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FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

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FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Board of Commissioners
of Floyd County, Georgia
Rome, Georgia

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 governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Floyd County, Georgia (the County) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 18, 2026. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Floyd County Health Department as described in our report on the County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County'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 entity'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 and those of other auditors, 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 County'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Chattanooga, Tennessee
June 18, 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Commissioners
of Floyd County, Georgia
Rome, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Floyd County, Georgia's (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2025. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Floyd County, Georgia and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

Other Matter - Federal Expenditures Not Included in the Compliance Audit

The County's basic financial statements include the operations of the Floyd County Health Department, which expended $7,304,827 in federal awards which is not included in the County's schedule of expenditures of federal awards. Our compliance audit, described in the "Opinion on Each Major Federal Program," does not include the operations of the Floyd County Health Department because other auditors have been engaged by the Floyd County Health Department to perform the audit of compliance.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-001. Our opinion on the County's major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-001 to be a material weakness.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the County's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Floyd County, Georgia as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon, dated June 18, 2026, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Chattanooga, Tennessee
June 18, 2026

FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For Year Ended December 31, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Contract or Project Number	Total Expenditures
U.S. Department of Justice			
Passed Through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council:			
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	Bullet Proof Vest	$ 15,551
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	23-GG-00007-BSCI	6,399
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	23-GG-00007-BSCI	13,099
	16.738	15BPJA-24-GG-05595-JAGX	17,064
Subtotal for Memorial Justice Assistance Grants:			36,562
VOCA Grant for Victim Witness	16.575	C23-8-249	42,624
VOCA Grant for Victim Witness	16.575	AW-VOCA-25-071-012	14,986
Subtotal for Crime Victim Assistance Grants:			57,610
OVW 2024 Enhancing Investigations and Prosecution	16.590	15JOVW-24-GG-01488-POLP	90,031
Total for U.S. Department of Justice			**$ 199,754**
U.S. Department of the Treasury			
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	2025	$ 5,724,640
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			**$ 5,724,640**
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed through Georgia Emergency Management Agency:			
Emergency Management Performance Grant	97.042	EMA-2025-EP	$ 28,895
Passed through Georgia Emergency Management Agency:			
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	97.039	HMGP 4501-0038	6,840
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	97.039	HMGP-4400-006	1,738,009
Subtotal for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Grants:			1,744,849
Electronic Crimes Task Force	97.067	2025	5,000
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2022-SS-00048	20,165
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2024-SS-05208	49,701
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2024-SS-05208	57,104
Subtotal for Homeland Security Grant Program Grants:			131,970
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			**$ 1,905,714**
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Passed through the Georgia Department of Transportation:			
Airport Improvement Program - Rehab RE 1/19 Light Sign Design	20.106	AP025-9086-44(115)	$ 4,318
Airport Improvement Program - DBE Plan Update	20.106	AP025-9086-44(115)	2,205
Airport Improvement Program - Rehab RE 1/19 Light Sign Construction	20.106	AP025-9086-44(115)	1,120,784
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			**$ 1,127,307**
U.S. Department of the Interior			
Direct Awards			
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Program	15.226	2025	$ 18,364
Total U.S. Department of the Interior			**$ 18,364**
Governor's Office of Highway Safety			
Passed through Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety:			
HEAT Grant	20.600	GA-2025-FloydPD-097	$ 74,423
HEAT Grant	20.600	GA-2026-FloydCoPD-014	19,282
Total Governor's Office of Highway Safety			**$ 93,705**
Office of National Drug Control Policy			
Passed Through Atlanta- Carolinas HIDTA:			
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas	95.001	G24GA0011A	$ 111,696
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas	95.001	HID0625G0628-00	11,677
Total Office of National Drug Control Policy			**$ 123,373**
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			**$ 9,192,857**

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Accounting

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

In instances where the grant agreement requires the County to match grant awards with local funds, such matching funds are excluded in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Federal grant programs which are administered through State agencies (pass-through awards) have been included in this report. These programs are operated according to Federal regulations promulgated by the Federal agency providing the funding.

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the financial statements.

The County did not utilize the applicable indirect cost rate permitted by the Uniform Guidance.

FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

SECTION I
SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	____ yes __X__ no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	____ yes __X__ none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	____ yes __X__ no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weaknesses identified?	__X__ yes _____ no
Significant deficiencies identified?	____ yes __X__ none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	__X__ yes ____ no

Identification of major programs:

Federal Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
21.027	COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
97.039	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
20.106	Airport Improvement Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	$1,000,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	____ yes __X__ no

FLOYD COUNTY, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None noted.

SECTION III
FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

2025-001 Material Weakness – Reporting

Information on the Federal Program: Hazard Mitigation Grant, Assistance Listing Number 97.039, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, passed through Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency.

Criteria: Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 200.303 requires non-Federal entities to establish and maintain effective internal control over Federal awards, providing reasonable assurance that the entity is managing the award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award. Furthermore, the specific grant agreement and 2 CFR 200.328 require the timely and accurate submission of periodic financial and performance reports.

Condition: During our testing of the County's reporting compliance for the Hazard Mitigation Grant in fiscal year 2025, we noted the following exceptions:

- Late Submission: The 3rd Quarter report was submitted 8 days after the required grant deadline for the ALN #HMGP-440-006.
- Inaccurate Interim Reporting: Project costs were not accurately reported in the quarter they were incurred. Instead of reporting costs in the appropriate quarters, the County aggregated and reported the total project costs entirely within the 4th Quarter report. Further, projects costs for November and December 2025 totaling approximately $185,000 were not included in the 4th Quarter progress report.

Context/Cause: The County lacked formally documented internal procedures and adequate inter-departmental communication workflows. Consequently, the individual responsible for grant reporting did not receive the necessary invoices and financial data in a timely manner. Additionally, there was no documented secondary review process in place prior to the submission of the reports.

Effects: The lack of adequate internal controls resulted in noncompliance with federal reporting requirements, specifically the late submission of a required report and the submission of inaccurate interim quarterly reports. This limits the federal granting agency's ability to accurately monitor interim project progress, financial pacing, and expenditures throughout the year.

Recommendation: We recommend the County develop and implement formal, written policies and procedures to ensure all relevant financial data and invoices are routed to the reporting personnel well in advance of reporting deadlines. Management should establish a secondary review and approval process by a supervisor or separate qualified individual before any grant reports are submitted to ensure accuracy and timeliness. Finally, training should be provided to all relevant staff regarding this reporting workflow.

SECTION III
FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)

2025-001 Material Weakness – Reporting (Continued)

Auditee's Response: We concur with the finding. The County has implemented additional internal controls, including a workflow for sharing invoices during 2025 when it was discovered that the grant reporting was not done properly. The County also adopted a new grant policy in March 2026 to provide additional levels of review from the grant application process through closeout of a grant. This further ensures accurate and timely reporting going forward.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

SECTION IV
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None noted.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

2025-001 Material Weakness – Reporting

Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan: Susie Gass, Finance Director/Comptroller

Corrective Action Plan: The County has implemented additional internal controls, including a workflow for sharing invoices during 2025 when it was discovered that the grant reporting was not done properly. The County also adopted a new grant policy in March 2026 to provide additional levels of review from the grant application process through closeout of a grant. This further ensures accurate and timely reporting going forward.

Anticipated Completion Date: March 31, 2026