

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2008

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

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BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Steven Reuter	Board of Supervisors	January 2009
Ken Kammeyer	Board of Supervisors	January 2009
Gaylord Hinderaker	Board of Supervisors	January 2011 ✓
Lynn Brase	County Auditor	January 2009
Sue Shonka	County Treasurer	January 2011 ✓
Donna Ellison	County Recorder	January 2011 ✓
Duane Hildebrandt	County Sheriff	January 2009
Kasey Wadding	County Attorney	January 2011 ✓
Jean Keller	County Assessor	Appointed
Cathy Tholkes	County Finance	Appointed

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Officials of Bremer County, Iowa:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bremer County, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Bremer County, Iowa'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 Bremer County, Iowa at June 30, 2008, 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 23, 2009 on our consideration of Bremer County, Iowa'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 3 through 7 and 34 through 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 Bremer County, Iowa'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, 2007 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2005 (which is not presented herein) were audited by other auditors. The other auditors expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 5, 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.

ANDERSON, LARKIN & CO. P.C.

Ottumwa, Iowa
March 23, 2009

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Bremer County, Iowa 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, 2008. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the County's financial statements, which follow.

2008 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ County governmental activities revenue increased 8.0%, or \$1,037,633 from 2007 to 2008.
- ◆ Program expenses of the County's governmental activities were 16.3%, or \$1,875,874, more in 2008 than in 2007.
- ◆ The County's governmental activities net assets increased 2.7%, or \$666,277, during the year ended June 30, 2008.

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 statements provide information about the activities of Bremer County, Iowa 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 Bremer County, Iowa's 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 Bremer County, Iowa 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 Governmental Funds and the individual Agency Funds.

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 which 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, 3) the Debt Service Fund, and 4) the Capital Projects 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 are used to account for the County's Internal Service, Employee Group Health Insurance Fund. Internal Service Funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions

In addition, proprietary funds account for the County's Enterprise Fund, Community Based Services. This fund reports services for which the County charges customers for the services it provides. Enterprise Funds are reported in the same way all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. The major difference between the proprietary funds and the business type activities included in the government-wide statements is the detail and additional information, such as cash flows, provided in the proprietary fund financial statements. The County is responsible for ensuring the assets reported in this fund are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong.

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 drainage districts, emergency management services, and the County Assessor, to name a few.

The required financial statement for fiduciary funds is 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. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in net assets for governmental activities.

Net Assets of Governmental Activities

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 17,279,337	\$ 16,563,285
Capital assets	<u>22,360,231</u>	<u>22,145,902</u>
Total assets	<u>39,639,568</u>	<u>38,709,187</u>
Long-term debt outstanding	6,823,854	7,331,841
Other liabilities	<u>7,669,424</u>	<u>6,897,333</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,493,278</u>	<u>14,229,174</u>
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	15,936,431	15,178,239
Restricted	6,936,939	7,564,925
Unrestricted	<u>2,272,920</u>	<u>1,736,849</u>
Total net assets	\$ <u>25,146,290</u>	\$ <u>24,480,013</u>

Net assets of the County's governmental activities increased by 2.7% (\$25,146,290 compared to \$24,480,013). The largest portion of the County's net assets is the investment in capital assets (e.g., land, infrastructure, buildings, and equipment), less the related debt. The debt related to the investment in capital assets is liquidated with sources other than capital assets. 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 \$1,736,849 at June 30, 2007 to \$2,272,920 at June 30, 2008.

Changes in Net Assets of Governmental Activities

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for service	\$ 1,821,100	\$ 1,883,780
Operating grants, contributions and restricted interest	6,757,949	5,650,603
General revenues:		
Property and other County tax	4,849,413	4,747,968
Unrestricted investment earnings	276,203	228,643
Other general revenues	<u>320,344</u>	<u>476,382</u>
Total revenues	<u>14,025,009</u>	<u>12,987,376</u>
Program expenses:		
Public safety and legal services	2,762,583	2,541,744
Physical health and social services	559,181	537,280
Mental health	2,001,045	1,709,989
County environment and education	1,432,383	1,235,079
Roads and transportation	4,435,282	3,325,572
Governmental services to residents	532,354	552,693
Administration	1,403,802	1,336,374
Interest on long-term debt	<u>232,102</u>	<u>244,127</u>
Total expenses	<u>13,358,732</u>	<u>11,482,858</u>
Change in net assets	666,277	1,504,518
Net assets – Beginning of year	<u>24,480,013</u>	<u>22,975,495</u>
Net assets – End of year	\$ <u>25,146,290</u>	\$ <u>24,480,013</u>

The results of governmental activities for the year resulted in Bremer County, Iowa's net assets increasing by \$666,277. Revenues for governmental activities increased by \$1,037,633 from the prior year. This increase was due primarily to an increase in operating grants, contributions and restricted interest received during the current year in comparison to the prior year.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$13,358,732 compared to \$11,482,858 last year. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities, the amount that our taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities through County taxes was \$4,779,683 because some of the cost was paid by those directly benefited from the programs (\$1,821,100) or by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions (\$6,757,949).

Business Type Activities

The enterprise fund is used to account for the operation of mental health facilities for Bremer County, Iowa residents through the rental and use of County owned homes, apartment buildings, and the support of various user charges. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, net assets decreased by \$97,890. Revenues decreased 9.6% primarily in intergovernmental charges for services. Expenses were 6.4% more than the prior year, mainly because of increases in operations expenses and supplies.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR FUND ANALYSIS

As the County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$9,241,312, which is a decrease of \$124,910 from last year's total of \$9,366,222.

- General Fund revenues and expenditures increased by 5.7% and 7.2% respectively when compared to the prior year. The ending fund balance showed an increase from the prior year of \$483,733 from \$2,182,020 to \$2,665,753.
- The County has continued to look for ways to effectively manage the cost of mental health services. For the year, expenditures totaled \$1,992,300, an increase of 15.3% from the prior year. The Mental Health Fund balance at year end decreased by \$121,912 from the prior year.
- Rural Services Fund revenues increased 3.6% while expenditures increased 2.4%. The Rural Services Fund balance increased by \$35,680 from the prior year.
- Solid Waste Management Fund revenues and expenses decreased by 41.5% and 9.6%, respectively. The Solid Waste Management Fund balance decreased by \$168,808 from the prior year.
- Secondary Roads Fund expenditures increased by \$316,692 from the prior year. There was a decrease in the Secondary Roads Fund ending balance of \$174,851, or 37.1%, due to the expenditure of prior year fund balance accumulations for road projects.
- The Solid Waste Closure Fund balance increased \$49,104 from the prior year to \$1,835,752
- The Community Based Services, net assets balance decreased \$97,890 from the prior year to \$412,666 due to an increase in expenses.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, Bremer County, Iowa amended its budget twice. The amendments were made on January 14, 2008 and May 12, 2008 and resulted in an increase in budgeted disbursements in certain County departments.

CAPTIAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2008, Bremer County, Iowa had \$22,360,231 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including public safety equipment, buildings, park facilities, and roads and bridges. This net increase (including additions, deletions and depreciation) of \$214,329 or 1.0% over last year. The majority of this increase was due to construction in progress additions.

