

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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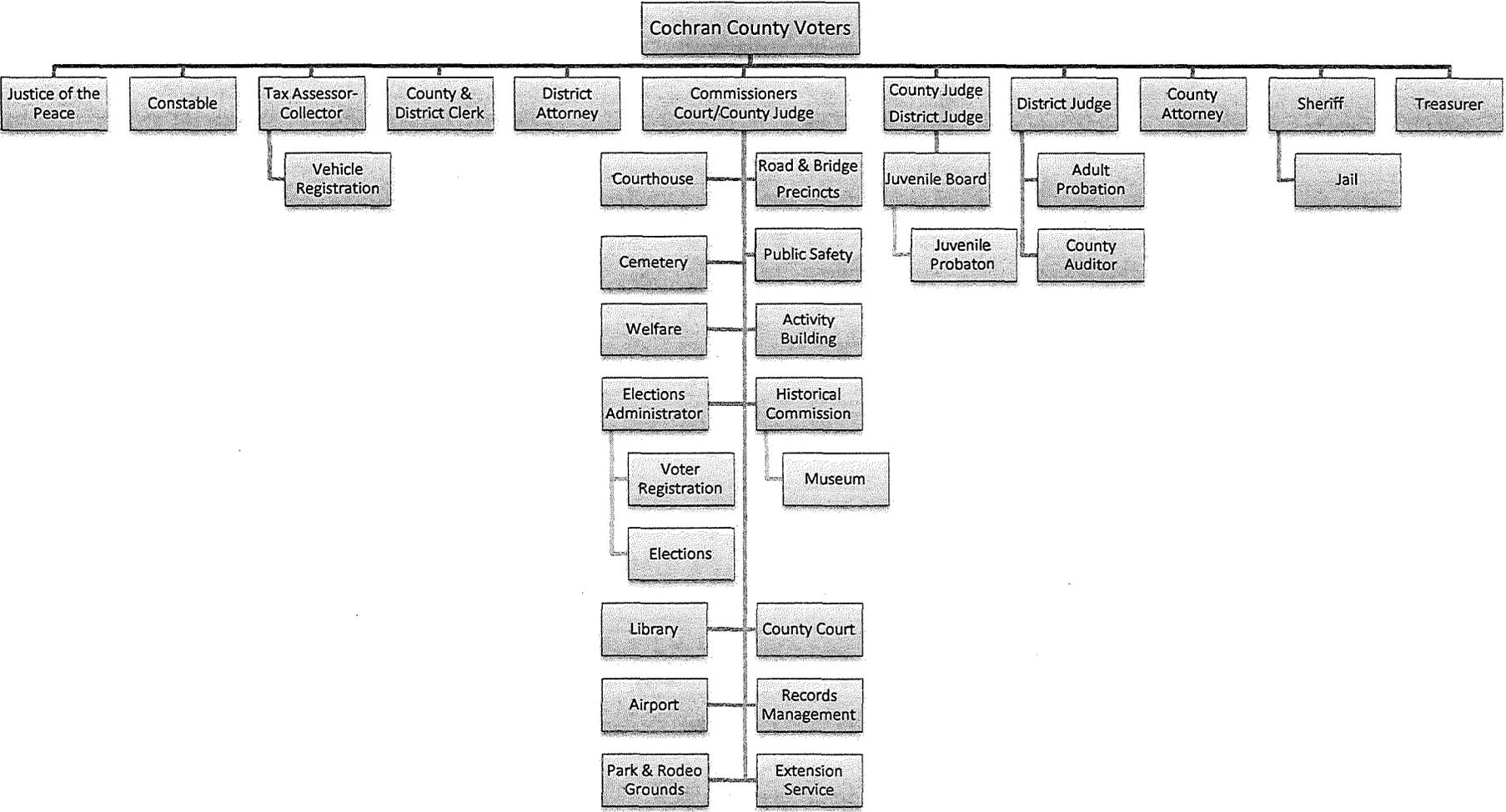
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**COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
ORGANIZATION CHART**



COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Pat Phelan Judge, 286th Judicial District
Pat Sabala Henry..... County Judge
Donnie Simpson..... Commissioner, Precinct 1
Bruce Heflin..... Commissioner, Precinct 2
Stacey Dunn..... Commissioner, Precinct 3
Reynaldo Morin..... Commissioner, Precinct 4
Raymond Weber County Sheriff
J. Collier Adams, Jr. County Attorney
Donna SchmidtJustice of the Peace, Precinct 1
Christopher Dennis District Attorney
Clarence Roberts..... Constable, Precinct 1
Shanna Dewbre County & District Clerk
Doris Sealy..... County Treasurer
Treva JacksonCounty Tax Assessor-Collector
Danny Wiseley..... County Auditor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Cochran County Commissioners Court
Cochran County, Texas
Room 104 Courthouse
Morton, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cochran County, Texas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cochran County, Texas, as of December 31, 2015, 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information as listed in the Table of Contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Cochran County, Texas' basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining nonmajor fund financial statements, agency fund financial statements and other schedules are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, agency fund financial statements and other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 nonmajor fund financial statements, agency fund financial statements and other schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 17, 2016, on our consideration of Cochran County, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Cochran County, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,


Myatt, Blume, & Osburn, Ltd., L.L.P.
Certified Public Accountants
Levelland, Texas
October 17, 2016

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

In this section of the Annual Financial Statements, the management of Cochran County, Texas discuss and analyze the County's financial performance for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the independent auditor's report and the County's basic financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- At the close of the most recent fiscal year, Cochran County's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$9,548,040. Of this amount, \$5,490,430 was unrestricted net position.
- The County's net position increased by \$771,068, or 8.79% as a result of this year's operations.
- During the year, the County had total expenditures of \$4,833,846, which is \$438,291 more than the \$4,395,555 generated in tax revenues and before any special items. This compares to last year when total expenditures exceeded tax revenues by \$476,573.
- The General Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$3,145,844. The fund balance of the General Fund is unassigned and is 100.31% of total General Fund expenditures.
- The resources available for appropriation were \$656,272 lower than budgeted for the General Fund. This is primarily due to lower tax collections in the current year.
- The County again has gone through the year without issuing any long-term debt and currently has no long-term debt outstanding.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Cochran County's basic financial statements. Cochran County's basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements; (2) fund financial statements; and (3) notes to the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of the County as a whole and present a longer-term view of the County's property and debt obligations and other financial matters. They reflect the flow of total economic resources in a manner similar to the financial reports of a business enterprise.

Fund financial statements report the County's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the County's most significant funds. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what resources remain for future spending. They reflect the flow of current financial resources, and supply the basis for tax levies and the appropriations budget. The remaining statements, fiduciary statements, provide financial information about activities for which the County acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of other County funds or those outside of the County. They show what assets these funds have and who they belong to.

The notes to the financial statements provide narrative explanations or additional data needed for full disclosure in the government-wide statements and fund financial statements.

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's General Fund and major special revenue fund (Road & Bridge Fund) budget compliance and other supplementary information for additional analysis that is not required to be reported under generally accepted accounting principles including combining schedules for the nonmajor governmental funds and agency funds, a schedule of delinquent taxes receivable, a reconciliation of the current year tax roll, and schedules regarding insurance and fidelity bonding coverage.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

REPORTING THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE – THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The analysis of the County's overall financial condition and operations is presented in the government-wide statements. The primary purpose of the government-wide statements is to show whether the County is better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities. The Statement of Net Position includes all the County's assets and liabilities at the end of the year while the Statement of Activities includes all the revenues and expenses generated by the County's operations during the year. These apply the accrual basis of accounting which is the basis used by private sector companies.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. The County's revenues are divided into those provided by outside parties who share the costs of some programs, such as grants provided by federal and state agencies and fees for services (program revenues), and revenues provided by the taxpayers or other unrestricted sources (general revenues). All the County's assets are reported whether they serve the current year or future years. Liabilities are considered regardless of whether they must be paid in the current year or future years.

These two statements report the County's net position and its respective change during the year. The County's net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) provide one measure of the County's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. To fully assess the overall health of the County, however, you should consider non-financial factors as well, such as changes in the County's property tax base and the condition of the County's facilities.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the County contains one kind of activity:

I. **Governmental activities** – All of the County's basic services are reported here, including general administration, public safety, justice system, road and bridge maintenance, cemetery, parks, airport, and library services. Property taxes and vehicle registration fees finance most of these activities.

REPORTING THE COUNTY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS – THE FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not the County as a whole. 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. Laws and contracts require the County to establish some funds. The County's administration can establish many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes (e.g. capital projects). All of the funds of the County can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds. Each category uses a different accounting approach.

· **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 statements, governmental funds 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 the County's near-term financing requirements. These funds use modified accrual accounting (a method that measures the receipt and disbursement of cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash) to reflect that focus. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed near-term view of the County's general operations and the basic services it provides.

