

ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAILIW

October 30, 2020

Honorable Members Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor Buffalo, NY 14202 Hon. Mark C. Poloncarz Erie County Executive 95 Franklin St., 16th Floor Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Members and County Executive Poloncarz:

My office has prepared an Interim Financial Report ("Report") of the County of Erie, New York ("County") as of and for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2020 (i.e., "Third Quarter 2020"). The Report, enclosed for your review, consists of the following elements:

- Financial Statements
- Investment Report
- Cash Flow Statement
- Property Tax and Sales Tax Summary
- Debt Schedules
- Miscellaneous Financial Data (including data on short and long-term bonded indebtedness, property tax rates and constitutional taxing power)

We provide the following observations and comments for your consideration:

Sales Tax

As you are aware, the County's 2020 Adopted Budget amount of \$491,338,760 is predicated on a .16% increase in sales tax revenue above the County's 2019 actual sales tax revenue.

The sales tax revenue amount for the County's Third Quarter 2020 was \$348,575,427 compared to \$360,697,847 for the Third Quarter of 2019. During the first nine months of 2020, the County experienced a \$12,122,420 (3.36%) decrease in sales tax revenue, compared to the first nine months of 2019. This reflects the Division of Budget and Management's accrual of September sales tax. As you are well aware sales tax revenues are the largest revenue source for Erie County. Wall Street ratings agencies and the Office of Comptroller have issued numerous warnings on Erie County's risky reliance on volatile sales tax revenue.

This office will continue to monitor this account, the largest revenue in the budget at \$491,338,760, closely throughout the year and will report as we receive monthly updates from the State.

Real Property Taxes

Through the nine-month period ended September 30, 2020, the County received 93.5% of the \$387,331,337 that was levied and is collectible for County purposes, which is .1% lower than the percentage collected as of September 30, 2019. Taxes remaining to be collected are at \$25,361,466 compared to \$23,874,447 September 30, 2019 (6.23% increase).

Note and Capital Bond Borrowing

This office completed the Revenue Anticipation Note borrowing in the amount of \$125 million in June. The County last week completed the 2020 Capital Bond Borrowing as well as a refunding of a prior issue. A separate report will be filed with your Honorable Body detailing the transaction.

Conclusion

The financial statements and other information contained in this Report have been compiled largely from the official accounting records maintained in the County's SAP system. The Financial Statements from Erie County Medical Center Corporation, Erie Community College, the Erie County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, the Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation, Inc. and the ECFSA are not included because financial information for the aforementioned entities is maintained separately from the County.

Information contained in this Report has not been reviewed by the County's independent auditor; therefore, no opinion on this Report is expressed.

Please note that this is the third and final quarterly report for 2020. The County will issue a 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (716) 858-8400.

Sincerely yours,

Stefan I. Mychajliw

Erie County Comptroller

SIM/kt Enclosure

cc: Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Robert W. Keating, Director of Budget and Management

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



Erie County Comptroller's Office

STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

Erie County Comptroller

OCTOBER 30, 2020

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

September 30, 2020

- 1005TP		General	Go	Other vernmental Funds	Total Gov ernmental Funds		
ASSETS:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	146,160	\$	63,093	\$	209,253	
Investments		-		200		200	
Receivables (net of allowances)							
Real property taxes, interest, penalties							
and liens		69,581		47		69,628	
Other		5,551		27,744		33,295	
Due from other funds		35,521		41,835		77,356	
Due from other governments		296,625		33,933		330,558	
Prepaid items		160		2,122		2,282	
Restricted cash		160		193,567		193,727	
Total assets	\$	553,758	\$	362,541	\$	916,299	
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts payable	\$	5,499	\$	4,547	\$	10,046	
Accrued liabilities		78,111		19,505		97,616	
Due to other funds		5,921		36,108		42,029	
Due to component unit		1,664		-		1,664	
Due to other governments		152		71		223	
Retained percentages payable		-		1,342		1,342	
Unearned revenue		26,633		87,805		114,438	
Short-term debt		125,000				125,000	
Total liabilities		242,980		149,378		392,358	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Unavailable revenue – property taxes		58,350		-		58,350	
Total deferred inflows of resources		58,350		-		58,350	
FUND BALANCES:							
Nonspendable:							
Community development loans		-		26,535		26,535	
Prepaid items		160		2,122		2,282	
Restricted for:							
Handicapped parking		160		-		160	
E-911 system costs		-		610		610	
Debt service		-		22,964		22,964	
Capital expenditures		-		95,995		95,995	
Assigned:							
Other purposes		51,567		64,937		116,504	
Unassigned		200,541				200,541	
Total fund balances		252,428		213,163		465,591	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of							
resources and fund balances	\$	553,758	\$	362,541	\$	916,299	

Governmental Funds

For the nine months ended September 30, 2020

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Gov ernmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 286,498	\$ 23,479	\$ 309,977
Sales and use taxes	592,921	3,016	595,937
Transfer taxes	113	9,578	9,691
Intergovernmental	238,661	117,205	355,866
Interfund	270	909	1,179
Departmental	46,240	33,511	79,751
Interest	732	4,933	5,665
Miscellaneous	4,739	5,865	10,604
Total revenues	1,170,174	198,496	1,368,670
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government support	324,120	11,655	335,775
Public safety	102,040	20,272	122,312
Health	57,727	55,141	112,868
Transportation	19,479	19,965	39,444
Economic assistance and opportunity	429,215	20,401	449,616
Culture and recreation	22,858	308	23,166
Education	48,895	27	48,922
Home and community service	3,320	38,732	42,052
Capital outlay	-	39,002	39,002
Debt service:		50.704	
Principal retirement	-	53,791	53,791
Interest and fiscal charges	293	13,607	13,900
Total expenditures	1,007,947	272,901	1,280,848
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over expenditures	162,227	(74,405)	87,822
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of property	731	-	731
Transfers in	3,621	91,372	94,993
Transfers out	(87,899)	(25,898)	(113,797)
Total other financing			
sources (uses)	(83,547)	65,474	(18,073)
Net change in fund balances	78,680	(8,931)	69,749
Fund balances at beginning of year	173,748	222,094	395,842
Fund balances at end of nine months	\$ 252,428	\$ 213,163	\$ 465,591

