

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
June 30, 2006

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

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BUCHANAN COUNTY
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OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Title</u>
Leo Donnelly	January 2007	Board of Supervisors
Ellen Gaffney	January 2009	Board of Supervisors
Ralph Kremer	January 2007	Board of Supervisors
Cindy Witt	January 2009	Auditor
Judy Harland	January 2007	Treasurer
Diane Curry	January 2007	Recorder
Bill Wolfgram	January 2009	Sheriff
Allan Vander Hart	January 2007	Attorney
Virginia Sleeper	Appointed.....	Assessor



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Officials of Buchanan County
Independence, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buchanan County, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Buchanan County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the 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 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buchanan County at June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 8, 2007 on our consideration of Buchanan County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 - 9 and 34 - 36 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. 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. 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 Buchanan County's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the two years ended June 30, 2005 (which are not presented herein) and expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. The year ended June 30, 2003 was given a qualified opinion due to the lack of material and supplies inventory pertaining to Secondary Roads. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 6 including the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our 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.

March 8, 2007

Gardiner Thomsen, P.C.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Buchanan County provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the County's financial statements, which follow.

2006 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenues of the County's governmental activities increased 18%, or approximately \$2,561,606, from fiscal 2005 to fiscal 2006. Property tax increased approximately \$246,132, operating grants, and capital grants and contributions increased approximately \$2,384,006.
- Program expenses were 4% or approximately \$621,240, more in fiscal 2006 than in fiscal 2005. Roads and transportation expense increased approximately \$135,922.
- The County's net assets increased 14% or approximately \$2,893,330, from June 30, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the County's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Buchanan County as a whole and present an overall view of the County's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which Buchanan County acts solely as an agent or custodian for the benefit of those outside of County government (Agency Funds).

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the County's budget for the year.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor Special Revenue and the individual Agency Funds. In addition, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards provides details of various programs benefiting the County.

REPORTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about the County's finances is, "Is the County as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the County's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as 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 not result in cash flows until future fiscal periods.

The County's governmental activities are presented in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. Governmental activities include public safety and legal services, physical health and social services, mental health, county environment and education, roads and transportation, governmental services to residents, administration, interest on long-term debt and non-program activities. Property tax and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The County has three kinds of funds:

- 1) Governmental funds account for most of the County's basic services. These focus on how money flows into and out of those funds, and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental funds include: 1) the General Fund, 2) the Special Revenue Funds, such as Mental Health, Rural Services and Secondary Roads, and 3) the Debt Service Fund. These funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the County's programs.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

- 2) Proprietary funds account for the County's Internal Service Fund, Employee Group Health Insurance Account. Internal Service Funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets and a statement of cash flows.

- 3) Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trust or agency capacity for others which cannot be used to support the County's own programs. These fiduciary funds include Agency Funds that account for E911 and emergency management services and the County Assessor, to name a few.

The required financial statements for fiduciary funds include a statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements follow the fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. Buchanan County's combined net assets were increased from a year ago, increasing from \$20 million to \$22.9 million. The net assets at the beginning of the year were restated to include a net \$390,487 in assets that were not included in the prior year balance. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in the net assets for governmental activities.

Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Expressed in Thousands)		
	2006	2005
Current and Other Assets	\$10,481	\$10,452
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)	20,390	17,030
Total Assets	30,871	27,482
Long-Term Debt Outstanding	475	643
Other Liabilities	7,502	7,229
Total Liabilities	7,977	7,872
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	20,117	17,030
Restricted	2,056	2,396
Unrestricted	721	184
Total Net Assets	\$22,894	\$19,610

Net assets of Buchanan County's governmental activities increased 14% (\$20 million compared to \$22.9 million). The largest portion of the County's net assets is the invested in capital assets (e.g. land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment), less the related debt. Restricted net assets represent resources that are subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. Unrestricted net assets—the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements—increased from approximately \$184,417 at June 30, 2005 to \$720,877 at the end of this year, a substantial increase.

This increase of approximately \$536,460 in unrestricted net assets was a result of decreased expenditures in some areas, also due to an increase in property tax. The County increased its investment in roadway equipment and road construction by approximately \$3,555,598 over the prior year.

Changes in Net Assets of Governmental Activities
(Expressed in Thousands)

	Year ended June 30, 2006	Year ended June 30, 2005
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Service	\$1,722	\$1,713
Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	4,228	4,089
Capital Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	3,138	902
General Revenues:		
Property Tax	5,823	5,577
Penalty and Interest on Property Tax	60	65
State Tax Credits	347	335
Local Option Sales Tax	642	815
Franchise Tax	0	9
Unrestricted Investment Earning	172	65
Other General Revenues	146	147
Total Revenues	16,278	13,717
Program Expenses:		
Public Safety and Legal Services	2,468	2,445
Physical Health and Social Services	159	170
Mental Health	2,492	2,513
County Environment and Education	823	687
Roads and Transportation	5,132	4,996
Governmental Services to Residents	494	400
Administration	1,618	1,510
Nonprogram	182	29
Interest on Long-term Debt	17	14
Total Expenses	13,385	12,764
Increase in Net Assets	2,893	953
Net Assets Beginning of Year (restated)	20,001	18,657
Net Assets End of Year	\$22,894	\$19,610

The results of governmental activities for the year resulted in Buchanan County's net assets increasing by approximately \$2,893,330. Revenues for governmental activities increased by approximately \$2.56 million from the prior year, with property tax revenue up from the prior year by approximately \$246,132 or 4%.

The County increased property tax rates for 2006 by an average of 6%. This increase raised the County's property tax revenue by approximately \$346,663 in 2006.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$13.3 million compared to \$12.7 million last year. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities the amount taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities was only \$4.3 million because some of the cost was paid by those directly benefiting from the programs (\$1.7 million) or by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions (\$7.35 million). Overall, the County's governmental program revenues, including intergovernmental aid and fees for services, increased in 2006 from approximately \$6.5 million to \$9.08 million. The County paid for the remaining "public benefit" portion of governmental activities with approximately \$5.8 million in taxes (some of which could only be used for certain programs) and with other revenues, such as interest and general entitlements.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR FUND ANALYSIS

As Buchanan County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2.82 million, a decrease of more than \$.72 million below last year's total of \$3.54 million. The following are the major reasons for the changes in fund balances of the major funds from the prior year:

- General Fund revenues and expenditures increased when compared to the prior year. The ending fund balance showed an increase of \$222,815 from the prior year to \$1,150,728.
- The County has continued to look for ways to effectively manage the cost of mental health services. For the year, expenditures totaled approximately \$2.5 million, the same as the prior year. The Mental Health Fund balance at year end decreased by approximately \$333,277 from the prior year.
- Secondary Roads Fund expenditures increased by approximately \$41,081 over the prior year. The Secondary Roads Fund ending balance decreased approximately by \$720,519.
- The Debt Service Fund ending balance increased by approximately \$3,718. The deficit balance from 2005 was eliminated by the collection of delinquent tax.
- During the year ended June 30, 2005 the County issued \$420,000 of general obligation notes to purchase computer equipment and voting machines. The proceeds from the note issue were placed in the General Fund and were spent from the General Fund in fiscal 2006.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, Buchanan County amended its budget one time. The amendment was made in May 2006. This amendment was made for some additional intergovernmental revenues and an increase in operational expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2006, Buchanan County had approximately \$26 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including public safety equipment, buildings, park facilities, roads and bridges. This is a net increase (including additions and deletions) of approximately \$3,743,409 or 16% over last year.