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 County's near-term financing decisions.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Following each of the governmental fund financial statements (the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance) is a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the governmental fund financial statements and the government-wide statements.

Fiduciary funds – The County is the trustee, or fiduciary, for money received in numerous offices. All of the County's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets. We report the resources these activities produce that are due to County operating funds as an interfund receivable in those funds and as an interfund payable in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets. All other resources within the fiduciary activities are excluded from the County's other financial reports because the County cannot use those assets to finance its operations. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Our analysis focuses on the net position (Table I) and changes in net position (Table II) of the County's governmental activities.

Net position of the County's governmental activities increased from \$8,776,972 to \$9,548,040. 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 legislation, or other legal requirements – was \$5,490,430 at December 31, 2015. This increase in governmental net position was mainly the result of a reduction of some line item expenses – enough to offset a large contribution to the retirement fund in the current year - and an increase in the collection of property taxes.

Table I			
Cochran County, Texas			
NET POSITION			
		<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
		2015	2014
Assets:			
Current and Other Assets		\$ 7,401,295	\$ 6,675,835
Capital Assets		<u>2,596,441</u>	<u>2,280,585</u>
Total Assets		9,997,736	8,956,420
Liabilities:			
Other Liabilities		<u>449,696</u>	<u>179,448</u>
Total Liabilities		449,696	179,448
Net Position:			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt		2,596,441	2,280,584
Restricted		1,461,169	1,550,238
Unrestricted		<u>5,490,430</u>	<u>4,946,150</u>
Total Net Position		<u>\$ 9,548,040</u>	<u>\$ 8,776,972</u>

Key factors related to the County's financial performance over the last year include the following:

1. Mineral and related taxable values decreased for 2015 to \$523,366,360, a reduction of \$300,642,160 from the prior year. In light of this decrease, the Commissioner's Court increased the tax rate to 83.53 cents per \$100 valuation, an increase of 30.47 cents per \$100 over the prior year.
2. County personnel numbers are substantially the same as the previous year.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Table II		
Cochran County, Texas		
CHANGES IN NET POSITION		
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	2015	2014
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 411,228	\$ 457,430
Operating Grants and Contributions	78,796	245,990
Capital Grants and Contributions	43,757	-
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	4,395,555	4,372,755
Penalty and Interest	32,403	31,645
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Fixed Assets	-	9,668
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	88,356	76,977
Investment Earnings	<u>24,815</u>	<u>22,966</u>
Total Revenue	5,074,910	5,217,431
Expenses:		
General Government	2,281,802	2,188,395
Public Safety	1,106,227	1,278,583
Highways And Streets	1,054,349	968,224
Culture and Recreation	<u>391,468</u>	<u>414,126</u>
Total Expenses	<u>4,833,846</u>	<u>4,849,328</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	241,064	368,103
Prior Period Adjustment	530,004	-
Net Position - Beginning of the Year	<u>8,776,972</u>	<u>8,408,869</u>
Net Position - End of the Year	<u>\$ 9,548,040</u>	<u>\$ 8,776,972</u>

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$4,833,846. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities, the amount that our taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities through County taxes was \$4,154,491 because some of the costs were paid with charges for services of \$411,228, capital and operating grants and contributions of \$50,614, other various general revenues of \$217,513, leaving \$241,064 to fund future County operations.

THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

As the County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$3,796,586, which increased over last year's total of \$4,685,126. Included in this year's total change in fund balance is a decrease of \$407,056 in the County's General Fund. This overall decrease is primarily due to a decrease in tax collections.

For fiscal year 2015, actual expenditures on a budgetary basis for the General Fund were \$3,142,577, compared to the original budgeted expenditures of \$4,244,053. Actual revenue on a budgetary basis was \$2,741,156 compared to the original budget of \$3,397,428. Reasons for the actual numbers varying from the budget follow:

1. The decreased tax base combined with the increased tax rate and halted oil and gas economy resulted in slower payment of property taxes.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

2. Continued favorable results from County loss control programs, and benefits derived from participation in the Texas Association of Counties Risk Pools for liability and property coverage led to continued low premiums. Good fortune was again realized in regard to claims and judgments, roof and building systems replacement, and expensive equipment breakdowns.
3. Substantial savings continue to be realized from the cancellation of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanical maintenance contracts on major County buildings. Repair and maintenance of these systems is being provided on a time and materials basis by other contractors. It is becoming more difficult to find suitable repair firms willing to travel to Morton, so resorting to an annual contract could become necessary in the future.
4. Group health insurance costs continued to decrease during 2015. County Treasurer Doris Sealy aggressively promotes participation by employees and officials in available health maintenance programs, as well as an annual health screening. This could be a contributor to the favorable loss ratios being reported for the county group by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Again, the County benefited from participation in a Texas Association of Counties group program.

Over the course of the year, the County's Commissioners Court revised the County's budget ten times. These revisions include amendments and supplemental appropriations that were approved during the year to address mid-year situational changes and amendments moving funds from programs that did not need all the resources originally appropriated to them to programs with resource needs. The primary amendment included additional funds required to complete the rehabilitation of County Road 110.

Exhibits G-1 and G-2 provide a detailed comparison of these changes.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets – At the end of fiscal year 2015, the County had \$8,437,522 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure.

Major capital asset acquisitions during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Reconstruction of County Road 110
- CAT 140M3 Motor Grader
- John Deere 770GP Motor Grader
- John Deere 1550 Mower and Attachments
- 2016 CAT 930M Wheel Loader
- Veteran Van with Wheelchair Lift and Accessories
- 2 Dodge Chargers and Accessories

The County's fiscal year 2016 capital budget calls for expenditures of about \$1,123,000. This includes the following:

- Mower for cemetery, park and courthouse use;
- Courthouse telephone system replacement;
- Two patrol cars for Sheriff's Office;
- Three motor graders for Road and Bridge precincts;
- Rehabilitation of 4000 feet of County Road 110.

The County does not currently service any long-term debt, and there are no plans to issue any debt to finance these expenditures. More detailed information about the County's capital assets is presented in Note III D in the notes to the financial statements.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The County's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2016 budget and tax rates. Some key items that should be noted are as follows:

1. Mineral and related taxable values plummeted this year. Local real and personal property taxable values have remained relatively unchanged for the last several years. Overall, valuations decreased approximately *thirty-six percent* from last year's figures. In order to adequately fund the 2016 budget, the Commissioners Court was forced to increase the total county tax rate by \$0.3047/\$100 valuation, even with the use of some of the fund balances (reserves).
2. General Fund revenues, as well as Road and Bridge Fund revenues, are budgeted to remain approximately the same as last year.
3. The budget allows for 52 full-time positions (including elected officials) and 10 part-time positions, a decrease of one full-time employee in the office of the County and District Clerk. Even though budgeted, the County Tax Assessor-Collector and County Treasurer were able to complete their duties without part-time help in 2013, 2014 and 2015.
4. Capital expenditures in the 2015 Road & Bridge Fund anticipate the replacement of at least three motor graders. The Commissioners Court has determined that keeping motor graders longer than the warranty period results in higher overall costs due to market factors affecting trade allowances. It seems that factory governmental pricing breaks follow the machine for a period of time, making them more attractive to independent contractors if they are traded within that period. Continuing to operate the graders past the warranty period also exposes the County to the monetary risk of major repairs in addition to the downtime involved
5. The oil industry in our area has had successful years, but continues to be very unpredictable, as has been the agriculture industry. These two industries remain the largest parts of our local business activity and the uncertainty that goes along with them makes it a challenge to accurately predict long-term economic and population numbers for Cochran County. The release of 2010 census figures confirmed that the population of Cochran County is declining rapidly, showing a 16.2% loss since the 2000 census. Efforts to help strengthen and expand existing business and industry are largely invisible, and progress in the area of economic development seems to be limited.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COCHRAN COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2015

EXHIBIT A-1

	Primary Government
	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,772,782
Investments - Current	1,096,658
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	2,913,492
Due from Fiduciary Funds	138,461
Capital Assets:	
Land	76,518
Infrastructure, net	322,510
Buildings, net	516,743
Improvements other than Buildings, net	209,075
Machinery and Equipment, net	1,471,595
Total Assets	9,517,834
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Outflow Related to Pension Plan	479,902
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	479,902
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	211,315
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Net Pension Liability	176,346
Total Liabilities	387,661
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Inflow Related to Pension Plan	62,035
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	62,035
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,596,441
Restricted for:	
Library Endowment Principal	28,083
Highways and Streets	1,370,504
Courthouse Projects	24,117
Records Management/Preservation	38,465
Unrestricted Net Position	5,490,430
Total Net Position	\$ 9,548,040

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COCHRAN COUNTY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Program Revenues		
Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Primary Government:			
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:			
General Government	\$ 2,281,802	\$ 183,197	\$ -
Public Safety	1,106,227	14,422	61,690
Highways and Streets	1,054,349	213,609	16,645
Culture and Recreation	391,468	-	461
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:	\$ 4,833,846	\$ 411,228	\$ 78,796

