

2020

POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

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OUR PERFORMANCE

To the Citizens of Habersham County:

We are pleased to provide you with the Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The purpose of this report is to provide you with summarized information and updates on governmental projects, our departments and services, and a financial overview.

Each year, we work diligently to make Habersham County an excellent place to live, work, and play. Each year presents new challenges that we must overcome while continuing to keep your best interests, and our available financial resources, in mind.

We hope you find this information useful.

Thank you.

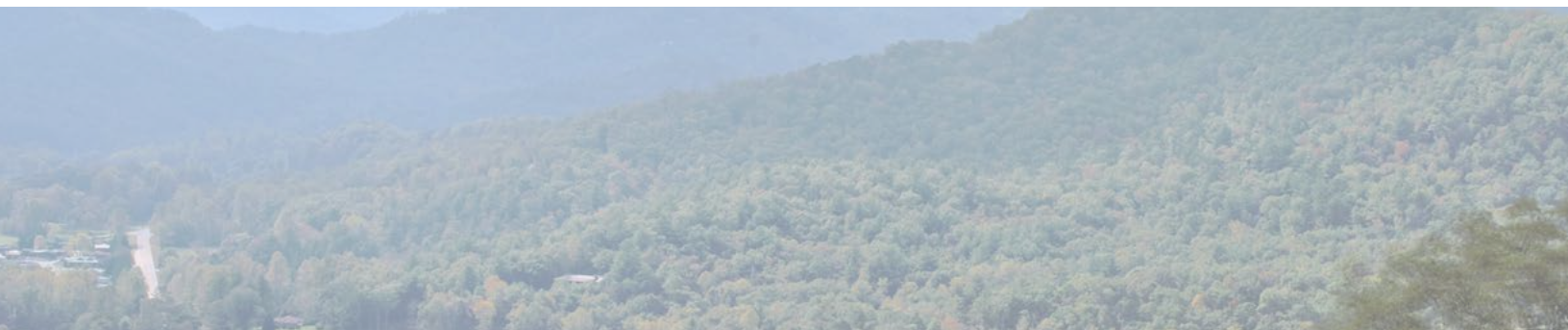
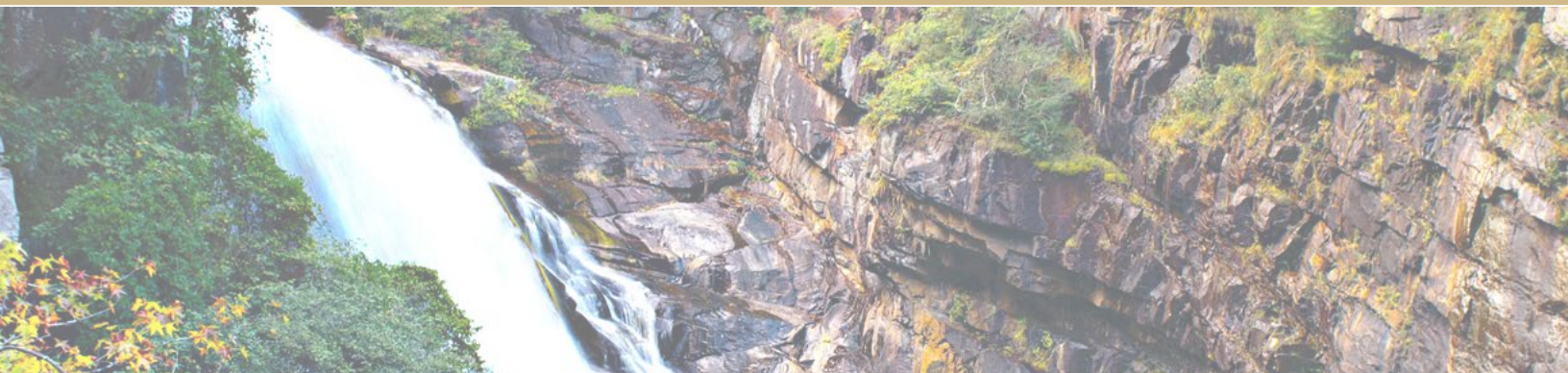
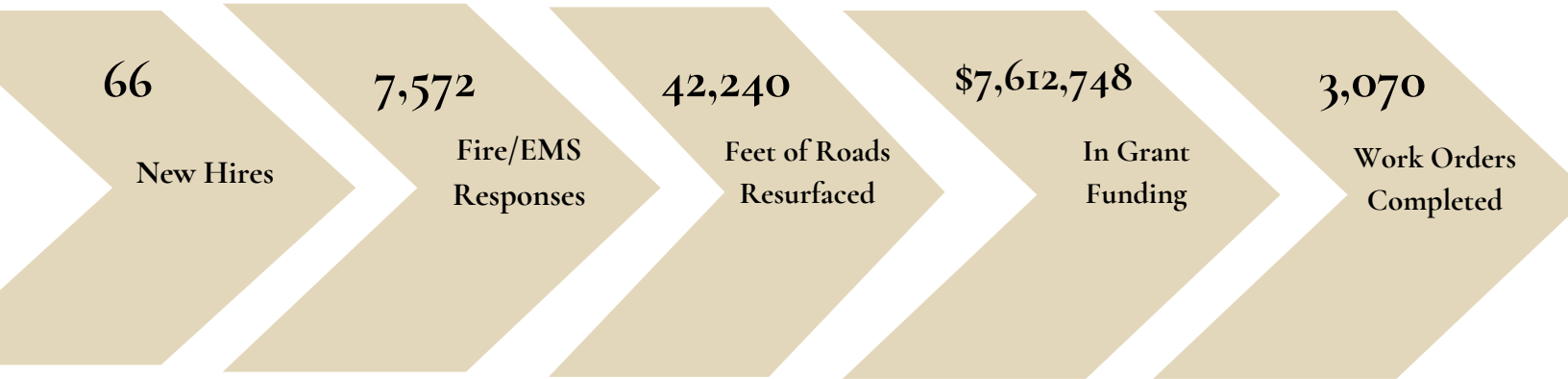
The Habersham County Board of Commissioners





