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December 27, 2022

To the Honorable Judge and Members
of the Commissioners' Court of
Cottle County, Texas

We have audited the financial statements of Cottle County, Texas (the County) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated May 3, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the County are described in the notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the County during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate for the useful lives of capital assets is based on industry practice. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements related to the County's retirement pension plan in Note F:

The disclosure of tax abatements in the notes to the financial statements, given that the County is foregoing a material amount of tax revenue in making those agreements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole. All adjustments proposed and corrected by management are attached to this letter.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 27, 2022.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the County's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

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Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the MD&A, Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Employer Contributions, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund, and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Road and Bridge Fund, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the County Commissioners and management of Cottle County, Texas and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Client: **14967 - Cottle County, Texas**
Engagement: **2022 Cottle County, Texas**
Period Ending: **9/30/2022**
Trial Balance: **017 W - Trial Balance**
Workpaper: **017 W - Adjusting Journal Entries Report**

Account	Description	W/P Ref	Debit	Credit
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 1				
To adjust delinquent taxes.				
10-100-150	TAXES RECEIVABLE		3,759.21	
10-200-250	DEFERRED REVENUE - TAXES		7,838.96	
11-100-150	TAXES RECEIVABLE		185.90	
11-200-250	DEFERRED REVENUE - TAXES		394.10	
12-100-150	TAXES RECEIVALBE		185.90	
12-200-250	DEFERRED REVENUE - TAXES		394.10	
13-100-150	TAXES RECEIVALBE		185.90	
13-200-250	DEFERRED REVENUE		394.10	
14-100-150	TAXES RECEIVABLE		185.90	
14-200-250	DEFERRED REVENUE - TAXES		394.10	
10-100-151	ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES			11,598.17
11-100-151	ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES			580.00
12-100-151	ALLOANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES			580.00
13-100-151	ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES			580.00
14-100-151	ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES			580.00
Total			<u>13,918.17</u>	<u>13,918.17</u>
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 2				
To adjust EMS receivable.				
10-100-154	EMS RECEIVABLE		10,535.97	
10-342-370	AMBULANCE SERVICE			10,535.97
Total			<u>10,535.97</u>	<u>10,535.97</u>

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Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 3				
Report intercompany loan between Pct. 4 and the GF as transfers in and out.				
10-342-360	MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		10,000.00	
14-200-910	TRANSFERS OUT		10,000.00	
10-200-900	TRANSFERS IN			10,000.00
14-624-575	DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL & INTERES			10,000.00
Total			20,000.00	20,000.00
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 4				
To adjust prepaids for 2022 amounts.				
10-401-482	RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		201.74	
10-407-336	ELECTION EXPENSE		8,715.39	
10-100-156	PREPAID INSURANCE			8,855.13
10-401-204	WORKERS COMP INSURANCE			62.00
Total			8,917.13	8,917.13
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 5				
To adjust interest receivable accounts.				
10-342-344	INTEREST -CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT		2,325.20	
11-302-344	CD INTEREST		224.96	
12-100-157	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		86.76	
13-302-344	CD INTEREST		22.21	
14-100-157	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		9.83	
10-100-157	INTEREST RECEIVABLE			2,325.20
11-100-157	INTEREST RECEIVABLE			224.96
12-302-344	CD INTEREST			86.76
13-100-157	INTEREST RECEIVABLE			22.21
14-302-344	CD INTEREST			9.83
Total			2,668.96	2,668.96

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Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 6				
To adjust Fund 10 deferred grant funds unspent and clear deferred judge's supplement from a prior year.				
10-200-251	DEFERRED REVENUE - SUPPLEMENT		5,000.00	
32-300-101	GRANT FUND PROCEEDS		4,361.03	
10-310-310	COUNTY JUDGE'S SUPPLEMENTAL			5,000.00
32-200-252	DEFERRED REVENUE			4,361.03
Total			9,361.03	9,361.03
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 7				
To adjust beginning fund balance for Fund 10.				
10-200-999	FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT		364.65	
10-342-360	MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS			364.65
Total			364.65	364.65
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 8				
To record grant receivable for CTIF 21-22 grant expenditures. Hit the bank in October 2022.				
11-100-158	GRANT RECEIVABLE		530.61	
12-100-158	GRANT RECEIVABLE		530.61	
13-100-158	GRANT RECEIVABLE		530.61	
14-100-158	GRANT RECEIVABLE		530.61	
11-302-330	GRANT FUNDS			530.61
12-302-330	GRANT FUNDS			530.61
13-302-330	GRANT FUNDS			530.61
14-302-330	GRANT FUNDS			530.61
Total			2,122.44	2,122.44