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes
Penalty and Interest
Miscellaneous Revenue
Investment Earnings

Total General Revenues

Change in Net Position

Net Assets - Beginning
Prior Period Adjustment
Net Position--Ending

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
		Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental
\$	43,757	\$	(2,054,848)
	-		(1,030,115)
	-		(824,095)
	-		(391,007)
\$	43,757		(4,300,065)

4,395,555
32,403
88,356
24,815
<u>4,541,129</u>
241,064
8,776,972
530,004
<u>\$ 9,548,040</u>

COCHRAN COUNTY
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,240,401	\$ 360,349	\$ 172,032	\$ 2,772,782
Investments - Current	857,029	205,371	34,258	1,096,658
Taxes Receivable	2,116,336	829,501	-	2,945,837
Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes (credit)	(195,466)	(72,576)	-	(268,042)
Due from Other Funds	104,745	30,526	3,190	138,461
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,123,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,353,171</u>	<u>\$ 209,480</u>	<u>\$ 6,685,696</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 16,042	\$ 154,921	\$ 63	\$ 171,026
Wages and Salaries Payable	40,289	-	-	40,289
Total Liabilities	<u>56,331</u>	<u>154,921</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>211,315</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable Revenue - Ad Valorem Taxes	1,920,870	756,925	-	2,677,795
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,920,870</u>	<u>756,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,677,795</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable Fund Balance:				
Library Endowment Principal	-	-	28,083	28,083
Restricted Fund Balance:				
Highways and Streets	-	441,325	108,825	550,150
Courthouse Projects	-	-	24,117	24,117
Records Management/Preservation	-	-	38,465	38,465
Committed Fund Balance:				
Culture & Recreation	-	-	5,910	5,910
Airport Use	-	-	4,017	4,017
Unassigned Fund Balance	3,145,844	-	-	3,145,844
Total Fund Balances	<u>3,145,844</u>	<u>441,325</u>	<u>209,417</u>	<u>3,796,586</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,123,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,353,171</u>	<u>\$ 209,480</u>	<u>\$ 6,685,696</u>

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COCHRAN COUNTY
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	3,796,586
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in governmental funds. At the beginning of the year, the cost of these assets was \$7,889,912 and the accumulated depreciation was \$5,609,328. The net effect of including the beginning balances for capital assets (net of depreciation) is to increase (decrease) net position.		2,280,584
Prior period entry to adjust the beginning net position for the implementation of GASB 68 for 2015		530,004
Current year capital outlays and long-term debt principal payments are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they should be shown as increases in capital assets and reductions in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of including the 2015 capital outlays and debt principal payments is to increase (decrease) net position.		813,500
The 2015 depreciation expense increases accumulated depreciation. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position.		(497,643)
Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing deferred revenue as revenue, eliminating interfund transactions, reclassifying the proceeds of bond sales as an increase in bonds payable, and recognizing the liabilities associated with maturing long-term debt and interest. The net effect of these reclassifications and recognitions is to increase (decrease) net position.		2,625,009
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	9,548,040

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COCHRAN COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	\$ 2,369,552	\$ 923,773	\$ -	\$ 3,293,325
Penalty and Interest on Taxes	24,003	8,400	-	32,403
Licenses and Permits	10,875	164,896	-	175,771
Intergovernmental Revenue and Grants	105,447	-	16,645	122,092
Charges for Services	163,777	25,420	16,419	205,616
Fines	3,350	21,235	3,198	27,783
Investment Earnings	21,131	3,658	26	24,815
Rents and Royalties	31,681	-	1,900	33,581
Contributions & Donations from Private Sources	-	-	461	461
Other Revenue	11,340	45,442	51	56,833
Total Revenues	2,741,156	1,192,824	38,700	3,972,680
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General Government	1,621,041	310,063	518	1,931,622
Public Safety	1,058,294	-	-	1,058,294
Highways and Streets	-	720,220	-	720,220
Culture and Recreation	315,299	-	22,285	337,584
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	141,578	671,922	-	813,500
Total Expenditures	3,136,212	1,702,205	22,803	4,861,220
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(395,056)	(509,381)	15,897	(888,540)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In	-	139,921	12,000	151,921
Transfers Out (Use)	(12,000)	-	(139,921)	(151,921)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(12,000)	139,921	(127,921)	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(407,056)	(369,460)	(112,024)	(888,540)
Fund Balance - January 1 (Beginning)	3,552,900	810,785	321,441	4,685,126
Fund Balance - December 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,145,844	\$ 441,325	\$ 209,417	\$ 3,796,586

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COCHRAN COUNTY
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	(888,540)
Current year capital outlays and long-term debt principal payments are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they should be shown as increases in capital assets and reductions in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of removing the 2015 capital outlays and debt principal payments is to increase (decrease) the change in net position.		813,500
Depreciation is not recognized as an expense in governmental funds since it does not require the use of current financial resources. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease the change in net position.		(497,643)
Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing deferred revenue as revenue, adjusting current year revenue to show the revenue earned from the current year's tax levy, eliminating interfund transactions, reclassifying the proceeds of bond sales, and recognizing the liabilities associated with maturing long-term debt and interest. The net effect of these reclassifications and recognitions is to increase (decrease) the change in net position.		813,747
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	241,064

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COCHRAN COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Agency Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 703,889
Accounts Receivable-Net of Uncollectible Allowance	631
Total Assets	\$ 704,520
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 507,508
Intergovernmental Payable	58,551
Due to Other Funds	138,461
Total Liabilities	\$ 704,520

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cochran County, Texas (County) was created in 1924 under the provisions of the State of Texas. The County operates under an elected Commissioners Court form of government. The County's major operations include county road maintenance, law enforcement, court system maintenance, and health and social services.

The County prepares its basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and other authoritative sources identified in *Statement on Auditing Standards No. 69* of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and the requirements of contracts and grants of agencies from which it receives funds. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies the County utilizes to prepare its basic financial statements.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The members of the County's Commissioners Court (Court) are elected by the public, and the Court has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. It also has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, the County is a financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in its Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are government-wide financial statements. They report information on all of Cochran County, Texas' non-fiduciary activities with most of the interfund activities removed. *Governmental activities* include programs supported primarily by taxes, state funds, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues. *Business-type activities* include operations that rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The County currently has no business-type activities.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates how other people or entities that participate in programs the County operates have shared in the payment of the direct costs. The "charges for services" column includes payments made by parties that purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function or segment of the County. Examples include charges for collecting taxes for the surrounding cities/districts and record management services provided by the County Clerk. The "grants and contributions" columns include amounts paid by organizations outside the County to help meet the operational or capital requirements of a given function. Examples include grants for emergency response equipment. If revenues are not considered program revenues, they are considered general revenues used to support all of the County's functions. Taxes are always general revenues.

Interfund activities within governmental funds appear as due to/due from on the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and as other sources and other uses on the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance. All interfund transactions within governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide statements. Interfund activities between governmental funds and fiduciary funds remain as due to/due from on the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

The fund financial statements provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations for three fund categories - governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Since the resources in the fiduciary funds cannot be used for County operations, they are not included in the government-wide statements. The County considers some governmental funds major and reports their financial condition and results of operations in a separate column for each major fund. The County currently has no proprietary funds.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as do the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 20, the County applies all GASB pronouncements as well as all Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the government-wide activities and fiduciary funds are included on the appropriate Statement of Net Position. The fund equity is segregated into invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position.

Governmental fund financial statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current liabilities, and fund balances are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present net increases and decreases in current assets (i.e., revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses).

The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available, and it recognizes expenditures in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest and principal on long-term debt, which is recognized when due. The expenditures related to certain compensated absences and claims and judgments are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The County considers all revenues available if they are collectible within 60 days after year end. Revenues not considered available are recorded as an allowance for uncollectibles.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenues received from the state are recognized under the "susceptible to accrual" concept, that is, when they are both measurable and available. In applying the susceptible-to-accrual concept to intergovernmental revenues, there are essentially two types of revenues. In one type, monies are expended on the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the County; therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures incurred. In the other type, monies are virtually unrestricted and are usually revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible-to-accrual criteria are met.

Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which the taxes are levied if they will be collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Sales taxes, fines and forfeitures, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available.

Grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until related and authorized expenditures have been made. If balances have not been expended by the end of the project period, grantors sometimes require the County to refund all or part of the unused amount.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

D. FUND ACCOUNTING

1. Governmental funds are used to account for the County's expendable financial resources and related liabilities. Currently, the County maintains a general fund and several special revenue funds. The County reports the General Fund and the Road & Bridge Fund as major funds. The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

a. Governmental Funds:

Special Revenue Funds – The County accounts for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by the County or a grantor in special revenue funds. Some federal and state financial assistance is accounted for in special revenue funds, and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods. The County has eleven funds designated as special revenue funds. The County reports one of these funds, the Road & Bridge Fund, as a major fund.

b. Fiduciary Funds:

Agency Funds – The County accounts for resources held in a custodial capacity in agency funds. This includes amounts received for County operations but not transferred to the governmental funds. The County maintained ten agency funds during the year ended December 31, 2015.

E. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in the General Fund. All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year, and encumbrances outstanding at that time are either cancelled or appropriately provided for in the subsequent year's budget. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

2. In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are treated as an expense in the year of the bond issuance.

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.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

E. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

3. County employees are entitled to certain compensated absences based on their length of employment. Compensated absences do not vest or accumulate and are recorded as expenditures when they are paid. The County has also adopted a policy creating a sick leave pool. This pool is used for employees who have suffered a catastrophic illness or injury and have exhausted all other paid and compensatory time. The pool gains hours from employees contributing excess sick leave.
4. Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture, equipment, and infrastructure assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Land is always capitalized. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Buildings, furniture, and equipment of the County are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years	Assets	Years
Buildings	40	Office Equipment	5-10
Building and Land Improvements	15-25	Machinery & Equipment	5-30
Infrastructure	20-25	Water Rights	12-40
Vehicles	5		

5. The fund balance amounts for governmental funds have been reclassified in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions*. Fund balances are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. As a result, amounts previously reported as reserved and unreserved are now reported as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned.

- Nonspendable fund balance includes items that cannot be spent. This includes activity that is not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term portions of loans or notes receivable, or property held for resale unless the use of the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned) and activity that is legally or contractually required to remain intact, such as the principal balance of an endowment.
- Restricted fund balances have constraints placed upon the use of the resources either by an external party or imposed by law through a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balances can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the Commissioners Court. This formal action is the passage of a court order specifying the purposes for which amounts can be used. The same type of formal action is necessary to remove or change the specified use.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

E. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

- Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by a responsible official's request for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. For governmental fund types other than the General Fund, this is the residual amount within the fund that is not restricted or committed.
 - Unassigned fund balance is the residual amount of the General Fund not included in the four categories above. Also, any deficit fund balances within the other governmental fund types are reported as unassigned.
6. The County has implemented GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position* within the financial statements of governmental entities. This pronouncement was effective for all financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and defines the following:
- Deferred outflows of resources* are defined as consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.
- Deferred inflows of resources* are defined as an acquisition of net position by a government that is applicable to a future reporting period.
- Net Position* is defined as the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position and displays Net Position in three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted (distinguished between major categories of restrictions); and unrestricted.
7. In the government-wide financial statements, restricted net assets are reported for amounts that are externally restricted by (1) creditors (e.g. bond covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
8. When both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available for use, County policy is generally to use restricted amounts first, with unrestricted resources utilized as needed. In the case of unrestricted resources, the policy uses committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts, then unassigned amounts as needed. The County does reserve the right to deviate from this policy.
9. Any inventory or materials and supplies on hand at year-end are considered insignificant, and, therefore, not reflected in the financial statements.
10. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.
11. The County participates in federally-assisted programs. In connection with grants under these programs, the County is required to comply with specific terms and agreements, as well as applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Such compliance is subject to review and audit by the grantors and their representatives. In the opinion of management, the County has complied with all requirements. However, since such programs are subject to future audit or review, the possibility of disallowed expenditures exists. In the event of such disallowance of claimed expenditures, the County expects the resulting liability to be immaterial. Since the federal expenditures were below \$750,000, the County is not subject to the Federal Single Audit as described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR Part 200.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

E. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

12. FASB ASC 855-10-50-1 requires reporting entities to disclose the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated and whether that date is the date the financial statements were issued or available to be issued. Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 17, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BUDGETARY DATA

The State of Texas requires annual budgets to be prepared for the general and special revenue funds. The budgets are prepared on the cash basis (budget basis) in order to comply with the Constitution of the State of Texas. The County Commissioners Court, on a category basis, exercises budgetary controls over expenditures.

The actual results of operations for the County's major funds are presented in Exhibits G-1 and G-2 in accordance with the budget (cash) basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the original and final budget. The differences between the cash basis (budget basis) and the modified accrual basis (generally accepted accounting principles [GAAP] basis) are that revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP) and expenditures are recorded when paid (budget) as opposed to when incurred (GAAP).

The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. As required by the State of Texas, the County Judge, assisted by the County Auditor, prepares an annual budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Budgeted funds include the general and special revenue funds. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. The budget is filed in the County Clerk's office and is open to public inspection. The Commissioners Court is required to hold at least one public hearing on the budget no less than 15 days subsequent to the filing by the County Judge.
3. The budget is then adopted at the conclusion of the last public hearing by the favorable votes of a majority of the members of the Commissioners Court. The original budget was adopted by the Commissioners Court on September 8, 2014, in accordance with the above process. The final fiscal 2015 budget revision was adopted by the Commissioners Court on December 30, 2015.
4. The Commissioners Court approves all revisions of the budget, including transfers of budgeted amounts between departments within a specific fund, transfers between funds, and increases to total expenditures of any fund.
5. The fiscal 2015 budget was prepared on the cash basis using estimated beginning and ending cash balances. There is not a significant difference in the budgeted revenues and expenditures between the cash basis and modified accrual basis.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

A. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

County Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Deposits:

Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits – State statute requires that public funds in the County's depository institution be secured by eligible securities, as defined by V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 2257, in an amount not less than the amount on deposit plus any accrued interest less any amount provided for by insurance of the United States or an instrumentality thereof.

The funds of the County must be deposited and invested under the terms of a contract, contents of which are set out in the V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Chapter 116. The depository bank places approved pledged securities for safekeeping and trust with the County's agent bank in an amount sufficient to protect County funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract.

The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. The County's depository agreement provides that as security for the deposits of the County their bank will pledge to the County securities at 100% of the amount of County funds on deposit including interest accrued to date. Value of the securities comprising the pledge will be set at the lower of par value or estimated market value. The securities pledged must satisfy the requirements of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, §116.054.

Furthermore, the pledged securities are subject to the approval of the Commissioners Court as to type and value. Substitutions of securities or change of total amounts of securities may be made only by and with proper written authorization by the County. A copy of the safekeeping receipts for securities pledged will be issued to the County at the conclusion of each investment transaction.

At December 31, 2015, the carrying amount of the County's deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) was \$2,772,782. The County's cash deposits at December 31, 2015 and during the year ended December 31, 2015 were properly secured at all times by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the County's agent bank in the County's name.

County Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Investments:

Compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act

The County's investment policies are governed by State statutes. 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, (9) and bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit. The Act also requires the County to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The County's investment policies further limit State statutes such that eligible investments include the following:

- Time deposits;
- Certificates of Deposit;

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

A. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Cont.)

County Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Investments (Cont.):

- Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) accounts;
- Eligible SEC-registered money market funds;
- United States Treasury Notes, Bills, and Bonds;
- Securities issued and guaranteed by various governmental agencies and instrumentalities;
- Investment pools.

The County is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the **Public Funds Investment Act** and with local policies.

As of December 31, 2015, Cochran County, Texas had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities (in years)</u>			
		<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>> 10</u>
TexPool Investment Pool	<u>\$ 1,096,658</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,658</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Additional policies and contractual provisions governing deposits and investments for Cochran County, Texas are specified below:

Credit Risk – To limit the risk that an insurer or other counter-party to an investment will not fulfill its obligations, the County prohibits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, and mutual bond funds. Investments by the County in investment pools are considered unclassified as to credit risk because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

Custodial Credit Risk for Investments – To limit the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counter-party to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party, the County requires counter-parties to register the securities in the name of the County and hand them over to the County or its designated agent. This includes securities in securities lending transactions. All of the securities are in the County’s name and held by the County’s agent.

Concentration of Credit Risk – To limit the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government’s investment in a single issuer, the County has set its policy to attempt to diversify its investments. The County currently achieves this through its investments in TexPool, which has a diversified portfolio.

Interest Rate Risk – To limit the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments, the County allows the investment officer to only place funds in investments with maturities of one year or less. The Commissioners Court may approve investments with maturities of greater than one year.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

B. TEXPOOL

During 1986, the 69th Texas Legislature authorized the State Treasurer to incorporate a special-purpose trust company called the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (the Trust). The Trust has direct access to the services of the Federal Reserve Bank and performs other trust company activities. It is specifically authorized to manage, disburse, transfer, safe-keep, and invest public funds and securities more efficiently and economically (Sec. 404.102 et seq., Texas Government Code).

The Trust created the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool) for governmental entities 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. TexPool operates in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercises 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. 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. TexPool is established as a trust fund, segregated from all other trustors, investments and activities of the Trust Company.

The primary objective of TexPool is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, fully collateralized investments. While safety is the primary goal of TexPool, liquidity is a simultaneous objective. After meeting the first two objectives, TexPool seeks to provide a competitive yield for the invested funds.

