

**BERRIEN COUNTY  
BUILDING AUTHORITY  
(A Component Unit of  
Berrien County, Michigan)**



**St. Joseph, Michigan**

**Basic Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

# BERRIEN COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

June 28, 2010

To the Commissioners of the  
Berrien County Building Authority Board  
St. Joseph, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the **Berrien County Building Authority (the "Authority")**, a component unit of Berrien County, Michigan, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Berrien County Building Authority. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 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 that 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 and each major fund of the Berrien County Building Authority as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 28, 2010, on our consideration of the County of Berrien, Michigan'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.

The Authority has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.



**BASIC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BERRIEN COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY**  
**Statement of Net Assets and**  
**Governmental Funds Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2009**

	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Assets</u>
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 165,059	\$ 165,059	\$ -	\$ 165,059
Leases receivable	7,793,404	-	7,793,404	-	7,793,404
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,793,404</u>	<u>\$ 165,059</u>	<u>\$ 7,958,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,958,463</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accrued interest payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	108,463	108,463
Deferred revenue	7,793,404	-	7,793,404	(7,793,404)	-
Long-term liabilities:					
Due in one year	-	-	-	975,000	975,000
Due in more than one year	-	-	-	6,875,000	6,875,000
Total liabilities	7,793,404	-	7,793,404	165,059	7,958,463
<b>Fund balances</b>					
Unreserved, undesignated	-	165,059	165,059	(165,059)	-
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 7,793,404</u>	<u>\$ 165,059</u>	<u>\$ 7,958,463</u>		
<b>Net assets</b>					
Unrestricted				<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**BERRIEN COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY**  
**Statement of Activities and**  
**Governmental Funds Revenue, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,283,300	\$ -	\$ 1,283,300	\$ (914,744)	\$ 368,556
Interest revenue	-	548	548	-	548
Total revenue	<u>1,283,300</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>1,283,848</u>	<u>(914,744)</u>	<u>369,104</u>
<b>Expenditures / expenses</b>					
Public works	-	42,556	42,556	(42,556)	-
Debt service:					
Principal	925,000	-	925,000	(925,000)	-
Interest and fiscal charges	358,300	-	358,300	10,804	369,104
Total expenditures / expenses	<u>1,283,300</u>	<u>42,556</u>	<u>1,325,856</u>	<u>(956,752)</u>	<u>369,104</u>
Change in fund balances / net assets	-	(42,008)	(42,008)	42,008	-
<b>Fund balances / net assets</b>					
Beginning of year	-	207,067	207,067	(207,067)	-
<b>End of year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 165,059</u>	<u>\$ 165,059</u>	<u>\$ (165,059)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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# **NOTES to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# BERRIEN COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY

## Notes To Basic Financial Statements

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### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Berrien County Building Authority (the “Authority”) was incorporated under the authority of Act 31, Public Act of Michigan, as amended. The purpose of the Authority is to acquire, furnish, renovate, construct and maintain buildings and other facilities for the use of the County.

**Reporting Entity** – These financial statements represent the financial position and the changes in financial position of a blended component unit of Berrien County (the “County”) and are an integral part of that reporting entity.

**Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements** – As permitted by GASB Statement No. 34, the Authority uses an alternative approach reserved for single program governments to present combined authority-wide and fund financial statements by using a columnar format that reconciles individual line items of fund financial data to government-wide data in a separate column. Accordingly, this is presented in the Statement of Net Assets and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the aforementioned financial statements.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation** – The authority-wide financial information is 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.

Governmental fund financial information is 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 government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

The Authority reports the following major governmental funds:

**Debt Service Fund** - This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, interest and principal on bonded debt.

**Capital Projects Fund** - This fund accounts for the use of financial resources segregated for the construction/renovation of major capital facilities.

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## Notes To Basic Financial Statements

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***Cash and Cash Equivalents*** – The Authority’s cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State statutes authorize local governments to deposit in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations.