Statement of Net Position

Proprietary Fund September 30, 2020 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	Enter U Agg	ness - Type activity prise Fund tilities gregation Fund
ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
Due from other governments	\$	10,029
Total current assets		10,029
Total assets		10,029
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		647
Accrued liabilities		79
Due to other funds		7,567
Total current liabilities		8,293
Total liabilities		8,293
NET POSITION:		
Unrestricted		1,736
Total net position	\$	1,736

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Proprietary Fund

For the nine months ended September 30, 2020

	Enter L	ness - Type Activity prise Fund Itilities gregation Fund	
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Interfund revenues	\$	4,333	
Other operating revenue		7,726	
Total operating revenue	12,059		
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Employee wages		106	
Employee benefits		52	
Utilities and telephone		11,290	
Total operating expenses		11,448	
Change in net position		611	
Total net position - beginning		1,125	
Total net position at end of nine months	\$	1,736	

Statement of Agency Net Position

Agency Fund September 30, 2020 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	Agency Fund		
ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	56,881	
Other		441	
Due from other governments		5	
Bonds and securities held in custody		20	
Total assets	\$	57,347	
LIABILITIES:			
Held in custody for others		57,347	
Total liabilities	\$	57,347	

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COMBINING & INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS & SCHEDULES

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. These funds include the Road, Sewer, Downtown Mall, E-911, Emergency Response, Grants and Community Development Funds.

Road Fund

Used to account for all revenues and expenditures related to the maintenance of County roads and bridges, snow removal, construction and reconstruction of County roads not required to be recorded in a Capital Projects Fund.

• Sewer Fund

Used to account for the activities of the various sewer districts currently in operation within the County.

• Downtown Fund

Used to account for revenues raised through a special district charge levy and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the operation and maintenance of a downtown pedestrian/transit mall.

E-911 Fund

Used to account for revenues raised through a telephone access line surcharge and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the establishment and maintenance of an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.

• Emergency Response Fund

Used to account for revenues received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and expenditures as sociated with the on-going clean up of major winter stormdamage that occurred in October 2006 and November 2014. Activity related to the October 2006 storm was finalized and closed out in 2017. The fund now also includes activity related to the Covid 19 pandemic and funds received from the Federal government related to the response to the pandemic.

• Grants Fund

Used to account for federal and state operating grants (except the Community Development Block Grant) earmarked for specific programs, so that grantor accounting and reporting requirements can be satisfied.

• Community Development Fund

Used to as sist participating municipalities in the development of locally approved community or economic development activities that are eligible under federal program regulations.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for current payments of principal and interest on general obligation long-termdebt, and for financial resources that have been accumulated to make future principal and interest payments on general long termindebtedness.

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued)

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

• General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements Fund

Used to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works involving the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of major or permanent facilities having a relatively long useful life and equipment purchased from the proceeds of long-termdebt.

• Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment Fund

Utilized to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works for the construction or reconstruction of County roads and bridges and the acquisition of equipment not accounted for in the Road Fund.

• Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements Fund

Used to account for capital projects relating to the construction and acquisition of sewer facilities and equipment by the operating sewer districts.

• Tobacco Proceeds Fund

Used to account for the net proceeds from the County's securitization of its share of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry that will be used to fund capital projects that otherwise would have been supported by operating funds or the issuance of bonds.

• Special Capital Projects Fund

Utilized to account for capital projects administered by departments other than Public Works that are primarily for the acquisition or construction of buildings, improvements and equipment.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2020

	Special Revenue								
		Road		Sewer	Downtown Mall			E-911	
ASSETS:	_		_		_				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,242	\$	38,319	\$	50	\$	838	
penalties and liens		-		-		47		-	
Other		39				-		98	
Due from other funds		-		14,720		-		-	
Due from other governments		9,349		277		-		954	
Prepaid items		-		2,122		-		-	
Restricted cash									
Total assets	\$	15,630	\$	55,438	\$	97	\$	1,890	
LIABILITIES:									
Accounts payable	\$	55	\$	416	\$		\$	22	
Accounts payable	Ф		Ф		Þ	10	Ф	1,252	
Due to other funds		2,736		1,542		10		1,252	
Due to other governments									
Retained percentages payable				33		_		_	
Unearned revenue				-		_		6	
Total liabilities		2,791		1,991	-	10		1,280	
FUND BALANCES:									
Nonspendable:									
Community development loans Prepaid items		-		2,122		-		-	
Restricted for:		-		2,122		-		-	
E-911 system costs								610	
Debt service								010	
Capital expenditures						_		_	
Assigned:									
Other purposes		12,839		51,325		87		-	
Total fund balances		12,839		53,447		87		610	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of									
resources and fund balances	\$	15,630	\$	55,438	\$	97	\$	1,890	

Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2020

-	Special Revenue								
		nergency esponse		Grants		ommunity elopment		Total	
ASSETS:									
Cash and cash equivalents. Investments. Receivables (net of allowances) Real property taxes, interest,	\$	692	\$	-	\$	35	\$	46,176 -	
penalties and liens		-		-		-		47	
Other		-		42		26,565		26,744	
Due from other funds		-		-		-		14,720	
Due from other governments		5		18,509		225		29,319	
Prepaid items		-		-		-		2,122	
Restricted cash		97,772		-		-		97,772	
Total assets	\$	98,469	\$	18,551	\$	26,825	\$	216,900	
LIABILITIES:									
Accounts payable	\$	2,150	\$	188	\$	43	\$	2,874	
Accrued liabilities		7,836		1,342		153		14,871	
Due to other funds		128		16,852		56		17,036	
Due to other governments		48		23		-		71	
Retained percentages payable		-		6		-		39	
Unearned revenue		87,659		140		<u> </u>		87,805	
Total liabilities		97,821		18,551		252		122,696	
FUND BALANCES: Nonspendable:									
Community development loans		-		-		26,535		26,535	
Prepaid items		-		-		-		2,122	
Restricted for:									
E-911 system costs		-		-		-		610	
Debt service		-		-		-		-	
Capital expenditures		-		-		-		-	
Assigned:									
Other purposes		648		-		38		64,937	
Total fund balances		648				26,573		94,204	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	98,469	\$	18,551	\$	26,825	\$	216,900	

Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2020

					Capital Projects					
				General Government Highways, Buildings, Roads, Equipment and Bridges and Improvements Equipment		Sewers, Facilities Equipment and Improvements		Tobacco Proceeds		
ASSETS:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	-	\$	2,334	\$	6,535	\$	7,509	\$	1
Investments		-		-		-		-		200
Real property taxes, interest,										
penalties and liens										
Other		-		1,000		_		_		
Due from other funds		27.115				_		_		
Due from other governments		73		334		2,649		1,529		
Prepaid items		-				-		-		
Restricted cash		-		37,264		23,592		23,165		16
Total assets	\$	27,188	\$	40,932	\$	32,776	\$	32,203	\$	217
LIABILITIES:										
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$	206	\$	1,176	\$	147	\$	-
Accrued liabilities		91		2,375		2,023		15		-
Due to other funds		4,133		633		5,463		8,799		1
Due to other governments		-		-		-		-		-
Retained percentages payable		-		454		522		77		-
Unearned revenue				-						
Total liabilities	_	4,224		3,668		9,184		9,038		1
FUND BALANCES:										
Nonspendable:										
Community development loans		-		-		-		-		-
Prepaid items		-		-		-		-		
Restricted for: E-911 system costs										
Debt service		22,964								
Capital expenditures		22,504		37,264		23,592		23,165		216
Assigned:				07,201		20,002		20,100		2.0
Other purposes										-
Total fund balances		22,964		37,264		23,592		23,165		216
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of										
resources and fund balances	\$	27,188	\$	40,932	\$	32,776	\$	32,203	\$	217

Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2020

	Capital Projects					
		Special Capital Projects	ital		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
ASSETS:	•	=00	_			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	538	\$	16,917 200	\$	63,093 200
Receivables (net of allowances)				200		200
Real property taxes, interest,						
penalties and liens		-		_		47
Other		-		1,000		27,744
Due from other funds		-		-		41,835
Due from other governments		29		4,541		33,933
Prepaid items		-		-		2,122
Restricted cash		11,758		95,795		193,567
Total assets	\$	12,325	\$	118,453	\$	362,541
LIABILITIES:						
Accounts payable	\$	144	\$	1,673	\$	4,547
Accrued liabilities		130		4,543		19,505
Due to other funds		43		14,939		36,108
Due to other governments		-		-		71
Retained percentages payable		250		1,303		1,342
Unearned revenue		-		-		87,805
Total liabilities		567		22,458		149,378
FUND BALANCES:						
Nonspendable:						
Community development loans		-		-		26,535
Prepaid items						2,122
Restricted for:						
E-911 system costs				-		610 22,964
Capital expenditures		11,758		95,995		95,995
Assigned:		11,736		95,995		33,333
Other purposes				<u>-</u>		64,937
Total fund balances		11,758		95,995		213,163
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of						
resources and fund balances	\$	12,325	\$	118,453	\$	362,541

Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	Special Revenue					
	Road	Sewer	Downtown Mall	E-911		
REVENUES:						
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ 21,682	\$ 1,797	\$ -		
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	3,016		
Transfer taxes	9,578	-	-	-		
Intergovernmental	11,549	-	-	16		
Interfund	-	-	-	-		
Departmental	133	31,465	-	-		
Interest	-	63	-	-		
Miscellaneous		949				
Total revenues	21,260	54,159	1,797	3,032		
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General government support	-	-	1,710	-		
Public safety	-	-	-	4,676		
Health	-	-	-	1,050		
Transportation	19,886	-	-	-		
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	-		
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-		
Education	-	-	-	-		
Home and community service	-	35,354	-	-		
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-		
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-		
Interest and fiscal charges						
Total expenditures	19,886	35,354	1,710	5,726		
(Deficiency) excess of revenues						
over expenditures	1,374	18,805	87	(2,694)		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) :						
Transfers in	5,846	360	-	2,694		
Transfers out	(4,500)	(9,787)				
Total other financing	<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
sources (uses)	1,346	(9,427)	-	2,694		

2,720

10,119

12,839

9,378

44,069

53,447

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610

610

Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 (amounts expressed in thousands)