Investments are carried at amortized cost, which approximates fair value, as provided for by the GASB in its publication *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Section In5. Investments are priced daily and compared to TexPool's carrying value. If the ratio of the fair value of the portfolio of investments to the carrying value of investments is less than 0.995 or greater than 1.005, TexPool will sell investment securities, as required, to maintain the ratio at a point between 0.995 and 1.005.

As of December 31, 2015, the County had investments with a cost and market value of approximately \$1,096,658 with TexPool. Participation in TexPool is voluntary and the County can withdraw from participation upon approval from the County Commissioners.

TexPool issues a separately stated annual financial report with an August 31 fiscal year-end. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing to Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, 208 East 10th Street, Austin, Texas, 78701, or by accessing the Trust's website at www.ttstc.com.

C. PROPERTY TAXES

In accordance with state law, all appraisals of County property for tax purposes are made by the county-wide appraisal authority, Cochran Central Appraisal District. Assessed values are based upon 100 percent of appraised market value and are reviewed every three years. Taxpayers have the right to challenge the assessed value.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

C. PROPERTY TAXES (Cont.)

The County's property taxes are levied each October 1 based upon 100 percent of the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the County in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property by state law to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed. Property tax revenues are considered available (1) when they become due or past due and receivable within the current period and (2) when they are expected to be collected during a 60-day period after the close of the County's fiscal year on December 31st.

The maximum allowable tax rate for the County is \$1.10 for each \$100 assessed value. The County is subject to a tax rate rollback if the total amount of property taxes imposed in any year, as defined by statute, exceeds the total amount of property taxes imposed in the preceding year, as defined by statute, by 8%.

Since the County recognizes the tax collections on a modified accrual basis, the tax rates for the fiscal year 2015 change when the new levy is approved each October 1st. Levies for the 2015 and 2014 tax years were \$0.5988 and \$0.3805 per \$100 assessed value for County General Fund operations, respectively, and \$0.2365 and \$0.1501 per \$100 assessed value for County Road and Bridge Fund operations, respectively.

The original appraised taxable values upon which the 2015 tax levy was based were \$523,366,360 and \$521,279,560 for the General Fund tax rate and the Road and Bridge tax rate, respectively. Current tax collections for the 2015 and 2014 tax levies were approximately 34.29% and 98.84% of the respective tax levies.

Uncollectible personal property taxes are periodically reviewed and written off, but the County is prohibited from writing off real property taxes without specific statutory authority from the Texas Legislature. However, for government-wide purposes, the County does record an allowance based on historical collection rates. As of December 31, 2015, this allowance was \$32,345.

Concentration of Risk - During the year, approximately 23.9% of the County's property tax levy was assessed on one oil and gas company operating within the County. This poses a potential risk to the County, which could be adversely affected if a situation arose where this company could or would not pay the assessed taxes.

D. CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY

Capital asset activity for the County for the year ended December 31, 2015, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Land	\$ 76,518	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,518
Land Improvements	411,112	-	-	411,112
Infrastructure – Roads	1,209,959	329,922	-	1,539,881
Buildings & Building Improvements	2,138,325	-	-	2,138,325
Machinery & Equipment	<u>4,053,998</u>	<u>484,981</u>	<u>(267,293)</u>	<u>4,271,686</u>
Totals at Historical Cost	<u>7,889,912</u>	<u>814,903</u>	<u>(267,293)</u>	<u>8,437,522</u>

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

D. CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY (Cont.)

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	(181,535)	(20,502)	-	(202,037)
Infrastructure – Roads	(1,209,959)	(7,412)	-	(1,217,371)
Buildings & Building Improvements	(1,554,010)	(67,572)	-	(1,621,582)
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(2,663,824)</u>	<u>(402,157)</u>	265,890	<u>(2,800,091)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,609,328)</u>	<u>(497,643)</u>	<u>265,890</u>	<u>(5,841,081)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,280,584</u>	<u>\$ 317,260</u>	<u>\$ (1,403)</u>	<u>\$ 2,596,441</u>

Depreciation expense for governmental activities is charged to functions as follows:

General Government	\$ 141,839
Public Safety	46,547
Highways and Streets	255,373
Culture and Recreation	<u>53,884</u>
Total	<u>\$ 497,643</u>

E. INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Transactions between funds that would be treated as revenues, expenditures, or expenses if they involved organizations external to the governmental unit are accounted for as revenues, expenditures, or expenses in the funds involved. Reimbursements from one fund to another for expenditures or expenses already made are recorded as expenditures or expenses in the reimbursing fund. Non-recurring or non-routine transfers of equity between funds are treated as residual equity transfers and are reported as additions to or deductions from the fund balance of governmental funds. All other transfers are treated as operating transfers and are included in the results of operations of the governmental funds.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the County transferred \$12,000 from the General Fund to the Airport Fund.

The County had the following interfund balances as of the end of the year:

Due From	Due To			Totals
	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Other Funds	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Agency Funds	<u>104,745</u>	<u>30,526</u>	<u>3,190</u>	<u>138,461</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 104,745</u>	<u>\$ 30,526</u>	<u>\$ 3,190</u>	<u>\$ 138,461</u>

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

F. EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

Cochran County provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for all of its full-time employees through a nontraditional defined pension plan through 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 677 nontraditional defined pension plans from various county and district governmental entities statewide. TCDRS in the aggregate issues a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) on a calendar year basis. The CAFR is available upon request through TCDRS, PO Box 2034, Austin, TX 78768-2034, or through the www.tcdrs.org website.

Benefits Provided - The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the employer, within the options available in the Texas state statutes governing TCDRS (TCDRS Act). Members can retire at age 60 or above with 8 or more years of service, with 30 years of service regardless of age, or when the sum of the member's age and years of service equal 80 or more. Members are vested after 8 years of service but must leave their accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed contributions. Members who withdraw their personal contributions in a lump sum prior to retirement are not entitled to the employer contributions.

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee's deposits 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. At retirement, death, or disability, the benefit is calculated by converting the sum of the employee's accumulated deposits and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act.

Contributions - The contribution rates for employees in TCDRS are either 4%, 5%, 6% or 7% of the employee's gross earnings, as adopted by the County's governing body. Participating employers are required to contribute at actuarially determined rates to ensure adequate funding for each employer's plan. Employer contribution rates are determined annually and approved by the TCDRS Board of Trustees. The employee deposit rate and the employer contribution rate may be changed by the governing body of the County within the options available to the TCDRS Act.

Cochran County has elected the annually determined contribution rate (Variable-Rate) plan provisions of the TCDRS Act. The plan is funded by monthly contributions from both employee members and the County based on the covered payroll of employee members. Under the TCDRS Act, the contribution rate of the County is actuarially determined annually and it was 13.00% for the calendar year 2015. The deposit rate payable by the employee members is the rate of 7% as adopted by the Commissioners' Court of Cochran County. The Commissioners' Court, within the options available in the TCDRS Act, may change the employee deposit rate and the County contribution rate.

For the County's accounting year ending December 31, 2015, the annual pension cost for the TCDRS Plan for its employees was \$510,400 and was equal to the actual contributions.

Net Pension Liability - Cochran County's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2014, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the NPL was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The December 31, 2014 actuarial valuation is the most recent valuation.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

F. EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (Cont.)

Actuarial Valuation Information - The TPL in the December 31, 2014 actuarial valuations was determined using the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

ACTUARIAL VALUATION INFORMATION

Actuarial Valuation Date	12/31/14
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Closed
Amortization Period	6.4 years
Asset Valuation Method	SAF – 5 Year Smoothed Value ESF – Fund Value
Actuarial Assumptions*:	
Investment Return	8.0%
Projected Salary Increases	4.9%
Inflation	3.0%
Cost-of-living adjustments	0.0%

The annual salary increase rates assumed for individual members vary by length of service and by entry-age group. The annual rates consist of a general wage inflation component of 3.5% (made up of 3.0% inflation and 0.5% productivity increase assumptions) and a merit, promotion and longevity component that on average approximates 1.4% per year for a career employee. Mortality rates for active members were based on gender-distinct RP2000 Active Employee Mortality Table, with a projection scale AA, a two year set-forward for males, and a four year set-back for females. Mortality rates for retirees, beneficiaries, and non-active members were based on the gender-distinct RP2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table, with the projection scale AA, with a one year set-forward for males and no age adjustment for females. For disabled annuitants, the gender-distinct RP2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table is used, with the projection scale AA, no age adjustment for males, and a two year set-forward for females.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 8.1%. 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. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with an emphasis on both capital appreciation as well as the production of income, in order to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TCDRS.

