College's incredible photography department to update our employee headshots.

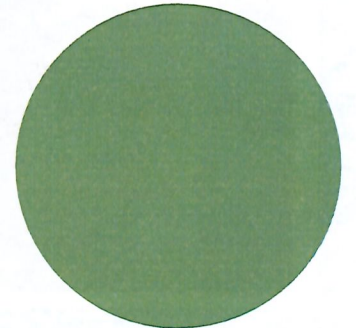




SPLOST

SPLOST VII

- Much discussion, planning, and preparation went into the passing of SPLOST VII.
- A public information and education campaign was organized and implemented in preparation of the referendum for the \$0.01 sales tax.
- The referendum passed with a 76% approval rate by the voters.



SENIOR CENTER

There are several types of programs offered at the Habersham Senior Center.

- Congregate Meals
- Home-delivered Meals
- Transportation
- Wellness program
- Outreach
- Senior Community Service Employment Program
- Community Care Program
- Information and Referral
- Legal Services:
- Adult Protective Services



COMMUNICATION PROJECT



HABERSHAM COUNTY NEW SYSTEM COVERAGE				
95%	95%	95%	97%	96%
Habersham Mobile Coverage	Habersham Outdoor Portable Coverage in Populated Areas	20 dB Critical Building Coverage: Fire Stations, PD's, Schools, & Colleges	20 dB Dense Building Coverage: Cornelia & Clarkesville	10 dB Building Coverage: Demorest, Mount Airy

Alto
Baldwin
Clarkesville
Cornelia
Demorest

NGTC
Piedmont University
TUSA Consulting
Tallulah Falls
Mt. Airy



FIRE/E-9II HEADQUARTERS

Summary of Planning Needs

	Area Needed	Adjacency Needed	Space Needs	
			No.	Total
Fire Station-EMS			12,475	s.f.
Emergency Services Administration			3,084	s.f.
EMA - 911			6,964	s.f.

Total Space Needs

22,523 s.f.



PUBLIC INFORMATION

Habersham County is celebrating Veterans Day.
November 10 at 3:51 PM

We Salute Our Vets! We are so thankful to have such amazing men and women on our team.

Please thank these hardworking employees if you see them!

Habersham County Veteran Staff

Alfredo Vega	US MARINES	Habersham County Emergency Services
Jason White	US NAVY	Habersham County Emergency Services
Michael Brantley	US AIR FORCE	Habersham County Facilities
Walter Brantley	US ARMY	Habersham County Planning and Development



Welcome to our September and October new hires!

WELCOME
TO
HABERSHAM



Sharon Adams
Jackson Alexander

Rick Spurgin
Lauren Stone



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 9, 2021
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Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Habersham County:
CLARKESVILLE – Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Habersham County for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment for a government and its management.

Habersham County's Finance Department has earned the award for the past four years consecutively.



178,965 SENDS

This is the number of emails sent by our office in the past year.



105 Media Releases

This is the number of campaigns sent by our office.



1.5K Average Reach on Facebook

This is the amount of people who see our posts on average.