Capital Assets of Governmental Activities at Year End
(Expressed in Thousands)

	June 30, 2006	June 30, 2005
Land	\$935	\$786
Buildings and Improvements	967	606
Equipment and Vehicles	6,667	6,033
Infrastructure	17,815	14,598
Construction in Process	14	162
Total	\$26,398	\$22,185

This year's major additions include (expressed in thousands)

Capital Assets Contributed by the IA Department of Transportation	\$2,448
Roads & Bridges	769
Replacement Secondary Road Equipment	337
County Sheriff/Vehicles	89
Total	\$3,643

The County had depreciation expense of \$902,305 in fiscal year 2006 and total accumulated depreciation of \$6 million at June 30, 2006.

The County's fiscal year 2006 capital budget included \$911,500 for capital projects, principally for the upgrading of secondary roads and bridges. More detailed information about the County's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2006 Buchanan County has approximately \$695,324 in general obligation notes and other debt outstanding compared to approximately \$875,605 at June 30, 2005, as shown below.

Outstanding Debt at Year-End of Governmental Activities (Expressed in Thousands)		
	2006	2005
General Obligation Notes	\$475	\$643
Compensated Absences	220	223
Total	<u>\$695</u>	<u>\$875</u>

Debt decreased as a result of payments made as required by lenders.

The Constitution of the State of Iowa limits the amount of general obligation debt counties can issue to 5 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property within the County's corporate limits. Buchanan County's outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below its constitutional debt limit of \$50.9 million. Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave. Additional information about the County's long-term debt is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Buchanan County's elected and appointed officials and citizens considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2007 budget, tax rates, and the fees that will be charged for various County services. One of those factors is the economy. Unemployment in the County now stands at 4.3% versus 6.4% a year ago. This compares with the State's unemployment rate of 3.5% and the national rate of 4.5%.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2007. With the increase in valuation, due to new construction the rates stayed the same. Increased levy in Mental Health was necessary for fully funding by the State. Increased cost of health insurance, cost-of-living adjustments and bridge replacement projects represent the largest increases.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of Buchanan County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Buchanan County Auditor's Office, 210 – 5th Avenue NE, City of Independence, Iowa.

**BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2006**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash & Pooled Investments	\$3,024,354
Receivables:	
Property Tax:	
Delinquent	11,534
Succeeding Year	6,088,411
Interest & Penalty On Property Tax	53
Accounts	32,487
Accrued Interest	17,036
Due From Other Governments	910,396
Inventories	337,255
Prepaid Insurance	60,132
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	20,389,799
TOTAL ASSETS	30,871,457
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	775,229
Accrued Interest Payable	1,981
Salaries & Benefits Payable	138,688
Due To Other Governments	276,282
Deferred Revenue:	
Succeeding Year Property Tax	6,088,411
Other	3,230
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Portion Due Or Payable Within One Year:	
General Obligation Notes & Loans	172,668
Compensated Absences	218,587
Portion Due Or Payable After One Year:	
General Obligation Notes & Loans	302,339
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,977,415
NET ASSETS	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	20,117,248
Restricted For:	
Mental Health Purposes	337,952
Secondary Roads Purposes	590,751
Debt Service	1,476
Other Purposes	1,125,788
Unrestricted	720,827
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$22,894,042

See Notes To Financial Statements

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Expenses	Charges for Service	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes In Net Assets
			Operating Grants, Contributions, & Restricted Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions, & Restricted Interest	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:					
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	\$2,467,491	\$728,288	\$122,575	\$ 0	\$(1,616,628)
Physical Health and Social Services	159,833	0	76,755	0	(83,078)
Mental Health	2,491,870	287,152	801,682	0	(1,403,036)
County Environment and Education	823,452	110,939	25,299	0	(687,214)
Roads and Transportation	5,131,526	73,236	3,052,765	3,137,786	1,132,261
Governmental Services to Residents	494,407	344,559	149,385	0	(463)
Administration	1,617,986	30,713	0	0	(1,587,273)
Non-program	181,544	146,363	0	0	(35,181)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	17,200	0	0	0	(17,200)
TOTAL	\$13,385,309	\$1,721,250	\$4,228,461	\$3,137,786	(4,297,812)
GENERAL REVENUES:					
Property and Other County Tax Levied For:					
General Purposes					5,650,889
Debt Service					171,400
Penalty and Interest on Property Tax					60,749
State Tax Credits					347,327
Local Option Sales Tax					642,190
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					171,325
Miscellaneous					143,824
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets					3,438
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES					7,191,142
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS					2,893,330
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR (as restated Note 14)					20,000,712
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR					\$22,894,042

See Notes To Financial Statements

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2006

	General	Special Revenue Mental Health
ASSETS		
Cash and Pooled Investments:		
County Treasurer	\$1,126,562	\$658,217
Receivables:		
Property Tax:		
Delinquent	7,419	2,197
Succeeding Year	3,462,863	1,138,470
Interest and Penalty on Property Taxes	53	0
Accounts	6,970	23,133
Accrued Interest	16,942	0
Due From Other Governments	167,467	1,691
Prepaid Insurance	43,198	0
Inventories	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,831,474	\$1,823,708
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$141,069	\$81,948
Salaries and Benefits Payable	47,025	8,436
Due To Other Governments	21,566	254,716
Deferred Revenue:		
Succeeding Year Property Tax	3,462,863	1,138,470
Other	8,223	2,316
Total Liabilities	3,680,746	1,485,886
Fund Balances:		
Reserved For:		
Inventories	0	0
Unreserved, reported in:		
General	1,150,728	0
Special Revenue	0	337,822
Debt Service	0	0
Total Fund Balances	1,150,728	337,822
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$4,831,474	\$1,823,708

See Notes To Financial Statements

Special Revenue Funds		Debt Service	Nonmajor Special Revenue	Total
Rural Services	Secondary Roads			
\$627,736	\$72,410	\$3,161	\$521,698	\$3,009,784
1,516	0	402	0	11,534
1,307,007	0	180,071	0	6,088,411
0	0	0	0	53
165	129	0	2,090	32,487
0	0	0	94	17,036
0	734,906	0	6,332	910,396
0	16,934	0	0	60,132
0	337,255	0	0	337,255
\$1,936,424	\$1,161,634	\$183,634	\$530,214	\$10,467,088
\$13,199	\$393,903	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$630,119
19,134	64,093	0	0	138,688
0	0	0	0	276,282
1,307,007	0	180,071	0	6,088,411
1,510	500,775	400	0	513,224
1,340,850	958,771	180,471	0	7,646,724
0	337,255	0	0	337,255
0	0	0	0	1,150,728
595,574	(134,392)	0	530,214	1,329,218
0	0	3,163	0	3,163
595,574	202,863	3,163	530,214	2,820,364
\$1,936,424	\$1,161,634	\$183,634	\$530,214	\$10,467,088

**BUCHANAN COUNTY
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2006**

Total Governmental Fund Balances (Pages 12-13) \$2,820,364

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$26,399,632 and the accumulated depreciation is \$6,009,836. 20,389,799

Other long-term assets are not available to pay current expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds. 509,994

The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of self funding of the County's health insurance benefit plan to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the Internal Service Fund are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets. (130,540)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, compensated absences payable, and accrued interest payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. (695,575)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Page 10) \$22,894,042

See Notes To Financial Statements.

