

NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2019

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

**NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
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DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS**

COMMISSIONERS' COURT:

Kenneth Weeks	County Judge
William L. "Bill" Fuller	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Phillip White	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Gary Fomby	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Wesley (Gene) Thompson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Courtney Tracy Ponthier	District Attorney
Bree Allen	District Clerk
Sandra K. Duckworth	County Clerk
Melissa Burks	County Tax Assessor and Collector
Ginger Sims	County Treasurer
Elizabeth Holloway	County Auditor
Billy Rowles	Sheriff
Stephanie Ducote	Librarian
Gwen Simmons	Indigent Health Care

JUSTICE OF PEACE:

Connie Smith	Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 1
Brenda Smith	Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 2
Michael Greer	Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 3
Dana Ashmore	Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 4

CONSTABLES:

Otis Lane	Constable, Precinct No. 1
Les Amburn	Constable, Precinct No. 2
Holton Johnson	Constable, Precinct No. 3
Jimmy Lavergne	Constable, Precinct No. 4

FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable County Judge and
County Commissioners
County of Newton, Texas
Newton, Texas

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Newton, Texas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, 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 of Newton, Texas, as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1, page 21 and Note 3, page 32, Newton County Facilities Corporation, a blended component unit enterprise fund, defaulted on revenue bond principal payments to Bondholders. These revenue bonds are repaid solely from the revenues generated by the facility. The bonds are in default.

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 on pages 4–9 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 of Newton, Texas' basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 and individual non-

major fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 29, 2020, on our consideration of the County of Newton, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering County of Newton, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Charles E. Reed & associates, P.C.

Charles E. Reed and Associates, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants
Port Arthur, Texas
September 29, 2020

NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of Newton County (County), we offer readers of the County's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the County's financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows and resources of the County exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows and resources at the close of 2019 by \$19,538,245. Of this amount, \$7,112,140 is considered unrestricted. The unrestricted net position of the County's governmental activities is \$6,723,655 and may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations.
- The County's total net position decreased by \$1,053,272 in 2019.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$6,555,451. Of this balance, \$6,555,541 is considered unassigned at December 31, 2019.
- The General Fund reported a fund balance of \$2,359,464 at the end of the current fiscal year. The unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,359,464 or 21.94% of total general expenditures (including transfers out).
- The County's total debt increased by \$285,140 during the current fiscal year. Debt was issued in the current fiscal year in the amount of \$784,815.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

The *statement of net positions* presents information on all of the 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 the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the cash flows.

Thus, revenues and expenses reported in this statement for some items will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees or charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the County include general government, streets, public safety, and culture and recreation. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10 and 11 of this report.

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

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

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The County maintains individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and in the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund, and all major funds; non-major funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of the 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 General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12-16 of this report.

- Fiduciary funds - The fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the governmental unit in a trustee capacity.

- *Proprietary funds* - The County has two proprietary funds. Both are enterprise funds which are used to report business-type activities for which a fee is charged to external uses for goods and services.

Notes to the financial statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found beginning on page 21 of this report.

Other information - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the County's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found on page 40 of this report.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented immediately following the Notes to the Financial Statements. Combining statements can be found beginning on page 42 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The County's assets and deferred outflows and resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows and resources by \$19,538,245 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A portion of the County's net position, \$12,426,105 reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, equipment, and infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that remain outstanding. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; therefore, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the County's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

	Net Position			
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Business-Type Activities
Current and other assets	\$ 9,074,223	\$ 9,792,266	\$ 689,860	\$ 813,811
Capital assets	12,277,516	11,819,634	9,341,511	9,592,738
Total assets	\$ 21,351,739	\$ 21,611,900	\$ 10,031,371	\$ 10,406,549
Deferred outflows and resources	\$ 138,399	\$ 725,465	\$ -	\$ -
Long-term liabilities	1,695,950	1,410,810	9,490,000	9,490,000
Other liabilities	438,749	1,149,196	4,297	9,976
Total liabilities	\$ 2,134,699	\$ 2,560,006	\$ 9,494,297	\$ 9,499,976
Deferred Inflows and resources	\$ 354,268	\$ 92,415	\$ -	\$ -
Net position:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	12,277,516	10,408,824	148,589	353,888
Restricted	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	6,723,655	9,276,120	388,485	552,685
	\$ 19,001,171	\$ 19,684,944	\$ 537,074	\$ 906,573

The unrestricted net position \$7,112,140 may be utilized to meet the government's on-going obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the County is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net position, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate government activities. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year.

