ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable County Judge and Commissioners' Court Van Zandt County, Texas

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Van Zandt County, Texas (the "County") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Change of Accounting Principle

As described in the notes to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2023 Van Zandt County, Texas adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based IT Arrangements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is
 expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and pension information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 21, 2024, on our consideration of the County'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 solely 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 effectiveness of the County's 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 County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Our discussion and analysis of Van Zandt County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the County's financial statements and related disclosures.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the County exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$32,504,994 (net position). Of this amount, \$15,130,845 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The County's total net position increased by \$4,050,971, mainly as the result of increases in revenues from property taxes and investment earnings compared to the prior year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$19,502,661, an increase of \$2,256,680 in comparison with the prior year. The County has fund balance available for spending at the County's discretion as unassigned fund balance of \$10,407,264.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund totaled \$10,411,572, or 69% of General Fund expenditures for the year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The discussion and analysis are intended to service as introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the County's assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources, with the difference between the four reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net positions are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the County include general government, judicial, health and welfare, public safety, highways and bridges, sanitation, conservation and culture and recreation. The County had no business-type activities as of September 30, 2023.

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the County can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The County maintained 29 individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, the Road and Bridge Funds precincts #1-4, Debt Service Fund, and the ARP Act Grant Fund, all 7 of which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other 22 governmental funds are combined in a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in the report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the County's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is necessary to acquire a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents required supplementary information concerning Van Zandt County, Texas' progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. It also includes budgetary information for the General Fund and Road and Bridge Funds.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on pensions and budgetary comparisons.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position of the County's governmental activities increased from \$28,452,775 to \$32,504,994. Unrestricted net position – the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislations, or other legal requirements – was \$15,130,845 as of September 30, 2023.

The net position of the County increased by \$4,052,219 in fiscal year 2023, as opposed to an increase of \$3,701,156 in fiscal year 2022. Additionally, total assets decreased \$2,007,194 when compared to fiscal year 2022. The main factor that caused this decrease was a reduction in the County's net pension asset during the current year.

TABLE 1 VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS NET POSITION

		Governmental Activities					
		2023		2022			
Current and other assets Capital assets Total assets	\$	32,591,710 10,913,653 43,505,363	\$ 	36,194,544 9,318,013 45,512,557			
Deferred outflows of resources		1,201,775	_	750,599			
Current liabilities Non current liabilities Total liabilities	_	10,728,363 1,303,956 12,032,319	_	12,525,817 523,978 13,049,795			
Deferred inflows of resources		169,825	_	4,760,586			
Net position Net invested in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	_	9,909,765 7,464,384 15,130,845	_	8,712,011 6,225,070 13,515,694			
Total net position	\$	32,504,994	\$	28,452,775			

TABLE 2 VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities				
		2023	2022		
Revenues:					
Charges for services	\$	4,833,704	\$	5,296,178	
Operating grants and contributions		1,878,367		2,078,286	
Capital grants and contributions		-		518,072	
General revenue:					
Property taxes		20,725,204		20,264,366	
Miscellaneous		118,513		97,874	
Gain on sale of capital assets		565,168		183,302	
Interest income		1,537,340	_	260,206	
Total revenues		29,658,296		28,698,284	
Expenses:					
General government		6,030,795		6,733,351	
Judicial		2,661,238		2,577,181	
Public safety		6,484,184		5,696,300	
Health and welfare		188,189		210,271	
Highways and bridges		9,891,342		9,219,080	
Culture and recreation		136,306		116,645	
Conservation		87,556		321,504	
Sanitation		91,197		81,514	
Interest on long-term debt		36,518	_	41,282	
Total expenses		25,607,325		24,997,128	
Change in net position		4,050,971		3,701,156	
Net position beginning of year		28,454,023		24,751,619	
Net position end of year	\$	32,504,994	\$	28,452,775	

THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

As the County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$19,502,661 which represents a \$2,256,680 increase from the previous year.

Over the course of the year, the Commissioners' Court amended the County's budget several times. These amendments fall into two categories. The first category includes amendments and supplemental appropriations that were approved shortly after the beginning of the year and reflect the actual beginning balances (versus the amounts that were estimated in September of 2022.) Also, the second category was the Commissioners' Court approving several changes in appropriations to prevent budget overruns.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

		Governmental Activities						
		2023		2022				
Land	\$	514,749	\$	514,749				
Buildings and improvements	7	2,856,569	4	2,356,649				
Machinery and equipment		3,748,234		3,107,484				
Right-to-use equipment		97,905		156,024				
Right-to-use software		927,476		-				
Infrastructure	_	2,768,720		3,183,107				
Total	\$	10,913,653	\$	9,318,013				

At the end of 2023, the County had approximately \$10,913,653 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings and equipment, transportation equipment, and administrative and maintenance buildings and equipment.

Major additions to capital assets for the fiscal year were as follows:

- Voting equipment for \$439,800
- Courthouse roof for \$531,198
- Jail control system for \$168,000

Debt

	 Governmental Activities					
	 2023 2022					
Financing arrangements Leases SBITAs Compensated absences	\$ 199,067 98,954 705,867 300,068	\$	449,216 156,786 - 282,446			
Total	\$ 1,303,956	\$	888,448			

At year-end, the County had \$199,067 in financing arrangements for various County equipment and vehicles. The County issued \$0 in new debt and paid \$250,149 in principal payments for the year. The County also had \$0 of Certificates of Obligation outstanding at year-end. The County paid in principal payments of \$0 on these obligations in fiscal year 2023.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The County's General Fund balance of \$12,547,857 differs from the General Fund's budgetary fund balance of \$8,394,574. The primary reason for the difference was the County staying under budgeted expenditures by \$6,319,685. The County also collected \$419,544 more in revenues than were budgeted for in fiscal year 2023.

The County budget is prepared in accordance with financial policies approved by the Commissioners' Court, and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The budget is prepared by the Budget Officer and approved by the Commissioners' Court. The approved budget is used as a management control device during the year, and appropriations are set at the expenditure line-item level. Budgetary transfers between departments must be approved by the Commissioners' Court.

As confirmed by recent U.S. Census figures, Van Zandt has experienced a population growth of approximately 13% since 2010. Accordingly, the requirements for services to citizens, in addition to ongoing unfunded mandates from the state and federal governments, have increased substantially while revenue options available to County government continue to be severely limited. Even state-authorized increases to fees such as court costs are usually tied to dedicated funds to be turned over to the state with any local retainage dedicated and not available to the County for General Fund expenditures.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

For Fiscal Year 2024 the property tax rate is \$.40586960 and includes a \$.10 special road tax. The fiscal year 2024 budget is projected to raise additional property tax revenue of \$1,159,823, \$777,897 of which will be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The County has considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2024 budget and tax rates, with the overarching goal of maximizing revenue and minimizing expenditures to ensure fiscal sustainability into the future. The County expects expenditures to grow in future years, but at a slower pace than revenues.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the County Auditor's office, at 121 East Dallas, Room 102, Canton, Texas 75103.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Primary Government			
	Governmental Activities			
ASSETS	å 20.74F.000			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29,745,328			
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible)	2,778,442			
Due from other governments	39,638			
Prepaid expenditures	7,794			
Net pension asset	20,508			
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation): Land	514,749			
Buildings	2,856,569			
Machinery and equipment	3,748,234			
Right-to-use equipment	97,905			
Right-to-use software	927,476			
Infrastructure	2,768,720			
Total capital assets	10,913,653			
	43,505,363			
Total assets	43,303,303			
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,201,775			
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,201,775			
LIABILITIES				
	1,711,454			
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities	220,771			
	2,140			
Accrued interest payable	55,968			
Due to other governments Unearned revenue	8,738,030			
Noncurrent liabilities:	0,730,030			
Due within one year				
Long-term debt	479,137			
Due in more than one year	17 3/137			
Long-term debt	824,819			
Total liabilities	12,032,319			
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	169,825			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	169,825			
Total deferred inflows of resources	109,025			
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	9,909,765			
Restricted for:	2 274 651			
Road and bridge	3,374,651 114,560			
Court technology and security Records management	1,437,538			
Judicial	76,376			
Public safety	946,431			
Law library	102,049			
Conservation	41,557			
Economic development	451,808			
Disaster relief	568,414			
Pensions	149,317			
Debt service	201,683			
Unrestricted	15,130,845			
Total net position	\$ 32,504,994			
The notes to the basic financial statements	Ψ			
are an integral part of this statement.				

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Net (Expense)

				Revenue and Changes in
				Net Position
		Program	Revenues	Primary
			Operating	Government
		Charges for	Grants and	Governmental
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Activities
Primary Government:				
Governmental activities:	± 6020.70F	h 1041316	A 270.204	A (4 711 17F)
General government	\$ 6,030,795	\$ 1,041,316	\$ 278,304	\$ (4,711,175)
Judicial	2,661,238	1,891,980	179,125	(590,133)
Public safety	6,484,184	465,428	1,313,274	(4,705,482)
Health and welfare	188,189	-	42,878	(145,311)
Highways and bridges	9,891,342	1,124,122	64,786	(8,702,434)
Cultural and recreation	136,306	7,058	-	(129,248)
Conservation	87,556	-	-	(87,556)
Sanitation	91,197	303,800	-	212,603
Interest on long-term debt	36,518			(36,518)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 25,607,325</u>	\$ 4,833,704	\$ 1,878,367	<u>\$ (18,895,254</u>)
	General revenues	:		
	Property taxes			20,725,204
	Investment earı	nings		1,537,340
	Gain on sale of	capital assets		565,168
	Other			118,513
	Total general	revenues		22,946,225
	Change in not no	ikion		4.050.071
	Change in net pos	attion		4,050,971
	Net position - beg	inning of year		28,454,023
	Net position - end	of year		\$ 32,504,994

BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	General	Road and Bridge Precinct #1		Road and Bridge recinct #2		oad and Bridge ecinct #3
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible):	\$ 13,783,458	\$ 1,000,247	\$	950,895	\$	528,847
Accounts Property Taxes Due from other governments Prepaid expenditures	1,641,028 630,180 25,835 7,794	10,423 75,190 - -		13,012 100,592 - -		11,367 92,150 - -
Due from other funds	 19,894	- 1 005 000	_	- 1 064 400		
Total assets	 16,108,189	1,085,860	_	1,064,499	-	632,364
Accounts payable Accrued Liabilities Due to other governments Unearned revenue Due to other funds	 1,357,095 157,124 55,968 - 5,922	81,624 12,183 - - -		32,516 9,771 - - -		90,634 10,984 - -
Total liabilities	 1,576,109	93,807		42,287		101,618
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Unavailable revenue - fines Unavailable revenue - property taxes	 1,388,957 595,266	- 71,802		- 89,395		- 87,026
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,984,223	71,802		89,395		87,026
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable: Prepaid expenditures Restricted for:	7,794	-		-		-
Road and bridge	-	920,251		932,817		443,720
Court technology and security	-	-		-		-
Records management	=	-		=		-
Judicial	-	-		-		-
Public safety Debt service	_	-		-		-
Law library	_	_		-		-
Conservation	-	-		-		-
Economic development	-	-		-		-
Disaster relief Assigned for:	-	-		-		-
Subsequent year's budget Unassigned	 2,128,491 10,411,572	-		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	 12,547,857	920,251		932,817		443,720
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 16,108,189	\$ 1,085,860	\$	1,064,499	\$	632,364

	oad and Bridge ecinct #4	De	Debt Service Fund		ARP Act Grant Fund				Other Nonmajor overnmental Funds	G	Total overnmental Funds
\$	866,280	\$	158,119	\$	9,283,467	\$	3,174,015	\$	29,745,328		
	10,001		-		152		80,157		1,766,140		
	74,408		39,782		-		-		1,012,302		
	-		-		-		13,803		39,638		
	-		-		-		-		7,794		
-			5,922		<u> </u>	_	<u> </u>		25,816		
	950,689		203,823	-	9,283,619		3,267,975		32,597,018		
	111,521		-		10,958		27,106		1,711,454		
	9,528		-		-		21,181		220,771		
	-		-		-		-		55,968		
	=		=		8,738,030		-		8,738,030		
							19,894	-	25,816		
	121,049				8,748,988	_	68,181	-	10,752,039		
	- 71 666		-		-		-		1,388,957		
	71,666		38,206			-		-	953,361		
	71,666		38,206		-	_			2,342,318		
	-		-		-		-		7,794		
	757,974		-		-		-		3,054,762		
	-		-		-		114,560		114,560		
	-		-		-		1,437,538		1,437,538		
	-		-		-		76,376		76,376		
	-		-		-		946,431		946,431		
	-		165,617		-		-		165,617		
	-		-		-		102,049		102,049		
	-		-		-		41,557		41,557		
	-		-		-		451,808		451,808		
	-		-		534,631		33,783		568,414		
	_		_		-		-		2,128,491		
	-		-			_	(4,308)		10,407,264		
	757,974		165,617		534,631	_	3,199,794		19,502,661		
\$	950,689	\$	203,823	\$	9,283,619	\$	3,267,975	\$	32,597,018		

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 19,502,661
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. Beginning capital assets, net of depreciation Depreciation on capital assets, current year Capital asset additions, net of disposals	10,511,217 (1,710,188) 2,112,624
Interest payable on long-term debt does not require current financial resources. Therefore, interest payable is not reported as a lability in the governmental funds balance sheet.	(2,140)
Deferred outflows of resources represent the consumption of net position that are applicable to a future reported period.	1,201,775
Deferred inflows of resources are an acquisition of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period.	
Property taxes	953,361
Court fines	1,388,957
Pensions	(169,825)
The net pension asset is not recognized in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in	
the governmental funds balance sheet.	20,508
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	
Financing arrangements	(199,067)
Leases	(98,954)
SBITAs	(705,867) (300,068)
Compensated absences	 (300,008)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 32,504,994

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

		General		Road and Bridge recinct #1	Road and Bridge Precinct #2		Road and Bridge recinct #3
REVENUES	-	General		recirict #1	Frecince #2		recirict #3
Property taxes Property taxes - special road tax	\$	12,289,409 -	\$	995,275 937,126	\$ 1,233,728 1,179,256	\$	948,604 1,218,175
Permits, licenses and fees		2,684,469		271,287	342,307		281,484
Investment earnings		711,121		61,618	84,930		48,725
Intergovernmental revenues		462,939		-	-		-
Other revenues and fees		64,367	_	11,421	12,243	_	4,889
Total revenues		16,212,305	_	2,276,727	2,852,464	_	2,501,877
EXPENDITURES							
Current:		4 264 454					
General government		4,264,454		_	-		-
Judicial Public safety		2,761,537		-	-		-
Conservation		5,933,459 83,770		-	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Highways and bridges		56,276		1,680,379	2,645,029		2,499,957
Cultural and recreation		142,729		-	-		-
Sanitation		93,246		-	-		-
Health and welfare		191,013		-	-		-
Capital outlay		1,270,993		145,363	467,359		61,375
Debt service:					•		
Principal retirement		233,121		166,909	-		102,530
Interest and fiscal charges		7,557	_	11,470			4,674
Total expenditures		15,038,155		2,004,121	3,112,388		2,668,536
Excess (deficiency) of revenues							
over (under) expenditures		1,174,150		272,606	(259,924)		(166,659)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Insurance recoveries		192,819		17,405	-		-
Sale of capital assets		97,768		-	68,691		-
Transfers in		241,151		-	-		-
Transfers out		(516,497)		(15,932)	(15,932)		(15,932)
Total other financing sources (uses)		15,241	_	1,473	52,759		(15,932)
Net change in fund balances		1,189,391		274,079	(207,165)		(182,591)
Fund balances, Beginning		11,358,466	_	646,172	1,139,982	_	626,311
Fund balances, Ending	\$	12,547,857	\$	920,251	\$ 932,817	\$	443,720

Road and Bridge ecinct #4	Ser	Debt vice Fund	 ARP Act Grant Fund		Other Nonmajor vernmental Funds	G	Total overnmental Funds
\$ 919,916 942,686 250,920 71,068 19,489	\$	27,768 - - 5,553 - -	\$ 457,992 1,198,287	\$	981,127 96,333 236,106 3,202	\$	16,414,700 4,277,243 4,811,594 1,537,340 1,916,821 96,122
 2,204,079		33,321	 1,656,279		1,316,768		29,053,820
 2,075,309 - - - 134,272 - - 2,209,581		- - - - - - - - -	 1,198,287	_	462,526 10,149 542,048 6,000 - - - 18,985 67,227 5,468 1,112,403		5,925,267 2,771,686 6,475,507 89,770 8,956,950 142,729 93,246 191,013 2,098,347 569,787 29,169 27,343,471
(5,502)		33,321	457,992		204,365		1,710,349
 102,041 66,397 - (15,932) 152,506 147,004 610,970		- - - - 33,321 132,296	 - - - - - 457,992 76,639		1,210 339,074 - 340,284 544,649 2,655,145		312,265 234,066 580,225 (580,225) 546,331 2,256,680 17,245,981
\$ 757,974	\$	165,617	\$ 534,631	\$	3,199,794	\$	19,502,661

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Amounts report for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,256,680
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation in the current period exceeded capital outlay for County owned assets.	
Expenditures for capital assets Less: current year depreciation	2,065,145 (1,444,460)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.	
Insurance recoveries Sale of capital assets Gain on sale of capital assets	(312,265) (234,066) 565,168
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.	
Property taxes Court fines	33,261 6,047
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Compensated absences	(17 (22)
Pension expense	(17,622) 570,645
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued; whereas the amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This	
amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items. Repayment of long-term liabilities	558,232
Interest expense reported in the statement of activities does not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, is not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	 4,206
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 4,050,971

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and equivalents	<u>\$ 5,491,480</u>
Total Assets	5,491,480
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	12,201
Due to other governments	759,181
Total Liabilities	771,382
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals	4 720 000
and other governments	4,720,098
Total Net Position	\$4,720,098

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Cu	stodial Funds
ADDITIONS		
Fees on behalf of state comptroller	\$	12,212,449
Fees on behalf of other governments		48,832
Bonds received		57,579
Fees on behalf of other contracting entities		49,586
Refunds and restitution		156,049
Commissary		182,444
Court registry		2,491,925
Trust accounts		153,449
Cash bonds		180,547
Escrow accounts		967,239
Interest earned		4,089
Total Additions		16,504,188
Fees on behalf of state comptroller Disbursements on behalf of contracting entities Bond returns Trust returns Court registery returns CD's Commissary Fees on behalf of other governments Refunds and restitution Escrow accounts Total Deductions		12,208,025 77,243 248,937 2,760,381 3,160,550 222,130 37,687 30,565 156,977 430,529
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position		(2,828,836)
Net Position, Beginning		7,548,934
Net Position, Ending	\$	4,720,098

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Van Zandt County (the County) is a public corporation and political subdivision of the state of Texas. The Commissioners' Court, which is made up of four commissioners and County Judge, is the general governing body of the County in accordance with Article 5, Paragraph 18 of the Texas Constitution. The County provides the following services as authorized by the statutes of the State of Texas: general government (e.g., tax collection), judicial (courts, juries, district attorney, etc.) public safety (sheriff, constables, jails and community supervision, etc.), health and welfare (assistance to indigents, veteran services, etc.), highways and bridges, cultural and recreation, conservation, and sanitation.

The accounting and reporting policies of the County relating to the funds included in the accompanying basic financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to state and local governments. Generally accepted accounting principles for local governments include those principles prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in the publication entitled *State and Local Governments – Audit and Accounting Guide* and by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (when applicable). The more significant accounting policies of the County are described below.

The basic financial statements are prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments, which requires the government-wide financial statements to be prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus. The County's statement of net position includes both noncurrent assets and noncurrent liabilities of the County. In addition, the government-wide statement of activities reflects depreciation expense on the County's capital assets, including infrastructure.

For financial reporting purposes, based on standards established by GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, these financial statements present the County (the primary government) and its component units. Component units generally are legally separate entities for which a primary government is financially accountable. Financial accountability ordinarily involves meeting both of the following criteria; the primary government appoints the voting majority of its board and the primary government is able to impose its will upon the potential component unit, or there is a possibility that the potential component unit may provide specific financial benefits or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. Under these standards, the County has no component units which are required to be reported, discretely or blended, in combination with the primary government.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The **government-wide financial statements** include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. Government-wide statements report, except for County fiduciary activity, information on all of the activities of the County. The effect of interfund transfers has been removed from the government-wide statements but continues to be reflected on the fund statements. Governmental activities are supported mainly by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and charges for services.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Fines and forfeitures are recognized when they have been assessed and adjudicated and earned. Grants are recognized as revenue when all applicable eligibility requirements imposed by the provider are met.

The Statement of Activities reflects the degree to which the direct expenses of the County's programs are offset by those programs' revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program or function. Program revenues for governmental activities include those generated from general government, judicial, public safety, highways and bridges, cultural and recreation, and sanitation. Taxes and other items not properly included in program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The General Fund, the Road and Bridge Funds, the Debt Service Fund, and the ARP Act Grant Fund are classified as major governmental funds. Each major fund is reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements. Non-major funds include Special Revenue funds. The combined amounts for these funds are reflected in a single column in the Fund Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances. Detailed statements for all non-major funds are presented within Combining Schedules.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The County considers revenues as available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year ends. Expenditure generally are recorded when a fund liability is incurred; however, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when a payment is due.