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2006

	General	Special Revenue Mental Health
REVENUES:		
Property and Other County Tax	\$3,383,716	\$1,002,207
Interest and Penalty on Property Tax	60,696	0
Intergovernmental	1,173,348	1,149,923
Licenses and Permits	780	0
Charges for Services	423,379	259
Use of Money and Property	181,344	0
Miscellaneous	59,307	18,378
Total Revenues	5,282,570	2,170,767
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating:		
Public Safety and Legal Services	2,024,216	0
Physical Health and Social Services	126,173	0
Mental Health	0	2,504,044
County Environment and Education	413,990	0
Roads and Transportation	0	0
Governmental Services to Residents	571,391	0
Administration	1,809,031	0
Non-program	32,282	0
Debt Service	4,515	0
Capital Projects	15,657	0
Total Expenditures	4,997,255	2,504,044
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	285,315	(333,277)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Sale of Capital Assets	37,500	0
Operating Transfers In	(100,000)	0
Operating Transfers Out	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(62,500)	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	222,815	(333,277)
Fund Balances – Beginning of Year	927,913	671,099
Increase in Reserve For Inventories	0	0
Fund Balances – End of Year	\$1,150,728	\$337,822

See Notes To Financial Statements

Exhibit E

Special Revenue Funds			Nonmajor	
Rural	Secondary	Debt Service	Special	Total
Services	Roads		Revenue	
\$1,911,629	\$ 0	\$171,340	\$ 0	\$6,468,892
0	0	0	0	60,696
74,986	3,241,674	10,146	12,150	5,662,227
10,800	5,051	0	0	16,631
2,030	80	0	89,362	515,110
75,483	0	0	2,085	258,912
24	80,374	0	53,845	211,928
2,074,952	3,327,179	181,486	157,442	13,194,396
468,865	0	0	0	2,493,081
33,144	0	0	0	159,317
0	0	0	0	2,504,044
416,276	0	0	0	830,266
0	4,434,783	0	0	4,434,783
1,670	0	0	0	573,061
0	0	0	0	1,809,031
0	0	0	0	32,282
0	0	177,768	0	182,283
0	890,018	0	0	905,675
919,955	5,324,801	177,768	0	13,923,823
1,154,997	(1,997,622)	3,718	157,442	(729,427)
0	4,626	0	7,718	12,344
0	1,272,477	0	0	1,309,977
(1,172,477)	0	0	(37,500)	(1,309,977)
(1,172,477)	1,277,103	0	(29,782)	12,344
(17,480)	(720,519)	3,718	127,660	(717,083)
613,054	922,162	(555)	402,554	3,536,227
0	1,220	0	0	1,220
\$595,574	\$202,863	\$3,163	\$530,214	\$2,820,364

**BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2006**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Pages 15-16) \$(717,083)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Capital outlay expenditures and contributed capital assets exceeded depreciation expense in the current year as follows:

Expenditures for Capital Assets	\$1,431,742	
Capital Assets Contributed by the Iowa Department of Transportation	2,448,103	
Depreciation Expense	(902,305)	2,977,540

In the Statement of Activities, the gain on the disposition of capital assets is reported, whereas the governmental funds report the proceeds from the sale as an increase in financial resources. (8,906)

Because some revenues will not be collected for several months after the County's year end, they are not considered available revenues and are deferred in the governmental funds as follows:

Property Tax	(4,361)	
Other	490,220	485,859

Proceeds from issuing long-term liabilities provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Repayment of long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Current year repayments are as follows:

Repaid		167,669
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Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds as follows:

Compensated Absences	13,343	
Interest on Long-Term Debt	2,235	15,578

Inventories in the governmental funds have been recorded as expenditures when paid. However, the Statement of Activities will report these items as expenditures in the period that the corresponding net asset is exhausted. 1,220

The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of employee health benefits to individual funds. The change in net assets of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities. (28,547)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Page 11) \$2,893,330

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**BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
June 30, 2006**

	Internal Service Employee Group Health
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ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$14,570
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LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	145,110
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NET ASSETS	
Deficit	\$(130,540)
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BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Internal Service Employee Group Health
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OPERATING REVENUES:	
Reimbursements From Operating Funds	\$1,319,264
Reimbursements From Employees	57,880
Miscellaneous	87,933
Total Operating Revenues	<hr/> 1,465,077 <hr/>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Medical Claims	1,273,211
Insurance Premiums	210,796
Administrative Fees	10,097
Total Operating Expenses	<hr/> 1,494,104 <hr/>
Operating Loss	(29,027)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES:	
Interest on Investments	<hr/> 480 <hr/>
Net Loss	(28,547)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<hr/> (101,993) <hr/>
Net Assets End of Year	<hr/> <u>\$(130,540)</u> <hr/>

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BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Internal Service Employee Group Health
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received From Operating Fund Reimbursements	\$1,319,264
Cash Received From Employees and Others	145,813
Cash Payments To Suppliers For Services	(1,484,075)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u>(18,998)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest on Investments	<u>480</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(18,518)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>33,088</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u><u>\$14,570</u></u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Loss	\$(29,027)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:	
Increase In Accounts Payable	<u>10,029</u>
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u><u>\$(18,998)</u></u>

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**BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa**

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
June 30, 2006**

ASSETS

Cash & Pooled Investments:	
County Treasurer	\$883,506
Other County Officials	49,159
Receivables:	
Property Tax:	
Succeeding Year	15,342,970
Accounts	14,032
Accrued Interest	186
Due from Other Governments	5,661
TOTAL ASSETS	16,295,514

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	35,118
Salaries and Benefits Payable	1,013
Due To Other Governments	16,187,124
Trusts Payable	67,220
Compensated Absences	5,039
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,295,514

NET ASSETS	\$ 0
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See Notes To Financial Statements

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Buchanan County is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The County operates under the Board of Supervisors form of government. Elections are on a partisan basis. Other elected officials operate independently with the Board of Supervisors. These officials are the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, and Attorney. The County provides numerous services to citizens, including law enforcement, health and social services, parks and cultural activities, planning and zoning, roadway construction and maintenance, and general administrative services.

The County's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

For financial reporting purposes, Buchanan County has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The County has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the County are such that exclusion would cause the County's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental 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 the County to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the County.

These financial statements present Buchanan County (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the County.

Blended Component Units – The following component units are entities which are legally separate from the County, but are so intertwined with the County that they are, in substance, the same as the County. They are reported as part of the County and blended into the appropriate funds.