Special Revenue

	Em	ergency		Co	mmunity	
	Re	sponse	 Grants	Dev	elopment	 Total
REVENUES:						
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 23,479
Sales and use taxes		-	-		-	3,016
Transfer taxes		-	-		-	9,578
Intergovernmental		72,687	25,378		1,152	110,782
Interfund		-	-		-	-
Departmental		-	219		1,234	33,051
Interest		-	-		-	63
Miscellaneous			 715		-	 1,664
Total revenues		72,687	 26,312		2,386	 181,633
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General government support		4,599	5,346		-	11,655
Public safety		10,778	4,818		-	20,272
Health		49,069	5,022		-	55,141
Transportation		79	-		-	19,965
Economic assistance and opportunity		7,866	12,391		144	20,401
Culture and recreation		301	7		-	308
Education		27	-		-	27
Home and community service		199	909		2,270	38,732
Capital outlay		-	-		-	-
Debt service:						
Principal retirement		-	-		-	-
Interest and fiscal charges			 			
Total expenditures		72,918	 28,493		2,414	 166,501
(Deficiency) excess of revenues						
over expenditures		(231)	 (2,181)		(28)	 15,132
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers in		-	2,181		66	11,147
Transfers out		-	 <u> </u>			(14,287)
Total other financing						
sources (uses)			 2,181		66	 (3,140)
Net change in fund balances		(231)	_		38	11,992
Fund balances at beginning of year		879	 		26,535	82,212
Fund balances at end of nine months	\$	648	\$ 	\$	26,573	\$ 94,204

Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 (amounts expressed in thousands)

		Capital Projects					
	Debt Service	General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements	Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment	Sewers, Facilities Equipment and Improvements	Tobacco Proceeds		
REVENUES:	_				_		
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	-	-		
Transfer taxes	-	-	-	-	-		
Intergovernmental	137	393	5,494	50	-		
Interfund	-	909	-	-	-		
Departmental	-	-	338	122	-		
Interest	4,822	-	-	48	-		
Miscellaneous	4,110	91					
Total revenues	9,069	1,393	5,832	220			
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
General government support	-	-	-	-	-		
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-		
Health	-	-	-	-	-		
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-		
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	-	-		
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-		
Education	-	-	-	-	-		
Home and community service	-	-	-	-	-		
Capital outlay	-	12,202	24,005	1,175	-		
Debt service:							
Principal retirement	53,791	-	-	-	-		
Interest and fiscal charges	13,607						
Total expenditures	67,398	12,202	24,005	1,175			
(Deficiency) excess of revenues							
over expenditures	(58,329)	(10,809)	(18,173)	(955)			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) :							
Transfers in	70,588	750	4,500	5,350	-		
Transfers out	-	(4,505)	(3,516)	(360)	-		
			(-,,				
Total other financing		(0.755)					
sources (uses)	70,588	(3,755)	984	4,990			
Net change in fund balances	12,259	(14,564)	(17,189)	4,035	-		
Fund balances at beginning of year	10,705	51,828	40,781	19,130	216		
Fund balances at end of nine months	\$ 22,964	\$ 37,264	\$ 23,592	\$ 23,165	\$ 216		
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Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	Capital Projects		
	Special Capital Projects	Total	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,479
Sales and use taxes	-	-	3,016
Transfer taxes	-	-	9,578
Intergovernmental	349	6,286	117,205
Interfund	-	909	909
Departmental	-	460	33,511
Interest	-	48	4,933
Miscellaneous		91	5,865
Total revenues	349	7,794	198,496
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government support	-	-	11,655
Public safety	-	-	20,272
Health	-	-	55,141
Transportation	-	-	19,965
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	20,401
Culture and recreation	-	-	308
Education	-	-	27
Home and community service	-	-	38,732
Capital outlay	1,620	39,002	39,002
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	-	53,791
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	13,607
Total expenditures	1,620	39,002	272,901
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(Deficiency) excess of revenues			
over expenditures	(1,271)	(31,208)	(74,405)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) :			
Transfers in	(963)	9,637	91,372
Transfers out	(3,230)	(11,611)	(25,898)
Total other financing			
sources (uses)	(4,193)	(1,974)	65,474
Net change in fund balances	(5,464)	(33,182)	(8,931)
Fund balances at beginning of year	17,222	129,177	222,094
Fund balances at end of nine months	\$ 11,758	\$ 95,995	\$ 213,163

 COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK	

LIBRARY COMPONENT UNIT

The financial data shown for the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library is derived from records maintained on its behalf by the County. The Library does not issue separate financial statements. The inclusion of the Library as a component unit in the County's financial statements reflects the County's financial accountability for this legally separate entity.

Balance Sheet

Library Component Unit September 30, 2020 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	 ibrary
ASSETS:	
	\$ 19,921
Other	174
Due from primary government	1,664
Due from other governments	663
Prepaid items	 160
Total assets	\$ 22,582
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	\$ 53
Accrued liabilities	3,356
Retained percentages payable	21
Unearned revenue	 1,374
Total liabilities	4,804
FUND BALANCES:	
Nonspendable	160
Committed	2,800
Assigned	829
Unassigned	13,989
Total fund balances	17,778
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 22,582

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK $\,-\,$

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Library Component Unit

For the nine months ended September 30, 2020

	Library	
REVENUES:		
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	25,409
Intergovernmental		2,416
Departmental		167
Interest		4
Miscellaneous		95
Total revenues		28,091
EXPENDITURES:		
Current:		
Culture and recreation		20,283
Total expenditures		20,283
Net change in fund balances		7,808
Fund balances at beginning of year		9,970
Fund balances at end of nine months	\$	17,778