OUR LATEST NUMBERS

HABERSHAM COUNTY QUICK FACTS AND STATISTICS



Public Works Projects

Landfill

In May 2019, a \$3.7 million Landfill Cell 5 construction bid was awarded. The \$3.4 million came from SPLOST VI funds.

Once Cell 5 is full, Cells 3, 4, and 5 will be used as a platform to vertically expand the landfill to accommodate the needs of Habersham County until 2043.



Cell 5 Construction

The construction of Landfill Cell 5 began during FY2020.

The formal Notice to Proceed on Cell 5 at the Habersham Landfill was issued on June 26, 2019 with work beginning shortly after. The cell was completed in late May 2020. The cell was entered for use on September 8, 2020.



Airport

Several airport construction projects were completed in FY2020. These construction projects include the completion of the Parallel Taxiway, Fuel Farm Relocation, and the construction of a New Airport Terminal.

Separately, a new ADA bathroom was constructed, the Obstruction Survey was completed, and the old terminal building was renovated to accommodate Air Methods, an air ambulance service who now uses the Habersham Airport as their base of operations





Public Works Projects

Hurricanes Delta and Zeta

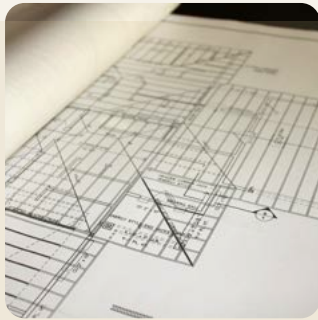
During October, Hurricanes Delta and Zeta required enormous effort to restore roads and bridges. 63 Roads were washed out from Delta. 106 Roads had debris to be cleaned up from Zeta.



