

# **NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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**Annual Financial Report**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2015**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Nolan County, Texas, (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 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 the County, as of September 30, 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.

***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Note 8 to the basic financial statements, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, during the year ended September 30, 2015, which requires recognition of its net pension liability and a more comprehensive measure of pension expense. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis and required supplementary information on pages 23 through 28 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 the County’s basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements 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 are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 4, 2016, on our consideration of the County’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Nolan County’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Dennis Kinard & Co., PC*  
Certified Public Accountants

Abilene, Texas  
February 4, 2016

# NOLAN COUNTY MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of Nolan County's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the County's financial performance during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the County's financial statements.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

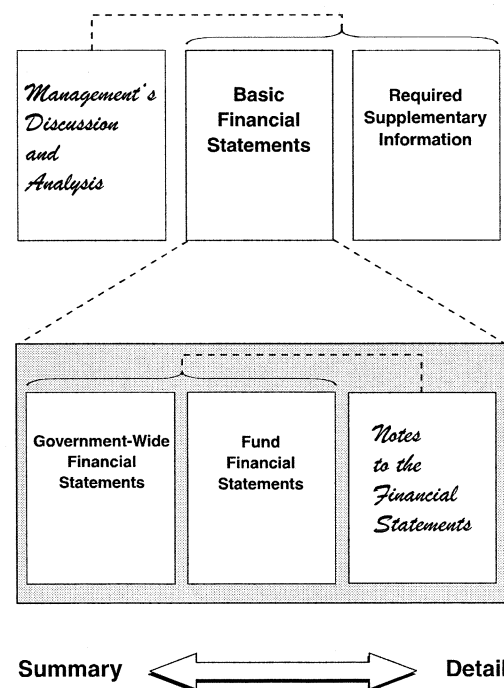
- Nolan County's total combined net position was \$14 million at September 30, 2015. Of this amount, \$10 million (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the County's ongoing obligations.
- During the year, the County's expenses were \$3 million less than the \$13 million generated in taxes and other revenues for governmental activities.
- The General Fund reported a fund balance this year of \$9 million. All \$9 million is available for spending at the government's discretion.

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts—*management's discussion and analysis* (this section), the *basic financial statements*, and *required supplementary information*. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the County:

- The first two statements are *Government-Wide Financial Statements* that provide both long-term and short-term information about the County's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are *Fund Financial Statements* that focus on individual parts of the government, reporting the County's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
- The *Governmental Funds* statements tell how general government services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.
- *Fiduciary Fund* statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the County acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

**Figure A-1. Required Components of the County's Annual Financial Report**



The financial statements also include *notes* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the County’s financial statements, including the portion of the County government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management’s discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

**FIGURE A-2**

**MAJOR FEATURES OF THE COUNTY’S GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

<i>Type of Statement</i>	<b>Government-Wide</b>	<b>Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Fiduciary Funds</b>
<i>Scope</i>	Entire County’s government (except fiduciary funds).	The activities of the County that are not proprietary or fiduciary	Instances in which the County is the trustee or agent for someone else’s resources
<i>Required financial statements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of net position</li> <li>• Statement of activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance sheet</li> <li>• Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of fiduciary net position</li> <li>• Statement of changes in position and liabilities</li> </ul>
<i>Accounting basis and measurement focus</i>	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual basis accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
<i>Type of asset/liability information</i>	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; the Agency’s funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
<i>Type of flow/outflow information</i>	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

**Government-Wide Statements**

The government-wide statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of Nolan County’s finances, using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position (Page 1) presents information on all of Nolan County’s assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether Nolan County’s financial position is improving or deteriorating when examined in conjunction with nonfinancial factors. The Statement of Activities (Page 2) presents information showing how the government’s net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Both of these government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of Nolan County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). Governmental activities include general government, public safety, farm to market roads, health and welfare, economic development, culture and recreation. These activities are financed primarily by property taxes and grants.

## Fund Financial Statements

The Fund Financial Statements provide more detailed information about the Nolan County's most significant funds – not the County as a whole. Funds are groupings of related accounts that the County uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. Nolan County, like other state and local governments, uses funds to show compliance with finance-related legal requirements as well as to control and manage money for other particular purposes.

The County has two types of funds:

- **Governmental funds**—Most of the County's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on short-term inflows and outflows of available resources and the balances of these resources that are available at the end of the year. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the Government-Wide Financial Statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the Government-Wide Financial Statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*. These reconciliations can be found on Pages 4 and 6 of the basic financial statements section.

The County maintains eighteen individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund statements for the General Fund, the Farm to Market Fund, Debt Service and the Capital Projects Fund because these funds are considered to be major funds. Individual fund data for each of the ten non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its funds. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided on Pages 23 and 24 to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

- **Fiduciary funds**—The County is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for certain funds. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the County's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position found on page 7. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the County cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Nolan County's combined net position was approximately \$14 million at September 30, 2015. The largest portion of the County's net position reflects its investments, cash and accounts receivable, with the remainder reported as net investment in capital assets.

During fiscal year 2015, the County adopted GASB Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, resulting in the County recording its proportionate share of the net pension liability of \$1,398,916 and deferred outflows of resources of \$528,419. The comparative information presented for September 30, 2014 has not been restated to reflect this change because sufficient information is not available. See Note 8 and 11 for further information.

The comparative information presented for September 30, 2014 has been restated to reflect the error in receivables of \$185,394 and inclusion of four additional special revenue funds of \$83,968.

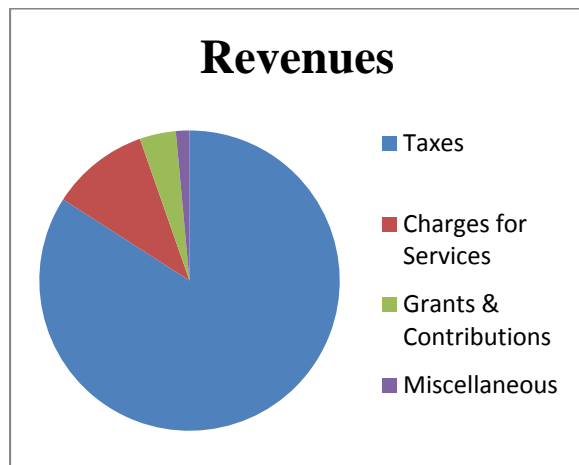


**Table A-1  
Nolan County's Net Position**

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014 partially restated
Current and Other Assets	\$ 11,081,618	\$ 9,045,878
Restricted assets	1,191,165	5,856,536
Capital and Non-current Assets	<u>18,162,309</u>	<u>13,936,645</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>30,435,092</u>	<u>28,839,059</u>
Deferred Outflows	<u>528,419</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Liabilities	115,887	660,552
Long Term Liabilities	<u>16,360,682</u>	<u>16,050,771</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>16,476,569</u>	<u>16,711,323</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,263,981	2,313,137
Restricted	1,247,070	1,030,099
Unrestricted	<u>9,975,891</u>	<u>8,784,500</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 14,486,942</u>	<u>\$ 12,127,736</u>

**Changes in Net Position**—Nolan County's net position increased by approximately \$3 million during the current fiscal year.

**Figure A-3  
SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015**



**Governmental Activities**—Total revenues for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 were \$13 million. Approximately 84% of the County's revenue comes from various taxes. Property tax revenue increased 7.9% due to the additional tax for I & S. Charges for services were 11%, with operating grants and contributions at 4%. Earnings from investments were less than 1%.

Expenses increased by \$300 thousand or 3% from the prior year.

