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Pierce County

For the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

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Mayor and City Council
City of DuPont
DuPont, Washington

Report on Financial Statements

Please find attached our report on the City of DuPont's financial statements.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the City's financial condition.

Sincerely,

JAN M. JUTTE, CPA, CGFM
ACTING STATE AUDITOR
OLYMPIA, WA

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

**City of DuPont
Pierce County
January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014**

Mayor and City Council
City of DuPont
Dupont, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the City of DuPont, Pierce County, Washington, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2015.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the City's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared by the City using accounting practices prescribed by Washington State statutes and the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual described in Note 1, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the City's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However,

this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jan M. Jutte". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

JAN M. JUTTE, CPA, CGFM
ACTING STATE AUDITOR
OLYMPIA, WA

October 15, 2015

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

City of DuPont Pierce County

January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

Mayor and City Council
City of DuPont
DuPont, Washington

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of DuPont, Pierce County, Washington, for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's financial statements, as listed on page 10.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Washington State statutes and the *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual prescribed by the State Auditor described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor

considers internal control relevant to the City's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting (BARS Manual)

As described in Note 1, the City of DuPont has prepared these financial statements to meet the financial reporting requirements of Washington State statutes using accounting practices prescribed by the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The differences in these accounting practices are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the City of DuPont, for the year ended December 31, 2014, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between GAAP and the accounting practices the City used, as described in Note 1, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. As a result, we are required to issue an adverse opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the City of DuPont, as of December 31, 2014, or the changes in financial position or cash flows for the year then ended, due to the significance of the matter discussed in the above "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP" paragraph.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Liabilities is presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the prescribed BARS manual. This schedule is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 15, 2015 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



JAN M. JUTTE, CPA, CGFM
ACTING STATE AUDITOR
OLYMPIA, WA

October 15, 2015

FINANCIAL SECTION

**City of DuPont
Pierce County
January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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City of DuPont
Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

		Total for All Funds (Memo Only)	001 General Fund	101 Street Fund
Beginning Cash and Investments				
30810	Reserved	4,915,068	-	-
30880	Unreserved	4,311,577	3,317,924	2,921
388 & 588	Prior Period Adjustments, Net	-	-	-
Operating Revenues				
310	Taxes	6,084,744	5,613,081	-
320	Licenses and Permits	393,711	384,245	375
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	471,692	110,429	338,099
340	Charges for Goods and Services	3,764,565	501,373	78,966
350	Fines and Penalties	23,178	1,454	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	109,568	102,201	4
Total Operating Revenues:		<u>10,847,457</u>	<u>6,712,782</u>	<u>417,444</u>
Operating Expenditures				
510	General Government	1,449,768	1,447,658	-
520	Public Safety	3,535,664	3,342,494	-
530	Utilities	1,974,317	-	-
540	Transportation	507,925	101,138	406,783
550	Natural and Economic Environment	642,882	642,882	-
560	Social Services	-	-	-
570	Culture and Recreation	403,777	286,683	-
Total Operating Expenditures:		<u>8,514,334</u>	<u>5,820,856</u>	<u>406,783</u>
Net Operating Increase (Decrease):		2,333,125	891,927	10,661
Nonoperating Revenues				
370-380, 395 & 398	Other Financing Sources	200,374	18,889	-
391-393	Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
397	Transfers-In	1,480,318	-	200,625
Total Nonoperating Revenues:		<u>1,680,692</u>	<u>18,889</u>	<u>200,625</u>
Nonoperating Expenditures				
580, 596 & 599	Other Financing Uses	59,264	3,017	-
591-593	Debt Service	1,368,462	-	-
594-595	Capital Expenditures	607,939	26,491	186,013
597	Transfers-Out	1,480,318	1,469,939	-
Total Nonoperating Expenditures:		<u>3,515,983</u>	<u>1,499,447</u>	<u>186,013</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:		497,834	(588,630)	25,273
Ending Cash and Investments				
50810	Reserved	877,424	-	-
50880	Unreserved	8,847,050	2,729,294	28,194