The long-term expected rate of return on TCDRS assets is determined by adding expected inflation to expected long-term real returns, and reflecting expected volatility and correlation. The capital market assumptions and information shown below are provided by TCDRS's investment consultants and are based on January 2015 information for a 7-10 year time horizon.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

F. EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (Cont.)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected Inflation)
US Equities	16.50%	5.35%
Private Equity	12.00%	8.35%
Global Equities	1.50%	5.65%
International Equities - Developed	11.00%	5.35%
International Equities - Emerging	9.00%	6.35%
Investment-Grade Bonds	3.00%	0.55%
High-Yield Bonds	3.00%	3.75%
Opportunistic Credit	5.00%	5.54%
Direct Lending	2.00%	5.80%
Distressed Debt	3.00%	6.75%
REIT Equities	2.00%	4.00%
Commodities	2.00%	-0.20%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	2.00%	5.30%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	3.00%	7.20%
Hedge Funds	<u>25.00%</u>	5.15%
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 8.1%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in 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 active 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 Total Pension Liability.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

F. EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (Cont.)

Changes in Net Pension Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
Balance at 12/31/13	\$ 10,110,954	\$ 10,130,313	\$ (19,359)
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	250,249		250,249
Interest	813,888		813,888
Effect of plan changes	218,445		218,445
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	(82,713)		(82,713)
Effect of assumptions changes or input	-		-
Refund of contributions	(4,486)	(4,486)	-
Benefit Payments	(592,610)	(592,610)	-
Administrative expenses		(7,965)	7,965
Member contributions		140,347	(140,347)
Employer contributions		676,398	(676,398)
Administrative expenses		510,645	(510,645)
Other		(315,261)	315,261
Balance at 12/31/14	<u>\$ 10,713,727</u>	<u>\$ 10,537,381</u>	<u>\$ 176,346</u>

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the net pension liability of the County, calculated using the discount rate of 8.10%, as well as what the County’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percent point lower (7.10%) or 1 percent point higher (9.10%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (7.1%)	Discount Rate (8.1%)	Increase in Discount Rate (9.1%)
County's net pension liability	\$ 1,383,644	\$ 176,346	\$ (835,448)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the pension plan’s Fiduciary Net Position is available in the separately-issued TCDRS financial report. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.tcdrs.org.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – For the year ended December 31, 2015, Cochran County recognized pension expense of \$655,243.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

F. EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (Cont.)

At December 31, 2015, Cochran County reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following resources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience (net of current year amortization)	\$ -	\$ 62,035
Changes in actuarial assumptions	\$ -	\$ -
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings (net of current year amortization)	\$ 113,142	\$ -
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	366,760	
Total	\$ 479,902	\$ 62,035

Cochran County reported \$366,760 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ending December 31, 2015. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31,		
2015	\$	7,607
2016	\$	7,607
2017	\$	7,607
2018	\$	28,286
2019	\$	-
Thereafter	\$	-

G. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

The County has adopted GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This statement requires certain disclosures regarding any postemployment benefits other than pensions offered by the County. The only postemployment benefits other than pensions offered by the County are discussed below.

Plan Description: The County also participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined-benefit group-term life insurance plan operated by TCDRS referred to as the Group Term Life Fund (GTLF). This optional plan provides group term life insurance coverage to current eligible employees and, if elected by employers, to retired employees. The coverage provided to retired employees is a postemployment benefit other than pension benefits (OPEB). Retired employees are insured for \$5,000.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

G. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (Cont.)

The GTLF is a separate trust administered by the TCDRS Board of Trustees. TCDRS' CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the GTLF. This report may be obtained by writing to TCDRS, P.O. Box 2034, Austin, Texas 78768-2034, or online at www.tcdrs.org.

The Commissioners Court elected to provide group-term life insurance coverage to both current and retired employees. The GTLF program is voluntary and the Commissioners Court can cease participation at the beginning of any calendar year.

Funding Policy: Each participating employer contributes to the GTLF for all participants at a contractually required rate. An annual actuarial valuation is performed and the contractual rate is determined using the unit credit method for providing one-year term life insurance. The County's contributions to the GTLF for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$21,699, \$17,443, \$16,824, and \$16,808, respectively, which equaled the contractually required contributions each year.

The funding policy for the GTLF program is to assure that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year; the intent is not to pre-fund retiree term life insurance during employees' entire careers.

Transition Disclosure: The County elected to implement GASB Statement No. 45 prospectively; therefore the net OPEB obligation was zero at the transition to that statement effective January 1, 2010.

H. EMPLOYEE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The employees of Cochran County also participate in a deferred compensation plan administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions. The County does not contribute to the plan. Ten of the County employees were participating in the plan at the end of 2015.

Net Assets Available for Participants	\$ <u>684,072</u>
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I. MEDICAL/HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

The County has established a third party insurance plan with the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool. Benefits are paid based on four categories of medical service. The plan allows employees the option to purchase additional coverage for spouses, children, and families through payroll deductions. The plan is renewable October 1 annually. The maximum lifetime benefits cannot exceed two million dollars. Annual deductible limits per employee are two hundred fifty or five hundred dollars and coinsurance percentages vary depending on whether the services are provided by a network or non-network provider. Employees are eligible to remain on the medical and health plan in accordance with laws established by COBRA. Such laws provide different time limits depending on whether the employment separation was due to voluntary or involuntary termination.

As of December 31, 2015, the County was paying approximately \$812 per employee for medical and health insurance benefits. The total expense incurred by the County for the calendar year was approximately \$400,187.

Additional information can be attained by contacting the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP), P.O. Box 911968, Dallas, Texas, 75391-1968.

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Cont.)

J. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; errors and omissions; violations of civil rights; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; natural disasters; injuries to employees; and other claims of various natures. The County participates in the Texas Association of Counties Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TAC Pool) which provides protection for risks of loss. TAC Pool was established by the Texas Association of Counties to provide self-insurance for its members and to obtain lower costs for insurance. The County pays annual premiums for liability, property, workers' compensation, and unemployment coverage. Annual contribution rates are determined by the TAC Pool Board. Such rates are estimated to include all claims expected to occur during the policy period, including claims incurred but not reported. TAC Pool has established Claims Reserves for each of the types of insurance offered. Thus, although TAC Pool is a self-insured risk pool, members are not contingently liable for claims filed above the amount of the fixed annual contributions and the member's policies' deductibles. If losses incurred are significantly higher than actuarially estimated, TAC Pool adjusts the contribution rate for subsequent years. Members are also entitled to returns of contributions if actual results are more favorable than estimated.

Any losses reported but unsettled or incurred and not reported are believed to be insignificant to the County's basic financial statements.

TAC Pool also makes available to the County loss control services to assist the County in following a plan of loss control that may result in reduced losses. The County agrees that it will cooperate in instituting any and all reasonable loss control recommendations made by TAC Pool.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, Cochran County, Texas contributed approximately \$56,777 for its property, liability, workers' compensation, and unemployment coverage.

The County also carries insurance on most other risks of loss including employee health and accident insurance and surety bond coverage. The County does retain the risk on automobile physical damage.

No significant reductions in insurance coverage occurred in the past fiscal year, and settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

K. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

During 2002 and 2003, Cochran County's Love Memorial Library Fund (a nonmajor special revenue fund) received a total bequest of \$28,083. These funds are a permanent endowment according to the stipulation of the will and only the interest earned on the funds can be used for operations of the library. The base funds cannot be used at all. On Exhibit C-1, this amount is considered as Nonspendable Fund Balance: Library Endowment Principal. On Exhibit A-1 this amount is classified as Net Assets Restricted for Library Endowment.

L. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During 2015, the County adopted GASB Statement No. 68 for Accounting and Reporting for Pensions. With GASB 68, the County must assume their proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability of the Texas County and District Retirement System. Adoption of GASB 68 required a prior period adjustment to report the effect of GASB 68 retroactively. The amount of the prior period adjustment is \$ (530,004) and the restated beginning net position is \$4,685,126.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COCHRAN COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