**Table A-2**  
**Nolan County's Changes in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		% Increase/ Decrease
	2015	2014	
Revenues		partially restated	
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$ 1,394,648	\$ 1,730,351	-19.4%
Operating Grants and Contributions	295,884	298,377	-0.8%
Capital Grants and Contributions	219,307	-	
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	10,786,536	10,000,691	7.9%
Other Taxes	322,050	258,743	24.5%
Investment Earnings	87,064	59,944	45.2%
Miscellaneous	106,189	144,521	-26.5%
Total Revenues	13,211,678	12,492,627	5.8%
Expenses			
General Government	1,662,406	1,687,086	-1.5%
Judicial Administration	1,123,332	1,048,583	7.1%
Legal	456,261	415,344	9.9%
Financial Administration	534,006	450,163	18.6%
Public Facilities	622,496	605,004	2.9%
Public Safety	2,464,586	2,307,553	6.8%
Farm to Market	1,828,366	1,883,947	-3.0%
Health and Welfare	569,453	601,648	-5.4%
Extension Service	124,828	104,199	19.8%
Debt Interest and Fees	323,463	318,910	1.4%
Museum and Library - Intergovernmental	177,914	177,797	0.1%
Total Expenses	9,887,111	9,600,234	3.0%
Change in Net Position	3,324,567	2,892,393	14.9%
Prior Period Adjustment	(965,361)	-	
Beginning Net Position, partially restated	12,127,736	9,235,343	31.3%
Ending Net Position	\$ 14,486,942	\$ 12,127,736	19.5%

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS**

As of the end of the fiscal year, Nolan County's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$11 million, a decrease of \$2 million in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 79% of this total amount (\$9 million) is unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is restricted by legislation and bonds, assigned for specific purposes, and for retirement of long-term debt.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At the end of the fiscal year, \$9 million, the total fund balance is unassigned. As a measure of the fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 120% of total General Fund expenditures.

Nolan County's General Fund balance increased by \$1 million during the current fiscal year. A key factor in this increase was an increase in tax revenue and operating grants and contributions.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights** - Over the course of the year, the County revised its budget several times. With these adjustments, actual expenditures were \$706 thousand under final budgeted amounts, with general government and public safety coming in under budget \$268 thousand and \$179 thousand, respectively.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**—As of September 30, 2015, the County had invested \$18 million in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, roads, bridges and equipment. This amount represents a net increase (including additions, retirements, depreciation and adjustments) of \$4 million, or 30% over last year.

Major events affecting capital assets during the year were:

- Construction on Courthouse Façade
- Construction of new jail and sheriff's office
- Machinery and equipment for Farm to Market
- New vehicles and equipment for the Sheriff's Department.

More detailed information about the County's capital assets can be found in Note 4.

**Table A-3  
Nolan County's Capital Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014
Land	\$ 113,975	\$ 113,975
Construction in Progress	-	11,273,470
Buildings and Improvements	20,556,872	4,752,179
Furniture and Equipment	6,294,117	6,172,374
Total capital assets	26,964,964	22,311,998
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(8,802,655)	(8,375,353)
Net Capital Assets	\$ 18,162,309	\$ 13,936,645

**Long Term Debt**—At the end of the year, the County had \$15 million in outstanding debt.

**Table A-4  
The County's Long Term Debt**

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014
Bonds payable	\$ 13,980,000	\$ 14,931,000
Capital leases payable	265,069	349,312
Bond premium	653,259	707,697
Compensated absences	63,438	62,762
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>\$ 14,961,766</b>	<b>\$ 16,050,771</b>

During the year, Nolan County's debt decreased by \$1 million. The State limits the amount of general obligation debt that a County can issue up to 25% of its total assessed valuation. The current debt limitation is \$526 million which is significantly higher than the County's outstanding general obligation debt.

More detailed information about the County's long term liabilities can be found Note 6.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

- The appraised value used for the 2016 budget preparation is estimated to be up \$369 thousand or .02% from 2015.
- The M&O tax rate established for 2016 General Fund and Farm to Market is \$.475831, an increase of \$.031058 from 2015. The I&S tax rate for 2016 Debt Service Fund is \$.064121.
- Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices.

These factors and others were taken into consideration when preparing the General Fund budget for the 2016 fiscal year.

Amounts available for appropriation in the General Fund budget are \$8,623,915, a decrease of 7% over the 2015 budget of \$9,280,105. Property taxes (benefiting from the 2016 increases in assessed valuations) are expected to lead to this increase.

Budgeted expenditures are expected to decrease approximately 3% to \$8,414,063. The largest increments are increases in salary raises, additional Sheriff personnel and liability/property/health insurance and decrease in transfers to other funds. The County has added no major new programs or initiatives to the 2016 budget.

If these estimates are realized, the County's budgetary General Fund balance is expected to increase.

**CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of Nolan County's finances and to demonstrate the County's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to the Office of the Nolan County Auditor, 100 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 102, Sweetwater, Texas 79556.

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2015

Exhibit A-1

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,758,246
Investments	5,654
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible)	1,295,193
Prepaid bond insurance	22,525
Restricted assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,190,042
Investments	1,123
Capital assets	
Land	113,975
Buildings, net	16,434,372
Furniture and equipment, net	1,613,962
 Total assets	 30,435,092
 <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows - pensions	528,419
 Total deferred outflows of resources	 528,419
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	94,423
Accrued interest payable	21,464
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due within one year	1,108,787
Due in more than one year	13,852,979
Net pension liability	1,398,916
 Total liabilities	 16,476,569
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	3,263,981
Restricted for long-term debt	858,189
Restricted for other purposes	388,881
Unrestricted	9,975,891
 Total net position	 \$ 14,486,942

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

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
<b>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>				
Governmental activities				
General government	\$ 1,662,406	\$ 271,077	\$ 112,482	-
Judicial	1,123,332	259,965	23,333	-
Legal	456,261	296,381	62,741	-
Financial administration	534,006	48,716	-	-
Public facilities	622,496	-	-	-
Public safety	2,464,586	32,763	-	-
Farm to market	1,828,366	485,746	97,328	219,307
Health and welfare	569,453	-	-	-
Extension service	124,828	-	-	-
Debt interest	321,413	-	-	-
Fiscal agent's fees	2,050	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	177,914	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>9,887,111</u>	<u>1,394,648</u>	<u>295,884</u>	<u>219,307</u>
<b>TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>	<u>9,887,111</u>	<u>1,394,648</u>	<u>295,884</u>	<u>219,307</u>

General Revenues  
Property taxes, levied for general purposes  
Property taxes, levied for farm to market  
Property taxes, levied for debt service  
Hotel/Motel Tax  
Other taxes  
Miscellaneous revenue  
Investment earnings  
Total general revenues

CHANGE IN NET POSITION

PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

NET POSITION, BEGINNING

NET POSITION, ENDING

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

<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and</u> <u>Changes in Net Assets</u> <u>Primary Government</u>	
<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ (1,278,847)	\$ (1,278,847)
(840,034)	(840,034)
(97,139)	(97,139)
(485,290)	(485,290)
(622,496)	(622,496)
(2,431,823)	(2,431,823)
(1,025,985)	(1,025,985)
(569,453)	(569,453)
(124,828)	(124,828)
(321,413)	(321,413)
(2,050)	(2,050)
<u>(177,914)</u>	<u>(177,914)</u>
<u>(7,977,272)</u>	<u>(7,977,272)</u>
<u>(7,977,272)</u>	<u>(7,977,272)</u>
8,254,816	8,254,816
1,186,844	1,186,844
1,344,876	1,344,876
219,856	219,856
102,194	102,194
106,189	106,189
87,064	87,064
<u>11,301,839</u>	<u>11,301,839</u>
3,324,567	3,324,567
(695,999)	(695,999)
<u>11,858,374</u>	<u>11,858,374</u>
<u>\$ 14,486,942</u>	<u>\$ 14,486,942</u>