	CHANGES IN NET POSITION			
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities	Proprietary Activities	Proprietary Activities
REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 974,851	\$ 1,053,832	\$ -	\$ -
Operating grants and contributions	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants	8,233,501	2,490,528	-	-
General revenues:				
Property taxes	7,649,169	7,718,777	-	-
Miscellaneous	65,142	113,112	-	-
Interest income	153,522	182,394	13,724	9,805
Other	1,142,143	861,366	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 18,218,328	\$ 12,420,009	\$ 13,724	\$ 9,805
EXPENDITURES				
General government	\$ 1,444,072	\$ 1,210,563	\$ -	\$ -
Judicial	1,105,920	932,769	-	-
Legal	484,597	529,444	-	-
Financial administration	729,583	683,613	-	-
Public facilities	6,275,478	2,186,682	543,223	537,746
Public safety	7,611,900	6,227,998	-	-
Health and welfare	739,550	523,141	-	-
Conservation	16,625	6,961	-	-
Culture and recreation	214,985	193,005	-	-
Miscellaneous	46,370	12,658	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	73,021	34,249	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,742,101	\$ 12,541,083	\$ 543,223	\$ 537,746
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$ (523,773)	\$ (121,074)	\$ (529,499)	\$ (527,941)
Transfers	(160,000)	(200,000)	160,000	200,000
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ (683,773)	\$ (321,074)	\$ (369,499)	\$ (327,941)
Net position at beginning of year	\$ 19,684,944	\$ 20,006,018	\$ 906,573	\$ 1,234,514
Prior period adjustment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Position End of Year	\$ 19,001,171	\$ 19,684,944	\$ 537,074	\$ 906,573

The government's total net position decreased by \$(1,053,272) during the current fiscal year. The County's governmental activities decreased due primarily to the capital outlays and public safety.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements.

Governmental funds - The focus of the County's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2019, the County’s governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,555,451 a decrease of (\$582,841) in comparison with the prior year. Of this amount, \$6,555,451 was classified as unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government’s discretion.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At December 31, 2019 unrestricted and total fund balance of the General Fund was \$2,359,464. As a measure of liquidity of the General Fund, it may be useful to compare both unrestricted fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures (including transfers out). Fund balance represents 21.94% of total General Fund expenditures (including transfers out).

The fund balance of the General Fund increased by \$50,338 during 2019. It was budgeted at a decrease of \$(949,670) during this year. Therefore, comparison to budget shows positive variance. Revenue had a positive variance of \$72,635 while expenditures had a positive variance of \$394,286 and transfers a positive variance of \$151,062.

Enterprise funds – The enterprise funds provide information on Newton County prison facility. In 2012 the facility was depopulated. The County is currently seeking other management services specializing in prison management. Newton County financial statements include the Newton County Public Facilities Corporation, a blended component unit, see Note 1, page 21. The Newton County Public Facilities Corporation defaulted on its principal payments to Bond Holders and is currently servicing the interest due to the Bondholders from money that remains in the reserve fund. The Newton County Facilities Corporation is not able to service the principal payments to the Bondholders. The remaining amount of bonds outstanding is \$9,490,000.

The budget for the general fund was amended; the change was an increase in expenditure budget by \$9,181. The comparison between and the actual results significant variations were: general administration spent less than budget by \$270,621; and the health and welfare spent less than budget by \$306,100.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital assets - The County’s investment in capital assets for governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2019, amounts to \$21,619,027 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, and other capital assets such as buildings, improvements, and equipment.

	CAPITAL ASSETS (net of depreciation)		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Land	\$ 1,054,872	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,354,872
Construction in Progress	-	-	-
Other capital assets	11,222,644	9,041,511	\$ 20,264,155
	<u>\$ 12,277,516</u>	<u>\$ 9,341,511</u>	<u>\$ 21,619,027</u>

Additional information on the County’s capital assets can be found in Note 1 on pages 24 and 31.

Long-term debt - At December 31, 2019, the County had \$11,185,950 total long-term debt outstanding of which \$10,111,304 was due within one year. Bonds payable are revenue bonds that the Newton County Facilities Corporation is not able to service the debt as this time.

DEBT OUTSTANDING		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Bonds Payable	\$ -	\$ 9,490,000
Notes Payable	1,695,950	-
	\$ 1,695,950	\$ 9,490,000

The County’s total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources outstanding at December 31, 2019 decreased by \$169,133 from December 31, 2018 because new debt of \$784,816 was issued, and outstanding debt was paid. Additional information on the County’s debt can be found in Note 3, beginning on page 31.

Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budgets and Rates

Unemployment dropped to 7% from 11.9%; the tax rate for 2018-2019 increased to .690735, property values decreased. As always, in times of limited resources and consideration of the burden to rate and taxpayers, the following items may be considered in balancing future budgets:

- Budget for 2020 is similar to 2019.
- Use of fund balance to offset inflationary increases in expenses without increasing tax rate.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the County’s finances and to show accountability for the funding it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the County Auditor, Newton County, Newton, Texas.