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

103 Hotel Motel Tax	104 Public Safety Mitigation	160 Drug Enforcement	202 UTGO	301 Capital	401 Water
260,737	658,114	-	-	145,988	2,476,263
-	-	9,289	10,369	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
123,030	-	-	-	348,633	-
9,091	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	23,163	-
-	49,902	-	-	-	1,949,819
-	-	-	-	-	21,724
258	631	9	10	165	3,706
132,379	50,532	9	10	371,961	1,975,249
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	193,170	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	1,304,368
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
117,093	-	-	-	-	-
117,093	193,170	-	-	-	1,304,368
15,286	(142,638)	9	10	371,961	670,881
-	-	-	-	-	56,985
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	640,000	29,314
-	-	-	-	640,000	86,299
-	-	-	-	-	54,011
-	127,008	-	-	954,108	185,740
204	-	-	-	-	26,351
-	-	-	10,379	-	-
204	127,008	-	10,379	954,108	266,103
15,082	(269,646)	9	(10,369)	57,853	491,078
275,818	388,468	9,298	-	203,840	-
-	-	-	-	-	2,967,337

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

403 Storm Water	501 ER&R
1,373,966	-
-	971,074
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
1,045,404	139,102
-	-
1,607	977
<u>1,047,010</u>	<u>140,079</u>
-	2,110
-	-
669,949	-
-	4
-	-
-	-
<u>669,949</u>	<u>2,114</u>
377,061	137,965
124,500	-
-	-
-	610,379
<u>124,500</u>	<u>610,379</u>
2,236	-
101,606	-
2,531	366,347
-	-
<u>106,373</u>	<u>366,347</u>
395,188	381,997
-	-
1,769,154	1,353,071

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

City of DuPont
Fiduciary Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

		Total for All Funds (Memo Only)	631 Transportation Benefit District
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
308	Beginning Cash and Investments	1,400	1,400
388 & 588	Prior Period Adjustments, Net	-	-
310-360	Revenues	25	25
380-390	Other Increases and Financing Sources	84,389	84,389
510-570	Expenditures	238	238
580-590	Other Decreases and Financing Uses	81,966	81,966
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:	2,210	2,210
508	Ending Cash and Investments	3,610	3,610

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

City of DuPont
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of DuPont was incorporated on April 12, 1951, and operates under the laws of the State of Washington applicable to a code city with a mayor/council form of government. The City is a general purpose government with its fiscal year ending December 31. The City provides a broad range of general government services including law enforcement, fire protection, public works, water, and storm utilities.

The City reports financial activity in accordance with the *Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) Manual prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- Financial transactions are recognized on a cash basis of accounting as described below.
- Component units are required to be disclosed, but are not included in the financial statements.
- Government-wide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- All funds are presented, rather than a focus on major funds.
- The *Schedule of Liabilities* is required to be presented with the financial statements as supplementary information.
- Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- Ending balances are not presented using the classifications defined in GAAP.

A. Fund Accounting

Financial transactions of the government are reported in individual funds. Each fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its cash and investments, revenues and expenditures. The government's resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. Each fund is reported as a separate column in the financial statements. The following fund types are used:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES:

General Fund

This fund is the primary operating fund of the government. It accounts for all financial resources except those required or elected to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes of the government.

Debt Service Funds

These funds account for the financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal, interest and related costs on general long-term debt.

Capital Projects Funds

These funds account for financial resources which are restricted, committed, or assigned for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities or other capital assets.

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES:

Enterprise Funds

These funds account for operations that provide goods or services to the general public and are supported primarily through user charges.

Internal Service Funds

These funds account for operations that provide goods or services to other departments or funds of the government on a cost reimbursement basis.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES:

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the government in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others.

Agency Funds

These funds are used to account assets that the government holds on behalf of others in a custodial capacity.

B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting and measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid.

In accordance with state law the City also recognizes expenditures paid during twenty days after the close of the fiscal year for claims incurred during the previous period.

C. Budgets

The City adopts annual appropriated budgets for all funds. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level except the general fund, where budget is adopted at the department level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end.