**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
September 30, 2015

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Farm to Market Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,850,468	\$ 441,623
Investments	3,364	2,290
Taxes receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible)	65,680	10,629
Other receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible)	889,596	262,482
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Investments	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,809,108</b>	<b>\$ 717,024</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 55,271	\$ 15,819
Wages and salaries payable	23,333	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>78,604</b>	<b>15,819</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	65,680	10,629
Unavailable fines and fees	841,413	-
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>907,093</b>	<b>10,629</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Restricted fund balances:		
Enabling legislation	-	-
Retirement of long-term debt	-	-
Assigned fund balances:		
Farm to market	-	690,576
Capital projects	-	-
Other purposes	-	-
Unassigned fund balance	8,823,411	-
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>8,823,411</b>	<b>690,576</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 9,809,108</b>	<b>\$ 717,024</b>

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

Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ 435,178	\$ 30,977	\$ 9,758,246
-	-	-	5,654
10,901	-	55,905	143,115
-	-	-	1,152,078
145,200	-	1,044,842	1,190,042
-	-	1,123	1,123
<u>156,101</u>	<u>435,178</u>	<u>1,132,847</u>	<u>12,250,258</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,090
-	-	-	23,333
-	-	-	94,423
10,901	-	-	87,210
-	-	-	841,413
<u>10,901</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>928,623</u>
-	-	388,881	388,881
145,200	-	712,989	858,189
-	-	-	690,576
-	435,178	-	435,178
-	-	30,977	30,977
-	-	-	8,823,411
<u>145,200</u>	<u>435,178</u>	<u>1,132,847</u>	<u>11,227,212</u>
<u>\$ 156,101</u>	<u>\$ 435,178</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,847</u>	<u>\$ 12,250,258</u>

NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS  
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds  
To the Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2015

Exhibit A-4

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Total Fund Balances - Governmental Fund Balance Sheet	\$ 11,227,212
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:</p>	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. The net effect is to increase net position.	18,162,309
Certain assets, such as property taxes receivable and fees, are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and are therefore deferred inflows in the governmental funds. Deferred inflows of resources recognized in the government-wide financial statements results in a net increase to net position.	928,623
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. The net effect is a decrease in net position related to bonds payable (\$13,980,000), capital leases payable (\$265,069), bond premium (\$653,259), compensated absences (\$63,438), accrued interest payable (\$21,464), and increased by the prepaid bond insurance (\$22,525).	(14,960,705)
Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (\$1,398,916) less deferred outflow of resources (\$528,419). The net effect is to decrease net position.	<u>(870,497)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities- Statement of Net Position	<u>\$ 14,486,942</u>

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

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	General Fund	Farm to Market Fund
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Property taxes	\$ 8,240,644	\$ 1,184,814
Hotel/Motel taxes	-	-
Other taxes	102,194	-
Licenses and permits	50,850	350,550
Intergovernmental revenue and grants	198,556	316,635
Fines and fees	649,291	135,196
Investment earnings	58,955	5,195
Rents and royalties	15,186	-
Other revenue	81,558	18,568
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>9,397,234</b>	<b>2,010,958</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Current		
General government	1,587,041	-
Judicial	1,084,153	-
Legal	380,994	-
Financial administration	541,781	-
Public facilities	540,144	-
Public safety	2,308,979	-
Farm to market	-	1,640,194
Health and welfare	569,453	-
Extension service	125,629	-
Debt service		
Debt principal	-	84,243
Interest expense	-	8,733
Fiscal agent's fees	-	-
Capital outlay	65,651	100,002
Intergovernmental	177,914	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>7,381,739</b>	<b>1,833,172</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,015,495</b>	<b>177,786</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>		
Transfers in	-	-
Transfers out	(610,000)	-
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(610,000)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,405,495</b>	<b>177,786</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING (AS RESTATED)</b>	<b>7,417,916</b>	<b>512,790</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 8,823,411</b>	<b>\$ 690,576</b>

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

Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 1,346,919	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,772,377
-	-	219,856	219,856
-	-	-	102,194
-	-	-	401,400
-	-	-	515,191
-	-	175,391	959,878
1,399	1,900	4,429	71,878
-	-	-	15,186
-	-	6,063	106,189
<u>1,348,318</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>405,739</u>	<u>13,164,149</u>
-	-	63,332	1,650,373
-	-	53,232	1,137,385
-	-	81,712	462,706
-	-	-	541,781
-	-	-	540,144
-	-	32,066	2,341,045
-	-	-	1,640,194
-	-	-	569,453
-	-	-	125,629
895,000	-	56,000	1,035,243
351,050	-	15,768	375,551
1,550	-	500	2,050
-	4,531,223	-	4,696,876
-	-	-	177,914
<u>1,247,600</u>	<u>4,531,223</u>	<u>302,610</u>	<u>15,296,344</u>
<u>100,718</u>	<u>(4,529,323)</u>	<u>103,129</u>	<u>(2,132,195)</u>
-	600,000	10,000	610,000
-	-	-	(610,000)
-	600,000	10,000	-
100,718	(3,929,323)	113,129	(2,132,195)
44,482	4,364,501	1,019,718	13,359,407
<u>\$ 145,200</u>	<u>\$ 435,178</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,847</u>	<u>\$ 11,227,212</u>

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Exhibit A-6

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balances -Total Government Funds	\$ (2,132,195)
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-5) are different because:</p>	
<p>Current year capital outlays are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they are shown as increases in capital assets in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of including capital outlays is to increase net position.</p>	4,696,876
<p>Depreciation expense is not reflected in the governmental funds, but is recorded in the government-wide financial statements as an expense and an increase to accumulated depreciation. The net effect of recording current year depreciation expense is to decrease net position.</p>	(471,212)
<p>Long-term debt principal payments are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they should be shown as decreases in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of recording the current year principal payments is to increase net position.</p>	1,035,243
<p>Certain expenditures for the pension that are recorded to the fund financial statements must be recorded as deferred outflows of resources. Contributions made after the measurement date caused the change in net position to increase. The County's share of the unrecognized deferred inflows and outflows for TCDRS as of the measurement date must be amortized and the District's proportionate share of the pension expense must be recognized. These cause the change in net position to increase. The net effect is an decrease in net position.</p>	94,864
<p>Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting.</p>	
Increase in unavailable revenue - property taxes	14,159
Increase in unavailable fines and fees	33,370
Decrease in prepaid bond insurance	(1,877)
Decrease in accrued interest payable	1,577
Decrease in bond premium	54,438
Increase in compensated absences	<u>(676)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities - Statement of Activities	<u>\$ 3,324,567</u>

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

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Funds  
September 30, 2015

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	Agency Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>761,433</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>761,433</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 47,727
Due to others	<u>713,706</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u><u>761,433</u></u>

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

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
September 30, 2015

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of Nolan County, Texas (the County) included in the accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the County's Basic Financial Statements.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The County's modified accrual financial statements include the cash accounts of all funds handled by the Office of the County Treasurer. The County's major activities or functions include public safety (sheriff and ambulance), parks and libraries, public health and social services, construction and maintenance of roads, and general administrative services. The County operates under a county judge/commissioners' court type of government as provided for by state statute. The Commissioners' Court has governance responsibilities over all activities related to the County. The County receives funding from local, state and federal government sources and must comply with the concomitant requirements of these funding source entities. Because members of the Commissioners' Court are elected by the public; have the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations; and have the primary accountability for fiscal matters, the County is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity". There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

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

• **Basis of Presentation**

*Government-wide financial statements.* The statement of net position and the statement of activities include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

The County does not allocate indirect expenses in the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

*Fund financial statements.* The fund financial statements provide information about the County's funds, with separate statements presented for each fund category. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund.* To account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available for any purpose, provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with the legally adopted budget of the County.