INVESTMENT REPORT

Investment Report

January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020

In accordance with the Comptroller's Investment Guidelines, the Investment Report for the first nine months of 2020 is hereby submitted. The primary objectives of the investment program, as set out in established guidelines, are as follows in order of importance:

- compliance with legal requirements
- safeguarding of principal
- ensuring sufficient liquidity
- obtaining a reasonable rate of return

Our cash management program offers the County a good return on its investments without assuming unnecessary risks. A total of 1,116 investments were made during the first nine months, resulting in \$548,483 in total interest earnings for all funds. The weighted average yield for the first nine months was .15%. For comparison, during the first nine months of 2019, 1,075 investments were effectuated which generated \$1,728,194 in total interest earnings for all funds at an average weighted yield of .67%.

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS PURCHASED

	Number of Investments Jan - Sept		Average Investment (in millions) Jan – Sept		Average Length of Investment (days) Jan – Sept	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Manufacturers & Traders	1,116	1,075	29.4	31.5	6	7
Totals	1.116	1.075				

Investment Report

January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020

SUMMARY OF INTEREST EARNINGS BY FUND

	General Fund	Trust Fund	Capital Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
1 st Quarter 2 nd Quarter 3 rd Quarter	\$44,250 \$50,012 \$90,309	\$7,741 \$47,881 \$1,426	\$181,141 \$31,868 \$30,543	\$38,653 \$13,270 \$11,389	\$271,785 \$143,031 \$133,667
Year to date	\$184,571	\$57,048	\$243,552	\$63,312	\$548,483

Please note the 2020 Adopted Budget General Fund interest earnings is \$551,000. The actual year to date earnings for the General Fund as of September 30, 2020 is \$184,571. For comparison, as of September 30, 2019, the General Fund interest earnings were \$1,075,910.

SUMMARY OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE YIELD (ALL FUNDS)

Month	Weighted Average Yield		
	2020	2019	
January	.28%	.35%	
February	.26%	.35%	
March	.18%	.35%	
April	.10%	.42%	
May	.10%	.50%	
June	.10%	1.43%	
July	.10%	.87%	
August	.10%	.95%	
September	.10%	.77%	
Weighted Average Jan. – Sept.	.15%	.67%	

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

As a matter of procedure, the Erie County Comptroller's Office does not report public projections regarding future cash flows or other results. However, the Comptroller's Office has prepared projected cash flow information, set forth in the following schedule, to present the projected cumulative cash flow of Erie County for the year ending December 31, 2020.

The projected financial information is subject to change based on various intervening factors, and was not produced to comply with guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with respect to prospective financial information. Rather, it was prepared by the Comptroller's Office based on data provided by the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and other sources to reflect the best and currently available estimates and judgments, and presents, to the best of the Comptroller's Office's knowledge, the expected future cash flow of the County.

This information is not static or audited, and should not be relied upon as indicative of future results.

NEITHER THE COUNTY'S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS NOR ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS HAVE COMPILED, EXAMINED OR PERFORMED ANY PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE PROSPECTIVE CASH FLOW INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE NOT EXPRESSED ANY OPINION OR ANY OTHER FORM OF ASSURANCE ON SUCH INFORMATION OR ITS ACHIEVABILITY, AND ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND DISCLAIM ANY ASSOCIATION WITH, THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Cash Flow Statement

January-June Actual, July-December Projected 2020

Description	Actual January	Actual February	Actual March	Actual April	Actual May
Opening Balance	\$ 25,393,652	:			
RECEIPTS:					
DSS	\$ 30,634,225	\$ 25,664,071	\$ 11,034,731	\$ 9,381,854	\$ 39,231
Sales Tax	53,185,029	69,972,519	57,546,740	\$ 72,691,517	44,229,223
Real Property Tax	12,773,964	47,271,793	271,082,922	\$ 26,017,428	6,580,342
Other	21,023,234	17,759,303	48,407,520	\$ (13,521,095)	9,120,141
RAN Proceeds	-	-	-	\$ -	-
EFSCA Set Aside Release	6,181,619	409,125	9,889,775	\$ -	15,687,366
Total Receipts	123,798,071	161,076,811	397,961,688	\$ 94,569,705	75,656,302
DISBURSEMENTS:					
DSS	29,791,288	40,351,535	64,715,392	\$ 30,786,936	25,214,074
Payroll	71,578,849	28,365,349	31,912,498	\$ 28,031,672	39,271,698
Vendor	47,179,352	58,959,289	108,871,407	\$ 64,755,436	28,350,517
Debt Service	31,238	534,016	3,291,985	\$ 2,042,907	787,510
RAN Set Asides	-	-	-	\$ -	-
ECFSA Bond Set Asides	3,311,246	2,716,888	2,716,888	\$ 2,716,888	2,665,846
ECFSA Debt Service	6,181,619	409,125	9,889,775	\$ -	15,687,366
Total Disbursements	158,073,592	131,336,202	221,397,945	128,333,838	111,977,010
Monthly Cash Flow	\$ (34,275,521)	\$ 29,740,609	\$ 176,563,743	\$ (33,764,133)	\$ (36,320,708)
Cumulative Cash Flow	\$ (8,881,869)	\$ 20,858,740	\$ 197,422,483	\$ 163,658,350	\$ 127,337,642
					(Continued)