Capital Assets of Governmental Activities at Year End

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Land	\$ 1,283,404	\$ 1,153,396
Buildings, improvements and construction in progress (net)	7,564,734	6,613,183
Machinery and equipment (net)	1,747,597	1,745,537
Infrastructure (net)	<u>11,764,496</u>	<u>12,633,786</u>
Totals	\$ <u>22,360,231</u>	\$ <u>22,145,902</u>
The year's major additions included:		
Land	\$ 130,008	\$ -
Roads and bridges	213,152	969,991
Machinery and equipment	437,259	328,588
Buildings, improvements and construction in progress	<u>1,076,596</u>	<u>257,224</u>
	\$ <u>1,857,015</u>	\$ <u>1,555,803</u>

The County had depreciation expense of \$1,642,686 for the year ended June 30, 2008 and total accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2008 of \$19,857,726. Additional information about the County's capital assets is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

Long-term Debt

At June 30, 2008, Bremer County had \$6,823,854 in bonds and other debt outstanding compared to \$7,331,841 at June 30, 2007, as shown below.

Outstanding Debt of Governmental Activities at Year-End

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
General obligation notes and bonds	\$ 5,130,000	\$ 5,660,000
Closure and post closure cost estimate	1,293,800	1,307,660
Compensated absences	<u>400,054</u>	<u>364,181</u>
Totals	\$ <u>6,823,854</u>	\$ <u>7,331,841</u>

The Constitution of the State of Iowa limits the amount of general obligation debt that counties can issue to 5% of the assessed value of all taxable property within the County's corporate limits. The County's outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below its constitution debt limit of \$40,784,696. Additional information about the County's long-term debt is presented in Note 7 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Bremer County, Iowa's elected and appointed officials and citizens considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2009 budget, tax rates, and the fees that will be charged for the various County activities. One of those factors is the economy. Unemployment in the County now stands at 2.9% versus 2.7% a year ago. This compares with the State's unemployment rate of 4.4% and the national rate of 6.5%.

Inflation in the State continues to be somewhat lower than the national Consumer Price Index increase. The State's CPI increase was 3.3% for fiscal year 2008 compared with the national rate of 3.7%.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2009. Amounts available for appropriation in the operating budget are \$1,915,605 more than the final 2008 budget. Budgeted disbursements are expected to increase by \$1,062,617 compared to the final 2008 budget. Increases in capital projects represent the largest increase. The County has added no major new programs or initiatives to the 2009 budget.

If these estimates are realized, the County's budgetary operating balance is expected to decrease \$1,232,534 by the close of fiscal year 2009.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of Bremer County, Iowa'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 Bremer County Auditor's Office, 415 East Bremer Avenue, Waverly, Iowa 50677.

BREMER COUNTY, IOWASTATEMENT OF NET ASSETSJUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 9,986,407	\$ 65,445	\$ 10,051,852
Receivables:			
Property tax:			
Delinquent	24,829	-	24,829
Succeeding year	6,648,974	-	6,648,974
Accounts	92,074	2,778	94,852
Accrued interest	151,131	-	151,131
Due from other governments	83,704	83,195	166,899
Inventories	234,011	-	234,011
Prepaid insurance	58,207	-	58,207
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>22,360,231</u>	<u>286,320</u>	<u>22,646,551</u>
Total assets	<u>39,639,568</u>	<u>437,738</u>	<u>40,077,306</u>
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Accounts payable	484,296	4,126	488,422
Accrued interest payable	17,309	-	17,309
Salaries and benefits payable	366,172	20,946	387,118
Due to other governments	152,673	-	152,673
Deferred revenue:			
Succeeding year property tax	6,648,974	-	6,648,974
Long-term liabilities:			
Portion due or payable within one year:			
General obligation bonds	260,000	-	260,000
Compensated absences	400,054	-	400,054
Portion due or payable after one year:			
General obligation bonds	4,870,000	-	4,870,000
Closure and postclosure costs	<u>1,293,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,293,800</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,493,278</u>	<u>25,072</u>	<u>14,518,350</u>
<u>NET ASSETS:</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	15,936,431	286,320	16,222,751
Restricted for:			
Supplemental levy purposes	361,380	-	361,380
Mental health purposes	621,325	-	621,325
Secondary roads purposes	296,314	-	296,314
Closure and postclosure care costs	1,835,752	-	1,835,752
Capital projects	37,860	-	37,860
Other special revenue	3,784,308	-	3,784,308
Unrestricted	<u>2,272,920</u>	<u>126,346</u>	<u>2,399,266</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 25,146,290</u>	<u>\$ 412,666</u>	<u>\$ 25,558,956</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

		<u>Program Revenues</u>	
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Service</u>	<u>Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest</u>
<u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:</u>			
Governmental activities:			
Public safety and legal services	\$ 2,762,583	\$ 544,610	\$ 117,159
Physical health and social services	559,181	127,119	157,189
Mental health	2,001,045	-	1,871,334
County environment and education	1,432,383	503,079	487,464
Roads and transportation	4,435,282	103,349	3,932,242
Governmental services to residents	532,354	531,467	192,561
Administration	1,403,802	11,476	-
Interest on long-term debt	<u>232,102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governmental activities	13,358,732	1,821,100	6,757,949
Business type activities:			
Mental health	<u>1,170,061</u>	<u>1,066,438</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>14,528,793</u>	\$ <u>2,887,538</u>	\$ <u>6,757,949</u>

GENERAL REVENUES:

Property and other County tax levied for:
 General purposes
Penalty and interest on property tax
State tax credits
Local option sales and service tax
Unrestricted investment earnings
Miscellaneous
 Total general revenues

Change in net assets

NET ASSETS - Beginning of year

NET ASSETS - End of year

Net (Expense) Revenues
and Changes in Net Assets

<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Business Type</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ (2,100,814)	\$ -	\$ (2,100,814)
(274,873)	-	(274,873)
(129,711)	-	(129,711)
(441,840)	-	(441,840)
(399,691)	-	(399,691)
191,674	-	191,674
(1,392,326)	-	(1,392,326)
<u>(232,102)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(232,102)</u>
(4,779,683)	-	(4,779,683)
<u>-</u>	<u>(103,623)</u>	<u>(103,623)</u>
<u>(4,779,683)</u>	<u>(103,623)</u>	<u>(4,883,306)</u>
3,994,730	-	3,994,730
47,639	-	47,639
175,423	-	175,423
854,683	-	854,683
276,203	1,113	277,316
<u>97,282</u>	<u>4,620</u>	<u>101,902</u>
<u>5,445,960</u>	<u>5,733</u>	<u>5,451,693</u>
666,277	(97,890)	568,387
<u>24,480,013</u>	<u>510,556</u>	<u>24,990,569</u>
\$ <u>25,146,290</u>	\$ <u>412,666</u>	\$ <u>25,558,956</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>MH-DD</u>	<u>Rural Services</u>	<u>Special Revenue Solid Waste Management</u>
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 2,890,479	\$ 721,663	\$ 201,000	\$ 1,732,234
Receivables:				
Property tax:				
Delinquent	15,257	2,638	6,934	-
Succeeding year	4,011,766	1,102,006	1,535,202	-
Accounts	44,558	32,186	-	6,745
Due from other governments	6,266	11,665	-	-
Inventories	-	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	<u>28,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,953</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 6,997,162</u>	<u>\$ 1,870,158</u>	<u>\$ 1,743,136</u>	<u>\$ 1,741,932</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>				
Accounts payable	\$ 62,439	\$ 36,602	\$ -	\$ 10,898
Salaries and benefits payable	229,032	17,147	9,891	7,250
Due to other governments	12,915	90,440	-	8,125
Deferred revenue:				
Succeeding year property tax	4,011,766	1,102,006	1,535,202	-
Other	<u>15,257</u>	<u>2,638</u>	<u>6,934</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,331,409</u>	<u>1,248,833</u>	<u>1,552,027</u>	<u>26,273</u>
 <u>FUND BALANCES:</u>				
Reserved for:				
Supplemental levy	361,380	-	-	-
Closure and postclosure costs	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, reported in:				
General fund	2,304,373	-	-	-
Special revenue funds	-	621,325	191,109	1,715,659
Capital projects fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,665,753</u>	<u>621,325</u>	<u>191,109</u>	<u>1,715,659</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 6,997,162</u>	<u>\$ 1,870,158</u>	<u>\$ 1,743,136</u>	<u>\$ 1,741,932</u>