**BASIC
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2019

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,191,073	\$ 689,860	\$ 7,880,933
Investments	76,054	-	76,054
Receivables:			
Accounts Receivable	133,021	-	133,021
Property Taxes Receivable	1,625,094	-	1,625,094
Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(60,000)	-	(60,000)
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-
Net Pension Asset	108,981	-	108,981
Capital Assets			
Land	1,054,872	300,000	1,354,872
Construction in Progress	-	-	-
Capital Assets - Net	11,222,644	9,041,511	20,264,155
Total Assets	<u>21,351,739</u>	<u>10,031,371</u>	<u>31,383,110</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows and Resources</u>			
Deferred Outflows on Pensions	138,399	-	138,399
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>138,399</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,399</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	306,246	4,297	310,543
Accrued Payables	132,503	-	132,503
Net Pension Liabilities	-	-	-
Notes Payable/Revenue Bonds Payable (Notes 1 and 3)			
Due Within One Year	621,304	9,490,000	10,111,304
Due After One Year	1,074,646	-	1,074,646
Total Liabilities	<u>2,134,699</u>	<u>9,494,297</u>	<u>11,628,996</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Deferred Inflows on Pensions	354,268	-	354,268
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>354,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>354,268</u>
<u>Net Position</u>			
Investment in Capital Assets- Net of Debt	12,277,516	148,589	12,426,105
Restricted	-	-	-
Unrestricted	6,723,655	388,485	7,112,140
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 19,001,171</u>	<u>\$ 537,074</u>	<u>\$ 19,538,245</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Exhibit B

<u>Functions-Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Program Specific Operating Grants</u>	<u>Program Specific Capital Grants</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Total</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 1,444,072				\$ (1,444,072)	\$ -	\$ (1,444,072)
Judicial	1,105,920	974,815	-	-	(131,105)	-	(131,105)
Legal	484,597		-	-	(484,597)	-	(484,597)
Financial Administration	729,583		-	-	(729,583)	-	(729,583)
Public Facilities	6,275,478		-	-	(6,275,478)	-	(6,275,478)
Public Safety	7,611,900	36	-	-	(7,611,864)	-	(7,611,864)
Health & Welfare	739,550		-	8,233,501	7,493,951	-	7,493,951
Conservation	16,625		-	-	(16,625)	-	(16,625)
Culture & Recreation	214,985		-	-	(214,985)	-	(214,985)
Miscellaneous	46,370		-	-	(46,370)	-	(46,370)
Interest on Long-term Debt	73,021		-	-	(73,021)	-	(73,021)
Total Governmental Activities	18,742,101	974,851	-	8,233,501	(9,533,749)	-	(9,533,749)
Business-type Activities:							
Prison Facilities	\$ 543,223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (543,223)	\$ (543,223)
Total Business-type Activities	\$ 543,223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (543,223)	\$ (543,223)

General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 7,649,169	\$ -	\$ 7,649,169
Intergovernmental	119,549	-	119,549
Miscellaneous	65,142	-	65,142
Interest	153,522	13,724	167,246
Other	1,022,594		1,022,594
Transfers	(160,000)	160,000	-
Total General Revenues	8,849,976	173,724	9,023,700
Change in Net Position	(683,773)	(369,499)	(1,053,272)
Net Position at beginning of year	19,684,944	906,573	20,591,517
	19,684,944	906,573	20,591,517
Net Position at end of year	\$ 19,001,171	\$ 537,074	\$ 19,538,245

	5,10,98,99	20	68	70	72		
	General Fund	Road & Bridge General	Hazard Mitigation Grant	Courthouse Emergency Grant	FEMA Grant	Total Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,900,992	\$ 966,376	\$ -	\$ 277,528	\$ 12,098	\$ 3,034,079	\$ 7,191,073
Investments	76,054	-	-	-	-	-	76,054
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Taxes Receivable	1,625,094	-	-	-	-	-	1,625,094
Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(60,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(60,000)
Accounts Receivable	36,286	15,064	960	9,345	-	71,366	133,021
Total Assets	\$ 4,578,426	\$ 981,440	\$ 960	\$ 286,873	\$ 12,098	\$ 3,105,445	\$ 8,965,242
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	145,019	1,772	-	-	31,991	127,464	306,246
Accrued Vacation/Comp Time	102,901	-	-	-	-	29,602	132,503
Total Liabilities	247,920	1,772	-	-	31,991	157,066	438,749
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>							
<u>Deferred Inflows- Property Tax</u>	<u>1,535,094</u>	-	-	-	-	-	1,535,094
Unavailable Revenue - Property Tax	435,948	-	-	-	-	-	435,948
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,971,042	-	-	-	-	-	1,971,042
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Unassigned	2,359,464	979,668	960	286,873	(19,893)	2,948,379	6,555,451
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Balance	2,359,464	979,668	960	286,873	(19,893)	2,948,379	6,555,451
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 4,578,426	\$ 981,440	\$ 960	\$ 286,873	\$ 12,098	\$ 3,105,445	\$ 8,965,242