*Farm to Market Fund.* To account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for expenditures for public transportation for County citizens

*Capital Projects Fund.* The proceeds from long-term debt financing and revenues and expenditures related to authorized construction and other capital asset acquisitions are accounted for in a capital projects fund.



**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
September 30, 2015

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued***

*Debt Service Fund.* This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

In addition, the County reports the following non-major fund types:

Governmental Funds:

*Special Revenue Funds.* These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

*Coliseum Debt Service Fund.* This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Fiduciary Fund Types:

*Trust and Agency Funds:* To account for assets held by the County in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. Agency funds are purely custodial (assets equal liabilities) and thus do not involve measurements of results of operations.

Fiduciary funds are reported in the fiduciary fund financial statements. However, because their assets are held in a trustee or agent capacity and are therefore not available to support County programs, these funds are not included in the government-wide statements.

- **Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

*Government-wide and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements:* These financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

*Governmental Fund Financial Statements:* The County prepares its governmental fund financial statements on the modified accrual basis of accounting using the current financial resources measurement focus. Revenue is considered to be available when it is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenue to be available if collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

When the County incurs an expenditure or expenses for which both restricted and unrestricted resources may be used, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources.

**C. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity**

- **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, highly liquid investments are considered to be cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less when purchased.

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
September 30, 2015

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued***

- Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by October 1 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 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 fiscal year.

Allowances for uncollectible tax receivables within the General Fund are based upon historical experience in collecting property taxes. 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.

- Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, buildings, furniture and equipment and are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns 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. 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 the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Buildings, vehicles, furniture and equipment of the County are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20 to 30 years
Furniture and Equipment	5 to 12 years
Vehicles and Heavy Equipment	5 to 12 years

- Receivables and Payable Balances

Accounts receivable from other governments include amounts due from grantors for approved grants for specific programs and reimbursements for services performed by the County. Program grants are recorded as receivables and revenues at the time all eligibility requirements established by the provider have been met.

Reimbursements for services performed are recorded as receivables and revenues when they are earned in the government-wide statements. Included are fines and costs assessed by court action and billable services for certain contracts. Revenues received in advance of the costs being incurred are recorded as deferred revenue.

There are no significant receivables which are not scheduled for collection within one year of year end.

- Compensated Absences

A liability for accumulated unpaid annual leave for all full-time employees is calculated and reported in the government-wide statements.

Upon termination from employment by the County, accrued vacation leave may be paid but not to exceed the maximum vacation leave accrual which is fifteen days for employees with more than ten years of service. Unused sick leave is cancelable and will not be paid on termination, thus vacation time is the only accrued compensation liability recorded.

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
September 30, 2015

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued***

- **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has deferred outflows of resources for the difference between projected and actual earnings for its pension plan and contributions made to the pension plan after the measurement date, but before the end of the fiscal year.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has deferred inflows of resources for the differences between expected and actual experience related to its pension plan. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

- **Fund Balance**

GASB has issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* (GASB 54). This Statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. The fund financial statements will present fund balances classified in a hierarchy based on the strength of the constraints governing how these balances can be spent. These classifications are listed below in descending order of restrictiveness.

*Nonspendable*, such as fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenditures, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed or assigned). The County has not reported any amounts as nonspendable at September 30, 2015.

*Restricted* fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent for only the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. The County reported the following restricted fund balances at September 30, 2015:

Debt Service Funds	\$	858,189
Records Management		116,014
Courthouse Security		125,012
Courthouse Technology		82,234
Forfeiture Funds		65,621
	\$	<u>1,247,070</u>

*Committed* fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Commissioners' Court (the County's highest level of decision-making authority). The County has not reported any amounts as committed at September 30, 2015.

*Assigned* fund balance classification includes amounts intended to be used by the County for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. The County reported the following assigned fund balances at September 30, 2015:

Jury Fund	\$	4,828
Law Library Fund		15,054
Hot Check Fund		11,016
D.A.R.E. Fund		79
Farm to Market		690,576
Capital Projects		435,178
	\$	<u>1,156,731</u>

*Unassigned* fund balance is the residual classification for the County's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
September 30, 2015

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued***

- Fund Balance - *continued*

Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

In circumstances where an expenditure is to be made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, the order in which resources will be expended is as follows: 1) Restricted; 2) Committed; 3) Assigned; and 4) Unassigned.

Minimum Fund Balance Policy

The County will maintain General fund unassigned fund balance at a level adequate to provide for unanticipated expenditures of a non-recurring nature and to meet unexpected increases in service delivery costs. The target level for General Fund unassigned fund balance will be three to six months of budgeted General Fund expenditures.

- Interfund Activity

Interfund activity results from loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers between funds. These receivables and payables are classified as “due from other funds” or “due to other funds” on the balance sheet. Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures, or expenses. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Reimbursements occur when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, transactions are treated as transfers. Nonrecurring or non-routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers.

All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers. Transfers in and transfers out are netted and presented as a single “Transfers” line on the government-wide statement of activities. Similarly, interfund receivables and payables are netted and presented as a single “Intergovernmental” line of the government-wide statement of net position.

- Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the use of management’s estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

- Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position.

- Pensions

The fiduciary net position of the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, and information about assets, liabilities and additions to/deductions from TCERS’s fiduciary net position. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
September 30, 2015

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *continued***

- Budgetary information

The County adopts an annual budget for the general fund and the farm to market fund consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary control is maintained at the department level. Expenditures did not exceed budget. Appropriations lapse at year end for general and special revenue funds.

**NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

- Legal and contractual provisions governing deposits and investments

The funds of the County must be deposited and invested under the terms of a contract, contents of which are set out in the Depository Contract Law. 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 deposits as of September 30, 2015 were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the County's bank in the County's name.

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. Statutes authorize the County to invest in (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas; (2) certificates of deposit, (3) certain municipal securities, (4) money market savings accounts, (5) repurchase agreements, (6) bankers acceptances, (7) mutual funds, (8) investment pools, (9) guaranteed investment contracts, (10) and common trust funds. The Act also requires the County to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The County is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act and with local policies.

TexPool is organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts is the sole officer, director and shareholder of the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, which is authorized to operate TexPool. In addition, the TexPool Advisory Board advises on TexPool's Investment Policy. This Board is composed equally of participants in TexPool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool who are qualified to advise TexPool.

TexPool is subject to annual review by an independent auditor consistent with the Public Funds Investment Act. KPMG Peat Marwick, 111 Congress Avenue, Suite 1100, Austin, Texas 78701 performs the annual audit. In addition, TexPool is subject to review by the State Auditor's Office and by the Internal Auditor of the Comptroller's Office.

Investments held by the County at September 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

Type of Investments	Fair Value	Credit Rating	Maturities Less Than One Year
TexPool - investments	\$ 5,654	AAAm	\$ 5,654
TexPool - restricted investments	1,123	AAAm	1,123
Total investments	<u>\$ 6,777</u>		<u>\$ 6,777</u>

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
September 30, 2015

**NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – *continued***

- Policies governing deposits and investments

In compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act, the County adopted a deposit and investment policy; however, that policy does not address the following risks:

**Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits:** This is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the County’s deposits may not be returned to it. The County was not exposed to custodial credit risk since its deposits at year-end and during the year ended September 30, 2015 were covered by depository insurance or by pledged collateral held by the County’s agent bank in the County’s name.

**Custodial Credit Risk – Investments:** This is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investments are subject to custodial credit risk only if they are evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Thus positions in external investment pools are not subject to custodial credit risk because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The County’s securities are all in securities backed by the United States of America and are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

**Other Credit Risk -** There is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. To minimize credit risk, TexPool’s investment policy allows the portfolio’s investment manager to only invest in obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies’ repurchase agreements; and no-load AAAM money market mutual funds registered with the SEC. As of September 30, 2015 TexPool’s investments credit quality rating was AAAM (Standard & Poor’s).