Two drainage districts have been established pursuant to Chapter 468 of the Code of Iowa for the drainage of surface waters from agricultural and other lands or the protection of such lands from overflow. Although these districts are legally separate from the County, they are controlled, managed and supervised by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors. The drainage districts are reported as a Special Revenue Fund. Financial information of the individual drainage districts can be obtained from the Buchanan County Auditor's office.

Jointly Governed Organizations – The County also participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the County but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors are members of or appoint representatives to the following boards and commissions: Buchanan County Assessor's Conference Board, Buchanan County Emergency Management Commission, and Buchanan County Joint E911 Service Board. Financial transactions of these organizations are included in the County's financial statements only to the extent of the County's fiduciary relationship with the organization and, as such, are reported in the Agency Funds of the County.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the County and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are supported by property tax, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the County's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories.

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes, and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

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 clearly identifiable with a specific function. 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, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements – 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. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. All general tax revenues and other revenues not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue

The Mental Health Fund is used to account for property tax and other revenues designated to be used to fund mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services.

The Rural Services Fund is used to account for property tax and other revenues to provide services which are primarily intended to benefit those persons residing in the county outside of incorporated city areas.

The Secondary Roads Fund is used to account for the secondary road construction and maintenance.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for the payment of interest and principal on the County's long-term debt.

Additionally the County reports the following funds:

Proprietary Fund – An Internal Service Fund is utilized to account for the financing of goods or services purchased by one department of the county and provided to other departments or agencies on a cost reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Funds – Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the county as an agent for individuals, private organizations, certain jointly governed organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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 County considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However principal and interest on long term debt, claims, judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

The proprietary funds of the County applies all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements of Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating 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 Fund is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for Internal Service Funds include the cost of services and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The County maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the County are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash, Pooled Investments and Cash Equivalents – The cash balances of most County funds are pooled and invested. Interest earned on investments is recorded in the General Fund, unless otherwise provided by law. Investments are stated at fair value except for the investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which is valued at amortized cost and non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at cost.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable – Property tax in governmental funds is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date the tax asking is certified by the County Board of Supervisors. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Supervisors to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the Board of Supervisors is required to certify its budget in March of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds becomes due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1½% per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2004 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified by the County Board of Supervisors in March, 2005.

Interest and Penalty on Property Tax Receivable – Interest and penalty on property tax receivable represents the amount of interest and penalty that was due and payable, but has not been collected.

Due from and Due to Other Funds – During the course of its operations, the County has numerous transactions between funds. To the extent certain transactions between funds had not been paid or received as of June 30, 2006, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded in the fund financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (CONTINUED)

Due from Other Governments – Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants, and reimbursements from other governments.

Inventories – Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method. Inventories in the Special Revenue Funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are purchased. Reported inventories are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that they are not available to liquidate current obligations.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, equipment and vehicles, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and similar items which are immovable and of value only to the government), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Reportable capital assets are defined by the County as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Infrastructure	\$50,000
Land, Buildings and Improvements	\$25,000
Equipment and Vehicles	\$5,000

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)</u>
Buildings	40-65
Building Improvements	20-50
Infrastructure	10-65
Equipment	2-20
Vehicles	3-10

Due to Other Governments – Due to other governments represents taxes and other revenues collected by the County and payments for services which will be remitted to other governments.

Trusts Payable – Trusts payable represents amounts due to others which are held by various County officials in fiduciary capacities until the underlying legal matters are resolved.

Deferred Revenue – Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue in the governmental fund financial statements represents the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue consists of unspent grant proceeds as well as property tax receivable and other receivables not collected within sixty days after year-end.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (CONTINUED)

Deferred revenue on the Statement of Net Assets consists of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied and unspent grant proceeds.

Compensated Absences – County employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the government-wide, proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental fund financial statements only for employees that have resigned or retired. The compensated absences liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2006. The compensated absence liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General, Mental Health, Rural Services and Secondary Roads Funds.

Long-Term Liabilities – In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or proprietary fund Statement of Net Assets. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity – In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations of fund balance are reported for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

E. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2006, disbursements exceeded amounts budgeted in the Mental Health and Roads & Transportation functions.

Note 2: Cash and Pooled Investments

The County's deposits in banks at June 30, 2006 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The County is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Supervisors; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The County had investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at amortized cost of \$1,548,154, pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Interest rate risk. The County's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) in instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but the maturities shall be consistent with the need and use of the County.

Credit Risk. The investment in Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 3: Inter-fund Transfers

The detail of inter-fund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2006, is as follows:

Transfer To	Transfer From	Amount
General Basic	Special Revenue:	
	Conservation Reserve	\$22,500
	Nature Center	10,000
	REAP	5,000
Special Revenue:	General	100,000
Secondary Roads	Special Revenue:	
	Rural Services	1,172,477
Total		<u>\$1,309,977</u>

Transfers generally move resources from the fund statutorily required to collect the resources to the fund statutorily required to expend the resources.

Note 4: Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2006 was as follows:

	Balance Beginning Of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$935,099	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$935,099
Construction in Progress	161,688	14,617	161,688	14,617
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>1,096,787</u>	<u>14,617</u>	<u>161,688</u>	<u>949,716</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	847,962	119,413	0	967,375
Machinery and Equipment	5,230,359	498,637	68,721	5,660,275
Vehicles	883,218	191,718	67,715	1,007,221
Infrastructure, Road Network	14,597,898	3,217,148	0	17,815,046
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>21,559,437</u>	<u>4,026,916</u>	<u>136,436</u>	<u>25,449,917</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	215,174	23,686	0	238,860
Machinery and Equipment	2,461,184	360,706	64,235	2,757,655
Vehicles	624,337	89,786	63,295	650,828
Infrastructure, Road Network	1,934,366	428,127	0	2,362,493
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,235,061</u>	<u>902,305</u>	<u>127,530</u>	<u>6,009,836</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>16,324,376</u>	<u>3,124,611</u>	<u>8,906</u>	<u>19,440,081</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$17,421,163</u>	<u>\$3,139,228</u>	<u>\$170,594</u>	<u>\$20,389,797</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 4: Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental Activities:	
Public Safety and Legal Services	\$50,955
Mental Health	3,695
County Environment and Education	46,285
Roads and Transportation	771,418
Governmental Services to Residents	9,085
Administration	20,867
Total Depreciation Expense – Governmental Activities	<u>\$902,305</u>

Note 5: Due to Other Governments

The County purchases services from other governmental units and also acts as a fee and tax collection agent for various governmental units. Tax collections are remitted to those governments in the month following collection. A summary of amounts due to other governments is as follows:

Fund	Description	Amount
General	Services	\$21,566
Special Revenue:		
Mental Health	Services	254,716
Total for Governmental Funds		<u>\$276,282</u>
Agency:		
Agricultural Extension	Collections	\$163,751
Assessor & Special Appraisal		495,289
Schools		9,160,853
Community Colleges		688,021
Corporations		4,355,109
Auto License & Use Tax		345,594
All Others		978,507
Total for Agency Funds		<u>\$16,187,124</u>

Note 6: Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2006, is as follows:

	General Obligation Notes	Conservation Note	Compensated Absences	Total
Balance Beginning of Year	\$586,666	\$56,008	\$231,932	\$874,606
Decreases	158,333	9,335	11,614	179,282
Balance End of Year	<u>\$428,333</u>	<u>\$46,673</u>	<u>\$220,318</u>	<u>\$695,324</u>
Due Within One Year	<u>\$163,333</u>	<u>\$9,335</u>	<u>\$220,318</u>	<u>\$392,986</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 6: Changes in Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

Notes Payable

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the County issued \$420,000 of General Obligation County Purpose Notes for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of acquiring voting and computer equipment and improving the parking lot at the Courthouse. The notes are general obligations of the County and will be paid with taxes levied on all taxable property in the County. Interest is payable semiannually commencing on December 1, 2005, principal is due annually commencing June 1, 2006. The note is to be paid in full on June 1, 2010. The County was in compliance in the issuance of the notes. A summary of the General Obligation Note indebtedness is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	4.50%	\$80,000	\$11,930	\$91,930
2008	4.50%	85,000	9,370	94,370
2009	4.50%	90,000	6,480	96,480
2010	4.50%	90,000	3,285	93,285
		<u>\$345,000</u>	<u>\$31,065</u>	<u>\$376,065</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2004, the County issued a \$250,000 General Obligation Health Insurance Note. The note bears interest of 2.1%, payable May 1 and November 1, commencing on November 1, 2004. Principal is also due semi-annually, due on November 1, 2004 through November 1, 2006 with a final amount on May 1, 2007. The note was issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay a portion of the cost of providing health insurance coverage for County employees.

A summary of the County's General Obligation Note debt is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	2.1%	<u>\$83,334</u>	<u>\$1,316</u>	<u>\$84,650</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2001, the Executive Council of Iowa approved a loan from the Contingency Fund for the Fontana Dam Restoration Project to the Buchanan County Conservation Board. The loan is free of interest and is due in 10 annual installments of \$9,335, the first payment due on December 4, 2001.

A summary of debt is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal
2007	\$9,335
2008	9,335
2009	9,335
2010	9,335
2011	9,333
	<u>\$46,673</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2001, the County issued General Obligation E-911 Communication Equipment Notes for the purchase of E-911 equipment. The note is due on April 1, 2006 at 4.4% per annum with quarterly principal and interest payments beginning July 1, 2001. The debt is not included in the County's debt as it is paid from sources other than County funds. During the year ended June 30, 2006, the note was paid in full.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 7: Pension and Retirement Benefits

The County contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan member and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Most plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual covered salary and the County is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered salary. Certain employees in special risk occupations and the County contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate.. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The County's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004 \$232,756, \$221,869, and \$208,868, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 8: Risk Management

Buchanan County is a member in the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 331.301 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool with over 509 members from various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property and inland marine. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses, and reinsurance expenses due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained to equal 300 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses and reinsurance premiums, all of which are due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if sufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The County's property and casualty contributions to the risk pool are recorded as expenditures from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The County's annual contributions to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2006 were \$127,190.

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials liability risks up to \$250,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$2,000,000 to \$15,000,000, such excess coverage is also reinsured. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$100,000 each occurrence, each location, with excess coverage reinsured on an individual member basis.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 8: Risk Management (Continued)

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim or series of claims exceeds the amount of risk sharing protection provided by the member's risk sharing certificate, or in the event that a series of casualty claims exhausts total members' equity plus any reinsurance and any excess risk sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims shall be the obligation of the respective individual member. The County does not report a liability for losses in excess of reinsurance or excess risk sharing recoveries unless it is deemed probable that such losses have occurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, at June 30, 2006, no liability has been recorded in the County's financial statements. As of June 30, 2006, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance company coverage since the pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Members withdrawing within the first six years of membership may receive a partial refund of their capital contributions. If a member withdraws after the sixth year, the member is refunded 100 percent of their capital contributions, however, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual operating contribution which the withdrawing member would have made for the one-year period following withdrawal.

The County also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with worker's compensation and employee blanket bond. The County assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. The County assumes responsibility for worker's compensation and employee blanket bond in excess of \$500,000 and \$20,000 per employee, with additional \$80,000 coverage on the Treasurer. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 9: Health Insurance Plan

The County is self-insured for health insurance coverage of its employees. Claims of the employees are submitted to a third-party administrator who, in turn, bills the plan funds for the necessary amount. The plan is covered by reinsurance to protect the stop-loss of 125% of expected claims.

The County's contribution for the year ended June 30, 2006 was \$1,319,264.

As of June 30, 2006, the plan assets had a deficit of \$130,540.

Note 10: Commitments and Contingencies

The County participates in a number of federally assisted grant programs. The programs are subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount of expenditures, if any, which may be disallowed by the granting agencies is not determinable at this time; however, County officials do not believe that such amounts would be significant.

Note 11: Related Party Transactions

The County had no business transactions between the County and County officials during the year ended June 30, 2006.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 12: Budget Over-expenditure

Per the Code of Iowa, disbursements may not legally exceed amounts budgeted by function or amounts appropriated by department. During the year ended June 30, 2006, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the Mental Health and Roads & Transportation functions and disbursements in certain departments exceeded the amounts appropriated.

Note 13: Deficit Balance

A deficit fund balance of 5,472 (cash basis) was noted in the Emergency Management Fund at June 30, 2006 as well as deficit monthly fund balances during the year ended June 30, 2006.

The Internal Service Fund, Health Insurance had a deficit balance in net assets at June 30, 2006 of \$130,540.

A deficit unreserved fund balance in Secondary Roads (\$134,392), was noted at June 30, 2006.

Note 14: Beginning Balance Restatement

The net assets, beginning of year, have been restated due to the inclusion of land, buildings and equipment to fiscal 2006 and other capital assets that were previously not reported or incorrectly reported. The accumulated depreciation has also been restated for these capital assets. The effect of the restatement on the capital assets was an increase of \$471,006, an increase in accumulated depreciation of \$80,519, for a net increase in net assets beginning of year of \$390,487.

Note 15: 28E Agreement

Buchanan County participates in an agreement with the Buchanan County Landfill Commission, a political subdivision created under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. The purpose of the Commission includes providing economic disposal of solid waste produced or generated within the County and member municipalities.

The County has provided a local government guarantee for a portion of the postclosure costs of the Commission in accordance with Chapter 111.6(8) of the Iowa Administrative Code. Total costs of postclosure of the landfill as of June 30, 2006 are equal to the postclosure estimated amounts and the County's financial assurance obligation of that amount is assured.

In the event the Commission fails to perform postclosure care in accordance with the appropriate plan or permit, whenever required to do so, or fails to obtain alternate financial assurance with 90 days of intent to cancel, the County will perform, or pay a third party to perform, postclosure care or establish a standby trust fund in the name of the Commission or obtain alternate financial assurance in the amount of the assured amount.