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Position to the
Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2019

Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds			\$ 6,555,451
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds			12,277,516
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds			(1,695,950)
Net Pension Asset(Liability)			108,981
Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources			
Deferred Outflow on Pension	138,399		
Deferred Inflow on Pension	(354,268)		(215,869)
Other Long Term Assets not available to pay for current period expenditures, and therefore, are deferred in the funds - Unavailable Revenue - Property Tax		435,948 1,535,094	
			<u>1,971,042</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities- Exhibit A			<u><u>\$ 19,001,171</u></u>

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NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Exhibit D

	5,10,98,99	20	68	70	72	76		
	General Fund	Road & Bridge General	Hazard Mitigation Grant	Courthouse Emergency Grant	FEMA Grant	TDRA Grant	Total Non-Major Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenue								
Taxes	\$ 5,742,632	\$ 984,008	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,176,123	\$ 7,902,763
Intergovernmental	28,125	-	-	-	-	-	91,424	119,549
Fines and Fees	352,477	554,064	-	-	-	-	68,274	974,815
Licenses and Permits	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Miscellaneous	61,842	-	-	-	-	-	3,300	65,142
Interest	76,479	21,346	-	4,005	-	-	51,692	153,522
Other Revenue	81,866	-	848,698	-	-	-	92,030	1,022,594
Time Warrant Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	815,410	-	2,595,624	4,760,624	61,843	8,233,501
Total Revenue	6,343,457	1,559,418	1,664,108	4,005	2,595,624	4,760,624	1,544,686	18,471,922
Expenditures								
Current								
General Administration	610,397	356,794	-	-	-	-	58,548	1,025,739
Judicial	1,105,920	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,105,920
Legal	387,810	-	-	-	-	-	96,787	484,597
Financial Administration	709,502	-	-	-	-	-	-	709,502
Public Facilities	689,666	-	2,591,607	-	1,153,309	-	1,563,502	5,998,084
Public Safety	1,543,144	-	-	-	-	4,620,995	1,317,613	7,481,752
Health and Welfare	532,629	-	-	-	-	-	206,921	739,550
Conservation	404	-	-	-	-	-	16,221	16,625
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	214,985	214,985
Miscellaneous	46,370	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,370
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal Payment	21,703	-	-	-	-	-	367,417	389,120
Interest Expense	11,123	-	-	-	-	-	61,898	73,021
Capital Outlay	591,130	84,884	-	-	-	-	718,298	1,394,312
Total Expenditures	6,249,798	441,678	2,591,607	-	1,153,309	4,620,995	4,622,190	19,679,577
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	93,659	1,117,740	(927,499)	4,005	1,442,315	139,629	(3,077,504)	(1,207,655)
Other Financing Sources								
Transfers In	4,242,684	16,220	1,557,402	-	1,144,824	789,178	2,935,607	10,685,915
Transfers (Out)	(4,503,796)	(1,446,300)	(1,059,811)	-	(2,595,625)	(928,807)	(311,576)	(10,845,915)
Issuance of Debt	217,791	40,603	-	-	-	-	526,421	784,815
Total Other Financing Sources	(43,321)	(1,389,477)	497,591	-	(1,450,801)	(139,629)	3,150,452	624,815
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	50,338	(271,737)	(429,908)	4,005	(8,486)	-	72,948	(582,840)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	2,309,126	1,251,405	430,868	282,868	(11,407)	-	2,875,431	7,138,291
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 2,359,464	\$ 979,668	\$ 960	\$ 286,873	\$ (19,893)	\$ -	\$ 2,948,379	\$ 6,555,451

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit D)		(582,840)
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period:		
Capital Outlay	1,394,312	
Depreciation	(929,629)	
Capital Asset Disposition	(6,801)	457,882
Actuarially calculated additional pension expense not using current-period financial resources		
Change in Asset/Liability	828,838	
Change in deferred inflow/outflow	(848,919)	(20,081)
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets.		
Issuance of Debt	(784,815)	
Payment of Principal	389,120	
Debt adjustment	110,555	(285,140)
Revenues in statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds.		
change in unavailable revenue	(165,315)	
change in deferred tax	<u>(88,279)</u>	<u>(253,594)</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)		<u><u>\$ (683,773)</u></u>

NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Exhibit E

	Original Budget Original	Final Budget Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
REVENUE				
Taxes	\$ 5,694,095	\$ 5,694,095	\$ 5,742,632	\$ 48,537
Intergovernmental	29,434	29,434	28,125	(1,309)
Fines and Fees	296,500	296,500	352,477	55,977
Licenses & Permits	336	336	36	(300)
Miscellaneous	27,500	27,500	61,842	34,342
Interest	41,500	41,500	76,479	34,979
Other Revenue	9,985	17,223	81,866	64,643
Total Revenue	6,099,350	6,106,588	6,343,457	236,869
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Administration	1,011,419	881,018	610,397	270,621
Judicial	1,087,769	1,163,868	1,105,920	57,948
Legal	454,026	454,027	387,810	66,217
Financial Administration	748,502	748,502	709,502	39,000
Public Facilities	434,626	469,325	689,666	(220,341)
Public Safety	1,768,289	1,768,829	1,543,144	225,685
Health and Welfare	838,729	838,729	532,629	306,100
Conservation	460	460	404	56
Miscellaneous	100,000	100,000	46,370	53,630
Principal Payment	15,304	21,703	21,703	-
Interest Expense	4,279	11,123	11,123	-
Capital Outlay	171,500	186,500	591,130	(404,630)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,634,903	6,644,084	6,249,798	394,286
Excess(Deficiency) of Rev Over(Under) Expenditures	(535,553)	(537,496)	93,659	631,155
Other Finance Sources(Uses)				
Issuance of Debt	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	-	3,992,623	4,242,684	250,061
Transfers Out	(821,424)	(4,404,797)	(4,503,796)	(98,999)
Issuance of Debt	-	-	217,791	217,791
Total Other Finance Sources(Uses)	(821,424)	(412,174)	(43,321)	368,853
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenue Over(Under) Expenses & Other Financial Sources(Uses)	(1,356,977)	(949,670)	50,338	368,853
Fund Balance - Beginning of Period	2,309,126	2,309,126	2,309,126	-
Fund Balance - End of Period	\$ 952,149	\$ 1,359,456	\$ 2,359,464	\$ 368,853

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NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2019

Exhibit F

	Business-Type Activities		
	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>Component Unit</u>	
	Correctional Facility	Public Facility Corporation	<u>Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 386,013	\$ 303,847	\$ 689,860
Investments	-	-	-
Accounts Receivables - Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	<u>386,013</u>	<u>303,847</u>	<u>689,860</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Restricted Cash and Investments	-	-	-
Original Issue Discount	-	-	-
Less: Accumulated Accretion	-	-	-
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>9,341,511</u>	<u>9,341,511</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>9,341,511</u>	<u>9,341,511</u>
Total Assets	<u>386,013</u>	<u>9,645,358</u>	<u>10,031,371</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	4,297	-	4,297
Bonds Payable - Current Portion (Note 1 and 3)	-	9,490,000	9,490,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,297</u>	<u>9,490,000</u>	<u>9,494,297</u>
Long-Term Liabilities			
Bonds Payable - Noncurrent Portion (note 1 and 3)	-	-	-
Total Long-term Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,297</u>	<u>9,490,000</u>	<u>9,494,297</u>
<u>Net Position</u>			
Invested in Capital Assets	-	148,589	148,589
Unrestricted	381,716	6,769	388,485
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 381,716</u>	<u>\$ 155,358</u>	<u>\$ 537,074</u>

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NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Exhibit G

	Business-Type Activities		Total
	Enterprise Fund Correctional Facility	Component Unit Public Facility Corporation	
<u>Operating Revenue</u>			
Project Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Operating Revenues	-	-	-
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Management Fees	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	251,227	251,227
Insurance	-	5,400	5,400
Legal and Professional	-	74,075	-
Trust Fees	-	-	-
Operating Expense	184,330	28,191	212,521
Bond Interest	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	184,330	358,893	543,223
Operating Income (Loss)	(184,330)	(358,893)	(543,223)
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</u>			
Interest Income	4,129	9,595	13,724
Miscellaneous Income (Expenses)	-	-	-
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	4,129	9,595	13,724
Transfers	160,000	-	160,000
Change in Net Position	(20,201)	(349,298)	(369,499)
Total Net Position at Beginning of Year	401,917	504,656	906,573
Total Net Position at End of Year	\$ 381,716	\$ 155,358	\$ 537,074

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NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Exhibit H