TexPool manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to 90 days. TexPool also seeks to maintain a constant dollar objective.

The County’s general policy is to report nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts using a cost-based measure. The term “nonparticipating” means that the investment’s value does not vary with the market interest rate changes. Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are examples of nonparticipating interest earning investment contracts.

**NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at year end, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Farm to Market Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receivables					
Taxes	\$ 234,572	\$ 31,262	\$ 20,567	\$ 55,905	\$ 342,306
Other	<u>4,974,421</u>	<u>262,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,236,903</u>
Total gross receivables	5,208,993	293,744	20,567	55,905	5,579,209
Less: allowance for uncollectible					
Taxes	(168,892)	(20,633)	(9,666)	-	(199,191)
Other	<u>(4,084,825)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,084,825)</u>
Net total receivables	<u>\$ 955,276</u>	<u>\$ 273,111</u>	<u>\$ 10,901</u>	<u>\$ 55,905</u>	<u>\$ 1,295,193</u>

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**NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2014	Additions	Retirements	Balance September 30, 2015
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 113,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113,975
Construction in progress	11,273,470	4,531,223	(15,804,693)	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>11,387,445</u>	<u>4,531,223</u>	<u>(15,804,693)</u>	<u>113,975</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	4,752,179	15,804,693		20,556,872
Furniture and equipment	6,172,374	165,653	(43,910)	6,294,117
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>10,924,553</u>	<u>15,970,346</u>	<u>(43,910)</u>	<u>26,850,989</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(4,064,346)	(58,154)	-	(4,122,500)
Furniture and equipment	(4,311,007)	(413,058)	43,910	(4,680,155)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,375,353)</u>	<u>(471,212)</u>	<u>43,910</u>	<u>(8,802,655)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 13,936,645</u>	<u>\$ 20,030,357</u>	<u>\$ (15,804,693)</u>	<u>\$ 18,162,309</u>

Depreciation was allocated to the various functions based on the capital assets within each group as follows.

General government	\$ 20,723
Public facilities	87,528
Public safety	158,743
Farm to market	<u>204,218</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 471,212</u>

**NOTE 5: INTERFUND BALANCES AND ACTIVITY**

There were no interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2015.

Transfers to and from other funds at September 30, 2015, consisted of the following:

Transfers from	Transfers to	Amount	Purpose
General fund	Capital projects fund	\$ 600,000	Supplement other fund's sources
General fund	Jury fund	10,000	Supplement other fund's sources
	Total	<u>\$ 610,000</u>	

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**NOTE 6: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

- Capital leases

During the year ended September 30, 2013, the County entered into a lease agreement in the amount of \$225,000 for the purchase of a Caterpillar Motor Grader. Interest is at a fixed rate of 2.5%. The County will make four payments of \$48,480.89 and one payment of \$48,480.86 to be paid in annual payments, including interest. The lease term is from 2013 to 2018. The lease agreement meets the criteria of a capital lease.

During the year ended September 30, 2013, the County entered into a lease agreement in the amount of \$206,500 for the purchase of a Caterpillar Motor Grader. Interest is at a fixed rate of 2.5%. The County will make four payments of \$44,494.68 and one payment of \$44,494.67 to be paid in annual payments, including interest. The lease term is from 2013 to 2018. The lease agreement meets the criteria of a capital lease

Capital lease requirements are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Total Principal	Total Interest	Total Requirement
2016	\$ 86,349	\$ 6,627	\$ 92,976
2017	88,508	4,468	92,976
2018	90,212	2,761	92,973
	\$ 265,069	\$ 13,856	\$ 278,925

- Bonds payable

In April 2006, the County issued Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$800,000 for paying all or a portion of the County's contractual obligations in connection with making renovations and additions to the Nolan County Coliseum, and to pay legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with that project.

During the year ended September 30, 2013, the County issued General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$15,210,000. The bonds are direct obligations of the Count, payable from a continuing annual ad valorem tax levied on all taxable property within the County, within the limits prescribed by law.

The proceeds from the sale of the bonds were used for construction and equipping a new county jail and sheriff's department, including land located west of the city of Sweetwater, renovation and remediating the courthouse façade, and payment of professional services and cost of issuance related thereto.

The following are Certificates of Obligation bond issues outstanding at September 30, 2015:

	Interest Rate	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Bonds Outstanding
Certificates of Obligation	4.25%	2006	2020	\$ 315,000
GO Bonds Series 2012	2-3%	2012	2028	8,530,000
GO Bonds Series 2013	2-3%	2013	2028	5,135,000



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**NOTE 6: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - continued**

Debt service requirements are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Total Principal	Total Interest	Total Requirement
2016	\$ 968,000	\$ 346,387	\$ 1,314,387
2017	990,000	325,523	1,315,523
2018	1,013,000	304,172	1,317,172
2019	1,031,000	282,345	1,313,345
2020	1,058,000	259,990	1,317,990
2021-2025	5,330,000	926,750	6,256,750
2026-2028	3,590,000	163,650	3,753,650
Total	<u>\$ 13,980,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,608,817</u>	<u>\$ 16,588,817</u>

- Changes in long-term obligations

Long-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2015, was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2014	Additions	Retirements	Balance September 30, 2015	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental activities</b>					
Bonds and leases payable					
Certificates of obligation bonds	\$ 371,000	\$ -	\$ 56,000	\$ 315,000	\$ 58,000
Capital leases payable	349,312	-	84,243	265,069	86,349
General obligation bonds	14,560,000	-	895,000	13,665,000	910,000
Bond premium	707,697	-	54,438	653,259	54,438
Total bonds and leases payable	15,988,009	-	1,089,681	14,898,328	1,108,787
<b>Other liabilities</b>					
Compensated absences	62,762	676	-	63,438	-
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 16,050,771</u>	<u>\$ 676</u>	<u>\$ 1,089,681</u>	<u>\$ 14,961,766</u>	<u>\$ 1,108,787</u>

**NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to group health coverage and torts (theft of, damage of, and destruction of assets; errors and omission; injuries to employee; and natural disasters).

Commercial insurance is purchased to cover liabilities associated with risks associated with torts whenever possible. There were no significant changes in coverage, retention, or limits during the year.

During the year ended September 30, 2015, employees of Nolan County were covered by a health insurance plan (the Plan). The county paid health insurance premiums of \$604.72 per month for employees only. The County also paid \$21.68 per month for employee dental care and \$2.03 per month for life insurance. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll to pay an additional cost for dependent coverage. All premiums were paid to a licensed insurer. This plan was authorized by Article 3.51-2, Texas Insurance Code and was documented by contractual agreement.

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**NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT – *continued***

During the year ended September 30, 2015, employees of the County were covered by a worker’s compensation plan administered by the Texas Association of Counties. The County paid a contribution of \$73,721 for the year ended September 30, 2015. These figures are subject to change based upon actual payroll figures.

**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN**

- Plan Description

The County provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for all of its full-time employees through a nontraditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). The Board of Trustees of TCDRS is responsible for the administration of the statewide agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system consisting of 677 nontraditional defined benefit pension plans. TCDRS in the aggregate issues a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) on a calendar year basis. The CAFR is available upon written request from the TCDRS Board of Trustees at P.O. Box 2034, Austin, Texas 78768-2034.

- 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 ages sixty and above with ten or more years of service, with twenty years of service regardless of age, or when the sum of their age and year of service equals seventy-five or more. Members are vested after eight years of service but must leave their accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. Members who withdraw their personal contributions in a lump sum are not entitled to any amounts contributed by their employer.