<u>Secondary Roads</u>	<u>Solid Waste Closure</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 244,226	\$ 1,835,752	\$ 1,889,398	\$ 9,514,752
-	-	-	24,829
-	-	-	6,648,974
6,621	-	1,346	91,456
-	-	65,773	83,704
234,011	-	-	234,011
<u>26,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,207</u>
\$ <u>511,276</u>	\$ <u>1,835,752</u>	\$ <u>1,956,517</u>	\$ <u>16,655,933</u>
\$ 111,840	\$ -	\$ 194	\$ 221,973
102,852	-	-	366,172
270	-	40,923	152,673
-	-	-	6,648,974
-	-	-	24,829
<u>214,962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,117</u>	<u>7,414,621</u>
-	-	-	361,380
-	1,835,752	-	1,835,752
-	-	-	2,304,373
296,314	-	1,877,540	4,701,947
-	-	37,860	37,860
<u>296,314</u>	<u>1,835,752</u>	<u>1,915,400</u>	<u>9,241,312</u>
\$ <u>511,276</u>	\$ <u>1,835,752</u>	\$ <u>1,956,517</u>	\$ <u>16,655,933</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008

TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 9,241,312
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 assets is \$40,099,942 and the accumulated depreciation is \$17,739,711.	22,360,231
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are not recorded in the funds.	151,131
Other revenues are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	24,829
The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of the partial self funding of the County's health insurance benefit plan to the funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.	209,950
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, compensated absences payable, closure and postclosure care costs and accrued interest payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>(6,841,163)</u>
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ <u>25,146,290</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

				<u>Special Revenue</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>MH-DD</u>	<u>Rural Services</u>	<u>Solid Waste Management</u>	
<u>REVENUES:</u>					
Property and other County tax	\$ 3,994,997	\$ 690,607	\$ 1,546,192	\$ -	
Interest and penalty on property tax	47,639	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	953,244	1,095,777	71,108	-	
Licenses and permits	238,535	-	-	-	
Charges for service	570,496	45,674	-	279,106	
Use of money and property	376,171	-	-	54,676	
Miscellaneous	159,853	38,330	-	10,121	
Total revenues	<u>6,340,935</u>	<u>1,870,388</u>	<u>1,617,300</u>	<u>343,903</u>	
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>					
Operating:					
Public safety and legal services	2,472,104	-	225,064	-	
Physical health and social services	547,100	-	-	-	
Mental health	-	1,992,300	-	-	
County environment and education	709,508	-	153,358	287,711	
Roads and transportation	-	-	-	-	
Governmental services to residents	527,507	-	-	-	
Administration	1,334,196	-	1,630	-	
Debt service	-	-	-	-	
Capital projects	135,484	-	-	-	
Total expenditures	<u>5,725,899</u>	<u>1,992,300</u>	<u>380,052</u>	<u>287,711</u>	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>615,036</u>	<u>(121,912)</u>	<u>1,237,248</u>	<u>56,192</u>	
Other financial sources (uses):					
Sale of capital assets	10,873	-	-	-	
Transfers in	47,659	-	-	-	
Transfers out	(189,835)	-	(1,201,568)	(225,000)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(131,303)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,201,568)</u>	<u>(225,000)</u>	
Net change in fund balances	483,733	(121,912)	35,680	(168,808)	
<u>FUND BALANCES</u> - Beginning of year	<u>2,182,020</u>	<u>743,237</u>	<u>155,429</u>	<u>1,884,467</u>	
<u>FUND BALANCES</u> - End of year	\$ <u>2,665,753</u>	\$ <u>621,325</u>	\$ <u>191,109</u>	\$ <u>1,715,659</u>	

See Notes to Financial Statements

<u>Secondary Roads</u>	<u>Solid Waste Closure</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,036,482	\$ 7,268,278
-	-	-	47,639
2,314,502	-	147,422	4,582,053
6,471	-	2,053	247,059
344	-	5,384	901,004
-	68,218	73,283	572,348
96,534	-	20,000	324,838
<u>2,417,851</u>	<u>68,218</u>	<u>1,284,624</u>	<u>13,943,219</u>
-	-	-	2,697,168
-	-	-	547,100
-	-	-	1,992,300
-	15,114	147,311	1,313,002
3,432,671	-	-	3,432,671
-	-	-	527,507
-	-	-	1,335,826
-	-	763,447	763,447
486,434	-	848,063	1,469,981
<u>3,919,105</u>	<u>15,114</u>	<u>1,758,821</u>	<u>14,079,002</u>
<u>(1,501,254)</u>	<u>53,104</u>	<u>(474,197)</u>	<u>(135,783)</u>
-	-	-	10,873
1,326,403	-	957,339	2,331,401
-	(4,000)	(710,998)	(2,331,401)
<u>1,326,403</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>	<u>246,341</u>	<u>10,873</u>
(174,851)	49,104	(227,856)	(124,910)
<u>471,165</u>	<u>1,786,648</u>	<u>2,143,256</u>	<u>9,366,222</u>
\$ <u>296,314</u>	\$ <u>1,835,752</u>	\$ <u>1,915,400</u>	\$ <u>9,241,312</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ (124,910)

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 exceeded depreciation expense in the current year as follows:

Expenditures for capital assets	\$ 1,857,018	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,642,686)</u>	214,332

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:

Principal payments paid by the County		530,000
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Because some revenues will not be collected for several months after the County's year end, they are not considered available and are excluded from the governmental funds

Property taxes	\$ 1,119	
Interest	<u>69,798</u>	70,917

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:

Closure and postclosure costs	\$ 13,860	
Compensated absences	(35,873)	
Interest on long-term debt	<u>1,345</u>	(20,668)