Property tax revenues, the County's primary revenue source, is susceptible to accrual and is considered available to the extent of delinquent taxes collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal period. Grant and entitlement revenues are also subject to accrual. Encumbrances are used during the year and any liquidated items expire at year end.

Governmental funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets, current liabilities, and current deferred outflows/inflows of resources are generally included on their balance sheet. Their reported fund balance (net current assets and current deferred outflows of resources) is considered a measure of "available spending resources." Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets and current deferred outflows of resources. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

The County's accounts are organized and operated on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenses or expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, although the latter are excluded from the government-wide statements.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

 The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County and is always classified as a major fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include property taxes, permits, licenses and fees, intergovernmental revenues and investment earnings. Primary expenditures are for general government, judicial, public safety, health and welfare, conservation, highways and bridges, cultural and recreation and sanitation.

- The **Road and Bridge Funds** account for the activities associated with the building, maintaining, or improving roads, highways, and bridges within the County, including maintenance of road and bridge facilities. Major revenue sources include property taxes and charges for services.
- The **Debt Service Fund** is used to account for the payment of the County's debt. Major revenue sources are from property taxes.
- The **ARP Act Grant Fund** is used to account for expenditures and receipts related to the coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund grant program. The purpose of this grant is to help alleviate the costs incurred by the County as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund type:

 The Custodial Funds are used to account for assets that the County holds on behalf of others as their agent.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Amounts reported as program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

C. <u>Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Fund Balance</u>

1. Deposits and Investments

The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and local government investment pools.

The County's investment in local government investment pools are reported at net asset value per share and are classified as cash equivalents. TexPool and Texas Class operate in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations.

2. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Advance between funds, are reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectables. Trade amounts receivable in excess of 180 days comprise the trade accounts receivable allowance for uncollectables. The property tax receivable allowance is equal to 24 percent of outstanding property taxes as of September 30, 2023.

Property taxes are levied on October 1 and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Statements are mailed on October 1, or as soon thereafter as possible, and are due upon receipt. All unpaid taxes become delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the following year.

3. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. The fund financial statements are offset by a reservation of fund balance which indicates they do not represent "available spendable resources." Prepaids are accounted for using the consumption method. Under the consumption method, prepaids are recorded as expenditures when they are used.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, improvements, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads and bridges) are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets such as equipment are defined as assets with a cost of \$5,000 or more and estimated useful lives in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical costs if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value, which is the price that would be paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service potential at the acquisition date.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	20-50
Improvements	5-50
Machinery and equipment	5-20
Right-to-use assets	3-10

5. Compensated Absences

The County allows full time regular employees to accumulate unused vacation time, based on years of service, to a maximum of 20 days and unused sick time to a maximum of 60 days. All full-time employees may also accumulate compensatory time up to 40 hours. Upon termination, vacation leave and compensatory time computed under these provisions will be paid to the employees if two weeks' written notice is given. Accumulated sick leave is not paid upon termination but will be paid only upon illness while in the employment of the County. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements.

The regular workweek is based on 40 hours actually worked. Overtime, unless required to be paid by Federal statutes, is accumulated as compensatory (comp) time and earned at time and half for non-exempt employees and at straight time for exempt employees. Comp time is accumulated and either taken off or paid at the employee's current rate of pay on termination, resignation, retirement or death.

6. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities under governmental activities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method which approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

7. Leases

The County has entered into various lease agreements as a lessee. Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate, if available. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

• The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability or lease asset.

Lessee. The County is a lessee for noncancellable leases of equipment. The County recognizes a lease liability in the government-wide financial statements. At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life. Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

8. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The County is a participant in subscription-based IT arrangements (SBITAs). The County recognizes a liability and an intangible right-to-use asset in the government-wide financial statements.

At the commencement of a SBITA, the County initially measures the liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the agreement term. Subsequently, the liability is reduced by the principal portion of payments made. The asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to SBITAs include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected payments to present value, (2) agreement term, and (3) agreed upon payments.

- The County uses the interest rate charged by the vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the vendor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.
- The agreement term includes the noncancellable period of the SBITA.
- The agreed upon payments included in the measurement of the liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its SBITA and will remeasure the asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the liability.

These right to use assets are reported with other capital assets and liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

9. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County had the following items that qualify for reporting in this category.

- Changes in actuarial assumptions and other inputs for pension This difference is deferred and recognized over the estimated average remaining lives of all members determined as of the measurement date.
- Pension contributions after measurement date These contributions are deferred and recognized in the following fiscal year.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and/or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section of deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to the future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The County has the following types of items that qualify for reporting in this category.

- Unavailable revenue is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.
- Difference in expected and actual pension experience This difference is deferred and recognized over the estimated average remaining lives of all members determined as of the measurement date.
- Difference in projected and actual earnings on pension assets This difference is deferred and amortized over a closed five-year period.

10. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

11. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expenses, information about the Fiduciary Net Position of the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) and additions to/deductions from TCDRS's Fiduciary Net Position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TCDRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

12. Net Position Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the County will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

13. Fund Balance Flow Assumption

Sometimes the County will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

14. Fund Balance Classification

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable items are not expected to be converted to cash or are not expected to be converted to cash within the next year.
- Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or, (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by board resolution of the Commissioners' Court, the County's highest level of decision-making authority. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Commissioners' Court removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- Assigned: This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the County's intent to be used for specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent is determined by the Commissioners' Court or County Auditor.
- Unassigned: This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The
 unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other
 governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of assigned fund balance amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the County considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the County considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

15. Equity Classification

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows/inflows of resources and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislations adopted by the County or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

16. Change in Accounting Principle

GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs), was adopted effective October 1, 2022. The statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for SBITA contracts. Statement No. 96 establishes standards for recognizing and measuring assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and revenues and expenses related to SBITAs in the basic financial statements, in addition to requiring more extensive note disclosures. The adoption of this standard did not result in a restatement of beginning fund balance or net position, but assets and liabilities were recognized, and more extensive note disclosures were required.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Deficit Fund Balance

The ETCOG Residential Grant, and Victim Coordinator Grant funds have a deficit fund balance of (\$3,337), (\$971), respectively. These deficits are primarily the result of the timing of receipt of grant proceeds relative to expenditures and are expected to reverse within the next year.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Deposits and Investments

Cash and investments as of September 30, 2023 consist of and are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of net position: Governmental activities		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	29,832,259
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u></u>	29,832,259
Cash on hand	\$	5,003
Checking and savings account		548,432
External investment pools		29,278,824
	\$	29,832,259

All deposits are held in the County's main depository or subdepository bank except funds held in trust by the Justice of the Peace offices number 1 and 4, and Auto Registration, which are not under a subdepository contract.

As of September 30, 2023, the County had the following cash equivalents:

Investment Type	Ne	t Asset Value	Weighted Average Maturity (Days)
TexPool Texas CLASS	\$	6,783,417 22,495,407	26 68
Total fair value	\$	29,278,824	

The Public Funds Investment Act (Government Code Chapter 2256) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires the County to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, and (9) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit. Statutes authorize the County to invest in (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas; (2) certificates of deposits, (3) certain municipal securities, (4) money market savings accounts, (5) repurchase agreements, (6) bankers acceptances, (7) Mutual Funds, (8) investment pools, (9) guaranteed investment contracts, and (10) common trust test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The County is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act and with local policies.

TexPool and Texas Class have a redemption notice period of one day and may redeem daily. The investment pool's authority may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities markets, general banking moratorium or national state of emergency that affects the pool's liquidity.

Interest Rate Risk. In accordance with its investment policy, the County manages its exposure to declines in fair market values by limiting the average dollar-weighted maturity of its portfolio to a maximum of 365 days.

Custodial Credit Risk. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. State statutes require that all deposits in financial institutions be fully collateralized by U.S. Government obligations, those of its agencies and instrumentalities, or direct obligations of Texas or its agencies instrumentalities that have a fair value of not less than the principal amount of deposits. As of September 30, 2023, the carrying value of the County's deposit balance was fully collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the County's name of by FDIC insurance.

Credit Risk. It is the County's policy, as defined in the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, to limit its investments to investment types with an investment quality rating not less than A or its equivalent by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercised oversight responsibility over TexPool. Oversight includes the ability to significantly influence operations, designation of management and accountability for fiscal matters. Additionally, the State Comptroller has established an advisory board composed of both participants in TexPool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool. The Advisory Board members review the investment policy and management fee structure. Finally, TexPool is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's. As a requirement to maintain the rating weekly portfolio, information must be submitted to Standard & Poor's, as well as the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts for review.

The County also invests in Municipal Investors Service Corporation (MBIA), Texas Class. MBIA Texas Class is organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. These two Acts provide for the creation of public funds investment pools and authorize eligible governmental entities to invest their public funds and funds under their control through the investment pools. MBIA is currently rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's and has an investment objective of achieving and maintaining a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per share.

Receivables

Receivables as of year-end for the government's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectable accounts, are as follows:

	Gene	eral	Road & Bridge		Debt Service		ARP Act Grant		Nonmajor Funds		Total
Receivables:											
Taxes	\$ 83	31,559 \$	451,177	\$	52,494	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,335,230
Accounts	14,14	11,641	44,803				152		80,157	,	14,266,753
Gross receivables	14,97	73,200	495,980	_	52,494		152		80,157	_	15,601,983
Less: allowance for											
uncollectibles	(12,70	01,992)	(108,837)	(12,712)	_		_		(12,823,541)
Net total receivables	\$\$	71,208 \$	387,143	\$	39,782	\$_	152	\$	80,157	\$_	2,778,442

Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance		
Governmental Activities:						
Capital assets, not being depreciated:						
Land	\$ 514,749	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	\$ 514,749		
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	514,749			514,749		
Capital assets, being depreciated:						
Buildings and improvements	8,652,944	727,607	-	9,380,551		
Machinery and equipment	11,827,315	1,456,303	(687,664)	12,595,954		
Infrastructure	8,311,778	-	-	8,311,778		
Right to use - software	1,193,204	-	-	1,193,204		
Right to use - equipment	209,693			209,693		
Total capital assets being depreciated	30,194,934	2,183,910	(687,664)	31,691,180		
Less accumulated depreciation:						
Buildings and improvements	(6,296,295)	(227,687)	-	(6,523,982)		
Machinery and equipment	(8,719,831)	(744,267)	616,378	(8,847,720)		
Infrastructure	(5,128,671)	(414,387)	-	(5,543,058)		
Right to use - software	-	(265,728)	-	(265,728)		
Right to use - equipment	(53,669)	(58,119)		(111,788)		
Total accumulated depreciation	(20,198,466)	(1,710,188)	616,378	(21,292,276)		
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	9,996,468	473,722	(71,286)	10,398,904		
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 10,511,217</u>	\$ 473,722	<u>\$ (71,286</u>)	\$ 10,913,653		

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 547,368
Public safety	226,612
Highways and bridges	 936,208
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 1,710,188

Interfund Balances and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances of as September 30, 2023, is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount			
General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	\$	19,894		
Debt Service	General Fund		5,922		
		\$	25,816		

Interfund transfers for the year ended September 30, 2023, consisted of the following:

	Transfer In Nonmajor					
					_	
	General		Governmental		Total	
Transfer out:						
General	\$	-	\$	339,074	\$	339,074
Road & Bridge 1-4		241,151				241,151
Total transfers	\$	241,151	\$	339,074	\$	580,225

Long-Term Liabilities

Financing Arrangements

The County has entered into financing arrangements for the purchase of certain road and bridge equipment. Annual payments range from \$24,631 to \$74,692, with interest rates ranging from 2.72% to 3.25% These agreements are classified as financing arrangements because title passes to the County at the end of the agreement term, and are included as financed purchases in the Long-Term Debt portion of the government-wide statements.