Cash Flow Statement

January-September Actual, October-December Projected 2020

Description	Actual June	_	Actual July	Actual August		Actual September		Projected October	
RECEIPTS:									
DSS	\$ 5,392,720	\$	27,353,592	\$	8,237,380	\$	27,353,592	\$	11,896,935
Sales Tax	81,329,149		59,710,242		59,497,727		59,710,242		69,249,432
Real Property Tax	6,385,082		8,992,786		3,964,944		3,752,410		2,931,356
Other	26,102,322		16,890,852		20,092,857		49,952,843		12,737,641
RAN Proceeds	125,000,000		-		-		-		-
EFSCA Set Aside Release	2,807,925		1,412,244		4,209,125		288,625		-
Total Receipts	247,017,198		114,359,716		96,002,034		141,057,713		96,815,364
DISBURSEMENTS:									
DSS	32,989,697		28,306,790		26,287,068		29,490,836		36,667,739
Payroll	28,616,370		30,645,868		28,650,439		36,579,133		30,149,272
Vendor	61,366,984		71,449,849		37,349,392		103,365,572		40,443,096
Debt Service	2,433,841		500,709		124,365		15,971,528		653,162
RAN Set Asides	-		-		-		-		-
ECFSA Bond Set Asides	2,557,701		2,557,284		2,557,284		2,557,284		2,557,138
ECFSA Debt Service	2,807,925		1,412,244		4,209,125		288,625		-
Total Disbursements	130,772,519		134,872,744		99,177,672		188,252,978		110,470,407
Monthly Cash Flow	\$ 116,244,679	\$	(20,513,028)	\$	(3,175,638)	\$	(47,195,265)	\$	(13,655,043)
Cumulative Cash Flow	\$ 243,582,321	\$	223,069,293	\$	219,893,655	\$	172,698,390	\$	159,043,347

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Cash Flow Statement

January-September Actual, October-December Projected 2020

Description		Projected November		Projected December	TOTAL	
RECEIPTS:						
DSS	\$	18,913,473	\$	1,743,795	\$	177,645,598
Sales Tax		52,182,712		83,691,582		762,996,115
Real Property Tax		4,374,503		4,275,729		398,403,260
Other		7,101,943		16,550,102		232,217,664
RAN Proceeds		-		-		125,000,000
EFSCA Set Aside Release		1,766,909		2,430,675		45,083,388
Total Receipts		84,339,540		108,691,883		1,741,346,024
DISBURSEMENTS:						
DSS		28,945,366		31,730,198		405,276,918
Payroll		42,784,730		33,415,870		430,001,748
Vendor		33,048,269		72,239,129		727,378,291
Debt Service		486,035		842,007		27,699,303
RAN Set Asides		-		-		-
ECFSA Bond Set Asides		2,556,971		2,556,451		32,027,869
ECFSA Debt Service		1,766,909		2,430,675		45,083,388
Total Disbursements		109,588,280		143,214,330		1,667,467,517
Monthly Cash Flow	\$	(25,248,740)	\$	(34,522,447)	\$	73,878,507
Cumulative Cash Flow	\$	133,794,607	\$	99,272,160		
						(Concluded)

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
PROPERTY AND SALES TAX SUMMARY

Property Tax Collections

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	 2019
Gross Levy	\$ 786,464,053	\$ 764,922,333
Less: Amount Retained by Towns	(399,132,716)	(390,913,308)
Net Collectible by County	387,331,337	374,009,025
Less: January - September Collections	(361,969,871)	(350,134,578)
Net Outstanding at September 30	\$ 25,361,466	\$ 23,874,447
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Percentage Collected through September 30 .	93.5%	93.6%

Source: Erie County Govern Tax Collection System.

Sales Tax Revenue

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

	,	2020 Adopted Budget	ptember 2020 Y-T-D evenue (1) (2)	% of Budget Realized	 2019 Adopted Budget	eptember 2019 Y-T-D evenue (1) (2)	% of Budget Realized
Sales And Use Tax	\$	185,270,714	\$ 131,433,646	70.9%	\$ 180,575,183	\$ 136,014,378	75.3%
1% Sales Tax - Erie County Purposes		174,921,477	124,090,689	70.9%	170,488,501	128,416,175	75.3%
0.25% Sales Tax		43,715,523	31,017,031	71.0%	42,605,485	32,089,098	75.3%
0.50% Sales Tax		87,431,046	 62,034,061	71.0%	 85,210,972	 64,178,196	75.3%
Totals	\$	491,338,760	\$ 348,575,427	70.9%	\$ 478,880,141	\$ 360,697,847	75.3%

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office.

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Through September 30, 2020 year to date, \$240,838,425 was recorded as both a revenue and an expenditure if the County's General Fund for sales tax shared with local municipalities. This revenue amount is excluded from the table above.

⁽²⁾ Includes accrual estimate for portion to be received in November 2020.