EXHIBIT G-1

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Adjustments	Actual Amounts	Variance With
	Original	Final	on GAAP Basis	to Budget Basis	Cash (Budget) Basis	Final Budget Positive or (Negative)
REVENUES:						
Taxes:						
Property Taxes	\$ 3,099,871	\$ 3,099,871	\$ 2,369,552	\$ -	\$ 2,369,552	(730,319)
Penalty and Interest on Taxes	20,000	20,000	24,003	-	24,003	4,003
Licenses and Permits	6,000	6,000	10,875	-	10,875	4,875
Intergovernmental Revenue and Grants	60,300	60,300	105,447	-	105,447	45,147
Charges for Services	141,800	141,800	163,777	-	163,777	21,977
Fines	5,943	5,943	3,350	-	3,350	(2,593)
Investment Earnings	33,000	33,000	21,131	-	21,131	(11,869)
Rents and Royalties	24,314	24,314	31,681	-	31,681	7,367
Other Revenue	6,200	6,200	11,340	-	11,340	5,140
Total Revenues	3,397,428	3,397,428	2,741,156	-	2,741,156	(656,272)
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General Government	2,102,028	2,143,809	1,621,041	(1,736)	1,619,305	524,504
Public Safety	1,358,428	1,373,578	1,058,294	(4,111)	1,054,183	319,395
Culture and Recreation	454,597	462,229	315,299	12,212	327,511	134,718
Capital Outlay:						
Capital Outlay	329,000	270,308	141,578	-	141,578	128,730
Total Expenditures	4,244,053	4,249,924	3,136,212	6,365	3,142,577	1,107,347
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(846,625)	(852,496)	(395,056)	(6,365)	(401,421)	451,075
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers Out (Use)	(120,000)	(120,000)	(12,000)	-	(12,000)	108,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(120,000)	(120,000)	(12,000)	-	(12,000)	108,000
Change in Fund Balance	(966,625)	(972,496)	(407,056)	(6,365)	(413,421)	559,075
Fund Balance - January 1 (Beginning)	3,581,272	3,581,272	3,552,900	28,372	3,581,272	-
Fund Balance - December 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,614,647	\$ 2,608,776	\$ 3,145,844	\$ 22,007	\$ 3,167,851	559,075

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COCHRAN COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

EXHIBIT G-2

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Adjustments	Actual Amounts	Variance With
	Original	Final	on GAAP Basis	to Budget Basis	Cash (Budget) Basis	Final Budget Positive or (Negative)
RECEIPTS:						
Taxes:						
Property Taxes	\$ 1,218,003	\$ 1,218,003	\$ 923,773	\$ -	\$ 923,773	(294,230)
Penalty and Interest on Taxes	5,000	5,000	8,400	-	8,400	3,400
Licenses and Permits	177,500	177,500	164,896	-	164,896	(12,604)
Charges for Services	-	-	25,420	-	25,420	25,420
Fines	56,000	56,000	21,235	-	21,235	(34,765)
Investment Earnings	4,000	4,000	3,658	-	3,658	(342)
Other Revenue	1,500	1,500	45,442	-	45,442	43,942
Total Receipts	1,462,003	1,462,003	1,192,824	-	1,192,824	(269,179)
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Current:						
General Government	327,946	365,480	310,063	-	310,063	55,417
Highways and Streets	1,060,394	1,077,774	720,220	148,917	869,137	208,637
Capital Outlay:						
Capital Outlay	800,000	911,641	671,922	-	671,922	239,719
Total Disbursements	2,188,340	2,354,895	1,702,205	148,917	1,851,122	503,773
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(726,337)	(892,892)	(509,381)	(148,917)	(658,298)	234,594
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers In	100,000	100,000	139,921	-	139,921	39,921
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	100,000	100,000	139,921	-	139,921	39,921
Change in Fund Balance	(626,337)	(792,892)	(369,460)	(148,917)	(518,377)	274,515
Fund Balance - January 1 (Beginning)	932,773	932,773	810,785	121,988	932,773	-
Fund Balance - December 31 (Ending)	\$ 306,436	\$ 139,881	\$ 441,325	\$ (26,929)	\$ 414,396	\$ 274,515

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COCHRAN COUNTY
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Love Memorial Library Fund	Personal Bond Office Fund	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Lateral Road Fund
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (4,268)	\$ 14,495	\$ 403	\$ 108,825
Investments - Current	34,258	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	10	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 29,990</u>	<u>\$ 14,495</u>	<u>\$ 413</u>	<u>\$ 108,825</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable Fund Balance:				
Library Endowment Principal	28,083	-	-	-
Restricted Fund Balance:				
Highways and Streets	-	-	-	108,825
Courthouse Projects	-	14,495	413	-
Records Management/Preservation	-	-	-	-
Committed Fund Balance:				
Culture & Recreation	1,907	-	-	-
Airport Use	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Balances	<u>29,990</u>	<u>14,495</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>108,825</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 29,990</u>	<u>\$ 14,495</u>	<u>\$ 413</u>	<u>\$ 108,825</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Clerk Management & Preservation	County Records M&P Fund	Courthouse Security Fund	Court Reporter Service Fund	Airport Fund	Historical Commission Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ 33,413	\$ 2,254	\$ 7,181	\$ 1,646	\$ 4,080	\$ 4,003	\$ 172,032
-	-	-	-	-	-	34,258
2,740	58	367	15	-	-	3,190
<u>\$ 36,153</u>	<u>\$ 2,312</u>	<u>\$ 7,548</u>	<u>\$ 1,661</u>	<u>\$ 4,080</u>	<u>\$ 4,003</u>	<u>\$ 209,480</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63	\$ -	\$ 63
-	-	-	-	63	-	63
-	-	-	-	-	-	28,083
-	-	-	-	-	-	108,825
-	-	7,548	1,661	-	-	24,117
36,153	2,312	-	-	-	-	38,465
-	-	-	-	-	4,003	5,910
-	-	-	-	4,017	-	4,017
<u>36,153</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>7,548</u>	<u>1,661</u>	<u>4,017</u>	<u>4,003</u>	<u>209,417</u>
<u>\$ 36,153</u>	<u>\$ 2,312</u>	<u>\$ 7,548</u>	<u>\$ 1,661</u>	<u>\$ 4,080</u>	<u>\$ 4,003</u>	<u>\$ 209,480</u>

COCHRAN COUNTY
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Love Memorial Library Fund	Personal Bond Office Fund	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Lateral Road Fund
REVENUES:				
Intergovernmental Revenue and Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,645
Charges for Services	-	-	313	-
Fines	-	-	-	-
Investment Earnings	26	-	-	-
Rents and Royalties	-	-	-	-
Contributions & Donations from Private Sources	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	1	-	-	-
Total Revenues	27	-	313	16,645
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General Government	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	27	-	313	16,645
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out (Use)	-	-	-	(139,921)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	(139,921)
Net Change in Fund Balance	27	-	313	(123,276)
Fund Balance - January 1 (Beginning)	29,963	14,495	100	232,101
Fund Balance - December 31 (Ending)	\$ 29,990	\$ 14,495	\$ 413	\$ 108,825

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Clerk Management & Preservation	County Records M&P Fund	Courthouse Security Fund	Court Reporter Service Fund	Airport Fund	Historical Commission Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,645
14,806	795	-	-	-	505	16,419
-	-	2,853	345	-	-	3,198
-	-	-	-	-	-	26
-	-	-	-	1,900	-	1,900
-	-	-	-	-	461	461
-	-	-	-	-	50	51
<u>14,806</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>2,853</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,016</u>	<u>38,700</u>
-	-	-	518	-	-	518
-	-	-	-	20,500	1,785	22,285
-	-	-	518	20,500	1,785	22,803
<u>14,806</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>2,853</u>	<u>(173)</u>	<u>(18,600)</u>	<u>(769)</u>	<u>15,897</u>
-	-	-	-	12,000	-	12,000
-	-	-	-	-	-	(139,921)
-	-	-	-	12,000	-	(127,921)
14,806	795	2,853	(173)	(6,600)	(769)	(112,024)
<u>21,347</u>	<u>1,517</u>	<u>4,695</u>	<u>1,834</u>	<u>10,617</u>	<u>4,772</u>	<u>321,441</u>
<u>\$ 36,153</u>	<u>\$ 2,312</u>	<u>\$ 7,548</u>	<u>\$ 1,661</u>	<u>\$ 4,017</u>	<u>\$ 4,003</u>	<u>\$ 209,417</u>

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

COCHRAN COUNTY
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2015

	COUNTY CLERK	DISTRICT CLERK	COUNTY SHERIFF	COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR- COLLECTOR	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT ONE
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Petty Cash/Cash on Hand	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 200	\$ -
Cash in Bank	11,905	201,196	336	438,448	3,825
Deposits in TexPool	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	-	-	54	577	-
Due from State	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 12,005	\$ 201,196	\$ 890	\$ 439,225	\$ 3,825
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 198,903	\$ 1	\$ 308,604	\$ -
Due to State	-	566	-	10,322	-
Due to General Fund	8,929	1,268	799	91,827	812
Due to Agency Funds	101	272	90	-	1,509
Due to Special Revenue Funds	2,975	187	-	28,472	1,504
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 12,005	\$ 201,196	\$ 890	\$ 439,225	\$ 3,825

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COCHRAN CO.					
JUVENILE PROBATION	L.E.O.S.E. ALLOCATION	D.A. FORFEITURE	SHERIFF FORFEITURE	STATE FEE	TOTAL
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800
10,920	18,812	1,712	15,935	-	703,089
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	631
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	1,972	1,972
<u>\$ 10,920</u>	<u>\$ 18,812</u>	<u>\$ 1,712</u>	<u>\$ 15,935</u>	<u>\$ 1,972</u>	<u>\$ 706,492</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 507,508
10,920	18,259	1,712	14,800	1,972	58,551
-	553	-	1,135	-	105,323
-	-	-	-	-	1,972
-	-	-	-	-	33,138
<u>\$ 10,920</u>	<u>\$ 18,812</u>	<u>\$ 1,712</u>	<u>\$ 15,935</u>	<u>\$ 1,972</u>	<u>\$ 706,492</u>