The following is a summary of the outstanding financing arrangements as of September 30, 2023:

Name	Original Issue Amount	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Current Balance
Governmental Capital Corporation - Contract #8143	\$ 157,900	3/28/2023	4.29% \$	-
Governmental Capital Corporation - Contract #8764	112,000	9/3/2024	3.25%	23,855
Governmental Capital Corporation - Contract #8498	221,810	1/25/2023	3.65%	-
Governmental Capital Corporation - Contract #8497	231,500	1/17/2023	3.65%	-
Governmental Capital Corporation - Contract #8855	120,970	11/1/2023	3.25%	31,708
Governmental Capital Corporation - Contract #9471	279,508	4/19/2025	2.72%	143,504
			\$	199,067

Debt Service requirements to maturity for the financing arrangements are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	 Principal	I	Interest	Total Requirements			
2024 2025	\$ 126,353 72,714	\$	5,709 1,978	\$	132,062 74,692		
Total	\$ 199,067	\$	7,687	\$	206,754		

Leases

The County entered into multiple leases as lessee for the right to use various equipment and buildings. The County is required to make fixed monthly payments between \$5,447 and \$44,626. The leases bear interest of 3.8%.

Debt service requirements to maturity for the leases are as follows:

Year Ending					Total		
September 30,	Principal		Interest	Re	Requirements		
2024	\$	47,563	\$ 1,523	\$	49,086		
2025		38,412	785		39,197		
2026		12,512	222		12,734		
2027		467	 4		471		
Total	\$ <u></u>	98,954	\$ 2,534	\$	101,488		

SBITAs

During fiscal year 2023, the County recognized software agreements as SBITAs in accordance with GASB Statement No. 96. Annual payments range from \$150 to \$67,385, with interest rates ranging from 2.796% to 3.949%

Future debt service payments to maturity for the SBITAs are as follows:

Septembe	r 30,	Principal		nterest	Total		
2024	\$	245,207	7 \$	21,818	\$ 267,025		
2025		182,666	5	13,735	196,401		
2026		137,997	7	7,942	145,939		
2027		64,273	3	4,763	69,036		
2028		33,185	5	2,716	35,901		
2029-3	<u> </u>	42,539	<u> </u>	2,314	 44,853		
Total	\$	705,867	<u> </u>	53,288	\$ 759,155		

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, was as follows:

		Beginning Balance	Additions		Reductions		Ending Balance			Due Within One Year
Governmental activities										
Financing arrangements	\$	449,216	\$	-	\$	250,149	\$	199,067	\$	126,353
Leases		156,786		-		57,832		98,954		47,563
SBITAs		956,118		-		250,251		705,867		245,207
Compensated absences		282,446		889,632		872,010		300,068		60,014
Total governmental activities Long-term liabilities	\$ <u></u>	1,844,566	\$ <u>_</u>	889,632	\$ <u></u>	1,430,242	\$_	1,303,956	\$ <u></u>	479,137

For the governmental activities, compensated absences are generally liquidated by the General Fund and Road & Bridge funds. Financing arrangements, leases and SBITAs are secured by the financed and leased assets.

IV. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The County's risk management program encompasses various means of protecting the County against loss by obtaining property, casualty, liability and other coverage through participation in the Texas Association of Counties – County Government Risk Management Pool, a public entity risk pool. The County pays an annual premium for its coverage. As claims are filed, the County pays the applicable deductible amount and the risk pool pays the additional amounts over the deductible, up to the applicable limit of liability. As of September 30, 2023, the County had no liability for unpaid claims or adjustments under policies carried with the risk pool. During the year ended September 30, 2023, there was no reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year. There were no settlements in the prior three fiscal years, which exceeded insurance coverage carried by the County.

As of October 1, 2004, employees of the County were covered by a health insurance plan. All premiums were paid to a licensed insurer. The plan was authorized by Article 3.51-2, Texas Insurance Code and was documented by contractual agreement.

V. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, many constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

There are currently claims and lawsuits pending against the County. It is the opinion of the County Attorney and County Staff that there is no pending litigation against the County that, if decided against the County, would have material adverse effect upon the operations of the County.

VI. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

Van Zandt County participates in a nontraditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System ("TCDRS"). The Board of Trustees of TCDRS is responsible for the administration of the statewide agent, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system consisting of nontraditional defined benefit pension plans. TCDRS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that can be obtained at www.tcdrs.org.

All full and part-time non-temporary employees participate in the plan, regardless of the number of hours they work in a year. Employees in a temporary position are not eligible for membership.

Benefits Provided

TCDRS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits for all eligible employees. Benefit terms are established by the TCDRS Act. The benefit terms may be amended as of January 1, each year, but must remain in conformity with the Act.

Members can retire at ages 60 and above with eight or more years of service, with 20 years of service regardless of age, or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 75 or more. Members are vested after eight years of service, but must leave their accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. Members who withdraw their personal contributions in a lump sum are not entitled to any amounts contributed by their employer.

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee's contribution to the plan, with interest, and employer-financed monetary credits. The level of these monetary credits is adopted by the governing body of the employer within the actuarial constraints imposed by the TCDRS Act so that the resulting benefits can be expected to be adequately financed by the employer's commitment to contribute. By law, employee accounts earn 7% interest. At retirement, death or disability, the benefit is calculated by converting the sum of the employee's accumulated contributions and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act.

Plan Membership

At the December 31, 2022 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	168
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	492
Active employees	201
	861

Contributions

The contribution rates for employees in TCDRS are either 4%, 5%, 6%, or 7% of employee gross earnings, as adopted by the employer's governing body. Participating employers are required to contribute at actuarially determined rates to ensure adequate funding for each employer's plan. Under the state law governing TCDRS, the contribution rate for each entity is determined annually by the actuary and approved by the TCDRS Board of Trustees. The replacement life entry age actuarial cost method is used in determining the contribution rate. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to fund benefits in an orderly manner for each participate over his or her career so that sufficient funds are accumulated by the time benefit payments begin, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Employees for the County were required to contribute 7% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The contribution rates for the County were 8.2% and 8.0% in calendar years 2022 and 2023, respectively. The County's contributions to TCDRS for the year ended September 30, 2023, were \$720,824 were equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Asset

The County's Net Pension Asset (NPA) was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Pension Asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial evaluation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation 2.50% per year Overall payroll growth 3.00% per year

Investment rate of return 7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The County has no automatic cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), nor one that is considered to be substantively automatic. Therefore, no assumption for future cost-of-living adjustments is included in the actuarial valuation. Each year, the County may elect an ad-hoc COLA for retirees.

Mortality rates for active members, retirees, and beneficiaries were based on the following:

Depositing members	135% of Pub-2010 General Employees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 120% Pub-2010 General Employees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.
Service retirees, beneficiaries and non-depositing members	135% of Pub-2010 General Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 120% Pub-2010 General Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.
Disabled retirees	160% of Pub-2010 General Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 125% Pub-2010 General Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.

All actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of December 31, 2022, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020, except where required to be different by GASB 68. The assumptions are reviewed annually for continued compliance with the relevant actuarial standards of practice.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.6%. The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the TCDRS Board of Trustees.

The long-term expected rate of return on TCDRS is determined by adding inflation to expected long-term real returns, and reflecting expected volatility and correlation. The capital market assumptions and information below are based on January 2023 information for a 10-year time horizon. The valuation assumption for long-term expected return is re-assessed at a minimum of every four years, and is set based on a long-term time horizon; the most recent analysis was performed in 2022. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Benchmark	Target Allocation (1)	Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected minus Inflation) (2)
US Equities	Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index	11.50%	4.95%
Global Equities	MSCI World (net) Index	2.50%	4.95%
International Equities - Developed Markets	MSCI World Ex USA (net) Index	5.00%	4.95%
International Equities - Emerging Markets	MSCI Emerging Markets (net) Index	6.00%	4.95%
Investment-Grade Bonds	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	3.00%	2.40%
Strategic Credit	FTSE High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index	9.00%	3.39%
Direct Lending	Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan TR USD Index	16.00%	6.95%
Distressed Debt	Cambridge Associates Distressed Securities Index (3)	4.00%	7.60%
REIT Equities	67% FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs Index + 33% S&P Global REIT (net) Index	2.00%	4.15%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	Alerian MLP Index	2.00%	5.30%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	Cambridge Associates Real Estate Index (4)	6.00%	5.70%
Private Equity	Cambridge Associates Global Private Equity & Venture Capital Index (5)	25.00%	7.95%
Hedge Funds	Hedge Fund Research, Inc. (HFRI) Fund of Funds Composite Index	6.00%	2.90%
Cash Equivalents	90-Day U.S. Treasury	2.00%	0.20%

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Target asset allocation adopted at the March 2023 TCDRS Board meeting.

⁽²⁾ Geometric real rates of return equal the expected return minus the assumed inflation rate of 2.3%, per Cliffwater's 2023 capital market assumptions.

⁽³⁾ Includes vintage years 2005-present of Quarter Pooled Horizon IRRs.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes vintage years 2007-present of Quarter Pooled Horizon IRRs.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes vintage years 2006-present of Quarter Pooled Horizon IRRs.

Discount Rate

The discount rates used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.6%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the employee and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in the statute. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the Total Pension Liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)

	Increase (Decrease)						
	Total Pension Liability (a)			an Fiduciary let Position (b)		let Pension bility (Asset) (a) - (b)	
Balance at 12/31/2021	\$	36,182,062	\$	40,673,862	\$	(4,491,800)	
Changes for the year:							
Service cost		1,009,290		-		1,009,290	
Interest on total pension liability (1)		2,753,751		-		2,753,751	
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses		(339,649)		-		(339,649)	
Refund of contributions		(157,867)		(157,867)		-	
Benefit payments		(1,793,439)		(1,793,439)		-	
Administrative expenses				(22,078)		22,078	
Member contributions				599,533		(599,533)	
Net investment income		_		(2,333,726)		2,333,726	
Employer contributions		_		757,982		(757,982)	
Other (2)				(49,611)		49,611	
Balance at 12/31/2022	\$	37,654,148	\$	37,674,656	\$	(20,508)	

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Reflects the change in the liability due to the time value of money. TCDRS does not charge fees or interest.