 COUNTY OF ERIE. NEW YORK —	

DEBT SCHEDULES

Annual Debt Service Requirements for Long-Term General **Obligation Indebtedness of the County (1)**

As of September 30, 2020

Fiscal Year Ending December 31	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total Debt Service
2020	3,075,000.00	3,478,271.89	6,553,271.89
2021	44,323,052.00	15,209,061.94	59,532,113.94
2022	46,384,295.00	13,031,242.44	59,415,537.44
2023	48,581,538.00	10,722,523.29	59,304,061.29
2024	27,213,781.00	8,723,363.86	35,937,144.86
2025	24,780,024.00	7,462,659.35	32,242,683.35
2026	23,542,267.00	6,283,064.90	29,825,331.90
2027	19,624,510.00	5,192,203.97	24,816,713.97
2028	20,490,752.00	4,247,023.25	24,737,775.25
2029	17,557,995.00	3,256,662.18	20,814,657.18
2030	14,035,238.00	2,428,771.76	16,464,009.76
2031	14,681,481.00	1,756,588.33	16,438,069.33
2032	7,251,336.00	1,142,950.96	8,394,286.96
2033	3,128,839.00	821,858.98	3,950,697.98
2034	2,823,839.00	704,283.56	3,528,122.56
2035	2,532,839.00	599,999.03	3,132,838.03
2036	1,882,839.00	505,649.89	2,388,488.89
2037	1,462,839.00	427,478.31	1,890,317.31
2038	1,492,839.00	365,577.98	1,858,416.98
2039	1,532,839.00	301,858.01	1,834,697.01
2040	1,272,839.00	237,115.97	1,509,954.97
2041	1,285,000.00	183,118.02	1,468,118.02
2042	760,000.00	140,783.35	900,783.35
2043	605,000.00	113,813.00	718,813.00
2044	615,000.00	89,559.40	704,559.40
2045	635,000.00	64,709.40	699,709.40
2046	645,000.00	39,263.00	684,263.00
2047	665,000.00	13,220.20	678,220.20
Totals	\$ 332,880,981.00	\$ 87,542,676.22	\$ 420,423,657.22

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

Note: (1) Amount is net of debt service payments of \$67,397,353.32 made from January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

Direct General Obligation Indebtedness Outstanding

As of September 30, 2020

Bonds:			
Highway Improvements	\$ 91,124,341.00		
Buildings and other Improvements	78,523,320.15		
Sew er District Facilities	72,555,981.00		
New Era Field	26,796,404.55		
Community College	28,241,631.11		
Court House Facilities	6,967,866.99		
Computer System	9,365,815.45		
Prison Facilities	7,345,488.84		
Key Bank Center	6,335,000.00		
Convention Center	4,232,382.91		
Buffalo Zoo	1,392,749.00		
Total Long-Term Debt	_	\$	332,880,981.00 (1)(2)
Exclusions :			
Sew er District Debt	72,555,981.00		
Budgeted Appropriations	1,580,000.00		
Total Deductions			74,135,981.00
Net Pinest Dalet		•	250 745 000 00
Net Direct Debt		\$	258,745,000.00

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Pursuant to the agreement governing the sale of the County hospital and nursing home to Erie County Medical Center Corporation, the County continues to be directly responsible for the payment of certain bonded debt for these facilities. Bonded debt, in the amount of \$72,365,000 of Erie County Medical Center Corporation for which the County has indirect responsibility as guarantor, is not included above.

⁽²⁾ This schedule reflects remaining principal for bonds issued from 2001 to 2019 by the County.

Calculation of Constitutional Debt Limit

As of September 30, 2020

For Fiscal Year Ended December 31	 Equalized Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property
2016	51,961,517,243.00
2017	54,929,481,216.00
2018	58,098,573,862.00
2019	60,970,410,994.00
2020	64,807,715,713.00
Total five year full valuation	\$ 290,767,699,028.00
5 Year Average full valuation	\$ 58,153,539,806.00
Debt limit - 7% of average full valuation	\$ 4,070,747,786.42

Source: NYS Office of the State Comptroller - Data Management Unit

Calculation of Total Net Indebtedness

As September 30, 2020

Five year average full valuation (2016-2020)		\$ 58,153,539,806.00
Debt Limit - 7% of average full valuation		\$ 4,070,747,786.42
Outstanding Indebtedness:		
Bonds - General	\$ 260,325,000.00	
Bonds - Sewer	72,555,981.00	
Bond Guaranty - ECMCC (1)	72,365,000.00	
Total Indebtedness	405,245,981.00	
Less Exclusions:		
Sewer Exclusion	72,555,981.00	
Budgeted Appropriations	1,580,000.00	
Total Exclusions	74,135,981.00	
Total Net Indebtedness		331,110,000.00
Net Debt Contracting Margin		\$ 3,739,637,786.42
Percentage of Debt Contracting Power Exhausted		 8.13%

Sources:

Property Value - NYS Office of the State Comptroller - Data Management Unit Indebtedness and exclusions - Erie County Comptroller's Office

Note:

(1) Erie County Medical Center Corporation

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL DATA

Property Tax Collection History

Last Ten Fiscal Years

	County	All Other	Total Property Taxes Levied	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy			
Fiscal Year	Property Taxes Levied (1)	Property Taxes Levied (2)	for the Fiscal Year	Amount	Percentage of Levy		
2010	232,413,974	405,958,043	638,372,017	622,129,950	97.46%		
2011	235,182,208	413,059,474	648,241,682	628,996,639	97.03%		
2012	237,692,831	418,201,340	655,894,171	636,198,405	97.00%		
2013	237,270,828	418,170,150	655,440,978	637,052,431	97.19%		
2014	241,721,087	420,052,940	661,774,027	644,024,505	97.32%		
2015	245,876,811	428,290,819	674,167,630	655,940,466	97.30%		
2016	257,638,097	437,982,920	695,621,017	677,125,859	97.34%		
2017	272,002,597	447,195,930	719,198,527	700,924,354	97.46%		
2018	287,386,093	457,147,623	744,533,716	725,368,656	97.43%		
2019	295,096,353	469,825,980	764,922,333	745,093,535	97.41%		

Sources:

Erie County Department of Real Property Tax Services Erie County Govern Tax Collection System

Notes

- (1) Totals shown exclude amounts levied in accordance with State law to recover election expenditures from the municipalities that were incurred by the County.
- (2) Totals shown are primarily comprised of taxes levied for the benefit of County towns, re-levy of uncollected school and village taxes, and sewer district taxes and user charges.