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

(3,394)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 666,277

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Internal Service Employee Group Health</u>	<u>Enterprise Community Based Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 471,655	\$ 65,445	\$ 537,100
Receivables:			
Accounts	618	2,778	3,396
Due from other governments	-	83,195	83,195
Capital assets	-	589,934	589,934
Accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(303,614)</u>	<u>(303,614)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>472,273</u>	<u>437,738</u>	<u>910,011</u>
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Accounts payable	262,323	4,126	266,449
Salaries and benefits payable	<u>-</u>	<u>20,946</u>	<u>20,946</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>262,323</u>	<u>25,072</u>	<u>287,395</u>
<u>NET ASSETS:</u>			
Unrestricted	\$ <u>209,950</u>	\$ <u>412,666</u>	\$ <u>622,616</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN FUND NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Internal Service Employee Group Health</u>	<u>Enterprise Community Based Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUES:</u>			
Reimbursements from operating funds	\$ 1,139,015	\$ -	\$ 1,139,015
Reimbursements from employees	89,938	-	89,938
Intergovernmental charges for service	-	959,159	959,159
Other charges for service	-	12,463	12,463
Building rent	-	94,816	94,816
Miscellaneous	197,246	4,620	201,866
Total operating revenues	<u>1,426,199</u>	<u>1,071,058</u>	<u>2,497,257</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u>			
Medical claims	1,150,516	-	1,150,516
Insurance premiums	250,489	-	250,489
Administrative fees	41,388	-	41,388
Salaries and benefits	-	989,024	989,024
Operations and supplies	-	157,267	157,267
Depreciation	-	23,770	23,770
Total operating expenses	<u>1,442,393</u>	<u>1,170,061</u>	<u>2,612,454</u>
Operating loss	(16,194)	(99,003)	(115,197)
<u>NONOPERATING REVENUES:</u>			
Interest on investments	<u>12,800</u>	<u>1,113</u>	<u>13,913</u>
Net loss	(3,394)	(97,890)	(101,284)
Net assets beginning of year	<u>213,344</u>	<u>510,556</u>	<u>723,900</u>
Net assets end of year	\$ <u>209,950</u>	\$ <u>412,666</u>	\$ <u>622,616</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Internal Service Employee Group Health	Enterprise Community Based Services	Total
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u>			
Cash received from operating fund reimbursements, employees and others	\$ 1,426,744	\$ 1,129,946	\$ 2,556,690
Cash payments to suppliers and employees for services	<u>(1,420,417)</u>	<u>(1,142,806)</u>	<u>(2,563,223)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	6,327	(12,860)	(6,533)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</u>			
Interest on investments	<u>12,800</u>	<u>1,113</u>	<u>13,913</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	19,127	(11,747)	7,380
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u> - Beginning of year	<u>452,528</u>	<u>77,192</u>	<u>529,720</u>
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u> - End of year	\$ <u>471,655</u>	\$ <u>65,445</u>	\$ <u>537,100</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u>			
Operating loss	\$ (16,194)	\$ (99,003)	\$ (115,197)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation	-	23,770	23,770
Decrease in accounts receivable	545	32,476	33,021
Decrease in due to other governments	-	26,412	26,412
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	21,976	(2,081)	19,895
Increase in salaries and benefits payable	<u>-</u>	<u>5,566</u>	<u>5,566</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ <u>6,327</u>	\$ <u>(12,860)</u>	\$ <u>(6,533)</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

ASSETS

Cash and pooled investments:		
County Treasurer	\$	1,138,536
Other County officials		49,549
Receivables:		
Accounts		13,827
Property tax receivable:		
Delinquent		161
Succeeding year		18,986,790
		<u>18,986,790</u>
		<u>20,188,863</u>
	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>20,188,863</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable		181
Due to other governments		20,103,673
Trusts payable		49,549
Salaries and benefits payable		15,306
Compensated absences		20,154
		<u>20,154</u>
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>20,188,863</u>
	NET ASSETS	\$ <u> -</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Bremer County, Iowa 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, Assessor, 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, Bremer County, Iowa 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 Bremer County, Iowa (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.

Ten 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 Bremer 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 Bremer County Auditor's office.

Jointly Governed Organizations – The County 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 County Board of Supervisors are members of or appoint representatives to the following boards and commissions: Bremer County Assessor's Conference Board, Bremer County Emergency Management Commission, and Bremer 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.

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.

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 not meeting 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 other 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 MH-DD 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 areas.

The Solid Waste Management Fund is used to account for retained tonnage fees.

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

The Solid Waste Closure Fund is used to account for the reserves to be used for closure and post closure expenditures of the landfill, when the landfill no longer accepts solid waste.

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The County reports the following major proprietary fund:

Enterprise Fund

An Enterprise Fund is used to finance and account for the operation of mental health facilities for Bremer County residents through the rental and use of County owned buildings and the support of various user charges.

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 Fund

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 and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in the 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 cost-reimbursements grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The proprietary fund 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 with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the County's Internal Service Fund are charges to the funds 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 become due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1.5% per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2006 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified by the County Board of Supervisors in March 2007.

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.

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Inventories – Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method. Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than purchased.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, equipment and vehicles, and infrastructure assets acquired after July 1, 1980 (e.g., roads, bridges, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and similar items which are immovable and of value only to the County), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at 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 repair 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	40-50
Building improvements	20-50
Infrastructure	30-50
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 represent 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 property tax receivable not collected within 60 days after year end.

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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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, 2008. The compensated absences 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 legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Net Assets – The net assets of the Internal Service, Employee Group Health Fund are designated for anticipated future catastrophic losses of the County.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2008, disbursements did not exceed the amounts budgeted.

F. Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2: CASH AND POOLED INVESTMENTS

The County's deposits in banks at June 30, 2008 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.

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2: CASH AND POOLED INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments are stated at fair value

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 less than 2,000 days, but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the County.

NOTE 3: LOANS RECEIVABLE

The County has \$125,529 available to use for economic development within the County. At June 30, 2008 there are no loans outstanding for economic development.

NOTE 4: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Conservation Land Acquisition	General Fund	\$ 40,000
Secondary Roads	Rural Services	1,201,568
LOSST Sinking Fund	LOSST	577,600
General Fund	Solid Waste Management	25,000
General Fund	Debt Service Fund	22,659
Secondary Roads	General Fund	124,835
LOSST	Law Center Construction	110,739
Convenience Center Closure	Solid Waste Closure	4,000
Customer Convenience Center	Solid Waste Management	200,000
Rolling Prairie Trail	General Fund	25,000
Total		\$ <u>2,331,401</u>