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets were as follows:

Fund/Department	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General Fund:			
Governance	\$ 785,156	\$ 748,983	\$ 36,173
Support Services	\$ 336,947	\$ 322,911	\$ 14,036
Police Department	\$ 1,739,842	\$ 1,665,470	\$ 74,372
Fire Department	\$ 1,717,887	\$ 1,671,196	\$ 46,691
Community	\$ 1,093,644	\$ 603,347	\$ 490,297
Public Works	\$ 589,983	\$ 532,512	\$ 57,471
Non-Departmental	\$ 1,740,842	\$ 1,719,736	\$ 21,106
<i>Total General Fund</i>	<i>\$ 8,004,301</i>	<i>\$ 7,264,155</i>	<i>\$ 740,146</i>
Street Fund	\$ 648,738	\$ 592,796	\$ 55,942
Street Depreciation Fund	\$ 55,625	\$ 54,548	\$ 1,077
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	\$ 177,881	\$ 117,298	\$ 60,583
Public Safety Mitigation	\$ 320,326	\$ 320,178	\$ 148
Technology Fund	\$ 2,939	\$ 968	\$ 1,971
Glacier NW Settlement	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Donations Fund	\$ 633	\$ 633	\$ 0
Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 10,384	\$ 10,379	\$ 5
LID Debt Service Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 989,509	\$ 954,108	\$ 35,401
Water Utility Fund	\$ 1,950,871	\$ 1,570,471	\$ 380,400
Stormwater Utility Fund	\$ 968,191	\$ 776,322	\$ 191,869
Equipment Rental/Repl.	\$ 390,425	\$ 368,461	\$ 21,964
Transportation Benefit	\$ 82,266	\$ 82,204	\$ 62
<i>Total All Funds</i>	<i>\$ 13,602,089</i>	<i>\$ 12,112,521</i>	<i>\$ 1,489,568</i>

The City Administrator is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the City of DuPont's legislative body.

The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts as revised during the year.

D. Cash and Investments

See Note 3, *Deposits and Investments*.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$ 1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 5 years. Capital assets and inventory are recorded as capital expenditures when purchased.

F. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 240 hours for all employees of the City except for twenty-four hour shift employees that are members of the DuPont Firefighters Local #3829 which may accumulate vacation leave up to 384 hours and is payable upon separation or retirement.

Sick leave may be accumulated up to 1,680 hours for twenty-four hour shift employees of the DuPont Firefighters Local #3829 and up to 1,280 hours for all other employees. Upon retirement members of the Dupont Employees' Association and the Dupont Police Officers' Association Local 165 receive 25% of their accumulated sick leave up to a maximum of 300 hours, members of the DuPont Firefighters Local #3829 receive 6.25% of their accumulated sick leave. Upon non-retirement separation employees do not receive payment for unused sick leave.

G. Long-Term Debt

See Note 4, *Debt Service Requirements*.

H. Other Financing Sources or Uses

The City's "Other Financing Sources or Uses" consist of utility and rental deposits received and paid back, retainage paid, state surcharge collected and remitted to the state, capital contributions received, and system development charges received.

I. Risk Management

The City of DuPont is a member of the Association of Washington Cities Risk Management Service Agency (AWC RMSA). Chapter 48.62 RCW authorizes the governing body of any one or more governmental entities to form together into or join a pool or organization for the joint purchasing of insurance, and/or joint self-insuring, and/or joint hiring or contracting for risk management services to the same extent that they may individually purchase insurance, self-insure, or hire or contract for risk management services. An agreement to form a pooling arrangement was made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The AWC RMSA was formed on January 1, 1989 when 32 municipalities in the State of Washington joined together by signing an Interlocal Governmental Agreement to pool their self-insured losses and jointly purchase insurance and administrative services. As of December 31, 2014, 94 municipalities/entities participate in the AWC RMSA pool.

The AWC RMSA allows members to establish a program of joint insurance and provides risk management services to all members. All coverages are on an occurrence basis. The AWC RMSA provides all risk property, comprehensive crime, general liability, automobile liability, police liability, public officials' liability, employee fidelity and faithful performance, and equipment breakdown insurance coverage. Equipment breakdown is included with the property insurance carrier and fidelity (crime) coverage is a stand-alone policy which the AWC RMSA procures for its members. The AWC RMSA also allows members with airports to group purchase airport liability coverage.