	Business-Type Activities		Total
	Enterprise Fund Correctional Facility	Component Unit Public Facility Corporation	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Receipts from Customers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Payment for Goods and Services	<u>(190,009)</u>	<u>(107,666)</u>	<u>(297,675)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>(190,009)</u>	<u>(107,666)</u>	<u>(297,675)</u>
Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Sources (Uses)			
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Transfers	<u>160,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,000</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Interest Payments	-	-	-
Principal Payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Interest Income	4,129	9,595	13,724
(Purchase)/Sale of Capital Assets	-	-	-
(Purchase)/Sale of Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Increase(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>(25,880)</u>	<u>(98,071)</u>	<u>(123,951)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year			
Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	411,893	401,918	813,811
	<u>411,893</u>	<u>401,918</u>	<u>813,811</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year			
Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	386,013	303,847	689,860
	<u>386,013</u>	<u>303,847</u>	<u>689,860</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities			
Operating Income (Loss) Adjustments	(184,330)	(358,893)	(543,223)
Depreciation	-	251,227	251,227
Increase (Decrease) in Other Miscellaneous Items	<u>(5,679)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,679)</u>
	<u>\$ (190,009)</u>	<u>\$ (107,666)</u>	<u>\$ (297,675)</u>
Interest Paid	-	\$ -	\$ -

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NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
Statement of Net Position
Fiduciary Funds - Agency Funds
December 31, 2019

Exhibit I

	Sheriff Office	Criminal District Attorney	District Clerk Fee Fund	District Clerk Trust	County Clerk Fee Fund	County Clerk Trust Fund	Tax Assessor Collector	Total
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash	\$ 712	\$42,904	\$316,447	\$ 54,068	\$21,077	\$123,884	\$1,660,872	\$2,219,964
Total Assets	<u>712</u>	<u>42,904</u>	<u>316,447</u>	<u>54,068</u>	<u>21,077</u>	<u>123,884</u>	<u>1,660,872</u>	<u>2,219,964</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Liabilities								
Payable to Newton								-
County Beneficiaries	712	42,904	316,447	54,068	21,077	123,884	1,660,872	2,219,964
Total Liabilities	<u>712</u>	<u>42,904</u>	<u>316,447</u>	<u>54,068</u>	<u>21,077</u>	<u>123,884</u>	<u>1,660,872</u>	<u>2,219,964</u>
<u>Fiduciary Net Position</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Entity

Newton County, Texas (the County) was formed by state law. The County is governed by the County Judge and Commissioners, all of which are elected officials, and provides the following services for the County: public safety (sheriff and constables), public transportation (roads and bridges), health and welfare, conservation, public improvements, environmental protection, and administrative services.

The accompanying financial statements of Newton County (the County) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The County has one component unit – The Public Facility Corporation. Blended component units are, in substance, part of the primary government operations, even though they are legally separate entities. Thus, blended component units are appropriately presented as funds of the primary government. The Public Facilities Corporation is governed by a board comprised of the County’s commissioners’. The Public Facilities Corporation is reported as an enterprise fund and does not issue separate financial statements.

On December 12, 2001, the County of Newton, Texas formed the Newton County Public Facility Corporation, pursuant to the Public Facilities Act Chapter 303 of the Texas Local Government Code, for the purpose of financing eligible jail and criminal detention projects and other public facilities on behalf of Newton County, Texas. Specifically, the Newton County Public Facility Corporation was formed to refinance the debt of approximately \$ 14,300,000 of revenue bonds issued by Newton County, Texas. The bonds were initially issued by Newton County, Texas to acquire real property, construct, furnish and equip a multi-classification secure detention center known as the Fillyaw Correctional Facility located in Newton County, Texas. This type of alternative revenue source and financing lessens the local tax burden. The Project Revenue Bonds are repaid solely from the revenues generated by the facility, using no County tax dollars and presenting no liability to either the County or the Newton County Public Facility Corporation. Newton County contracted with the GEO correctional group to manage the facility until the termination of the contract on November 9, 2009.

The County negotiated a contract with Community Education Centers, Inc. (CEC) on November 9, 2009 to assume the operations and management of the facility. The facility continued to house inmates until November, 2011 and CEC continued to manage the facility until March, 2012 at which time the facility was depopulated. The Newton County Public Facilities Corporation defaulted on its principal payments to Bond Holders and is currently servicing the interest due to the Bondholders from money that remains in the reserve fund. The Newton County Facilities Corporation is not able to service the principal payments to the Bondholders. The remaining amount of bonds outstanding is \$9,490,000. The County and the Bond Holders are currently negotiating an agreement to conclude and dissolve the Newton County Public Facility Corporation. The County will not be responsible for the remaining bonds outstanding.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statements of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component unit. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenue, are reported separately from business-like activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenue. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenue includes 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenue are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the governmental-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The fiduciary fund types are used to account for assets held by a government unit in a trustee capacity for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. 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 County considers revenue to be available if it is collected within 60 days 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, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

The County has the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund - The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

- Road and Bridge Fund – The Road & Bridge Fund is used to maintain county roads, bridges, ditches, etc. through the out County.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Fund – This fund accounts for grants for mitigation of hazards.
- Courthouse Emergency Grant Fund – This fund accounts for grants to restore and rebuild the Newton County Courthouse.
- TDRA Grant Fund – This fund accounts for grants used for disaster recovery throughout the county.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of the following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-like activities and Enterprise Funds, subject to this same limitation. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation of governmental funds.