Road Maintenance and Construction

Roadway Resurfacing projects for FY2020 consisted of milling, patching, leveling, and resurfacing a total of 7.81 miles of County roads. The GDOT LMIG Grant was \$738,179 and the total project value was \$1,238,818. The Road Department completed approximately 2,385 work orders in FY2020.

Planning and Development



Inspections and Permitting

Inspections continued briskly during the COVID-19 pandemic, with multiple new homes permitted and under construction throughout the year.



Airport Business Park

Windstream's REIT, CSL Georgia System, LLC, agreed to transfer 3.87 acres of land to the Development Authority, and conversely, the Authority transferred 3.87 acres from the Development Authority to Windstream's REIT.

Development Authority

The Development Authority is still pursuing the design and engineering of the Industrial Park expansion on the former Reed property. A local engineer firm, Foothills Land Design, has been retained to develop design plans and cost estimates.





Animal Control

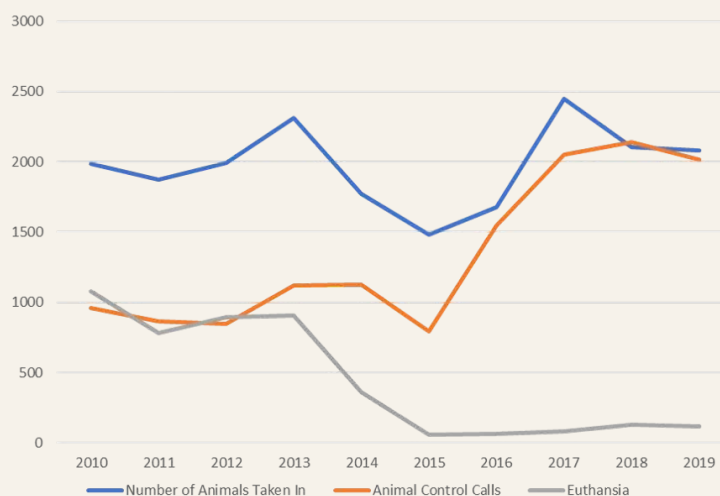
The euthanasia rate at the Animal Shelter was reduced from nearly 1,000 per year in 2013 to less than 100 per year during the past 7 years. The Animal shelter averages over 2,000 intakes annually.



Allocated SPLOST funds will allow for the creation of a new animal shelter. The new animal shelter will have the capacity for 80 dogs and 80 cats per day



Animal Control Stats: 2010 - 2019



Parks and Recreation


For much of 2020, The Parks & Recreation Department worked to improve indoor and outdoor facilities while also preparing for a phased-in reopening of facilities and summer and fall programs.

The COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation and/or postponement of spring basketball, track & field, volleyball, gymnastics classes and team training, Little League, soccer, swimming, and adult softball during FY2020.



In 2020, a new website was launched to allow Parks & Recreation to accept online registrations.





EMS and Fire

Training and Guidelines Committee

The Implement Training and Guidelines Committee of employees is overseen by the Training Division to develop training, policy and career ladder for the department. This

has been instrumental in providing not only initial suggestions but also the completion of many classes that now have been completed here in Habersham County from various agencies and organizations. This includes The Georgia Fire Academy, Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association, City Fire Departments, Habersham County Emergency Services and others.



COVID-19

In 2020, Habersham County implemented COVID-19 preparations and new guidelines in response to COVID-19 calls.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, an additional

Med Unit was put in service for transporting COVID-19 patients only. This was to limit the virus exposure to crews and a single Med Unit



FEMA Assistance for Firefighters

Habersham County received a grant from the FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant for upgrading Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus that will be end of life in 2023. This was the first attempt for the grant. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,370,544





Sheriff's Office

Drive Square Simulation

Habersham County Sheriff's Office purchased a Drive Square Simulation System during FY2020. This portable in-vehicle driving simulator facilitates cost-effective officer training/re-training of pursuits, traffic stops, situation awareness, and siren and lights use in the field instead of at a training center.