OTHER SCHEDULES

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE
DECEMBER 31, 2015

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	TAX RATES		ASSESSED/ APPRAISED VALUE TAX PURPOSES	BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2015	CURRENT YEAR'S TOTAL LEVY	TOTAL COLLECTIONS	ADJUSTMENTS	ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2015
	LOCAL	ROAD & BRIDGE						
2006 AND PRIOR	\$ VARIOUS	\$ VARIOUS	\$ VARIOUS	\$ 19,836	\$ -	\$ 4,139	\$ (1,048)	\$ 14,649
2007	\$ 0.4191	\$ 0.1143	\$ 570,479,440	3,825	-	768	(51)	3,006
2008	\$ 0.3879	\$ 0.1055	\$ 723,022,660	4,588	-	1,270	(44)	3,274
2009	\$ 0.4598	\$ 0.1251	\$ 610,297,070	6,503	-	1,588	(48)	4,867
2010	\$ 0.3700	\$ 0.1500	\$ 728,994,430	7,394	-	2,445	(20)	4,929
2011	\$ 0.3440	\$ 0.1350	\$ 790,987,215	9,617	-	2,318	(87)	7,212
2012	\$ 0.3140	\$ 0.1250	\$ 927,176,833	10,491	-	3,470	(77)	6,944
2013	\$ 0.3700	\$ 0.1460	\$ 849,385,315	21,837	-	11,557	(93)	10,187
2014	\$ 0.3805	\$ 0.1501	\$ 824,008,528	1,748,584	-	1,753,587	25,581	20,578
2015	\$ 0.5988	\$ 0.2365	\$ 824,008,528		4,368,562	1,497,796	(575)	2,870,191
TOTALS				<u>\$ 1,832,675</u>	<u>\$ 4,368,562</u>	<u>\$ 3,278,938</u>	<u>\$ 23,538</u>	<u>\$ 2,945,837</u>

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
TREVA JACKSON, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
RECONCILIATION OF CURRENT YEAR TAX ROLL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

TAX ROLL	
2015 Assessed Tax Roll	\$ 4,368,562
Add (Deduct): Adjustments	<u>(575)</u>
2015 ADJUSTED TAX ROLL	<u><u>\$ 4,367,987</u></u>
Valuations/\$100 x Tax Rate of \$0.5306	\$ 4,367,987
Current Year Collections	<u>(1,497,796)</u>
UNPAID CURRENT YEAR TAXES	<u><u>\$ 2,870,191</u></u>
Percent of Current Taxes Collected Through December 31, 2015	34.29%

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

CARRIER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	RENEWAL DATE
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	WC-0400	06/25/74	01/01/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	99-991884-0	01/04/78	01/01/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	GL 0400 2015 01 15	01/15/87	01/15/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	AL 0400 2015 01 15	01/15/87	01/15/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	PR 0400 2015 07 01	02/13/90	07/01/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	CR 0400 2015 01 15	02/01/92	01/15/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	PO 0400 2015 04 11	04/11/88	04/11/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	PO 0400 2015 04 11	04/11/88	04/11/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	LE 0400 2015 04 11	04/11/88	04/11/15
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE POOL	PR 0400 2015 07 01	07/16/09	07/01/15
RETAINED RISK	N/A	N/A	N/A

RISK COVERED	AMOUNT OF COVERAGE	2011 CONTRIBUTION
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	STATUTORY BENEFITS	\$ 27,623
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	STATUTORY BENEFITS	\$ 264
COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY	TORT CLAIMS ACT 100/300/100 \$1,000 DED.	\$ 2,874
AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY	TORT CLAIMS ACT 100/300/100 \$1,000 DED.	\$ 4,085
BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, PERSONAL PROPERTY, BOILER - ALL-RISK FORM	\$8,699,563 \$1,000 - \$25,000 DED.	\$ 16,896
CRIME COVERAGE	\$20,000 - \$100,000 \$1,000 DED.	\$ (944)
PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY	\$2,000,000 \$5,000 DEDUCTIBLE	\$ 5,024
CLERK'S ERRORS & OMISSIONS	\$43,000/\$20,000 \$5,000 DEDUCTIBLE	INCLUDED ABOVE
LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY	\$2,000,000 \$5,000 DEDUCTIBLE	\$ 5,546
MOBILE EQUIPMENT PHYSICAL DAMAGE	\$1,919,963 \$5,000 DEDUCTIBLE	\$ 4,356
AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE	N/A	N/A

COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

SURETY	DOCUMENT NUMBER	OFFICE/PRINCIPAL
OLD REPUBLIC	LPO2145092	COUNTY JUDGE/JAMES PATRICK HENRY
WESTERN SURETY	70630766	COUNTY COMMISSIONER/DONNIE SIMPSON
OLD REPUBLIC	LPO2145094	COUNTY COMMISSIONER/BRUCE HEFLIN
WESTERN SURETY	70630758	COUNTY COMMISSIONER/STACEY DUNN
OLD REPUBLIC	LPO2145093	COUNTY COMMISSIONER/REYNALDO MORIN
WESTERN SURETY	12382532	COUNTY ATTORNEY/J. COLLIER ADAMS, JR.
WESTERN SURETY	15485611	COUNTY TREASURER/DORIS SEALY
WESTERN SURETY	68555986	COUNTY SHERIFF/RAYMOND WEBER
OLD REPUBLIC	LPO2133874	DISTRICT CLERK/SHANNA DEWBRE
OLD REPUBLIC	LPO2133875	COUNTY CLERK/SHANNA DEWBRE
WESTERN SURETY	18019730	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE BLANKET POSITION
WESTERN SURETY	68562579	DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR/SUSAN WISELEY
WESTERN SURETY	70630778	CONSTABLE/CLARENCE ROBERTS, JR.
OLD REPUBLIC	LPO1036980	COUNTY AUDITOR/DANNY WISELEY
WESTERN SURETY	71117946	JUSTICE OF PEACE/DONNA SCHMIDT
WESTERN SURETY	70585148	RESERVE DEPUTY/MAX VILLANUEVA
WESTERN SURETY	71238440	TAX COLLECTOR/TREVA JACKSON
WESTERN SURETY	71238445	TAX COLLECTOR/TREVA JACKSON
OLD REPUBLIC	POB2127511	DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR/DIXIE MENDOZA
WESTERN SURETY	61781817	RESERVE DEPUTY/CASSPNDRA DAVIS
WESTERN SURETY	61758076	RESERVE DEPUTY/KEVIN DAVIS
WESTERN SURETY	71523198	RESERVE DEPUTY/LISA PERALTA
WESTERN SURETY	71338535	ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR/CHERLY BUTLER

AMOUNT	OBLIGEE	APPROVED BY	PREMIUM
\$ 5,000	COUNTY TREASURER	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 63
\$ 3,000	COUNTY TREASURER	COUNTY JUDGE	\$ 178
\$ 3,000	COUNTY TREASURER	COUNTY JUDGE	\$ 50
\$ 3,000	COUNTY TREASURER	COUNTY JUDGE	\$ 178
\$ 3,000	COUNTY TREASURER	COUNTY JUDGE	\$ 50
\$ 5,000	GOVERNOR OF TEXAS	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 50
\$ 50,000	COUNTY JUDGE	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 250
\$ 5,000	COUNTY	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 50
\$ 5,000	GOVERNOR OF TEXAS	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 50
\$ 5,000	COUNTY	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 50
\$ 5,000	COUNTY	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 160
\$ 10,000	COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 50
\$ 1,500	GOVERNOR OF TEXAS	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 50
\$ 5,000	DISTRICT JUDGE	DISTRICT JUDGE	\$ 50
\$ 2,500	COUNTY JUDGE	COUNTY JUDGE	\$ 50
\$ 2,000	COUNTY SHERIFF	COUNTY SHERIFF	\$ 50
\$ 100,000	COMMISSIONERS COURT	COMMISSIONERS COURT	\$ 500
\$ 15,000	GOVERNOR OF TEXAS	GOVERNOR	\$ 75
\$ 10,000	COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR	COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR	\$ 50
\$ 2,000	COUNTY SHERIFF	COUNTY SHERIFF	\$ 50
\$ 2,000	COUNTY SHERIFF	COUNTY SHERIFF	\$ 50
\$ 2,000	COUNTY SHERIFF	COUNTY SHERIFF	\$ 50
\$ 5,000	COUNTY	COUNTY JUDGE	\$ 50

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE SECTION

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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*

To the Cochran County Commissioners Court
Cochran County, Texas
Room 104 Courthouse
Morton, Texas 79346

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cochran County, Texas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cochran County, Texas' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 17, 2016.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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 over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cochran County, Texas' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,



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October 17, 2016