***Long-term Obligations*** – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt is reported as a liability. Bond discounts, premiums, issuance costs and refunding losses, if any, are deferred and amortized over the life of the applicable bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond discount, premium and deferred loss, if any. Bond issuance costs, if any, are reported as deferred charges.

### 2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

At year end, the carrying amount of the Building Authority’s deposits were \$165,059. Cash categorizations are included in the County’s basic financial statements to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the County at year-end. It is not feasible to allocate the level of risk to the various component units of the County.

### 3. LEASES RECEIVABLE

The Authority has entered into various lease agreements with the County for buildings acquired or constructed by the Authority. These agreements generally terminate with the retirement of the related bond issues. Leases receivable are reported at an amount equal to the lesser of the actual bond-financed construction costs incurred to date or the outstanding bond principal (plus accrued interest). Annual lease payments under these agreements are equal to the related bond principal and interest due each year. At termination of a lease, title to the leased property is passed to the County.

Under the accrual basis of accounting and the provisions of FASB (Financial Accounting Standards Board) Statement No. 13, *Accounting for Leases*, the Authority’s leases are classified as sales leases. As a result, leases receivable are recognized in the accompanying statement of net assets, whereas capital assets are not.

All lease agreements provide for the lessee to use, operate and maintain the property, at its own expense, subject to the terms and conditions of the agreements.

# BERRIEN COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY

## Notes To Basic Financial Statements

### 4. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The Building Authority has issued general obligation bonds to finance the construction or purchase of facilities. Such bonds are to be repaid from rental payments by the County. The Authority has pledged its full faith and credit for payment on the general obligation bonds.

The Building Authority has the following bond issues outstanding:

	<u>Due</u>	<u>Installments</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2002 Berrien County Building Authority	2015	\$575,000 - \$900,000	3.00% - 4.65%	\$ 4,975,000
2005 Berrien County Building Authority	2020	\$175,000 - \$300,000	3.25% - 4.10%	<u>2,875,000</u>
				<u><u>\$ 7,850,000</u></u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$	975,000	\$	323,388
2011		1,000,000		285,513
2012		1,050,000		245,862
2013		1,100,000		203,335
2014		1,125,000		157,364
2015-2019		2,300,000		276,450
2019-2020		300,000		12,300
Total		<u>\$ 7,850,000</u>		<u>\$ 1,504,212</u>

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligation transactions for the year ended December 31, 2009:

Total debt outstanding - January 1, 2009	\$ 8,775,000
Less principal payments	<u>(925,000)</u>
<b>Total debt outstanding - December 31, 2009</b>	<u><b>\$ 7,850,000</b></u>
<b>Due within one year</b>	<u><b>\$ 975,000</b></u>

# BERRIEN COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY

## Notes To Basic Financial Statements

### 5. ADJUSTMENTS

Following is an explanation of the adjustments between the governmental funds balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net assets, which reconciles fund balances to net assets:

<b>Fund balances</b>	\$ 165,059
<b>Adjustments:</b>	
Leases receivable are not <i>current financial resources</i> and therefore are deferred in the governmental funds	7,793,404
Bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore not reported in the governmental funds	(7,850,000)
Accrued interest on bonds payable	<u>(108,463)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

Following is an explanation of the adjustments between the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities, which reconciles the net change in fund balances to the change in net assets:

<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	\$ (42,008)
<b>Adjustments:</b>	
Amounts received for the payment of certain bond principal and interest are recorded in the funds as revenue. For the statement of activities, a portion of this revenue is eliminated and treated as a reduction of the lease receivable	(914,744)
Repayment of bond and note principal is an expenditure in the funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities for net assets	925,000
Change in accrued interest on bonds payable	(10,804)
Payments for the acquisition/construction of capital facilities are reported as expenditures in the funds, but are treated as an increase of the lease receivable for the authority-wide statements	<u>42,556</u>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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