Georgia Children's Justice Act grant

Habersham County Sheriff's Office was a recipient of the Georgia Children's Justice Act grant which pays for the training and equipment for a multi-jurisdictional task force which focuses on investigating and mitigating crimes against children.



Finance

Federal and State Grants

In 2020, Habersham County was awarded over \$7,612,748 in grant funding.

Over \$33 million in grant funding has been awarded to Habersham County in last 5 years.



2020 Grant Awards	
Airport	\$1,112,654
Accountability Court	\$862,201
Animal Control	\$7,100
Elections	\$6,103
Emergency Management Agency	67,876
Emergency Services	\$1,809,778
Extension Services	\$30,080
General Government CARES	\$1,079,882
Judicial System	\$348,289
Road Dept	\$1,266,220
Senior Center	\$557,218
Sheriff	\$327,264
Transit	\$138,082

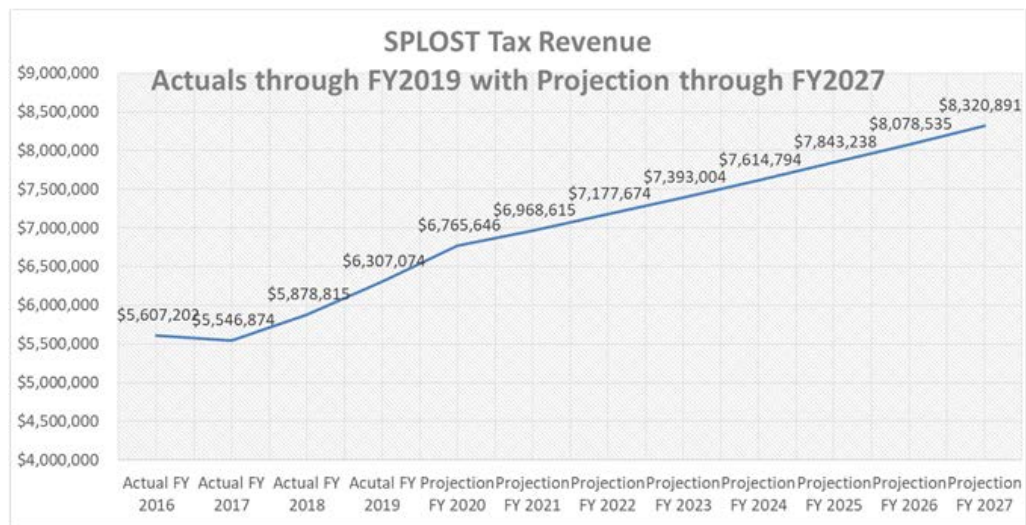


SPLOST 2021

These projects were documented in an intergovernmental agreement and SPLOST resolution approved by each of the governing bodies, prior to a call for referendum approved in August 2020.

The SPLOST 2021 referendum was approved by the voters during the November 3, 2020 Election.

Growth Factors		Projected Growth scenarios SPLOST 2021	1% growth estimate	2% growth estimate	3% growth estimate	Regression
Population	0.7%	Full Collections	\$43,082,395	\$45,055,741	\$47,110,939	\$43,946,334
Job Growth	0.8%	Hospital Tier 2	-\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000
Inflation	1.8%	w/o Hospital	\$38,082,395	\$40,055,741	\$42,110,939	\$38,946,334
Annual Growth	3.3%					



Financial Document Awards

The Finance Department was awarded the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY2020 Budget and received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This is the third year in a row the County has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