The required schedule of changes in the County's net pension liability (asset) and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the County, calculated using the discount rate of 7.6%, as well as what the Van Zandt County net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.6%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.6%) than the current rate.

	Current							
	1	% Decrease	Di	scount Rate	1% Increase			
		6.6%		7.6%	8.6%			
Total pension liability Fiduciary net position	\$	42,189,655 37,674,656	\$	37,654,148 37,674,656	\$	33,833,716 37,674,656		
Net pension liability/(asset)	\$	4,514,999	\$	(20,508)	\$	(3,840,940)		

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position is available in a separately-issued TCDRS financial report. The report may be obtained on the Internet at www.tcdrs.org

<u>Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> <u>Related to Pensions</u>

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the County recognized pension expense of \$150,113.

⁽²⁾ Relates to allocation of system-wide items.

At September 30, 2023, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ _	\$	169,825	
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-		-	
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	664,745		-	
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	 537,030			
Total	\$ 1,201,775	\$	169,825	

County contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$537,030 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ending September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	
2024	\$ (666,690)
2025	(31,839)
2026	113,426
2027	1,080,023

VII. NEW ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE

Significant new accounting guidance issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) not yet implemented by the County include the following:

GASB Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022 – The objective of this Statement is to correct practice issues identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and financial reporting for financial guarantees. There are various effective dates 1.) upon issuance 2.) fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 and 3.) fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023.

GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62 - The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. This Statement will become effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023, and the impact has not yet been determined.

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences - The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. This Statement will become effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023, and the impact has not vet been determined.

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has amended the existing standards regarding capitalization thresholds for assets. The amended guidance for the capitalization threshold comes from GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1, Question 5.1. Capitalization policies adopted by governments include many considerations such as finding an appropriate balance between ensuring that all significant capital assets, collectively, are capitalized and minimizing the cost of recordkeeping for capital assets. A government should capitalize assets whose individual acquisition costs are less than the threshold for an individual asset if those assets in the aggregate are significant. Computers, classroom furniture and library books are examples of asset types that may not meet a capitalization policy on an individual basis yet could be significantly collectively. In this example, if the \$150,000 aggregate amount (100 computers costing \$1,500 each) is significant, the government should capitalize the computers. The amended guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023, and the impact has not yet been determined.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COUNTY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Measurement Date December 31	2015	2016	2017
Total Pension Liability			
Service cost Interest on total pension liability Effect of plan changes Effect of assumption changes or inputs Effect of economic/demographic (gains) or losses Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	\$ 796,066 1,932,289 (98,883) 267,104 (136,245) (1,307,127)	\$ 981,737 2,044,552 - - (177,662) (1,461,724)	\$ 906,342 2,188,341 - 99,350 (53,732) (1,536,659)
Net change in total pension liability	1,453,204	1,386,903	1,603,642
Total pension liability, beginning	24,023,497	25,476,701	26,863,604
Total pension liability, ending (a)	\$ 25,476,701	\$ 26,863,604	\$ 28,467,246
Fiduciary Net Position			
Employer contributions Member contributions Investment income net of investment expenses Benefit payments/refunds of contributions Administrative expenses Other	\$ 580,642 498,099 (24,407) (1,307,127) (17,320) 13,222	\$ 564,398 497,579 1,772,702 (1,461,724) (19,257) 134,251	\$ 537,372 506,244 3,706,326 (1,536,659) (19,042) (6,787)
Net change in fiduciary net position	(256,891)	1,487,949	3,187,454
Fiduciary net position, beginning	24,215,140	23,958,249	25,446,198
Fiduciary net position, ending (b)	\$ 23,958,249	\$ 25,446,198	\$ 28,633,652
Net pension liability/(asset), ending = (a)-(b)	\$ 1,518,452	\$ 1,417,406	\$ (166,406)
Fiduciary net position as a % of total pension liability	94.04%	94.72%	100.58%
Pensionable covered payroll	\$ 7,115,698	\$ 7,108,278	\$ 7,222,134
Net pension liability/(asset) as a % of covered payroll	21.34%	19.94%	-2.30%

Notes to the Schedule:

This schedule will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.

	2018		2019		2020	2021			2022
\$	871,792	\$	878,701	\$	856,653	\$	812,528	\$	1,009,290
Ψ	2,314,465	Ψ	2,433,024	Ψ	2,545,639	Ψ	2,613,780	Ψ	2,753,751
	- (56,246) (1,561,175)	_	- (97,492) (1,789,730)		1,773,054 (293,215) (1,814,521)		(191,989) 352,698 (1,933,149)		- (339,649) (1,951,306)
	1,568,836		1,424,503		3,067,610		1,653,868		1,472,086
	28,467,246		30,036,082		31,460,584		34,528,194		36,182,062
\$	30,036,082	\$	31,460,585	\$	34,528,194	\$	36,182,062	\$	37,654,148
\$	576,948 520,443	\$	592,371 540,627	\$	640,536 548,139	\$	658,281 578,163	\$	757,982 599,533
	(538,619) (1,561,175)		4,532,832 (1,789,730)		3,245,876 (1,814,521)		7,390,704 (1,933,149)		(2,333,726) (1,951,306)
	(22,167) (10,941)		(23,953) (18,106)		(24,887) (15,405)		(22,005) (10,051)		(22,078) (49,611)
	(1,035,511)		3,834,041		2,579,738		6,661,943		(2,999,206)
	28,633,652		27,598,140		31,432,181		34,011,920		40,673,862
\$	27,598,141	\$	31,432,181	\$	34,011,920	\$	40,673,862	\$	37,674,656
\$	(2,437,941)	\$	(28,403)	\$	(516,274)	\$	(4,491,800)	\$	(20,508)
	91.88%		99.91%		98.50%		112.41%		100.05%
\$	7,434,894	\$	7,723,239	\$	8,317,546	\$	8,259,477	\$	8,564,751
	32.79%		0.37%		6.59%		-54.38%		-0.24%

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Fiscal Year Ended September 30	 Actuarially Determined Contribution	E	Actual mployer ntribution	_	ontribution Deficiency (Excess)	P	ensionable Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll	
2015	\$ 559,065	\$	559,065	\$	-	\$	6,781,850	8.2%)
2016	563,702		563,705		-		7,032,802	8.0%)
2017	545,832		545,832		-		7,215,223	7.6%)
2018	556,336		556,336		-		7,250,803	7.7%)
2019	594,450		594,450		-		7,725,649	7.7%)
2020	626,543		626,543		-		8,136,926	7.7%)
2021	648,290		648,290		-		8,044,474	8.1%)
2022	759,129		759,129		-		8,808,366	8.6%)
2023	720,824		720,824		-		9,256,322	7.8%)

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTI	ONS
Valuation Timing	Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated each December 31, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining Amortization Period	17.7 years (based on contribution rate calculated in 12/31/2022 valuation)
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Varies by age and service. 4.7% average over career including inflation.
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%, net of administrative and investment expenses, including inflation
Retirement Age	Members who are eligible for service retirement are assumed to commence receiving benefit payments based on age. The average age at service retirement for recent retirees is 61.
Mortality Changes in Assumptions and Methods	135% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees Table for males and 120% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010. 2015: New inflation, mortality and other assumptions were reflected.
changes in Assumptions and Methods	2017: New mortality assumptions were reflected.
	2019: New inflation, mortality and other assumptions were reflected.
	2022: New investment return and inflation assumptions were reflected.
Changes in Plan Provisions	2015: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.
Changes in Flan Frovisions	2016: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.
	2017: New Annuity Purchase Rates for benefits earned after 2017.
	2018: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.
	2019: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.
	2020: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.
	2021: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.
	2022: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.

Note: This schedule is required to have 10 years of information, but the information prior to 2015 is not available.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION GENERAL FUND DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

		Budget Original		Budget Final		Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
REVENUES									
Property Taxes:									
Taxes - current	\$	12,138,150	\$	12,138,150	\$	11,843,681	\$(294,469)	
Taxes - delinquent		190,000		190,000		219,422		29,422	
Penalty and collection fees	_	140,000	_	140,000	_	226,306		86,306	
Total Property Taxes	_	12,468,150	_	12,468,150	_	12,289,409	(178,741)	
Fees of Office:									
County judge		7,204		7,204		5,822	(1,382)	
County sheriff		62,598		62,598		57,088	(5,510)	
County clerk fees		542,870		542,870		467,899	(74,971)	
County library fees		5,784		5,784		7,058		1,274	
Tyler eagle internet		14,632		14,632		19,936		5,304	
Tax assessor-collector		573,274		573,274		632,022		58,748	
Child safety-tax office		84,969		84,969		87,090		2,121	
District attorney		5,062		5,062		4,939	(123)	
District clerk		102,790		102,790		126,599		23,809	
Justice of the peace		90,296		90,296		87,004	(3,292)	
Constable		30,815		30,815		44,366		13,551	
Probation		12		12		12		-	
County court at law		275,012		275,012		190,086	(84,926)	
Jury fees		13,499		13,499		21,174		7,675	
District court		229,052		229,052		209,613	(19,439)	
Justice court		215,663		215,663		183,910	(31,753)	
Legal fees/reimbursements		98,141		98,141		136,916		38,775	
Abatement officer		278,430		281,540		316,345	,	34,805	
Citizens collection station	_	87,764	_	87,764	_	86,590		1,174)	
Total fees	_	2,717,867	_	2,720,977	_	2,684,469	(36,508)	
Intergovernmental Revenues:									
Intergovernmental revenues	_	443,104		530,152	_	462,939	(67,213)	
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	_	443,104	_	530,152	_	462,939	(67,213)	
Investment Earnings:									
Depository interest	_	46,095	_	46,095	_	711,121		665,026	
Total Investment Earnings	_	46,095	_	46,095	_	711,121		665,026	
Other Revenues and Fees:									
Rentals		7,200		7,200		11,305		4,105	
Lease-adult probation		2,000		2,000		2,169		169	
Other revenues		17,966		17,966		50,227		32,261	
Open records request	_	221	_	221	_	666		445	
Total Other Revenues and Fees	_	27,387	_	27,387	_	64,367		36,980	
Total Revenues	\$	15,702,603	\$	15,792,761	\$	16,212,305	\$	419,544	

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION GENERAL FUND DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