Members pay an annual assessment to the AWC RMSA. The AWC RMSA is responsible for payment of all covered causes of loss against the jurisdiction above the stated retention. All members in the AWC RMSA have \$10 million in both per occurrence and aggregate liability limits. For the first \$1 million, AWC RMSA is self-insured for its Self-Insured Retention (SIR) of \$250,000, per occurrence, and is reinsured by Berkley Public Entity for the additional \$750,000. For the \$9 million in excess coverage limits, an excess liability policy is purchased from Starr Indemnity & Liability Company. The excess property coverage is purchased through Lexington Insurance Company using the Pool's broker, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services. In 2014, AWC RMSA carried a retention of \$50,000 and limits up to \$250 million. Since AWC RMSA is a cooperative program, there is joint liability among the participating members.

Members contract to remain in the AWC RMSA pool for a minimum of one year and must give a one-year notice before terminating participation. Even after termination, a member is still responsible for contributions to the Pool for any unresolved, unreported, and in-process claims for the period they were signatory to the Interlocal Governmental Agreement.

The AWC RMSA establishes a loss fund for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses.

In accordance with WAC 200.100.02023, the AWC RMSA is governed by a board of directors which is comprised of elected officials of participating members.

J. Reserved Portion of Ending Cash and Investments

Beginning and Ending Cash and Investments is reported as reserved when it is subject to restrictions on use imposed by external parties or due to internal commitments established by DuPont City Council. When expenditures that meet restrictions are incurred, the City intends to use reserved resources first before using unreserved amounts.

Reservations of Ending Cash and Investments consist of the following:

Fund	Purpose	Amount
Special Revenue	Hotel/Motel Tax	275,818
Special Revenue	Public Safety Mitigation	388,468
Special Revenue	Drug Enforcement	9,298
Capital Projects	R.E.E.T.	203,840
Fiduciary	Transportation Benefit District	<u>3,610</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 881,034</u>

Note 2 - Property Tax

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property taxes levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Taxes are levied annually on January 1st on property value listed as of the prior May 31st. Assessed values are established by the county assessor at 100 percent of fair market value. A physical revaluation of all property is required every six years.

Taxes are due in two equal installments on April 30th and October 31st. Collections are remitted monthly to the appropriate district by the county treasurer.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by the City. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after taxes are levied.

The City of DuPont's regular tax levy rate for the year 2014 was \$1.2127 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$1,289,134,625 for a total regular levy of \$1,566,412.77. The City's EMS tax levy rate was \$0.50 per \$1,000 on total assessed valuation for a total of \$645,818.80.

The City is permitted by law to levy up to \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for general governmental services. This amount may be reduced for any of the following three reasons:

- a. The Washington State Constitution limits the total regular property taxes to one percent of assessed valuation or \$10 per \$1,000 of value. If the taxes of all districts exceed this amount, each is proportionately reduced until the total is at or below the one percent limit.
- b. Initiative 747 limits the growth of regular property taxes to one percent per year or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower, after adjustments for new construction. If the assessed valuation increases by more than this legal limit due to revaluation, the levy rate will be decreased.
- c. The City may voluntarily levy taxes below the legal limit.

Special levies approved by the voters are not subject to the above limitations.

Note 3 – Deposits and Investments

It is the City’s policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. The interest on these investments is prorated to the various funds.

All deposits and certificates of deposit are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and/or the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission. All investments are insured, registered or held by the City or its agent in the government’s name.

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments by type at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Type of Investment	City of DuPont Investments	Investments held by the City for the DuPont Transportation Benefit District	Total
Local Government Investment Pool	\$9,558,709	\$1	\$9,558,710

Note 4 – Debt Service Requirements

The accompanying Schedule of Liabilities (09) provides a listing of the outstanding debt and liability of the City of DuPont and summarizes the City’s debt transactions for 2014.

The City received its first draw on a construction Public Works Trust Fund loan during 2000 for \$1,306,771. The final draw of \$91,360.66 was received in 2005. As a result of the City transferring its sewer utility to Pierce County in July of 2008, this loan was split between Pierce County and the City. The City’s portion was recorded as a new loan effective October 2008. This loan requires annual principal payments of \$31,444 and 1% interest on the outstanding balance. The outstanding balance on this new loan was \$157,223 as of December 31, 2014.