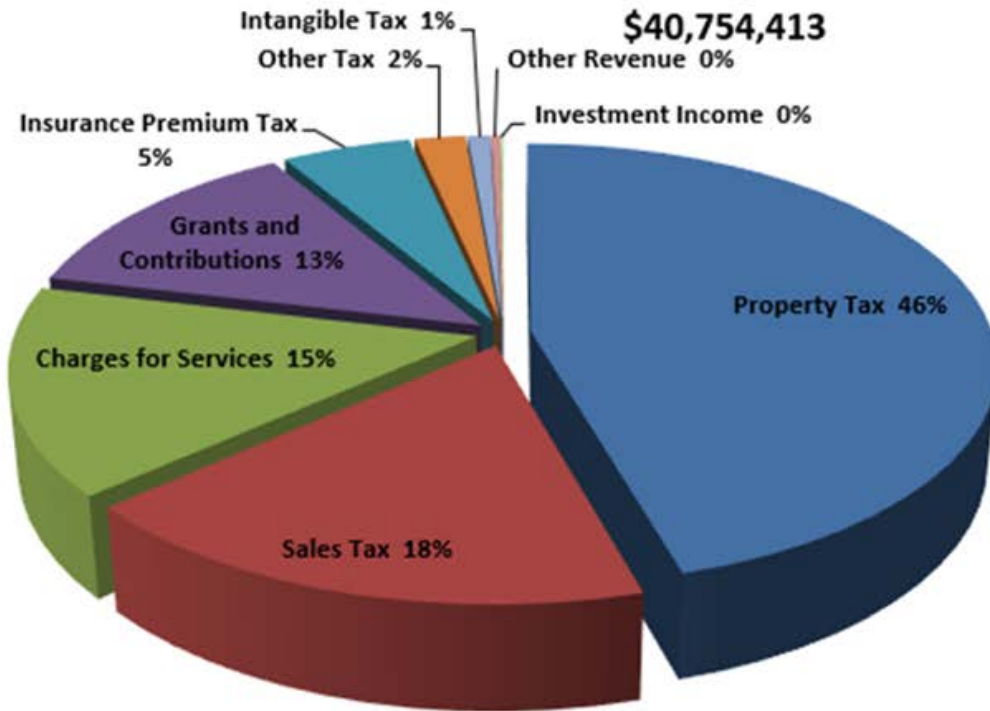




Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

\$40,754,413

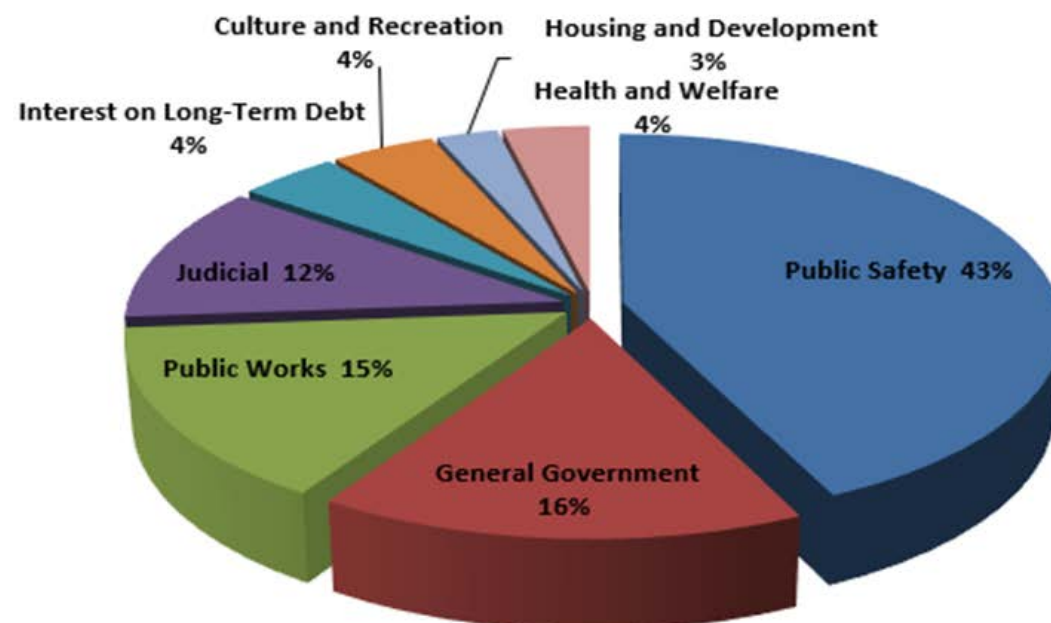


Property Tax	\$18,577,383
Sales Tax	\$7,280,074
Charges for Services	\$6,210,614
Grants and Contributions	\$5,171,950
Insurance Premium Tax	\$2,121,831
Other Tax	\$832,934
Intangible Tax	\$364,318
Other Revenue	\$147,812
Investment Income	\$47,497

Expenses - Governmental Activities

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

\$37,344,198



Public Safety	\$16,087,206
General Government	\$5,923,374
Public Works	\$5,519,990
Judicial	\$4,295,930
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$1,575,532
Culture and Recreation	\$1,626,793
Housing and Development	\$1,356,688
Health and Welfare	\$958,685





5 - Year General Fund Balance with Unrestricted and Unassigned



General Fund Revenue, Expenditures & Other Sources and Uses - Last 5 Fiscal Years with FY2021 Approved Budget

Revenue Expenditures





Elected Officials/Courts

Stacy Hall	District 1 Commissioner - Chairperson
Natalie Crawford	District 4 Commissioner - Vice-Chair
Dustin Mealor	District 2 Commissioner
Jimmy Tench	District 3 Commissioner
Tim Stamey	District 5 Commissioner
Chan Caudell	Judge, Superior Court
Nichole Carswell	Judge, Juvenile Court
Russell W. Smith	Chief Judge, Superior Court
June Black-Warren	Tax Commissioner
William R. Oliver	Solicitor General
George Christain	District Attorney
Gerald W. Johnson	Chief Magistrate
David C. Wall	Clerk of Superior Court
Kasey C. McEntire	Coroner
Joey Terrell	Sheriff
Pamela F. Wooley	Probate Judge
M. Steven Campbell	Chief Judge, State Court