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,153,396	\$ 130,008	\$ -	\$ 1,283,404
Construction in progress	<u>221,145</u>	<u>1,206,331</u>	<u>208,375</u>	<u>1,219,101</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>1,374,541</u>	<u>1,336,339</u>	<u>208,375</u>	<u>2,502,505</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	5,627,196	78,640	-	5,705,836
Building improvements	2,047,630	-	-	2,047,630
Equipment	6,012,916	152,183	-	6,165,099
Vehicles	845,096	285,076	23,998	1,106,174
Infrastructure	<u>22,359,546</u>	<u>213,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,572,698</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>36,892,384</u>	<u>729,051</u>	<u>23,998</u>	<u>37,597,437</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	1,012,766	84,377	-	1,097,143
Building improvements	270,022	40,668	-	310,690
Equipment	4,298,805	367,779	-	4,666,584
Vehicles	813,670	67,420	23,998	857,092
Infrastructure	<u>9,725,760</u>	<u>1,082,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,808,202</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>16,121,023</u>	<u>1,642,686</u>	<u>23,998</u>	<u>17,739,711</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>20,771,361</u>	<u>(913,635)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,857,726</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ <u>22,145,902</u>	\$ <u>422,704</u>	\$ <u>208,375</u>	\$ <u>22,360,231</u>
Business type activities:				
Buildings and building improvements	\$ 490,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 490,388
Furniture, vehicles and equipment	<u>101,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,246</u>	<u>99,546</u>
	592,180	-	2,246	589,934
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>282,090</u>	<u>23,770</u>	<u>2,246</u>	<u>303,614</u>
Business type activities capital assets, net	\$ <u>310,090</u>	\$ <u>(23,770)</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>286,320</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:	
Public safety and legal services	\$ 135,634
Physical health and social services	10,267
Mental health	2,141
County environment and education	128,889
Roads and transportation	1,299,109
Governmental services to residents	3,098
Administration	<u>63,548</u>
Total depreciation expense – governmental activities	\$ <u>1,642,686</u>
Business type activities	\$ <u>23,770</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6: 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:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Services	\$ 12,915
Special Revenue:		
MH-DD	Services	90,440
Secondary Roads		270
Solid Waste Management		8,125
LOSST		<u>40,923</u>
Total for governmental funds		\$ <u>152,673</u>
Agency:		
Schools	Collections	\$ 11,190,117
Corporations		6,221,701
Community Colleges		872,938
Auto License and Use Tax		446,001
County Assessor		725,680
Townships		198,542
Agricultural Extension Education		174,478
All Other		<u>274,216</u>
Total for agency funds		\$ <u>20,103,673</u>

NOTE 7: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

	<u>Estimated Liability for Landfill Closure/ Postclosure Care Costs</u>	<u>Compensated Absences</u>	<u>General Obligation LOSST Bonds</u>	<u>Wartburg General Obligation Economic Development Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance beginning of year	\$ 1,307,660	\$ 364,181	\$ 3,595,000	\$ 2,065,000	\$ 7,331,841
Increases	-	400,054	-	-	400,054
Decreases	<u>13,860</u>	<u>364,181</u>	<u>435,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>908,041</u>
Balance end of year	\$ <u>1,293,800</u>	\$ <u>400,054</u>	\$ <u>3,160,000</u>	\$ <u>1,970,000</u>	\$ <u>6,823,854</u>
Due within one year	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>400,054</u>	\$ <u>160,000</u>	\$ <u>100,000</u>	\$ <u>660,054</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

Landfill Closure Postclosure Care Costs

State and federal laws and regulations require the County to place a final cover on its landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for 30 years after closure. Although closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the County reports a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs as a liability based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. The \$1,293,800 reported as estimated liability for landfill closure and postclosure care costs at June 30, 2008, represents the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 100% of the estimated capacity of the landfill expected to be used before closure. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and postclosure care during the year ended June 30, 2008. The County closed the landfill on September 30, 2007. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

In anticipation of State regulations requiring municipal solid waste landfills to demonstrate financial responsibility for the costs of closure and postclosure care, the County has reserved \$1,835,752 of funds as of June 30, 2008 for such purposes. These funds are reflected as reserved fund balance within the Special Revenue, Solid Waste Closure Fund.

Bonds Payable

A summary of the County's June 30, 2008 General Obligation bonded indebtedness is as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	3.25%	\$ 160,000	\$ 124,147	\$ 284,147
2010	3.50%	165,000	124,147	289,147
2011	3.60%	170,000	115,313	285,313
2012	3.70%	175,000	112,253	287,253
2013	3.70%	180,000	105,778	285,778
2014-2018	3.85%-4.25%	1,030,000	417,898	1,447,898
2019-2023	4.35%-4.60%	<u>1,280,000</u>	<u>177,838</u>	<u>1,457,838</u>
		\$ <u>3,160,000</u>	\$ <u>1,177,374</u>	\$ <u>4,337,374</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the County retired \$435,000 in General Obligation bonds.

During the fiscal year 2005, the County issued a General Obligation Economic Development Bond on behalf of a contractor for the purpose of building student housing at Wartburg College. Bonds are payable on June 1 and December 1 each year, interest commenced December 1, 2004 principal commenced on June 1, 2008

A summary of the County's June 30, 2008 General Obligation Economic Development indebtedness is as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	3.25%	\$ 100,000	\$ 78,362	\$ 178,362
2010	3.25%	100,000	75,113	175,113
2011	3.30%	105,000	71,862	176,862
2012	3.50%	110,000	68,398	178,398
2013	3.60%	115,000	64,548	179,548
2014-2018	3.75%-4.10%	645,000	254,310	899,310
2019-2023	4.20%-4.50%	<u>795,000</u>	<u>109,185</u>	<u>904,185</u>
		\$ <u>1,970,000</u>	\$ <u>721,778</u>	\$ <u>2,691,778</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2008, the County retired \$95,000 in Economic Development bonds.

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NOTE 8: OPERATING LEASE

During the year ended June 30, 2006, the County entered into an agreement to lease a copier. The lease agreement calls for monthly payments over a 60 month term. Future minimum payments under the lease are as follows:

Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 1,356
2010	1,356
2011	<u>1,130</u>
	\$ <u>3,842</u>

Payments under the operating lease totaled \$1,356 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

NOTE 9: 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 members 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 regular plan members are required to contribute 3.90% of their annual covered salary and the County is required to contribute 6.05% of 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, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$337,378, \$321,793 and \$290,515, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT

Bremer County, Iowa 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 whose 563 members include 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 and boiler/machinery. 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 200% 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 insufficient, 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, 2008 were \$116,416.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

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 \$350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000, 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.

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, 2008, no liability has been recorded in the County's financial statements. As of June 30, 2008, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance 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 casualty 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 casualty capital contributions. If a member withdraws after the sixth year, the member is refunded 100% of its casualty capital contributions. However, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual casualty 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 workers compensation and employee blanket bond in the amount of \$5,000,000 and \$300,000, respectively. The County assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 11: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

The Internal Service, Employee Group Health Fund was established to account for the partial self funding of the County's health insurance benefit plan. This plan is funded by both employee and County contributions and is administered through a service agreement with Wellmark. The agreement is subject to automatic renewal provisions. The County assumes liability for claims up to the individual stop loss limitation of \$35,000. Claims in excess of coverage are insured through purchase of stop loss insurance.