BUCHANAN COUNTY
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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CASH BASIS) – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	Actual	Less Funds Not Required to Be Budgeted	Net	Budgeted Amounts		Final to Net Variance
				Original	Final	
RECEIPTS:						
Property & Other County Tax	\$6,516,754	\$ 0	\$6,516,754	\$6,297,394	\$6,368,989	\$147,765
Interest & Penalty on Property Tax	60,643	0	60,643	14,000	14,000	46,643
Intergovernmental	5,519,904	0	5,519,904	5,660,224	5,680,224	(160,320)
Licenses & Permits	16,491	0	16,491	13,000	13,000	3,491
Charges for Services	513,697	0	513,697	628,923	653,173	(139,476)
Use of Money & Property	250,372	0	250,372	100,875	100,875	149,497
Miscellaneous	222,546	0	222,546	59,000	102,771	119,775
Total Receipts	13,100,407	0	13,100,407	12,773,416	12,933,032	167,375
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Public Safety & Legal Services	2,435,696	0	2,435,696	2,691,515	2,749,780	314,084
Physical Health & Social Services	164,808	0	164,808	253,120	253,120	88,312
Mental Health	2,466,604	0	2,466,604	2,410,226	2,410,226	(56,378)
County Environment & Education	829,928	0	829,928	824,321	835,821	5,893
Roads & Transportation	4,572,101	0	4,572,101	4,420,000	4,420,000	(152,101)
Governmental Services to Residents	559,201	0	559,201	655,908	670,512	111,311
Administration	1,825,086	0	1,825,086	1,849,097	1,921,097	96,011
Non-program	33,451	0	33,451	32,556	38,291	4,840
Debt Service	187,103	0	187,103	190,679	190,679	3,576
Capital Projects	870,989	0	870,989	911,500	912,500	41,511
Total Disbursements	13,944,967	0	13,944,967	14,238,922	14,402,026	457,059
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(844,560)	0	(844,560)	(1,465,506)	(1,468,994)	624,434
Other Financing Sources, Net	8,829	0	8,829	433,500	433,500	(424,671)
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements & Other Financing Uses	(835,731)	0	(835,731)	(1,032,006)	(1,035,494)	199,783
Balance Beginning of Year	4,182,770	476	4,182,294	2,927,742	3,846,128	336,166
Balance End of Year	\$3,347,039	\$476	\$3,346,563	\$1,895,736	\$2,810,634	\$535,929

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET TO GAAP RECONCILIATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Governmental Funds		
	Cash Basis	Accrual Adjustments	Modified Accrual Basis
Revenues	\$13,100,407	\$97,504	\$13,197,911
Expenditures	13,946,187	(22,364)	13,923,823
Net	(845,780)	119,868	(725,912)
Other Financing Sources, Net	8,829	0	8,829
Beginning Fund Balances	4,182,770	(646,543)	3,536,227
Increase in Reserve For: Inventories	1,220	0	1,220
Ending Fund Balances	\$3,347,039	\$(526,675)	\$2,820,364

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2006

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparison for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the County Board of Supervisors annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds, except blended component units and Agency Funds, and appropriates the amount deemed necessary for each of the different County offices and departments. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon 10 major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. These 10 functions are: public safety and legal services, physical health and social services, mental health, county environment and education, roads and transportation, governmental services to residents, administration, non-program, debt service and capital projects. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Fund. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. Legal budgetary control is also based upon the appropriation to each office or department. During the year, a budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$163,104. The budget amendment is reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

In addition, annual budgets are similarly adopted in accordance with the Code of Iowa by the appropriate governing body as indicated: for the County Extension Office by the County Agricultural Extension Council, for the County Assessor by the County Conference Board, for the E911 System by the Joint E911 Service Board and for Emergency Management Services by the County Emergency Management Commission.

During the year ended June 30, 2006, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the Mental Health and Roads & Transportation functions and disbursements in certain departments exceeded the amounts appropriated. Emergency Management disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted.

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 June 30, 2006

	REAP	Recorder Records Management	Recorders Electronic Transaction
ASSETS			
Cash & Pooled Investments:			
County Treasurer	\$41,760	\$22,947	\$365
Receivables:			
Accounts	0	0	0
Accrued Interest	34	27	1
Due from Other Governments	6,302	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$48,096	\$22,974	\$366
FUND BALANCES			
Fund Balances			
Unreserved	\$48,096	\$22,974	\$366
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$48,096	\$22,974	\$366

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Schedule 1

<u>Board and Room</u>	<u>Nature Center</u>	<u>Drainage</u>	<u>Conservation Reserve</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$148,631	\$36,028	\$476	\$271,491	\$521,698
2,090	0	0	0	2,090
0	32	0	0	94
0	0	0	30	6,332
<u>\$150,721</u>	<u>\$36,060</u>	<u>\$476</u>	<u>\$271,521</u>	<u>\$530,214</u>
<u>\$150,721</u>	<u>\$36,060</u>	<u>\$476</u>	<u>\$271,521</u>	<u>\$530,214</u>
<u>\$150,721</u>	<u>\$36,060</u>	<u>\$476</u>	<u>\$271,521</u>	<u>\$530,214</u>

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COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2006

	REAP	Recorder Records Management	Recorders Electronic Transaction
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	\$12,150	\$ 0	\$ 0
Charges for Services	0	4,958	0
Use of Money and Property	346	97	12
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Total Revenues	12,496	5,055	12
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	12,496	5,055	12
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	(5,000)	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(5,000)	0	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures And Other Financing Uses	7,496	5,055	12
Fund Balances – Beginning of Year	40,600	17,919	354
Fund Balances – End of Year	\$48,096	\$22,974	\$366

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Schedule 2

<u>Board and Room</u>	<u>Nature Center</u>	<u>Drainage</u>	<u>Conservation Reserve</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$12,150
84,404	0	0	0	89,362
0	361	0	1,269	2,085
0	5,439	0	48,406	53,845
<u>84,404</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,675</u>	<u>157,442</u>
84,404	5,800	0	49,675	157,442
0	0	0	7,718	7,718
0	(10,000)	0	(22,500)	(37,500)
<u>0</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(14,782)</u>	<u>(29,782)</u>
84,404	(4,200)	0	34,893	127,660
<u>66,317</u>	<u>40,260</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>236,628</u>	<u>402,554</u>
<u>\$150,721</u>	<u>\$36,060</u>	<u>\$476</u>	<u>\$271,521</u>	<u>\$530,214</u>

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
June 30, 2006

	County Offices	Agricultural Extension Education	County Assessor	Schools
ASSETS				
Cash and Pooled Investments:				
County Treasurer	\$ 0	\$2,466	\$43,898	\$142,335
Other County Officials	49,159	0	0	0
Receivables:				
Property Tax:				
Succeeding Year	0	161,285	184,985	9,018,518
Accounts	0	0	0	0
Accrued Interest	0	0	0	0
Due From Other Governments	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$49,159	\$163,751	\$228,883	\$9,160,853
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Salaries and Benefits Payable	0	0	667	0
Due to Other Governments	0	163,751	223,177	9,160,853
Trusts Payable	49,159	0	0	0
Compensated Absences	0	0	5,039	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$49,159	\$163,751	\$228,883	\$9,160,853