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee’s contributions to the plan, with interest, and employer-financed monetary credits. The level of these monetary credits is adopted by the governing body of the County within the actuarial constraints imposed by the TCDRS Act so that the resulting benefits can be expected to be adequately financed by the County’s commitment to contribute. At retirement, death, or disability, the benefit is calculated by converting the sum of the employee’s accumulated contributions and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic COLAs. Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the plan description above.

- Membership

County membership in the TCDRS plan at December 31, 2014 consisted of the following:

Annuitants	65
Terminated Employees	
Vested	6
Nonvested	8
Total	14
Current Employees	
Vested	58
Nonvested	47
Total	105
Grand Total	184

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN – *continued***

- Contributions

The 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. The employee contribution rate and the employer contribution rate may be changed by the governing body of the County within the options available in the TCDRS Act.

Contribution Rates and Amounts			
		2014	2015
Member		7.0%	7.0%
Employers		10.2%	10.9%
Member Contributions	\$	271,828	\$ 284,161
Employer Contributions	\$	396,873	\$ 440,451

- Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2014
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining Amortization Period	20 years
Asset Valuation Method	5 year smoothed market
Discount Rate	8.10%
Long-term expected Investment Rate of Return*	8.10%
Salary Increases*	3.50%, average
Payroll Growth Rate	3.50%
<i>*Includes Inflation of 3%</i>	

The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of December 31, 2014 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2012. The assumptions and methods are the same as used in the prior valuation.

- Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.10% and has not changed since the previous year.

In order to determine the discount rate to be used, we have used an alternative method to determine the sufficiency of the fiduciary net position in all future years. This alternative method reflects the funding requirements under our funding policy and the legal requirements under the TCDRS Act:

- 1) TCDRS has a funding policy where the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) shall be amortized as a level percent of pay over 20-year closed layered periods.
- 2) Under the TCDRS Act, the employer is legally required to make the contribution specified in the funding policy.
- 3) The employer's assets are projected to exceed its accrued liabilities in 20 years or less. When this point is reached, the employer is still required to contribute at least the normal cost.
- 4) Any increased cost due to the adoption of a cost-of-living adjustment is required to be funded over a period of 15 years, if applicable.

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN – continued**

Based on the above, the projected fiduciary net position is determined to be sufficient compared to projected benefit payments. Based on the expected level of cash flows and investment returns to the system, the fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability is projected to increase from its current level in future years.

Since the projected fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay projected benefit payments in all future years, the discount rate for purposes of calculating the total pension liability and net pension liability is equal to the long-term assumed rate of return on investments. This long-term assumed rate of return should be net of investment expenses, but gross of administrative expenses. Therefore, we have used a discount rate of 8.10%. This rate reflects the long-term assumed rate of return on assets for funding purposes of 8.00%, net of all expenses, increased by 0.10% to be gross of administrative expenses.

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' investment consultant, Cliffwater LLC. The numbers shown are based on January 2015 information for a 7 – 10 year time horizon.

Note that the valuation assumption for long-term expected return is re-assessed at a minimum of every four years, and is based on a 30-year time horizon; the most recent analysis was performed in 2013 based on the period January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2013. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

Asset Class	Benchmark	Target Allocation <sup>1</sup>	Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected minus Inflation) <sup>2</sup>
US Equities	Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index	16.50%	5.35%
Private Equity	Cambridge Associates Global Private Equity & Venture Capital Index <sup>3</sup>	12.00%	8.35%
Global Equities	MSCI World (net) Index	1.50%	5.65%
International Equities – Developed	50% MSCI World Ex USA (net) + 50% MSCI World Ex USA 100% Hedged to USD (net) Index	11.00%	5.35%
International Equities – Emerging	50% MSCI EM Standard (net) Index + 50% MSCI EM 100% Hedged to USD (net) Index	9.00%	6.35%
Investment-Grade Bonds	Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index	3.00%	0.55%
High-Yield Bonds	Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index	3.00%	3.75%
Opportunistic Credit	Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index	5.00%	5.54%
Direct Lending	Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index	2.00%	5.80%
Distressed Debt	Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index	3.00%	6.75%
REIT Equities	67% FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs Index + 33% FRSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Real Estate Index	2.00%	4.00%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodities Index	2.00%	(0.20)%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	Alerian MLP Index	2.00%	5.30%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	Cambridge Associates Real Estate Index <sup>4</sup>	3.00%	7.20%
Hedge Funds	Hedge Fund Research, Inc. (HFRI) Fund of Funds Composite Index	25.00%	5.15%

<sup>1</sup> Target asset allocation adopted at the April 2015 TCDRS Board meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Geometric real rates of return in addition to assumed inflation of 1.7%, per Cliffwater's 2015 capital market assumptions.

<sup>3</sup> Includes vintage years 2006 – present of Quarter Pooled Horizon IRRs.

<sup>4</sup> Includes vintage years 2007 – present of Quarter Pooled Horizon IRRs.

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN – continued**

- Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2015, the County reported a net pension liability of \$1,398,916 for its proportionate share of the TCDRS's net pension liability measured at December 31, 2014.

There were no changes of assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

There were no changes of benefit terms that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

Changes in the net pension liability for the measurement year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Changes in Net Pension Liability / (Asset)	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability / (Asset) (a) - (b)
Balances at December 31, 2013	\$ 16,241,334	\$ 14,948,601	\$ 1,292,733
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	481,148	-	481,148
Interest on total pension liability <sup>5</sup>	1,299,143	-	1,299,143
Effect of plan changes	-	-	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	87,402	-	87,402
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	-	-	-
Refund of contributions	(48,519)	(48,519)	-
Benefit payments	(845,730)	(845,730)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(11,850)	11,850
Member contributions	-	284,161	(284,161)
Net investment income	-	1,034,882	(1,034,882)
Employer contributions	-	440,451	(440,451)
Other <sup>6</sup>	-	13,866	(13,866)
Balances as of December 31, 2014	\$ 17,214,778	\$ 15,815,862	\$ 1,398,916

<sup>5</sup> Reflects the change in the liability due to the time value of money. TCDRS does not charge fees or interest.

<sup>6</sup> Relates to the allocation of system-wide items.

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN – continued**

- Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the net pension liability / (asset) of the County, calculated using the discount rate of 8.10%, as well as what the County's net pension asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (7.10%) or 1 percentage point higher (9.10%) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (7.10%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (8.10%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (9.10%)</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 19,135,156	\$ 17,214,778	\$ 15,610,634
Fiduciary net position	<u>15,815,862</u>	<u>15,815,862</u>	<u>15,815,862</u>
Net pension liability / (asset)	<u>\$ 3,319,294</u>	<u>\$ 1,398,916</u>	<u>\$ (205,228)</u>

At December 31, 2014 the County reported its share of the TCDRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ -	\$ 65,552
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	144,918
Contributions paid to TCDRS subsequent to the measurement date	<u>-</u>	<u>317,949</u>
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 528,419</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$317,949 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ending September 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ended September 30,</u>	<u>Pension Expense</u>
2016	\$ 58,080
2017	58,080
2018	58,080
2019	<u>36,230</u>
	<u>\$ 210,470</u>

For the year ended September 30, 2015, the County recognized pension expense of \$336,164.

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**NOTE 9: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

- Contingencies

The County participates in numerous grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the County has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds or any money received may be required and collectability of any related receivable at September 30, 2015 may be impaired. In the opinion of the County, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grant; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

- Litigation

The County Attorney has indicated that there are various lawsuits filed and pending against the County but in the County's opinion none will result in a material effect on the County's financial position.

**NOTE 10: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS**

During fiscal year 2015, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. Upon adoption of GASB No. 68, the District must assume its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Texas County & District Retirement System. Adoption of GASB No. 68 required a prior period adjustment to report the effect of GASB No. 68 retroactively. The prior period adjustment is a \$965,361 decrease to beginning net position.