Monthly payments of service fees and plan contributions to the Employee Group Health Fund are recorded as expenditures from the operating funds. Under the administrative service agreement, monthly payments of service fees and claims processed are paid to Wellmark from the Employee Group Health Fund. The County and employees' contributions to the fund for the year ended June 30, 2008 were \$1,228,953.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 11: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (Continued)

Amounts payable from the Employee Group Health Fund at June 30, 2008 total \$262,323 which is for incurred but not reported (IBNR) and reported but not paid claims. The amounts are based on actuarial estimates of the amounts necessary to pay prior-year and current-year claims, and to establish a reserve for catastrophic losses. That reserve was \$209,950 at June 30, 2008 and is reported as a designation of the Internal Service, Employee Group Health Fund net assets. A liability has been established based on the requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated. Settlements have not exceeded the stop-loss coverage in any of the past three years. A reconciliation of changes in the aggregate liability for claims for the current year is as follows:

Unpaid claims beginning of year	\$ <u>240,347</u>
Incurred claims (including claims incurred but not reported as of June 30, 2008):	
Current-year events	<u>1,150,516</u>
Payments:	
Current-year events	888,193
Prior year events	<u>240,347</u>
Total payments	<u>1,128,540</u>
Unpaid claims end of year	\$ <u>262,323</u>

NOTE 12: RETIREMENT FACILITY REVENUE BONDS

The County has issued a total of \$17,715,000 of retirement facility revenue bonds under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Code of Iowa. At June 30, 2008, the outstanding balance of retirement facility revenue bonds is \$16,635,000. The bonds and related interest are payable solely from the rents payable by tenants of the properties constructed and the bond principal and interest do not constitute liabilities of the County.

NOTE 13: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain amounts for the year ended June 30, 2007 have been reclassified to conform with the June 30, 2008 presentation

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

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, 2008

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Final to Actual Variance</u>
		<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>				
Property and other County tax	\$ 7,267,661	\$ 7,099,991	\$ 7,099,991	\$ 167,670
Interest and penalty on property tax	47,639	10,000	10,000	37,639
Intergovernmental	4,556,537	4,216,814	4,286,814	269,723
Licenses and permits	254,071	285,700	285,700	(31,629)
Charges for service	1,069,693	876,343	876,343	193,350
Use of money and property	514,718	271,140	271,140	243,578
Miscellaneous	280,851	314,094	318,094	(37,243)
Total receipts	<u>13,991,170</u>	<u>13,074,082</u>	<u>13,148,082</u>	<u>843,088</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>				
Public safety and legal services	2,701,554	2,840,597	2,859,097	157,543
Physical health and social services	540,881	595,791	613,938	73,057
Mental health	1,966,475	2,079,108	2,079,108	112,633
County environment and education	1,194,631	1,759,203	1,784,558	589,927
Roads and transportation	3,448,479	3,455,400	3,455,400	6,921
Governmental services to residents	528,794	580,342	582,622	53,828
Administration	1,302,426	1,453,781	1,510,518	208,092
Nonprogram	128,350	-	160,000	31,650
Debt service	754,648	795,373	795,373	40,725
Capital projects	1,404,805	1,000,000	1,542,590	137,785
Total disbursements	<u>13,971,043</u>	<u>14,559,595</u>	<u>15,383,204</u>	<u>1,412,161</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	20,127	(1,485,513)	(2,235,122)	2,255,249
Other financing sources, net	<u>15,676</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>(134,324)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over (under) disbursements and other financing uses	35,803	(1,335,513)	(2,085,122)	2,120,925
<u>BALANCE - Beginning of year</u>	<u>9,511,668</u>	<u>7,893,730</u>	<u>7,893,730</u>	<u>1,617,938</u>
<u>BALANCE - End of year</u>	\$ <u>9,547,471</u>	\$ <u>6,558,217</u>	\$ <u>5,808,608</u>	\$ <u>3,738,863</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

BUDGET TO GAAP RECONCILIATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>		
	<u>Cash Basis</u>	<u>Accrual Adjustments</u>	<u>Modified Accrual Basis</u>
Revenues	\$ 13,991,170	\$ (47,951)	\$ 13,943,219
Expenditures	<u>13,971,043</u>	<u>107,959</u>	<u>14,079,002</u>
Net	20,127	(155,910)	(135,783)
Other financing sources (uses)	15,676	(4,803)	10,873
Beginning fund balance	<u>9,511,668</u>	<u>(90,248)</u>	<u>9,366,222</u>
Ending fund balance	\$ <u>9,547,471</u>	\$ <u>(250,961)</u>	\$ <u>9,241,312</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – BUDGETARY REPORTING

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

The 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 comparisons 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 ten major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. These ten 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, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Fund and the Capital Projects 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, two budget amendments increased budgeted disbursements by \$823,609. The budget amendments are 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.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	Special Revenue				
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>LOSST</u>	<u>Urban Renewal</u>	<u>Federal Drug Money</u>	<u>Tri County Drug Money</u>	<u>LOSST Sinking Fund</u>
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 647,051	\$ 146,387	\$ 7,247	\$ 36,960	\$ 26,603
Receivables:					
Accounts	660	197	-	-	-
Due from other governments	<u>65,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>713,484</u>	\$ <u>146,584</u>	\$ <u>7,247</u>	\$ <u>36,960</u>	\$ <u>26,603</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>					
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>					
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other governments	<u>40,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>40,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES:</u>					
Unreserved, reported in:					
Special revenue	672,561	146,584	7,247	36,960	26,603
Capital projects	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund equity	<u>672,561</u>	<u>146,584</u>	<u>7,247</u>	<u>36,960</u>	<u>26,603</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ <u>713,484</u>	\$ <u>146,584</u>	\$ <u>7,247</u>	\$ <u>36,960</u>	\$ <u>26,603</u>

Special Revenue

LOSST Reserve Fund	Economic Revolving Fund	Resource Enhancement and Protection	Recorder's Records Management	Recorder's Electronic Transactions	Rural Enterprise	Convenience Center Closure Fund	Solid Waste Fee	Drainage Districts	Conservation Land Acquisition
\$ 512,211	\$ 125,529	\$ 50,188	\$ 35,610	\$ 1,634	\$ 20,577	\$ 4,000	\$ 28,974	\$ 2,719	\$ 205,848
-	-	-	489	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>512,211</u>	<u>125,529</u>	<u>50,188</u>	<u>36,099</u>	<u>1,634</u>	<u>20,577</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>28,974</u>	<u>2,719</u>	<u>205,848</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	194	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
512,211	125,529	49,994	36,099	1,634	20,577	4,000	28,974	2,719	205,848
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>512,211</u>	<u>125,529</u>	<u>49,994</u>	<u>36,099</u>	<u>1,634</u>	<u>20,577</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>28,974</u>	<u>2,719</u>	<u>205,848</u>
\$ <u>512,211</u>	\$ <u>125,529</u>	\$ <u>50,188</u>	\$ <u>36,099</u>	\$ <u>1,634</u>	\$ <u>20,577</u>	\$ <u>4,000</u>	\$ <u>28,974</u>	\$ <u>2,719</u>	\$ <u>205,848</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Capital Projects</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Customer Convenience Center Fund</u>	<u>Rolling Prairie Trail Fund</u>	
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 12,860	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,889,398
Receivables:			
Accounts	-	-	1,346
Due from other governments	-	-	65,773
	<u>12,860</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>1,956,517</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>12,860</u>	\$ <u>25,000</u>	\$ <u>1,956,517</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194
Due to other governments	-	-	40,923
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,117</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES:</u>			
Unreserved, reported in:			
Special revenue	-	-	1,877,540
Capital projects	12,860	25,000	37,860
Total fund equity	<u>12,860</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>1,915,400</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ <u>12,860</u>	\$ <u>25,000</u>	\$ <u>1,956,517</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Special Revenue</u>				
	<u>LOSST</u>	<u>Urban Renewal</u>	<u>Federal Drug Money</u>	<u>Tri County Drug Money</u>	<u>LOSST Sinking Fund</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>					
Property and other County tax	\$ 854,683	\$ 181,799	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	4,151	-
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for service	-	-	164	-	-
Use of money and property	51,135	4,234	45	599	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>905,818</u>	<u>186,033</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>4,750</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>					
Operating:					
County environment and education	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	176,850	-	-	577,797
Capital projects	640,923	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>640,923</u>	<u>176,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>577,797</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>264,895</u>	<u>9,183</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>4,750</u>	<u>(577,797)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	110,739	-	-	-	577,600
Transfers out	(577,600)	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(466,861)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>577,600</u>
Net change in fund balances	(201,966)	9,183	209	4,750	(197)
<u>FUND BALANCES</u> - Beginning of year	<u>874,527</u>	<u>137,401</u>	<u>7,038</u>	<u>32,210</u>	<u>26,800</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u> - End of year	\$ <u>672,561</u>	\$ <u>146,584</u>	\$ <u>7,247</u>	\$ <u>36,960</u>	\$ <u>26,603</u>