Short-Term Borrowing History (1)

2001 - 2020

Year	Amount	Туре		Issue Date	Maturity Date
2001	-	N/A	_	N/A	N/A
2002	43,000,000	RAN	(2)	09/18/02	09/17/03
2003	90,000,000	RAN		06/24/03	06/23/04
2004	82,500,000	RAN		07/14/04	07/13/05
2005	80,000,000	RAN		03/11/05	03/10/06
2005	80,000,000	RAN		07/14/05	07/13/06
2006	110,000,000	RAN		06/13/06	06/13/07
2007	75,000,000	RAN		06/27/07	06/27/08
2008	75,000,000	RAN		09/30/08	06/30/09
2009	103,534,867	BAN	(3)	05/20/09	05/18/10
2009	65,000,000	RAN		10/27/09	06/30/10
2010	45,000,000	RAN		08/12/10	06/30/11
2010	20,000,000	RAN		12/14/10	04/14/11
2011	88,000,000	RAN		10/06/11	06/29/12
2012	75,000,000	RAN		10/11/12	06/28/13
2013	109,440,000	RAN		08/27/13	06/30/14
2014	110,000,000	RAN		09/18/14	06/30/15
2015	89,560,000	RAN		12/14/15	06/30/16
2016	89,580,000	RAN		12/07/16	06/30/17
2017	111,225,000	RAN		09/28/17	06/30/18
2018	79,255,000	RAN		09/26/18	06/30/19
2019	-	RAN		N/A	N/A
2020	125,000,000	RAN		06/25/20	06/24/21

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

Notes:

(1) Excludes all Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANs") issued by the Environmental Facilities Corporation.

(2) Revenue Anticipation Notes ("RANs") may be issued in any fiscal year in anticipation of the collection or receipt of taxes (other than real property taxes) and certain other types of revenue which are due and payable in such fiscal year and moneys to be received from the State or Federal government which are due in such fiscal year. Pursuant to State law, such notes must mature within one year after the date of issuance, and may be renewed from time to time for periods of up to one year; however, the maturity of such notes, including renewals, may not extend beyond the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such notes were originally issued.

The issuance of RANs has been necessitated, in part, by the State's practice of requiring local governments to pay 100% of the expenditures for various programs in advance, and then providing subsequent, often delayed, reimbursement for the non-local share.

(3) BANs may be issued in anticipation of bond proceeds to be received at a later date. On May 17, 2010, the BANs were paid by the issuance of long-term general obligation bonds by the ECFSA pursuant to an agreement entered into by the parties.

Outstanding Long-Term Direct Indebtedness (1)

Last Ten Fiscal Years
As of December 31

Fiscal Year	Amount (2)	_
2010	448,722,294	(3)
2011	416,691,804	(3)
2012	392,619,957	(3)
2013	412,285,000	(3)
2014	391,605,000	(3)
2015	368,175,000	(3)
2016	348,165,000	(3)
2017	327,405,000	(3)
2018	318,235,000	(3)
2019	310,830,000	(3)

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

Notes:

(1) Excludes all sewer debt payable from special assessments.

(2) Excludes ECMCC bond guaranty of \$99,305,000 for 2009, \$97,150,000 for 2010, \$94,900,000 for 2011, \$92,550,000 for 2012, \$90,085,000 for 2013, \$87,500,000 for 2014, \$84,790,000 for 2015, \$81,930,000 for 2016, \$78,910,000 for 2017, and \$72,365,000 for 2019.

(3) Excludes ECFSA Bonds and includes Erie County Mirror Bonds.

Valuations, Tax Levies and Rates

Last Five Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Assessed Valuation \$	43,964,519,282	\$43,811,239,534	\$42,980,773,523	\$40,991,885,474	\$40,289,301,287
Equalized Full Valuation	64,771,315,474	60,970,410,994	58,098,573,862	54,929,481,216	51,961,517,243
Levied for County Purposes (1)	305,272,912	295,096,353	287,386,093	272,002,597	257,638,097
Rates for \$1,000 of Equalized Full Valuation	\$4.71	\$4.84	\$4.95	\$4.95	\$4.96

Source: Division of Real Property Tax Annual Reports

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Includes County and Library property taxes.

Computation of Constitutional Taxing Power for 2020

Tax Year	Full Valuation		
2016		51,961,517,243	
2017		54,929,481,216	
2018		58,098,573,862	
2019		60,970,410,994	
2020	_	64,807,715,713	
Total	\$	290,767,699,028	
Five-Year Average Full Valuation	\$	58,153,539,806	
Tax Limit (1.5%) (1)	\$	872,303,097	
Total Exclusions		70,357,624	
Total Taxing Power		942,660,721	
Total Levy for 2020 (2)		340,091,260	
Tax Margin (1)	\$	602,569,461	

Source: Data excerpted from the County's Constitutional Tax Limit Report, filed with the New York State Comptroller

Notes:

(1) New York State Constitutional Tax Limit equals 1.5% of Five-Year Average Full Valuation. By Amendment to the County Charter, the County has limited its annual property tax levy to one per centum (1.0%) of the five year average of full valuation. The County's 2020 total taxing power under this local law is \$651,893,022 leaving a tax margin of \$311,801,762

(2) Includes County and Library property taxes, taxes for election expenses and Community College chargebacks.