In addition, an error was found in reporting the fines and fees receivable and allowance for uncollectible. To correct this error, beginning other receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible and unavailable fines and fees increased \$185,394 on the general fund financial statements. Beginning net position was also increased by \$185,394 on the government-wide financial statements.

Four funds that were previously reported as agency funds were determined to be special revenue funds. This resulted in an increase to beginning fund balance of other governmental funds and net position on the government-wide financial statements of \$83,968.

### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Required Supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements.



**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**General Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**September 30, 2015**

Exhibit B-1

	Budget Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive or (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 8,181,602	\$ 8,181,602	\$ 8,240,644	\$ 59,042
Other taxes	67,500	67,500	102,194	34,694
Licenses and permits	51,500	51,500	50,850	(650)
Intergovernmental revenue and grants	196,583	196,583	198,556	1,973
Fines & fees	685,000	685,000	649,291	(35,709)
Investment earnings	25,000	25,000	58,955	33,955
Rents and royalties	15,420	15,420	15,186	(234)
Other revenue	57,500	57,500	81,558	24,058
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>9,280,105</u>	<u>9,280,105</u>	<u>9,397,234</u>	<u>117,129</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
General government	1,889,073	1,855,171	1,587,041	268,130
Judicial	1,151,375	1,154,767	1,084,153	70,614
Legal	410,547	410,857	380,994	29,863
Financial administration	546,691	566,891	541,781	25,110
Public facilities	622,386	622,386	540,144	82,242
Public safety	2,477,520	2,487,520	2,308,979	178,541
Health and welfare	588,179	588,179	569,453	18,726
Extension service	132,790	132,790	125,629	7,161
Capital outlay	78,000	78,000	65,651	12,349
Intergovernmental				
Intergovernmental	191,667	191,667	177,914	13,753
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>8,088,228</u>	<u>8,088,228</u>	<u>7,381,739</u>	<u>706,489</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>1,191,877</u>	<u>1,191,877</u>	<u>2,015,495</u>	<u>(589,360)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING USES</b>				
Transfers out	(610,000)	(610,000)	(610,000)	-
<b>Total other financing uses</b>	<u>(610,000)</u>	<u>(610,000)</u>	<u>(610,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	581,877	581,877	1,405,495	(823,618)
<b>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING</b>	<u>7,417,916</u>	<u>7,417,916</u>	<u>7,417,916</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 7,999,793</u>	<u>\$ 7,999,793</u>	<u>\$ 8,823,411</u>	<u>\$ (823,618)</u>

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**Farm to Market Fund**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**September 30, 2015**

Exhibit B-2

	Budget Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive or (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 1,174,500	\$ 1,174,500	\$ 1,184,814	\$ 10,314
Licenses and permits	375,000	375,000	350,550	(24,450)
Intergovernmental revenue and grants	40,000	40,000	316,635	276,635
Fines & fees	130,000	130,000	135,196	5,196
Investment earnings	3,000	3,000	5,195	2,195
Other revenue	1,000	1,000	18,568	17,568
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>1,723,500</u>	<u>1,723,500</u>	<u>2,010,958</u>	<u>287,458</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Farm to market	1,952,299	1,952,299	1,640,194	312,105
Debt service				
Debt principal	85,000	85,000	84,243	757
Interest expense	9,000	9,000	8,733	267
Capital outlay	156,000	156,000	100,002	55,998
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>2,202,299</u>	<u>2,202,299</u>	<u>1,833,172</u>	<u>369,127</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(478,799)</u>	<u>(478,799)</u>	<u>177,786</u>	<u>(81,669)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Transfers in	500,000	500,000	-	(500,000)
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	21,201	21,201	177,786	(581,669)
<b>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING</b>	<u>512,790</u>	<u>512,790</u>	<u>512,790</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 533,991</u>	<u>\$ 533,991</u>	<u>\$ 690,576</u>	<u>\$ (581,669)</u>

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Budgets  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

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

1. The County Judge, as budget officer, with the assistance of the County Auditor, prepares a budget to cover all proposed expenditures and the means of financing them, for the succeeding year and delivers the proposed budget to Commissioners' Court.
2. Commissioners' Court holds budget sessions with each department head.
3. Commissioners' Court holds budget hearings for the public at which all interested persons' comments concerning the budget are heard.
4. Commissioners' Court formally adopts the budget in the open court meeting.
5. The adopted budget becomes the authorization for all legal expenditures for the County for the fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.
6. The formally adopted budget may legally be amended by commissioners in accordance with article 689A-11 or 689A-20 of Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes.

An appropriate resolution (the appropriated budget) to control the level of expenditures must be legally enacted on or about September 1. The County maintains its legal level of budgetary control at the department level. Amendments to the 2015 budget were approved by the Commissioners' Court as provided by law. Total expenditures did not exceed the budget.

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios  
Texas County & District Retirement System  
Year Ended September 30, 2015

Exhibit B-3

	Year Ended December 31, <u>2014</u>
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>	
Service cost	\$ 481,148
Interest on total pension liability	1,299,143
Effect of plan changes	-
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	-
Effect of economic/demographic (gains) or losses	87,402
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	<u>(894,249)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	973,444
Total pension liability, beginning	<u>16,241,334</u>
Total pension liability, ending (a)	<u><u>\$ 17,214,778</u></u>
<b>Fiduciary Net Position</b>	
Employer contributions	\$ 440,451
Member contributions	284,161
Investment income net of investment expenses	1,034,882
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	(894,249)
Administrative expenses	(11,850)
Other	<u>13,866</u>
Net change in fiduciary net position	867,261
Fiduciary net position, beginning	<u>14,948,601</u>
Fiduciary net position, ending (b)	<u><u>\$ 15,815,862</u></u>
Net pension liability / (asset), ending = (a) - (b)	<u><u>\$ 1,398,916</u></u>
Fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	91.87%
Pensionable covered payroll	\$ 4,059,437
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	34.46%

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**Schedule of Employer Contributions**  
**Texas County & District Retirement System**  
**For Fiscal Year 2015**

Exhibit B-4

Year Ending December 31,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Employer Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Pensionable Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2005	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
2006	\$ 243,415	\$ 243,415	-	\$ 2,804,316	8.7%
2007	270,036	270,036	-	3,040,949	8.9%
2008	263,499	263,499	-	3,078,259	8.6%
2009	298,627	298,627	-	3,484,560	8.6%
2010	352,185	352,185	-	3,687,800	9.6%
2011	357,874	357,874	-	3,827,515	9.4%
2012	367,182	367,182	-	3,765,970	9.7%
2013	396,873	396,873	-	3,883,264	10.2%
2014	440,451	440,451	-	4,059,437	10.9%

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Pensions  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

**NET PENSION LIABILITY – TEXAS COUNTY & DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Assumptions

The following methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates:

<b>Valuation timing</b>	Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.
<b>Actuarial cost method</b>	Entry age normal
<b>Amortization method</b>	Level percentage of payroll, closed
<b>Remaining amortization period</b>	20 years
<b>Asset valuation method</b>	5-year smoothed market
<b>Inflation</b>	3.0%
<b>Salary increases</b>	3.5%, average, including inflation
<b>Investment rate of return</b>	8.10%, including inflation
<b>Cost-of-living adjustments</b>	Cost-of-living adjustments for the County are not considered to be substantively automatic. Therefore, no assumption for cost-of-living adjustments is included in the calculations. No assumption for future cost-of-living adjustments is included in the funding valuation.
<b>Mortality</b>	Assumed life expectancies are based on the RP-2000 Active Employee Mortality Table for depositing members, the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for service retirees and the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table for disabled retirees.

Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

Changes in the Size or Composition of the Population Covered by the Benefit Terms

There were no changes in the size or composition of the population covered by the benefit terms during the measurement period.