		Budget Original		Budget Final		Actual		Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
EXPENDITURES		Original		ı ıııaı		Actual	_	(Negative)
General Government:								
County judge	\$	180,994	\$	180,994	\$	172,943	\$	8,051
Commissioners court	т	358	7	358	7	7	т.	351
Human Resources		102,437		102,437		98,602		3,835
County clerk		444,147		444,147		310,318		133,829
Elections		1,180,901		1,180,901		654,887		526,014
Non-department		1,371,300		1,137,516		481,759		655,757
Contracts		747,016		747,454		660,697		86,757
Veterans		19,121		19,121		18,732		389
Collection department		63,009		63,009		57,026		5,983
County auditor		302,067		302,067		292,551		9,516
County treasurer		181,612		181,910		181,372		538
Tax collector		413,022		413,022		357,774		55,248
Data processing		855,127		809,355		606,223		203,132
Public buildings		425,997		430,838		371,563		59,275
	_	1=5/551		100/000		0. =/0.00	_	337=:3
Total General Government	_	6,287,108	_	6,013,129	_	4,264,454	_	1,748,675
Judicial System:								
County court		12,500		12,500		5,844		6,656
Juvenile county court		10,200		10,200		1,940		8,260
District courts		646,231		646,231		470,762		175,469
Adult district court		468,800		468,800		275,863		192,937
Juvenile district court		2,500		2,500		-		2,500
County court at law		447,461		447,461		417,202		30,259
District clerk		361,824		361,824		277,800		84,024
Justices of the peace		548,158		548,158		515,585		32,573
District attorney	_	835,036	_	838,619	796,541			42,078
Total Judicial System	_	3,332,710	_	3,336,293	_	2,761,537	_	574,756
Public Safety:								
Constables		284,453		307,385		291,912		15,473
Adult probation		2,500		2,500		680		1,820
Abatement Officer		239,149		242,605		211,648		30,957
Truancy prevention		8,700		8,700		-		8,700
Emergency management		7,500		7,500		6,198		1,302
Sheriff's department		3,384,017		3,434,401		2,788,103		646,298
Jail		2,989,040		3,044,727		2,587,271		457,456
Department of public safety	_	47,538	_	47,648	_	47,647	_	1
Total Public Safety	_	6,962,897	_	7,095,466		5,933,459	_	1,162,007
Conservation:								
Extension service	_	110,202		110,202		83,770	_	26,432
Total Conservation	\$_	110,202	\$_	110,202	\$	83,770	\$_	26,432

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION GENERAL FUND DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

EXPENDITURES (Cont'd)	Budget Original	Budget Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
Culture and Recreation:						
County free library Office	\$ 157,289 	\$ 157,289 900	\$ 142,438 291	\$ 14,851 609		
Total Culture and Recreation	157,289	158,189	142,729	15,460		
Highways and Bridges:						
Support	65,240	65,239	56,276	8,963		
Total Highways and Bridges	65,240	65,239	56,276	8,963		
Sanitation:						
Collection	96,207	102,042	93,246	8,796		
Total Sanitation	96,207	102,042	93,246	8,796		
Health & Welfare						
Indigent health	56,314	56,470	56,468	2		
Office	176,490	176,334	134,545	41,789		
Total Health & Welfare	232,804	232,804	191,013	41,791		
Capital Outlay:						
Jail	62,218	252,618	252,381	237		
Sheriff's department Buildings	452,500 100,000	507,540 814,874	208,366 810,246	299,174 4,628		
Total Capital Outlay	\$614,718	\$ <u>1,575,032</u>	\$ <u>1,270,993</u>	\$304,039		

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION GENERAL FUND DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

EXPENDITURES (Cont'd)	Budget Original	Budget Final	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
EXPENDITORES (COIL u)					
Debt Service: Principal Interest	\$ - -	\$ 54,521 	\$ 233,121 7,557	\$ (178,600) (7,557)	
Total Debt Service		54,521	240,678	(186,157)	
Total Expenditures	17,859,175	18,742,917	15,038,155	3,704,762	
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(2,156,572)	(2,950,156)	1,174,150	4,124,306	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Insurance recoveries Sale of capital assets Transfers in Transfers out	- - 63,728 (339,400)	184,291 77,645 241,151 (516,823)	192,819 97,768 241,151 (516,497)	8,528 20,123 - 326	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(275,672)	(13,736)	15,241	28,977	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(2,432,244)	(2,963,892)	1,189,391	4,153,283	
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	11,358,466	11,358,466	11,358,466		
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$ 8,926,222	\$ 8,394,574	<u>\$ 12,547,857</u>	\$ 4,153,283	

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ROAD AND BRIDGE - PRECINCT 1 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

	Budget Original	Budget Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			710000	(110941110)
Property Taxes:				
Taxes - current	\$ 982,786	\$ 982,786	\$ 959,186	\$ (23,600)
Taxes - delinquent	13,360	13,360	17,766	4,406
Penalty/interest	9,230	9,230	18,323	9,093
Total Property Taxes:	1,005,376	1,005,376	995,275	(10,101)
Property taxes - special road tax:	024 507	024 507	000 415	(15 102)
Taxes - special road tax - current	924,597 7,669	924,597 7,669	909,415 12,667	(15,182) 4,998
Taxes - special road tax - delinquent Penalty/interest - special road tax	6,573	6,573	15,044 15,044	<u> 8,471</u>
•	938,839	938,839	937,126	(1,713)
Total Property taxes - special road tax	930,039	930,039	937,120	(1,713)
Permits, Licenses and Fees:	262 110	262 110	271 207	0 160
Other Fees	263,119	263,119	271,287	8,168
Total Permits, Licenses and Fees	263,119	263,119	271,287	8,168
Investment Earnings:	2 500	2.500	61.610	FO 110
Depository interest	2,500	2,500	61,618	59,118
Total Investment Earnings	2,500	2,500	61,618	59,118
Other Revenue:				
Other misc. revenue		11,421	11,421	
Total Other Revenue			11,421	
Total Revenues	2,209,834	2,209,834	2,276,727	55,472
EXPENDITURES				
Current:	1,881,076	2,068,404	1,680,379	388,025
Highways and bridges	1,881,076	2,068,404	1,680,379	388,025
Total Highways and Bridges Capital Outlay:				
Equipment	200,000	<u>191,500</u>	145,363	46,137
Total Capital Outlay Debt Service:	200,000	191,500	145,363	46,137
Principal payments	327,468	177,468	166,909	10,559
Interest and fiscal charges	9,553	9,590	11,470	(1,880)
Total Debt Service	337,021	187,058	178,379	8,679
Total Expenditures	2,418,097	2,446,962	2,004,121	442,841
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(208,263)	(237,128)	272,606	509,734
Insurance recoveries	_	17,405	17,405	_
Transfers out	(15,932)	(15,932)	(15,932)	_
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(15,932)	1,473	1,473	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(224,195)	(235,655)	274,079	509,734
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	646,172	646,172	646,172	
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$ 421,977	\$ 410,517	\$ 920,251	\$ 509,734

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ROAD AND BRIDGE- PRECINCT 2 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

	Budget Original	Budget Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Tax Revenue:				
Taxes - current	\$ 1,218,26		\$ 1,188,991	\$ (29,275)
Taxes - delinquent	16,56		22,023	5,462
Penalty/interest	11,44	_	22,714	11,272
Total Property Taxes:	1,246,26	9 1,246,269	1,233,728	(12,541)
Property taxes - special road tax: Taxes - special road tax - current	1 162 44	0 1 162 440	1 144 207	(10.061)
Taxes - special road tax - current Taxes - special road tax - delinquent	1,163,44 9,65		1,144,387 15,939	(19,061) 6,289
Penalty/interest - special road tax	8,27		18,930	10,659
Total Property taxes - special road tax	1,181,36	_	1,179,256	(2,113)
Permits, Licenses and Fees:		1,101,303	1,175,250	(2,113)
Other fees	326,16	3 332,563	342,307	9,744
Total Permits, Licenses and Fees	326,16		342,307	9,744
Investment Earnings:			312/307	
Depository interest	3,50	0 3,500	84,930	81,430
Total Investment Earnings	3,50	_	84,930	81,430
Other Revenues:				
Donations	_	12,000	12,243	243
	-			
Total Other Revenues	- _	12,000	12,243	243
Total Revenues	2,757,30	2,775,701	2,852,464	76,763
EXPENDITURES				
Current:	2 1 2 0 1 1	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	2.645.020	220 474
Highways and bridges	3,138,11		2,645,029	320,174
Total Highways and Bridges	3,138,11	2 2,965,203	2,645,029	320,174
Capital Outlay:	200.20	F FCO 20F	467.250	101.026
Capital outlay	309,28		467,359	101,926
Total Capital Outlays	309,28		467,359	101,926
Total Expenditures	3,447,39		3,112,388	422,100
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(690,09	<u>(758,787)</u>	(259,924)	498,863
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		69 601	60 601	
Sale of capital assets	(15,93	68,691 (15,932)	68,691 (15,932)	-
Transfers out	(15,93		52,759	
Total Other Financing Source (Uses)	(15,93	2) 52,/39	52,759	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(706,02	8) (706,028)	(207,165)	498,863
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	1,139,98	1,139,982	1,139,982	
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$ 433,95	<u>\$ 433,954</u>	\$ 932,817	\$ 498,863

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ROAD AND BRIDGE - PRECINCT 3 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

		Budget Original	Budget Final	Actual		Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
REVENUES								- <u>J</u> /
Tax Revenue:								
Taxes - current	\$	936,661	\$	936,661	\$	914,209	\$	(22,452)
Taxes - delinquent		12,733		12,733		16,932		4,199
Penalty/interest		8,797		8,797		17,463		8,666
Total Property Taxes:		958,191		958,191		948,604		(9,587)
Property taxes - special road tax:		1 201 940		1 201 940		1 102 155		(19,694)
Taxes - special road tax - current Taxes - special road tax - delinquent		1,201,849 9,968		1,201,849 9,968		1,182,155 16,465		6,497
Penalty/interest - special road tax		8,544		8,544		19,55 <u>5</u>		11,011
Total Property taxes - special road tax		1,220,361		1,220,361		1,218,175		(2,186)
Permits, Licenses and Fees:	-	1/220/301		1/220/301		1/210/1/3		(2/100)
Other fees		250,771		272,647		281,484		8,837
Total Permits, Licenses and Fees		250,771		272,647		281,484		8,837
Investment Earning:								
Depository interest		2,700		2,700		48,725		46,025
Total Investment Earning		2,700		2,700		48,725		46,025
Other Revenue:		,		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
Miscellaneous		-		-		4,889		4,889
Total Other Revenue				_		4,889		4,889
Total Revenues		2,432,023		2,453,899		2,501,877		47,978
EXPENDITURES								/
Current:								
Highways and bridges		2,483,955		2,574,454		2,499,957		74,497
Total Highways and Bridges		2,483,955		2,574,454		2,499,957		74,497
Capital Outlay:			-		-	_		_
Equipment		130,000		61,376		61,375		1
Total Capital Outlay		130,000		61,376		61,375		1
Debt Service:								
Principal payments		102,681		102,681		102,530		151
Interest and fiscal charges		4,650		4,650		4,674		(24)
Total Debt Services		107,331		107,331		107,204		127
Total Expenditures		2,721,286		2,743,161		2,668,536		74,625
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(289,263)		(289,262)		(166,659)		122,603
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers out		(15,932)	_	(15,932)	_	(15,932)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(15,932)		(15,932)		(15,932)		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		(305,195)		(305,194)		(182,591)		122,603
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING		626,311		626,311		626,311		
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$	321,116	\$	321,117	\$	443,720	\$	122,603