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Schedule 3

Community Colleges	Corporations	Townships	Auto License & Use Tax	Other	Total
\$10,403 0	\$60,111 0	\$3,157 0	\$345,594 0	\$275,542 0	\$883,506 49,159
677,618 0 0 0	4,294,998 0 0 0	189,864 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	815,702 14,032 186 5,661	15,342,970 14,032 186 5,661
<u>\$688,021</u>	<u>\$4,355,109</u>	<u>\$193,021</u>	<u>\$345,594</u>	<u>\$1,111,123</u>	<u>\$16,295,514</u>
\$ 0 0	\$ 0 0	\$ 0 0	\$ 0 0	\$35,118 346	\$35,118 1,013
688,021 0 0	4,355,109 0 0	193,021 0 0	345,594 0 0	1,057,598 18,061 0	16,187,124 67,220 5,039
<u>\$688,021</u>	<u>\$4,355,109</u>	<u>\$193,021</u>	<u>\$345,594</u>	<u>\$1,111,123</u>	<u>\$16,295,514</u>

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES – AGENCY FUNDS

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	County Offices	Agricultural Extension Education	County Assessor	Schools
Assets and Liabilities				
Balances Beginning of Year	\$45,795	\$150,759	\$246,335	\$8,640,100
Additions:				
Property and Other County Tax	0	161,389	185,118	9,025,059
E911 Surcharge	0	0	0	0
State Tax Credits	0	9,020	11,580	518,679
Office Fees and Collections	333,281	0	0	0
Electronic Transaction Fees	0	0	0	0
Auto Licenses, Use Tax and Postage	0	0	0	0
Assessments	0	0	0	0
Trusts	327,859	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	30,840	0	6,500	0
Total Additions	691,980	170,409	203,198	9,543,738
Deductions:				
Agency Remittances:				
To Other Funds	205,561	0	0	0
To Other Governments	158,889	157,417	220,650	9,022,985
Trusts Paid Out	324,166	0	0	0
Total Deductions	688,616	157,417	220,650	9,022,985
Balances End of Year	\$49,159	\$163,751	\$228,883	\$9,160,853

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Schedule 4

Community Colleges	Corporations	Townships	Auto License & Use Tax	Other	Totals
\$649,795	\$3,959,248	\$187,540	\$365,242	\$916,497	\$15,161,311
677,361	4,253,084	191,550	0	816,195	15,309,756
0	0	0	0	97,840	97,840
38,152	222,924	10,681	0	42,972	854,008
0	0	0	0	0	333,281
0	0	0	0	4,958	4,958
0	0	0	4,467,779	0	4,467,779
0	0	0	0	110,410	110,410
0	0	0	0	186,165	514,024
0	0	0	0	162,434	199,774
715,513	4,476,008	202,231	4,467,779	1,420,974	21,891,830
0	0	0	142,252	0	347,813
677,287	4,080,147	196,750	4,345,175	1,010,903	19,870,203
0	0	0	0	215,445	539,611
677,287	4,080,147	196,750	4,487,427	1,226,348	20,757,627
\$688,021	\$4,355,109	\$193,021	\$345,594	\$1,111,123	\$16,295,514

BUCHANAN COUNTY
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES BY SOURCE AND
EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Last Four Years

	Modified Accrual Basis			
	2006	2005	2004	2003
Revenues:				
Property & Other County Tax	\$6,468,892	\$6,390,781	\$5,776,781	\$5,200,535
Interest & Penalty On Property Tax	60,696	65,401	57,370	52,977
Intergovernmental	5,662,227	5,896,416	5,284,982	4,742,734
Licenses & Permits	16,631	13,907	14,475	12,182
Charges For Service	515,110	591,508	553,649	537,460
Use of Money & Property	258,912	150,031	115,019	125,301
Miscellaneous	215,443	155,551	126,927	158,158
Total	\$13,197,911	\$13,263,595	\$11,929,203	\$10,829,347
Expenditures:				
Operating:				
Public Safety & Legal Services	\$2,493,081	\$2,397,070	\$2,218,273	\$2,233,465
Physical Health & Social Services	159,317	169,989	156,274	183,352
Mental Health	2,504,044	2,505,863	2,371,445	2,248,634
County Environment & Education Services	830,266	623,719	593,717	617,592
Roads and Transportation	4,434,783	4,398,858	3,212,903	3,441,287
Governmental Services To Residents	573,061	386,754	334,368	337,830
Administration	1,809,031	1,422,123	1,351,040	1,227,014
Non-program	32,282	29,224	101,051	35,563
Debt Services	182,283	106,441	239,299	252,078
Capital Projects	905,675	934,422	338,056	241,242
Total	\$13,923,823	\$12,974,463	\$10,916,426	\$10,818,057

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BUCHANAN COUNTY
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year Ended June 30, 2006

Grantor/Program	CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-Through Number	Program Expenditures
Indirect:			
U.S. Department of Agriculture:			
Iowa Department of Human Services:			
Human Services Administrative Reimbursements:			
State Administrative Matching Grants for Food Stamp Program	10.561		<u>\$5,124</u>
U.S. Department of Justice:			
Iowa Department of Justice:			
Edward Byrne Memorial State & Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program	16.579	05JAG-A03	<u>87,219</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation:			
Iowa Department of Transportation:			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BROS-C010(50)-8J-10 BROS-C010(41)-8J-10	<u>151,080</u> <u>2,335</u> <u>153,415</u>
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:			
Iowa Department of Public Safety:			
Traffic Safety Bureau:			
Incentive Grants for Use of Seat Belts	20.604		<u>2,792</u>
U.S. Elections Assistance Commission:			
Iowa Secretary of State:			
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments	90.401	06-HAVA-10-100 06-HAVA-10-SA1	<u>143,735</u> <u>3,788</u> <u>147,523</u>
U.S. Administration for Children and Families:			
Iowa Secretary of State:			
Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities Grants to States	93.617	06-HAVA-10-002 06-HAVA-10-003 06-HAVA-10-004 06-HAVA-10-006	<u>109</u> <u>160</u> <u>1,197</u> <u>289</u> <u>1,755</u>

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Grantor/Program	CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-Through Number	Program Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
Iowa Department of Human Services:			
Human Services Administrative Reimbursements:			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558		\$6,204
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596		1,467
Foster Care – Title IV-E	93.658		3,178
Adoption Assistance	93.659		784
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		8,277
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		4,076
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		94,818
			<u>98,894</u>
Federal Emergency Management Agency:			
Iowa Department of Public Defense:			
Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division:			
Disaster Recovery – Public Assistance	97.036	DR-1518-IA	472,160
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042		5,661
			<u>5,661</u>
Total			<u><u>\$994,453</u></u>

Basis of Presentation: The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Buchanan County and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information on this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from the amounts presented in, or used in the preparations of, the basic financial statements.

See Accompanying Independent Auditor’s Report



Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Officials of Buchanan County:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buchanan County, Iowa, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated March 8, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with the U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Buchanan County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Buchanan County's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be a material weakness. However, of the reportable conditions described above, we believe item II-A-06 is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Buchanan County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in Part IV of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Compliance and Other Matters (Continued)

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the County's operations for the year ended June 30, 2006 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the County. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Buchanan County and other parties to whom Buchanan County may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by the personnel of Buchanan County during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

March 8, 2007

Gardiner Thomsen, P.C.