Special Revenue						
LOSST Reserve Fund	Economic Revolving Fund	Resource Enhancement and Protection	Recorder's Records Management	Recorder's Electronic Transactions	Rural Enterprise	Convenience Center Closure Fund
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
-	-	53,588	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	5,220	-	-	-
156	2,694	389	563	21	1,200	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>156</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>53,977</u>	<u>5,783</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>
-	-	34,710	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	<u>34,710</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>156</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>19,267</u>	<u>5,783</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>4,000</u>
156	2,694	19,267	5,783	21	1,200	4,000
<u>512,055</u>	<u>122,835</u>	<u>30,727</u>	<u>30,316</u>	<u>1,613</u>	<u>19,377</u>	<u>-</u>
\$ <u>512,211</u>	\$ <u>125,529</u>	\$ <u>49,994</u>	\$ <u>36,099</u>	\$ <u>1,634</u>	<u>20,577</u>	\$ <u>4,000</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Special Revenue</u>		
	<u>Solid Waste Fee</u>	<u>Drainage Districts</u>	<u>Conservation Land Acquisition</u>
REVENUES:			
Property and other County tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	6,889	-	82,794
Licenses and permits	-	-	2,053
Charges for service	-	-	-
Use of money and property	-	-	10,660
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>6,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,507</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Operating:			
County environment and education	-	-	112,601
Debt service	8,800	-	-
Capital projects	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>8,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,601</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,911)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,094)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	-	-	40,000
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,911)	-	22,906
FUND BALANCES - Beginning of year	<u>30,885</u>	<u>2,719</u>	<u>182,942</u>
FUND BALANCES - End of year	<u>\$ 28,974</u>	<u>\$ 2,719</u>	<u>\$ 205,848</u>

Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects			Total
	Law Center Construction Fund	Customer Convenience Center Fund	Rolling Prairie Trail Fund	
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,036,482
-	-	-	-	147,422
-	-	-	-	2,053
-	-	-	-	5,384
-	1,587	-	-	73,283
-	-	20,000	-	20,000
-	1,587	20,000	-	1,284,624
-	-	-	-	147,311
-	-	-	-	763,447
-	-	207,140	-	848,063
-	-	207,140	-	1,758,821
-	1,587	(187,140)	-	(474,197)
-	-	200,000	25,000	957,339
(22,659)	(110,739)	-	-	(710,998)
(22,659)	(110,739)	200,000	25,000	246,341
(22,659)	(109,152)	12,860	25,000	(227,856)
22,659	109,152	-	-	2,143,256
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,860	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,915,400

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>County Offices</u>		<u>Agricultural Extension Education</u>
	<u>County Auditor</u>	<u>County Sheriff</u>	
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and pooled investments:			
County Treasurer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,611
Other County officials	15,000	34,549	-
Receivables:			
Accounts	-	-	-
Property tax:			
Delinquent	-	-	1
Succeeding year	-	-	172,866
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>15,000</u>	\$ <u>34,549</u>	\$ <u>174,478</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other governments	-	-	174,478
Trusts payable	15,000	34,549	-
Salaries and benefits payable	-	-	-
Compensated absences	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>15,000</u>	\$ <u>34,549</u>	\$ <u>174,478</u>

Schedule 3

<u>County Assessor</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Community Colleges</u>	<u>Corporations</u>	<u>Townships</u>	<u>City Special Assessments</u>
\$ 251,352	\$ 100,534	\$ 6,492	\$ 67,288	\$ 1,766	\$ 5,039
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
1	76	6	75	2	-
<u>503,904</u>	<u>11,089,507</u>	<u>866,440</u>	<u>6,154,338</u>	<u>196,774</u>	<u>-</u>
\$ <u>755,257</u>	\$ <u>11,190,117</u>	\$ <u>872,938</u>	\$ <u>6,221,701</u>	\$ <u>198,542</u>	\$ <u>5,039</u>
\$ 104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
725,680	11,190,117	872,938	6,221,701	198,542	5,039
-	-	-	-	-	-
12,230	-	-	-	-	-
<u>17,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
\$ <u>755,257</u>	\$ <u>11,190,117</u>	\$ <u>872,938</u>	\$ <u>6,221,701</u>	\$ <u>198,542</u>	\$ <u>5,039</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008

<u>ASSETS</u>	Auto License and <u>Use Tax</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and pooled investments:			
County Treasurer	\$ 446,001	\$ 258,453	\$ 1,138,536
Other County officials	-	-	49,549
Receivables:			
Accounts	-	13,827	13,827
Property tax:			
Delinquent	-	-	161
Succeeding year	-	2,961	18,986,790
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>446,001</u>	\$ <u>275,241</u>	\$ <u>20,188,863</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 77	\$ 181
Due to other governments	446,001	269,177	20,103,673
Trusts payable	-	-	49,549
Salaries and benefits payable	-	3,076	15,306
Compensated absences	-	2,911	20,154
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>446,001</u>	\$ <u>275,241</u>	\$ <u>20,188,863</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>	<u>County Offices</u>		
	<u>County Recorder</u>	<u>County Auditor</u>	<u>County Sheriff</u>
Balances beginning of year	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> 15,000</u>	\$ <u> 25,231</u>
Additions:			
Property and other County tax	-	-	-
E911 surcharge	-	-	-
State tax credits	-	-	-
Office fees and collections	420,207	-	-
Auto licenses, use tax and postage	-	-	-
Assessments	-	-	-
Trusts	-	630	426,446
Miscellaneous	-	-	46,230
Total additions	<u>420,207</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>472,676</u>
Deductions:			
Agency remittances:			
To other funds	292,332	-	36,912
To other governments	127,875	-	-
Trusts paid out	-	630	426,446
Total deductions	<u>420,207</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>463,358</u>
Balances end of year	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> 15,000</u>	\$ <u> 34,549</u>