The City issued Certificates of Participation on April 7, 2009, for its Civic Center Project in the amount of \$18,005,000. The sixth principal payment of \$325,000 was made in December 2014. The outstanding balance on this debt was \$15,960,000 as of December 31, 2014.

The debt service requirements, including interest, to amortize all debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014, are as follows:

Year Ended December 31	General Obligation	Other Debt	Total
2015	1,277,075	32,886	\$1,309,961
2016	1,267,413	32,703	1,300,116
2017	1,271,663	32,388	1,304,051
2018	1,270,013	32,074	1,302,087
2019	1,271,725	31,759	1,303,484
2020-2024	6,357,088	-	6,357,088
2025-2029	6,356,188	-	6,356,188
2030-2034	6,361,713	-	6,361,713
2035-2039	5,093,656	-	5,093,656
Total	<u>\$30,526,534</u>	<u>\$161,810</u>	<u>\$30,688,344</u>

There are a number of other limitations and restrictions contained in the various bond indentures. The City is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions.

Note 5 - Interfund Loans

The City had no interfund loans or advances outstanding in 2014.

Note 6 - Pension Plans

Substantially all of the City’s full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in the PERS and LEOFF retirement plans administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, under cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans. Actuarial information is on a system-wide basis and is not considered pertinent to the City’s financial statements. Contributions to the systems by both employee and employer are based upon gross wages covered by plan benefits.

Historical trend or other information regarding each plan is presented in the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems annual financial report. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing to:

Department of Retirement Systems
Communications Unit
PO Box 48380
Olympia, WA 98504-8380

Note 7 - Other Disclosures – Retirement Systems Audit

The City of DuPont received an audit from the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) in 2013. The scope of the audit was to ensure that individuals required to be enrolled and reported as members of the various retirement systems were reported, and to ensure that worker status was correctly determined. DRS concluded that the City’s then-contracted Fire Chief, Museum Manager, and Police Chief were functioning as employees and should have been paid and reported as such to DRS. They further concluded that since the contracted Fire Chief was a LEOFF 1 retiree, he should not have been receiving his pension during the term of his contract with the City. DRS ruled that all pension

payments paid to the contracted Fire Chief during the term of his contract with the City were overpayments. DRS assessed the City with repayment of the contracted Fire Chief's pension overpayments as well as amounts that should have been paid into DRS on behalf of the contracted Museum Manager and Police Chief. The total assessment was \$555,610.

The City of DuPont appealed DRS's ruling and continues to work through the appeals process.

Note 8 – Subsequent events

On April 28, 2015 DuPont City Council passed a Bond Ordinance authorizing the refinancing of the Civic Center debt. This refinancing is to happen in two separate bank qualified bank issuances. On June 4, 2015 the first portion of the bonds were issued, redeeming \$8,240,000 of the \$15,960,000 outstanding certificates of participation and issuing \$9,240,000 in LTGO bonds at a significantly lower interest rate. Although the principal amount of the debt has increased, the overall savings to the City over the life of the debt for this first issuance is \$2,570,098 with a net percentage savings of 22%.

City of DuPont
Schedule of Liabilities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

ID. No.	Description	Due Date	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
General Obligations						
259.11	General Govt-Compensated Absences		187,888	26,577	-	214,465
263.51	2009 Certificates of Participation	1/1/2039	13,028,000	-	260,000	12,768,000
263.11	AT&T Refund of Taxes Paid Claim		26,400	-	24,164	2,236
263.11	Washington State Dept of Retirement		555,610	-	-	555,610
	Total General Obligations:		13,797,898	26,577	284,164	13,540,311
Revenue Obligations						
259.12	Proprietary Funds-Compensated Absences		28,099	-	6,574	21,525
263.82	2008 Public Works Trust Fund	7/1/2019	188,669	-	31,445	157,224
252.11	2009 Certificates of Participation	1/1/2039	3,257,000	-	65,000	3,192,000
	Total Revenue Obligations:		3,473,768	-	103,019	3,370,749
Assessment Obligations						
253.11	Utility Local Improvement District-Historic Sites	2/1/2021	349,375	-	46,054	303,321
	Total Assessment Obligations:		349,375	-	46,054	303,321
	Total Liabilities:		17,621,041	26,577	433,237	17,214,381

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