Gardiner Thomsen
Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

To the Officials of Buchanan County:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Buchanan County, Iowa, with the types of compliance requirements described in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2006. Buchanan County's major federal programs are identified in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Buchanan County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Buchanan County's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Buchanan County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Buchanan County's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Buchanan County complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2006. The results of our auditing procedures disclosed no instance of non-compliance with those requirements that is required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Buchanan County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Buchanan County's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Internal Control Over Compliance (Continued)

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that non-compliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Buchanan County and other parties to whom Buchanan County may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 8, 2007

Gardiner Thomsen, P.C.

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2006

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results

- (a) Unqualified opinions were issued on the financial statements.
- (b) Reportable conditions in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements, including a material weakness.
- (c) The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.
- (d) An unqualified opinion was issued of compliance with requirements applicable to each major program.
- (e) The audit disclosed no audit findings which were required to be reported in compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Section .510(a).
- (f) The major programs were CFDA number 20.205 – Highway Planning and Construction and CFDA Number 93.667 – Social Services Block Grant.
- (g) The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$300,000.
- (h) Buchanan County did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

II-A-06 **Segregation of Duties** – During our review of internal control, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine that incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee. This segregation of duties helps to prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and therefore maximizes the accuracy of the County's financial statements. Responsibility for the custody of receipts and for the record keeping and reconciling functions for the County Treasurer's office are not segregated due to small office size. Also, an independent person does not approve bank wire transfers for investments.

Recommendation – We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the County Officials should review the operating procedures of each office to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response – We have reviewed procedures and plan to make the necessary changes to improve internal control.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

INSTANCE OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were reported.

Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

INSTANCE OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were reported.

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

No matters were reported.

Part IV: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

IV-A-06 **Certified Budget** – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2006 exceeded the amount budgeted in the Mental Health and Roads & Transportation functions. Disbursements exceeded amounts appropriated in several departments during the year ended June 30, 2006.

The Emergency Management budget was over expended.

Recommendation – The County budget and the Emergency Management Board budgets should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 331.435 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

Chapter 331.434(6) of the Code of Iowa authorizes the Board of Supervisors, by resolution to increase appropriations of one office or department by increasing or decreasing the appropriation of another office or department as long as the function budget is not increased. Such increases should be made before disbursements are allowed to exceed appropriations.

Response – We will amend the budget when required and adjust appropriations as necessary.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-B-06 **Questionable Expenditures** – Certain expenditures were noted that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General’s opinion dated April 25, 1979 since the public benefits to be derived have not been clearly documented. These expenditures are detailed as follows :

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bill’s Pizza & Smokehouse	Meals for Agroville Exercise	\$133
Old Mill Pizza Co.	Meals for CERT Class	\$146
First Street Deli	Meals and Snacks for Trainings and Drills	\$259
Pizza Ranch	Meals and Snacks for Training	\$200

According to the opinion, it is possible for certain expenditures to meet the test of serving a public purpose under certain circumstances, although such items will certainly be subject to a deserved close scrutiny. The line to be drawn between a proper and improper purpose is very thin.

Recommendation – The Board of Supervisors should determine and document the public purpose served by these expenditures before authorizing any further payments. If this practice is continued, the County should establish written policies and procedures, including requirements for proper documentation.

Response – We will document this in the future.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-C-06 **Travel Expense** – No expenditures of County money for travel expenses of spouses of County officials or employees were noted.

IV-D-06 **Business Transaction** – We noted no business transactions between the County and County officials or employees.

IV-E-06 **Bond Coverages** – Surety bond coverage of County officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed periodically to ensure that coverage is adequate for current operations.

IV-F-06 **Board Minutes** – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.

IV-G-06 **Deposits and Investments** – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the County's investment policy were noted.

IV-H-06 **Resource Enhancement and Protection Certification** - The County properly dedicated property tax revenue to conservation purposes as required by Chapter 455A.19(1)(b) of the Code of Iowa in order to receive the additional REAP funds allocated in accordance with subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3).

IV-I-06 **Economic Development** – During the year ended June 30, 2006, the County spent \$179,000 for economic development which may not be an appropriate expenditure of public funds since the public benefits to be derived have not been clearly documented.

According to Chapter 15A of the Code of Iowa and an Attorney General's opinion dated August 28, 1986, government financing of economic development may, in appropriate circumstances, serve a public purpose. The opinion advises the governing body to evaluate the public benefits to be obtained and discusses specific criteria to be considered in documenting the public purpose.

Recommendation – The Board should evaluate and document the public purpose served by the expenditures before authorizing further payments and should require documentation of how the funds were used to accomplish economic development activities.

Response – We will obtain the necessary documentation for past expenditures and will consider these requirements in the future.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-J-06 **County Extension Office** – The County Extension Office is operated under the authority of Chapter 176A of the Code of Iowa and serves as an agency of the State of Iowa. This fund is administered by an extension council separate and distinct from County operations and, consequently, is not included in Exhibits A or B.

Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2006 for the County Extension Office did not exceed the amount budgeted.

IV-K-06 **Deficit Balance** – We noted a deficit fund balance in the Emergency Management Fund of \$5,472 at June 30, 2006 as well as deficit monthly balances during the year ended June 30, 2006. Monthly deficit fund balances were noted in the Secondary Roads Fund, the Tax Redemptions Fund, the Community Fiduciary Fund and the Flex Benefits Fund during the year ended June 30, 2006. The Internal Service – Health Insurance Fund had a deficit balance of \$130,540.

Recommendation – The County should determine a method to eliminate the deficit balances.

Response – We will watch these funds more closely and work to eliminate the deficit through the budget.

Conclusion – Reponse accepted.

IV-L-06 **Separately Maintained Accounts** – We noted a number of Sheriff’s accounts that were not included in the County budget process, accounting system and financial reporting. There appears to be no legal reason for these accounts to be separately maintained.

Recommendation – These accounts should be turned over to the Treasurer and Special Revenue Funds should be established for these accounts. These funds should be included in the County’s budget process, accounting system and financial reporting. All disbursements should be included in the claims process.

Response – We hope to have this accomplished by the beginning of the next fiscal year. County officials agree that this is necessary.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

News Release

Gardiner Thomsen, P.C. today released an audit report on Buchanan County, Iowa.

The County had local tax revenue of \$22,337,793 for the year ended June 30, 2006, which included \$1,201,335 in tax credits from the State. The County then forwarded \$15,052,788 of the local tax revenue to the townships, school districts, cities, and other taxing bodies in the County.

The County retained \$5,822,289 of the local tax revenue to finance County operations, a 3% increase from the prior year. Other revenues included charges for service of \$1,721,250, operating grants, contributions and restricted interest of \$7,366,247, unrestricted investment earnings of \$171,325 and other general revenues of \$789,452.

Expenses for the County operations totaled \$13,385,309, a 4% increase from the prior year. Expenses included \$5,131,526 for Roads and Transportation, \$2,491,870 for Mental Health, and \$2,467,491 for Public Safety and Legal Services.

The significant increase in revenues and expenses is due primarily to increased Intergovernmental revenue and Roads and Transportation expenses.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the Office of the Auditor of State and the County Auditor's office.

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