Schedule 4

<u>Agricultural Extension Education</u>	<u>County Assessor</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Community Colleges</u>	<u>Corporations</u>	<u>Townships</u>	<u>City Special Assessments</u>
\$ <u>176,188</u>	\$ <u>544,724</u>	\$ <u>10,885,494</u>	\$ <u>712,058</u>	\$ <u>6,055,652</u>	\$ <u>191,299</u>	\$ <u>4,047</u>
169,887	497,440	10,905,470	854,590	7,494,771	195,326	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7,512	16,299	464,683	29,570	257,896	8,514	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	111,787
-	28,937	-	-	-	-	-
<u>177,399</u>	<u>542,676</u>	<u>11,370,153</u>	<u>884,160</u>	<u>7,752,667</u>	<u>203,840</u>	<u>111,787</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
179,109	332,143	11,065,530	723,280	7,586,618	196,597	110,795
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>179,109</u>	<u>332,143</u>	<u>11,065,530</u>	<u>723,280</u>	<u>7,586,618</u>	<u>196,597</u>	<u>110,795</u>
\$ <u>174,478</u>	\$ <u>755,257</u>	\$ <u>11,190,117</u>	\$ <u>872,938</u>	\$ <u>6,221,701</u>	\$ <u>198,542</u>	\$ <u>5,039</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>	Auto License and <u>Use Tax</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balances beginning of year	\$ <u>441,906</u>	\$ <u>233,872</u>	\$ <u>19,285,471</u>
Additions:			
Property and other County tax	-	278,763	20,396,247
E911 surcharge	-	115,433	115,433
State tax credits	-	124	784,598
Office fees and collections	-	5,223	425,430
Auto licenses, use tax and postage	5,524,829	-	5,524,829
Assessments	-	-	111,787
Trusts	-	78,947	506,023
Miscellaneous	-	5,728	80,895
Total additions	<u>5,524,829</u>	<u>484,218</u>	<u>27,945,242</u>
Deductions:			
Agency remittances:			
To other funds	-	22,623	351,867
To other governments	5,520,734	408,148	26,250,829
Trusts paid out	-	12,078	439,154
Total deductions	<u>5,520,734</u>	<u>442,849</u>	<u>27,041,850</u>
Balances end of year	\$ <u>446,001</u>	\$ <u>275,241</u>	\$ <u>20,188,863</u>

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES BY SOURCE AND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION -
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS

	Modified Accrual Basis					
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>						
Property and other County tax	\$ 7,268,278	\$ 6,878,411	\$ 6,284,298	\$ 6,052,821	\$ 5,207,785	\$ 4,282,234
Interest and penalty on property tax	47,639	49,600	40,636	42,804	44,451	44,487
Intergovernmental	4,582,053	3,648,166	3,731,301	4,880,199	3,644,926	3,574,954
Licenses and permits	247,059	322,052	221,814	200,170	155,811	137,844
Charges for service	901,004	1,231,011	1,184,065	1,229,355	1,274,480	1,167,851
Use of money and property	572,348	376,759	317,050	266,886	223,839	256,342
Fines, forfeitures and defaults	-	5,541	2,629	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	324,838	453,176	366,393	298,883	373,885	210,365
Total	\$ 13,943,219	\$ 12,964,716	\$ 12,148,186	\$ 12,971,118	\$ 10,925,177	\$ 9,674,077
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>						
Operating:						
Public safety and legal services	\$ 2,697,168	\$ 2,511,977	\$ 2,313,922	\$ 1,953,695	\$ 1,890,744	\$ 1,615,367
Physical health and social services	547,100	534,235	512,458	465,340	483,770	411,970
Mental health	1,992,300	1,728,055	1,567,486	1,416,369	1,531,881	1,530,660
County environment and education	1,313,002	1,134,194	1,138,378	3,177,166	1,281,420	920,217
Roads and transportation	3,432,671	3,521,063	3,569,534	3,401,696	3,377,603	2,962,086
Governmental services to residents	527,507	573,163	382,663	462,790	457,446	382,252
Administration	1,335,826	1,294,252	1,666,265	1,002,011	1,081,711	1,686,453
Non-program	-	-	-	3,991	-	-
Debt service	763,447	689,851	713,348	700,218	965,218	58,181
Capital projects	1,469,981	338,574	1,168,136	3,001,102	1,994,118	533,767
Total	\$ 14,079,002	\$ 12,325,364	\$ 13,032,190	\$ 15,584,378	\$ 13,063,911	\$ 10,100,953

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
\$	3,932,252	\$ 3,774,894
	46,391	44,020
	3,921,006	4,383,594
	135,170	114,515
	924,484	836,128
	385,377	518,850
	-	-
	<u>120,897</u>	<u>180,847</u>
\$	<u>9,465,577</u>	\$ <u>9,852,848</u>

\$	1,507,052	\$ 1,408,421
	459,202	433,339
	1,489,916	1,808,004
	1,181,270	1,491,882
	2,896,916	3,073,668
	356,189	313,480
	1,435,514	1,632,714
	-	29,987
	60,106	62,032
	<u>708,084</u>	<u>301,052</u>
\$	<u>10,094,249</u>	<u>10,554,579</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHERS MATTERS BASED ON
AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Officials of Bremer County, Iowa:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the government activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bremer County, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2009. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Bremer County, Iowa's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of Bremer County, Iowa's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bremer County, Iowa's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Bremer County, Iowa's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of Bremer County, Iowa's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Bremer County, Iowa's internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Bremer County, Iowa's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe item 08-II-A is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Bremer County, Iowa's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statements 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 III of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the County's operations for the year ended June 30, 2008 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.

Bremer County, Iowa's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the County's responses, we did not audit Bremer County, Iowa's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Bremer County, Iowa and other parties to whom Bremer County, Iowa 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 personnel of Bremer County, Iowa 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.

ANDERSON, LARKIN & CO. P.C.

Ottumwa, Iowa
March 23, 2009

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results

- a. Unqualified opinions were issued on the financial statements.
- b. Significant deficiencies 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 noncompliance which is material to the financial statements.

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:

08-II-A 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.

Recommendation – We realize 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 will review procedures and make changes to improve internal control as appropriate and possible.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were reported

Part III: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting

- 08-III-A Certified Budget – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2008 did not exceed the amounts budgeted.
- 08-III-B Questionable Expenditures – We noted no expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- 08-III-C Travel Expense – No expenditures of County money for travel expenses of spouses of County officials or employees were noted.
- 08-III-D Business Transaction – Business transactions between the County and County officials or employees are detailed as follows:

<u>Name, Title and Business Connection</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dennis Miller, Deputy Sheriff, Owner DLM Sales and Service	Supplies	\$ 645
Dennis Harverkamp, Engineering, Contract Laborer	Cleaning	1,440

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the transactions with the two County employees do not appear to represent conflicts of interest since total transactions with each individual were less than \$1,500 during the fiscal year.

BREMER COUNTY, IOWA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Part III: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting (Continued)

- 08-III-E Bond Coverage – Surety bond coverage of County officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions.
- 08-III-F Board Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.
- 08-III-G 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.
- 08-III-H 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).
- 08-III-I 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, 2008 for the County Extension Office did not exceed the amount budgeted.