Administration

Phillip Sutton	County Manager
Donald Hunt	Attorney
Lindsay Underwood	County Clerk
Mike Beecham	Planning & Development Director
Chad Black	Emergency Services Director
Mike Bramlett	Facilities Management Director
Derick Canupp	Public Works Director
Joan Church	Chief Appraiser
Kurt Cooper	Parks & Rec Director
Laurel Ellison	Chief Registrar & Elections Supervisor
Madi Hawkins	Animal Care and Control Director
Kathy Holcomb	Senior Center Director
Carolyn McDuffie	Public Information Officer
Steven Patrick	County Extension Coordinator
Beth Pelaccio	Accountability Courts Director
Vinitha Robinson	Human Resources Director
Steve Seabolt	Fleet Maintenance Director
Tim Sims	Finance Director
Lynn Smith	E-911 & Emergency Management
Tracy Williamson	Information Technology Director

Citizen Quick Contact Guide

Below is a brief listing of some of our most frequently asked for offices and their phone number. Please dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.
For a comprehensive listing of departments and services, please visit our website at www.habershamga.com

Animal Care and Control	706-839-0195
Clerk of Court	706-839-0300
Commissioner's Office	706-839-0200
Elections and Voter Registration	706-839-0170
Environmental Health	706-776-7659
Human Resources	706-839-0214
Juvenile Court	706-839-0333
Magistrate Court	706-839-0350
Parks and Recreation	706-839-0240
Planning and Development	706-839-0140
Probate Court	706-839-0320
Road Department	706-839-0185
Sheriff's Department	706-839-0500
Sheriff's Department Investigations	706-839-0550
Tax Commissioner/Tag Office	706-839-0120
Tax Assessors	706-839-0100
Transit	706-839-0167