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ROAD AND BRIDGE - PRECINCT 4 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL

REVENUES		Budget Original	Budget Final		Actual		Fin:	ance With al Budget Positive egative)
Tax Revenue:								
Taxes - current	\$	908,338	\$	908,338	\$	886,561	\$	(21,777)
Taxes - delinquent	Ψ.	12,348	7	12,348	Ψ.	16,420	Ψ	4,072
Penalty/interest		8,531		8,531		16,935		8,404
Total Property Taxes:		929,217		929,217		919,916		(9,301)
Property taxes - special road tax:		,		,		,		
Taxes - special road tax - current		930,083		930,083		914,811		(15,272)
Taxes - special road tax - delinquent		7,714		7,714		12,742		5,028
Penalty/interest - special road tax		6,612		6,612		15,13 <u>3</u>		8,521
Total Property taxes - special road tax		944,409		944,409		942,686		(1,723)
Permits, Licenses and Fees:								
Other fees		243,188		243,188		250,920		7,732
Total Permits, Licenses and Fees		243,188		243,188		250,920		7,732
Investment Earnings:								
Depository interest		3,500		3,500		71,068		67,568
Total Investment Earnings	-	3,500		3,500		71,068		67,568
Intergovernmental Revenue:								
Grant revenue						19,489		19,489
Total Intergovernmental Revenue		-		-		19,489		19,489
Total Revenues		2,120,314		2,120,314		2,204,079		83,765
EXPENDITURES		_		_		_		
Current:								
Highways and bridges		2,437,835		2,407,097		2,075,309		331,788
Total Highway and Bridges		2,437,835		2,407,097		2,075,309		331,788
Capital Outlay:								
Equipment				199,176		134,272		64,904
Total Capital Outlay				199,176		134,272		64,904
Total Expenditures		2,437,835		2,606,273	_	2,209,581		396,692
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(317,521)		(485,959)		(5,502)		480,457
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Insurance proceeds		-		102,041		102,041		-
Sale of capital assets		-		66,397		66,397		-
Transfers out		(15,932)		(15,932)	_	(15,932)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(15,932)		152,506		152,506		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		(333,453)		(333,453)		147,004		480,457
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING		610,970		610,970		610,970		
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$	277,517	\$	277,517	\$	757,974	\$	480,457

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

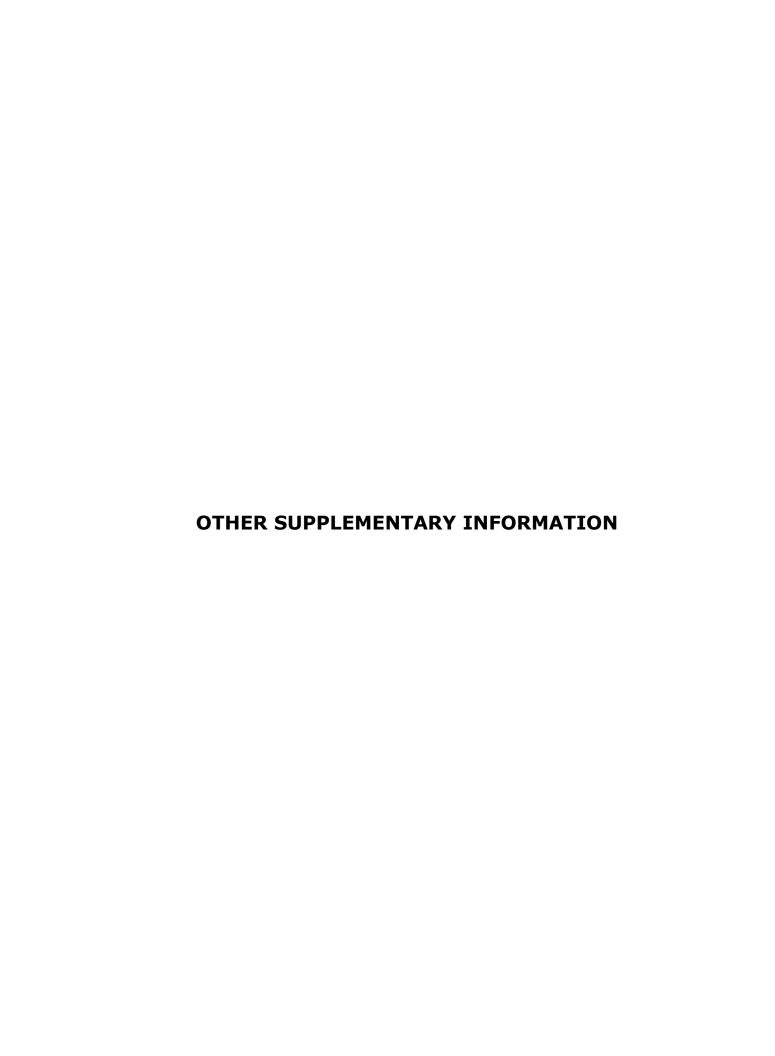
Budgetary Information

The Commissioners' Court adopted an "appropriated budget" for the General Fund and Road and Bridge Precincts #1 - 4, which is included in the Special Revenue Funds. An appropriated budget is also adopted for the Debt Service Fund. The County is required to present the adopted and final amended budgeted revenue and expenditures for each of these funds. The County compares the final amended budget to actual revenue and expenditures. An appropriated budget is not adopted for the ARP Act Grant Fund.

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budget:

- 1. Prior to September 1, the County prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The budget is prepared on the GAAP basis of accounting.
- 2. Public meetings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. The budget is then legally enacted through adoption by the Commissioners' Court. Once a budget is approved, it can only be amended at the function and fund level by approval of a majority of the members of the Court. Amendments are presented to the Court at its regular meetings. Each amendment must have Court approval. As required by law, such amendments made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the Court, and are not made after fiscal year-end. Because the County has a policy of careful budgetary control, several amendments were necessary during the year. However, none of these were significant.
- 4. Each budget is controlled at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Court. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end.
- 5. Encumbrances for goods or purchased services are documented by purchase orders or contracts. Under Texas law, appropriations lapse at September 30, and encumbrances outstanding at that time are to be either canceled or appropriately provided for in the subsequent year's budget. The County had no outstanding end-of-year encumbrances.

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Law Library	M	Records lanagement		Building Security	District Attorney Check Collection	
ASSETS							
Cash and investments	\$ 100,572	\$	1,434,854	\$	39,684	\$	5,262
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible)							
Accounts	3,045		21,722		3,354		-
Due from other governments	 	_	<u>-</u>		<u> </u>		
Total Assets	 103,617	_	1,456,576		43,038		5,262
LIABILITIES AND							
FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							_
Accounts payable	1,568		19,038		387		3
Accrued liabilities	-		-		1,627		-
Due to other funds	 	_	-	_	-		-
Total Liabilities	 1,568	_	19,038		2,014		3
Fund Balances:							
Restricted:							
Court technology and security	-		-		41,024		-
Records management	-		1,437,538		, -		-
Judicial	-		· · · ·		-		5,259
Public safety	-		-		-		· -
Law library	102,049		-		-		-
Conservation	-		-		-		-
Economic development	-		-		-		-
Disaster relief	-		-		-		-
Unassigned	 	_					
Total Fund Balances	 102,049		1,437,538		41,024		5,259
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 103,617	\$	1,456,576	\$	43,038	\$	5,262

Distr Attorr Supplem	ney	LEOSE	Community Development Block Grant		Justice Court chnology	В	Justice Court Building Security		Asset orfeiture
\$	-	\$ 32,731	\$	-	\$ 60,078	\$	12,800	\$	196,301
	7,500 -	 - -		- -	 508 -		150 -		- -
	7,500	 32,731			 60,586		12,950		196,301
	16	99		- -	- -		- -		1,400 266
2	2,237	 			 				=
	2,253	 99			 			_	1,666
	-	-		-	60,586		12,950		-
	- 5,247	_		_	_		_		-
•	-	32,632		_	_		_		194,635
	-	-		-	-		-		-
	-	-		-	-		-		-
	-	-		-	-		-		-
	-	-		-	-		-		-
		 	-	<u> </u>	 				
	5,247	 32,632			 60,586		12,950		194,635
\$ 7	7,500	\$ 32,731	\$	-	\$ 60,586	\$	12,950	\$	196,301

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

		torical mission		plemental ardianship	County Child Abuse		Appellate Justice	
ASSETS Cash and investments	.		.	F1 704	+	12 (22	.	025
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible)	\$	-	\$	51,784	\$	12,623	\$	825
Accounts		_		500		108		435
Due from other governments		-		-		-		-
•								
Total Assets				52,284		12,731		1,260
LIABILITIES AND								
FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable		-		-		-		405
Accrued liabilities		-		-		_		-
Due to other funds								
Total Liabilities								405
Fund Balances:								
Restricted:								
Court technology and security		-		-		_		-
Records management		-		-		-		-
Judicial		-		52,284		12,731		855
Public safety		-		-		-		-
Law library		-		-		-		-
Conservation		-		-		-		-
Economic development		-		-		-		-
Disaster relief		-		-		-		-
Unassigned				-		=		
Total Fund Balances				52,284		12,731		855
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$		\$	52,284	\$	12,731	\$	1,260

Juvenile Probation	Soil Conservation District	ETCOG Residential Grant	Victim Coordinator Grant	Capital Credit Economic Development	HAVA Cares Grant	Contribution Relief Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ 699,353	\$ 41,557	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 451,808	\$ 17,700	\$ 16,083	\$ 3,174,015
42,835 			- 13,803				80,157 13,803
742,188	41,557		13,803	451,808	17,700	16,083	3,267,975
3,736 19,288	-	-	454	-	-	-	27,106 21,181
		3,337	14,320				19,894
23,024		3,337	14,774				68,181
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114,560
_	-	-	_	-	-	-	1,437,538
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76,376
719,164	-	-	-	-	-	-	946,431 102,049
-	- 41,557	_	-	-	_	_	41,557
_	T1,557 -	_	_	451,808	_	_	451,808
-	-	-	-	-	17,700	16,083	33,783
		(3,337)	(971)				(4,308)
719,164	41,557	(3,337)	(971)	451,808	17,700	16,083	3,199,794
\$ 742,188	\$ 41,557	\$ -	\$ 13,803	\$ 451,808	\$ 17,700	\$ 16,083	\$ 3,267,975