Changes of Assumptions

There were no changes of assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

**COMBINING STATEMENTS AS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

The supplementary information includes financial statements and schedules not required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, nor a part of the basic financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis.

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
 Combining Balance Sheet  
 September 30, 2015

	Jury Fund	Law Library Fund	Hot Check Fund	D.A.R.E Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,828	\$ 15,054	\$ 11,016	\$ 79
Taxes receivable (net)	-	-	-	-
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,828</b>	<b>\$ 15,054</b>	<b>\$ 11,016</b>	<b>\$ 79</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Restricted fund balance				
Enabling legislation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Retirement of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Assigned fund balance				
Other purposes	4,828	15,054	11,016	79
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>4,828</b>	<b>15,054</b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 4,828</b>	<b>\$ 15,054</b>	<b>\$ 11,016</b>	<b>\$ 79</b>



County Records Management	County Clerk Records Management	District Clerk Records Management	Courthouse Security Fund	County Technology Fund	District Attorney Forfeiture Fund
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-	-	-
13,286	88,348	14,380	125,012	82,234	15,799
-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 13,286</u>	<u>\$ 88,348</u>	<u>\$ 14,380</u>	<u>\$ 125,012</u>	<u>\$ 82,234</u>	<u>\$ 15,799</u>
\$ 13,286	\$ 88,348	\$ 14,380	\$ 125,012	\$ 82,234	\$ 15,799
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
13,286	88,348	14,380	125,012	82,234	15,799
<u>\$ 13,286</u>	<u>\$ 88,348</u>	<u>\$ 14,380</u>	<u>\$ 125,012</u>	<u>\$ 82,234</u>	<u>\$ 15,799</u>

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
 Combining Balance Sheet  
 September 30, 2015

	District Attorney Federal Forfeiture Fund	Sheriff Forfeiture Fund	Sheriff Federal Forfeiture Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,977
Taxes receivable (net)	-	-	-	-
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	32,470	17,332	20	388,881
Investments	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 32,470</b>	<b>\$ 17,332</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>	<b>\$ 419,858</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Restricted fund balance				
Enabling legislation	\$ 32,470	\$ 17,332	\$ 20	\$ 388,881
Retirement of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Assigned fund balance				
Other purposes	-	-	-	30,977
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>32,470</b>	<b>17,332</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>419,858</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 32,470</b>	<b>\$ 17,332</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>	<b>\$ 419,858</b>

Coliseum Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ 30,977
55,905	55,905
655,961	1,044,842
<u>1,123</u>	<u>1,123</u>
<u>\$ 712,989</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,847</u>
\$ -	\$ 388,881
712,989	712,989
<u>-</u>	<u>30,977</u>
<u>712,989</u>	<u>1,132,847</u>
<u>\$ 712,989</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,847</u>

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**September 30, 2015**

	Jury Fund	Law Library Fund	Hot Check Fund	D.A.R.E Fund
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Hotel/motel taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fines & fees	358	5,320	16,762	-
Investment earnings	31	-	-	-
Other revenue	6,063	-	-	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>5,320</b>	<b>16,762</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	-	-	-	-
Judicial	16,030	5,556	-	-
Legal	-	-	20,072	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Debt principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
Fiscal agent's fees	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>16,030</b>	<b>5,556</b>	<b>20,072</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(9,578)</b>	<b>(236)</b>	<b>(3,310)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Transfers in	10,000	-	-	-
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>(236)</b>	<b>(3,310)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING</b>	<b>4,406</b>	<b>15,290</b>	<b>14,326</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 4,828</b>	<b>\$ 15,054</b>	<b>\$ 11,016</b>	<b>\$ 79</b>

County Records Management	County Clerk Records Management	District Clerk Records Management	Courthouse Security Fund	County Technology Fund	District Attorney Forfeiture Fund
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6,205	57,115	6,015	11,006	6,727	60,614
-	646	-	-	-	101
-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>6,205</u>	<u>57,761</u>	<u>6,015</u>	<u>11,006</u>	<u>6,727</u>	<u>60,715</u>
52	63,280	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	31,646	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	61,240
-	-	-	-	9,060	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>52</u>	<u>63,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,646</u>	<u>9,060</u>	<u>61,240</u>
<u>6,153</u>	<u>(5,519)</u>	<u>6,015</u>	<u>(20,640)</u>	<u>(2,333)</u>	<u>(525)</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
6,153	(5,519)	6,015	(20,640)	(2,333)	(525)
7,133	93,867	8,365	145,652	84,567	-
-	-	-	-	-	16,324
<u>\$ 13,286</u>	<u>\$ 88,348</u>	<u>\$ 14,380</u>	<u>\$ 125,012</u>	<u>\$ 82,234</u>	<u>\$ 15,799</u>

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
September 30, 2015

	District Attorney Federal Forfeiture Fund	Sheriff Forfeiture Fund	Sheriff Federal Forfeiture Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Hotel/motel taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fines & fees	-	5,269	-	175,391
Investment earnings	180	135	-	1,093
Other revenue	-	-	-	6,063
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>180</u>	<u>5,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,547</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	-	-	-	63,332
Judicial	-	-	-	53,232
Legal	400	-	-	81,712
Public safety	-	23,006	-	32,066
Debt Service:				
Debt principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
Fiscal agent's fees	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>400</u>	<u>23,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230,342</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>(17,602)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,795)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	10,000
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>(17,602)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(37,795)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING</b>	-	-	-	373,685
<b>PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT</b>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>34,934</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>83,968</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES, ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 32,470</u>	<u>\$ 17,332</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 419,858</u>

Coliseum Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ 219,856	\$ 219,856
-	175,391
3,336	4,429
-	6,063
<u>223,192</u>	<u>405,739</u>
-	63,332
-	53,232
-	81,712
-	32,066
56,000	56,000
15,768	15,768
500	500
<u>72,268</u>	<u>302,610</u>
<u>150,924</u>	<u>103,129</u>
-	10,000
-	10,000
150,924	113,129
562,065	935,750
-	83,968
<u>\$ 712,989</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,847</u>

**NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities  
Agency Funds  
September 30, 2105

	<u>Unclaimed Money</u>	<u>Trust &amp; Agency</u>	<u>Restitution Fund</u>	<u>Extraditions Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 97	\$ 54,834	\$ 178,316	\$ 19,901
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>97</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>54,834</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>178,316</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>19,901</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 47,727	\$ -	\$ -
Due to others	<u>97</u>	<u>7,107</u>	<u>178,316</u>	<u>19,901</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ <u>97</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>54,834</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>178,316</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>19,901</u></b>



<u>District Attorney Funds</u>	<u>Sheriff Funds</u>	<u>Tax Assessor Collector Funds</u>	<u>County Court Funds</u>	<u>District Clerk Funds</u>	<u>Total Agency Funds</u>
\$ <u>105,793</u>	\$ <u>23,497</u>	\$ <u>170,663</u>	\$ <u>53,904</u>	\$ <u>154,428</u>	\$ <u>761,433</u>
\$ <u>105,793</u>	\$ <u>23,497</u>	\$ <u>170,663</u>	\$ <u>53,904</u>	\$ <u>154,428</u>	\$ <u>761,433</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,727
\$ <u>105,793</u>	\$ <u>23,497</u>	\$ <u>170,663</u>	\$ <u>53,904</u>	\$ <u>154,428</u>	\$ <u>713,706</u>
\$ <u>105,793</u>	\$ <u>23,497</u>	\$ <u>170,663</u>	\$ <u>53,904</u>	\$ <u>154,428</u>	\$ <u>761,433</u>

**OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY GAO**

**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 Honorable Judge and  
Members of Commissioners Court  
Nolan County, Texas:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Nolan County, Texas (County), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2016.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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.

*Dennis Kinard & Co., PC*

Certified Public Accountants

Abilene, Texas  
February 4, 2016