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	Law Library		Records Management	Building Security			District Attorney Check Collection
REVENUES							
Permits, licenses and fees	\$ 33,845	\$	284,360	\$	41,490	\$	924
Intergovernmental	-		-		-		-
Investment earnings	3,852		58,973		1,453		125
Other	 80	_		_		_	-
Total Revenues	 37,777	_	343,333		42,943		1,049
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government	-		67,242		76,183		3,088
Judicial	4,429		840		-		-
Public safety Conservation	-		-		-		-
	-		-		-		-
Capital outlay Debt service:	-		-		-		-
	15 202		E1 04E				
Principal retirement	15,282		51,945		-		-
Interest and fiscal charges	 1,109	_	4,359			-	-
T. 15 19	20.000		101.006		76.400		2 000
Total Expenditures	 20,820	_	124,386	_	76,183	_	3,088
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OVER REVENUES							
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	16,957		218,947	(33,240)	(2,039)
OVER (ONDER) EXPENDITORES	10,957		210,547	(33,240)	(2,039)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	-		-		42,000		-
Sale of capital assets	 	_					
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	 	_			42,000		=
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	16,957		218,947		8,760	(2,039)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	 85,092	_	1,218,591		32,264	_	7,298
			== == :			,	
FUND BALANCES, ENDING	\$ 102,049	\$_	1,437,538	\$	41,024	\$_	5,259

Α	District ttorney plemental		LEOSE	Community Development Block Grant		Justice Court Technology		Justice Court Building Security		Asset Forfeiture	
\$	- 22,500 -	\$	- 5,250 904	\$	- 120,299 -	\$	7,207 - 156	\$	2,132 - 461	\$	117,594 - 7,609
		_									100
	22,500	_	6,154		120,299		7,363		2,593		125,303
	20,718		-		120,299		1,257 -		1,663		76,716 -
	-		5,200		-		-		-		11,129
	-		-		-		-		-		- 18,985
	- -	_	- -		<u>-</u>		- -		- -		- -
	20,718	_	5,200		120,299		1,257		1,663		106,830
	1,782		954		-		6,106		930		18,473
	-	_	-		<u>-</u>		-		<u>-</u>		- 1,210
		_									1,210
	1,782		954		-		6,106		930		19,683
	3,465	_	31,678				54,480		12,020		174,952
\$	5,247	\$	32,632	\$		\$	60,586	\$	12,950	\$	194,635

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

		orical mission		plemental rdianship		County Child Abuse	Appellate Justice	
REVENUES	.		_	C 200	_	700	4	4.045
Permits, licenses and fees Intergovernmental	\$	-	\$	6,200	\$	798 -	\$	4,845
Investment earnings		292		1,981		419		_
Other		2,869		-		-		_
	-		-		-			
Total Revenues		3,161		8,181		1,217		4,845
EXPENDITURES Current:								
General government		13,142		450		-		-
Judicial		-		-		-		4,880
Public safety		-		=		-		-
Conservation		-		-		-		-
Capital outlay Debt service:		-		-		-		-
Principal retirement		-		-		-		-
Interest and fiscal charges								
Total Expenditures		13,142		450				4,880
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OVER REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(9,981)		7,731		1,217		(35)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Sale of capital assets								
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		(9,981)		7,731		1,217		(35)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING		9,981		44,553		11,514		890
FUND BALANCES, ENDING	\$		\$	52,284	\$	12,731	\$	855

Juvenile Probation	Soil Conservation District	ETCOG Residential Grant	Victim Coordinator Grant	Capital Credit Economic Development	HAVA Cares Grant	Contribution Relief Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
\$ 400,587 39,755 - 153	\$ - 1,613 	\$ - - - -	\$ - 48,302 - -	\$ 81,145 - 17,782 	\$ - - 713 	\$ - - - -	\$ 981,127 236,106 96,333 3,202	
440,495	1,613		48,302	98,927	713		1,316,768	
-	-	2,526	64,242	15,000	-	-	462,526 10,149	
525,719	- -	_ _	- -	-	-	<u>-</u>	542,048	
-	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,985	
_	_	_	_	_	_	_	67,227	
_	_	_	_	_	_	_	5,468	
							3,100	
525,719	6,000	2,526	64,242	15,000			1,112,403	
(85,224)	(4,387)	(2,526)	(15,940)	83,927	713	-	204,365	
275,000	6,000	_	16,074	_	_	_	339,074	
273,000	-	_	-	_	_	_	1,210	
	-							
275,000	6,000		16,074				340,284	
189,776	1,613	(2,526)	134	83,927	713	-	544,649	
529,388	39,944	(811)	(1,105)	367,881	16,987	16,083	2,655,145	
\$ 719,164	\$ 41,557	\$ (3,337)	<u>\$ (971)</u>	\$ 451,808	\$ 17,700	\$ 16,083	\$ 3,199,794	

COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Just	ice of	Tax	Tax Assessor/					
	the	the Peace		County Clerk		strict Clerk	Collector		
ASSETS									
Cash and equivalents	\$	16,779	\$	1,064,417	\$	2,584,041	\$	731,986	
Total Assets		16,779		1,064,417		2,584,041		731,986	
LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable		-		-		-		-	
Due to other governments	:	<u> 10,402</u>		6,285				709,992	
Total Liabilities		10,402	_	6,285	_			709,992	
NET POSITION									
Restricted for individuals									
and other governments		6,377	_	1,058,132		2,584,041		21,994	
Total Net Position	\$	6,377	\$_	1,058,132	\$	2,584,041	\$	21,994	

			J	uvenile		Total			
Distr	ict Attorney	 CSCD	Pr	robation		Sheriff	Cu	stodial Funds	
							. ,		
\$	707,405	\$ 34,567	\$	42,242	\$	310,043	\$	5,491,480	
	707,405	 34,567		42,242		310,043		5,491,480	
	-	-		-		12,201		12,201	
		 31,125		-		1,377		759,181	
		 31,125				13,578		771,382	
<u> </u>		 							
	707,405	 3,442		42,242		296,465		4,720,098	
\$	707,405	\$ 3,442	\$	42,242	\$	296,465	\$	4,720,098	

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION CUSTODIAL FUNDS

	 Justice of the Peace	County Clerk			istrict Clerk
ADDITIONS	101.050		64 700		77.404
Fees on behalf of state comptroller	\$ 191,250	\$	64,722	\$	77,494
Fees on behalf of other governments	9,914		3,823		9,680
Bonds received	25,000		-		-
Fees on behalf of other contracting entities	44,552		4,687		347
Refunds and restitution	171		17,683		21,967
Commissary	-		-		-
Court registry	-		-		2,491,925
Trust accounts	-		153,449		-
Cash bonds	-		34,100		82,037
Escrow accounts	-		2,196		-
Interest earned	 		3,471		525
Total Additions	 270,887		284,131	_	2,683,975
DEDUCTIONS					
Fees on behalf of state comptroller	191,250		60,298		77,494
Disbursements on behalf of contracting entities	46,795		4,686		347
Bond returns	25,000		44,911		84,537
Trust returns	-		2,760,381		-
Court registery returns	-		_		3,160,550
CD's	-		_		222,130
Commissary	-		_		-
Fees on behalf of other governments	20,885		-		9,680
Refunds and restitution	171		16,513		21,967
Escrow accounts	-		2,066		-
Total Deductions	 284,101		2,888,855	_	3,576,705
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position	(13,214)		(2,604,724)		(892,730)
Net Position, Beginning	 19,591		3,662,856		3,476,771
Net Position, Ending	\$ 6,377	\$	1,058,132	\$	2,584,041

Т	ax Assessor/						Juvenile			Total	
Collector		District Attorney		CSCD		Probation		Sheriff		Custodial Funds	
											_
\$	11,878,102	\$	-	\$	881	\$	-	\$	-	\$	12,212,449
	6,330		-		19,085		-		-		48,832
	-		-		32,579		-		-		57,579
	-		-		-		-		-		49,586
	-		28,506		80,676		7,046		-		156,049
	-		-		-		-		182,444		182,444
	-		-		-		-		-		2,491,925
	-		-		-		-		-		153,449
	-		-		-		-		64,410		180,547
	-		636,467		-		-		328,576		967,239
_	93				_	_					4,089
	11,884,525		664,973		133,221	_	7,046		575,430		16,504,188
				· <u> </u>			_		_		
	11,878,102		-		881		-		-		12,208,025
	6,330		-		19,085		-		-		77,243
	-		-		32,579		-		61,910		248,937
	-		-		-		-		-		2,760,381
	-		-		-		-		-		3,160,550
	_		-		-		-		-		222,130
	_		-		-		-		37,687		37,687
	-		-		-				-		30,565
	_		37,650		80,676		-		-		156,977
			103,532		_				324,931		430,529
	11,884,432		141,182		133,221		-		424,528		19,333,024
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>				•		<u> </u>
	93		523,791		-		7,046		150,902		(2,828,836)
	21,901	_	183,614		3,442		35,196		145,563		7,548,934
\$_	21,994	\$	707,405	\$	3,442	\$_	42,242	\$	296,465	\$	4,720,098

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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

Honorable County Judge and Commissioners' Court Van Zandt County, Texas

We have audited in accordance with the 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 (Government Auditing Standards), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Van Zandt County, Texas (the "County") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 21, 2024.

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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

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 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 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 County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Waco, Texas May 21, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Honorable County Judge and Commissioners' Court Van Zandt County, Texas

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Van Zandt County, Texas' (the "County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit 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 September 30, 2023. 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 September 30, 2023.

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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 the County 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.

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.



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.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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 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.

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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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.

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.

Waco, Texas May 21, 2024

Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

55 01350	\$ 33,359
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	33,359 33,359 33,359
28 7220480	27,038 27,038 27,038
75 2830705	48,302 48,302 48,302
27 SLT 4545	1,198,287 1,198,287 1,198,287
58 HHS00028510025	42,810 42,810 42,810
57 4461801	45,980 45,980 45,980 \$ 1,395,776
	28 7220480 25 2830705 27 SLT 4545 38 HHS00028510025

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Basis of Accounting

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The modified accrual basis of accounting is described in Note I of the basic financial statements. 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* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some of the amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

Basis of Presentation

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all applicable federal awards programs of the County. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note I of the basic financial statements. Federal awards received directly from federal agencies, as well as awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Indirect Costs

The County has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed in the Uniform Guidance.

Subrecipients

The County did not pass any federal awards through to any subrecipients.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

Type of auditors' report issued Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

State Awards:

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance

for major programs Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required

to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 100.516(a) No

Identification of major programs:

Assistance Listing Number(s): Name of Program or Cluster:

21.027 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal

Recovery Fund - COVID-19

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A

and type B programs \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which Are
Required to be Reported in Accordance With
Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards

None

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

None

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

None

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