Amounts reported as program revenue include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

Deposits and Investments

The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool.

Investments are stated at fair value. Newton County 's investment policy allows investments as state statute authorize; policy also addresses investment officer requirements for Newton County. Newton County was in compliance with the policy.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories – The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased. The cost of inventory on hand at December 31, 2019 was minimal.

Prepaid Items – Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Receivables and Payables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

EXHIBIT J
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Property taxes are levied as of October 1 on property values assessed on January 1. On February 1 billings are considered past due and property taxes begin to accrue interest. On July 1 of the following year liens, penalties and interest are assessed.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, sidewalks and similar items) are recorded in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful life of two or more years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Interest incurred during construction is not capitalized on capital assets.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated in the governmental funds of the government using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building	40-50
Building Improvements	15-40
Roads and Bridges	15-40
Vehicles	5-10
Office Equipment	5-10
Computer Equipment	3-5

Use of Estimates

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

Compensated Absences

Full-time, permanent employees are granted vacation benefits in varying amounts to specified maximums depending on tenure with the County. Sick leave accrues to full-time, permanent employees to specified maximums. Although employees are encouraged to take vacations in the year earned, payment of accrued vacation time is eligible to employees who separated from the County in good standing up to one week. Accumulated sick leave is not compensated upon resignation, retirement, or dismissal. Employee benefits are reviewed on an annual basis by the County Commissioners. Benefits are subject to change.

Long-term Obligations

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

The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. Debt is primarily paid by the general fund and road and budget funds. The County first applies restricted funds then unrestricted to expenditures.

Government-Wide Net Assets / Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

As of these financial statements, the County has adopted GASB Statement No. 54, which redefined how fund balances of the governmental funds are presented in the financial statements. Fund balances are classified as follows:

- Non-spendable – Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in a spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted – Amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.
- Committed – The portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government’s highest level of decision-making authority, the County Commissioners Court.
- Assigned – The portion of fund balance that the County intends to use for specific purposes.
- Unassigned – The portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

When the government incurs expenditures for purposes for which various fund balance classifications can be used, it is the government’s policy to use restricted fund balance first, then committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and finally unassigned fund balance.

Deferred Outflows/inflows of Resources

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for *deferred inflows or 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.

Net Position Flow Assumption

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

Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

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

Fund Balance Policies

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The government itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government’s highest level of decision-making authority. The governing council is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of this fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation. Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but so not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The governing council (council) has by resolution authorized the financial director to assign fund balance. The council may assign fund balance as it dies when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year’s appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

Fund Deficit

As of December 31, 2019 the following funds had deficit fund balances.

Fund 24 Road & Bridge Pct 3 \$(10,502), Fund 33 Commissioner Spec Pct 3 \$(25), Fund 72 FEMA Grant Fund \$(19,983)

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the net position of the County of Newton, Texas's plans and additions to/deductions from the Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). For this purpose, 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.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the following governmental funds: the General Fund, and the Road & Bridge Funds. All other governmental funds are unbudgeted. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

- The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:
 1. On or before September 30th of each year, the County Budget Officer must submit to the County Court a budget estimate of the revenues of the County and the expenditures or expenses of conducting the affairs thereof for the ensuing year.
 2. On receipt of the estimate the County Court must at once prepare an appropriation ordinance, using the estimate as a basis. Provisions are made for public hearings upon the appropriation ordinance before a committee of the County Court, or before the entire County Court.
 3. Following the public hearing, and before the second reading and final passage, the appropriation ordinance must be published in the official newspaper of the County.
- 4. The County Court must not pass the appropriation ordinance until at least ten days after its publication, but must pass the appropriation ordinance no later than December 31 of each year.
- 5. The legal level of control is by fund level where the County Court's approval is required. The County Court may transfer unencumbered appropriations for the use of a department, division or purpose or any other department, division or purpose without public notice and public hearing except when such transfer shall be made of revenue or earnings of any non-tax supported public utility to any other purpose. No amendment is necessary if department expenditures exceed budget, as long as fund expenditures do not exceed the fund budget.
- 6. All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - There are no excess expenditures over appropriation.

NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Deposits

The carrying amount of the County's deposits as of December 31, 2019 was \$7,880,933, and the bank balances were \$8,056,061. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by FDIC insurance and up to

\$14,668,685 was covered by collateral held in the County's name by the agent bank which is the County's depository bank. In addition the County's fiduciary funds balances totaled \$2,219,964.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. It is both policy and legally required that the County's deposits be collateralized. The amount exposed to custodial risk is \$ 0.

Cash deposits and temporary investments held at financial institutions can be categorized according to three levels of risk. These three levels of risk are:

Category 1: Deposits which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name.

Category 2: Deposits which are collateralized with the securities held by financial institutions, trust departments, or agents in the entity's name.

Category 3: Deposits that are not collateralized.

Based on these three levels of risk, the County's deposits are classified as Category 1.

The County's investments, \$76,054, is invested with Wells Fargo Advisors; \$24,960 is invested in Government Bonds and \$51,094 is invested in Government backed securities. Investments held at a financial institution can be categorized according to three levels of risk. These three levels of risk are:

Category 1: Investments that are insured, registered, or held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name.

Category 2: Investments that are uninsured and unregistered held by the counter party's trust department or agent in the entity's name.

Category 3: Uninsured and unregistered investments held by the counter party, its trust department, or its agent, but not in the entity's name.

Based on these three levels of risk, the County's investments are classified as Category 1 and Category 2.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, the County's general policy is to report money market investments and short-term participating interest-earning investment contracts at amortized cost and to report nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts using a cost-based measure. However, if the cost-basis of an investment is significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or by other factors, it is reported at fair value. All other investments are reported at cost unless a legal contract exists which guarantees a higher value. The term "short-term" refers to investments which have a remaining term of less than one year or less at time of purchase. The term "non-participating" means that the investment's value does not vary with market interest rate changes.

Receivables

Receivables and related allowances for uncollectible accounts were as follows as of December 31, 2019 for the governmental funds of the County:

	General	Road & Bridge	Other	Total
Property taxes	\$ 1,625,094	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,625,094
Accounts	36,286	15,064	81,671	133,021
	1,661,380	15,064	81,671	1,758,115
Allowance for Uncollectibles	(60,000)	-	-	(60,000)
	<u>\$ 1,601,380</u>	<u>\$ 15,064</u>	<u>\$ 81,671</u>	<u>\$ 1,698,115</u>

Receivables for the Business-Type Enterprise Funds:

	Correctional Facility	Public Facility Corporation	Total
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Property appraisal within the County is the responsibility of the Newton County Appraisal District (Appraisal District). The Appraisal District is required under the Property Tax Code to appraise all property within the county on the basis of 100% of market value. The value of real property within the Appraisal District must be reviewed every five years; however, the County may, at its own expense, require annual reviews of appraised values. The County may challenge appraised value established by the Appraisal District through various appeals and legal action. Under the Property Tax Code legislation, the County establishes the tax rates for property within the County’s corporate limits. However, if the new tax rate exceeds the effective rate after certain adjustments for the previous year by more than eight percent (8%), qualified voters of the County may petition for an election to determine whether to limit the tax rate to no more than eight percent (8%) above the effective tax rate.

Property Tax Calendar - Below is an analysis of dates and their relationship to the property tax revenues:

County Calendar	December 31
Tax Calendar	As of January 1
Levy Date	October 1
Due Date	On or before January 31
Delinquent Date	February 1
Lien Date	July 1 of each year

Valuation of Delinquent Property Taxes Receivables - The State of Texas prohibits the County from forgiving an Ad Valorem property tax debt. Adjustments to delinquent taxes receivable are made only on discovery of errors or omissions, judgment orders of a court of law, or upon specific acts of the State Legislature.

The accompanying financial statements include the County’s estimate of delinquent taxes that may have doubtful collectibility. This estimate is included in this report for “best knowledge” valuation purposes only and does not in any way indicate a write-off of delinquent taxes.

In the fund financial statements, property taxes that are measurable and available (receivable within the current period and collected within the current period or within 60 days thereafter to be used to pay

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liabilities of the current period) are recognized as revenue in the year of levy. Property taxes that are measurable, but not available, are recorded, net of estimated uncollectible amounts, as deferred revenues in the year of levy. Such deferred revenues are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year in which they become available.

Property Tax Levy - the County's 2019 tax rate was \$.690735 per \$100.00 valuation assessed at 100% of market value. The 2020 tax rate is set at \$.669317 per \$100 valuation.

Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 was as follows:

Asset	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance	Life
Land	\$ 1,053,207	\$ 1,665	\$ -	\$ 1,054,872	N/A
Buildings	17,100,984	73,362	-	17,174,346	50
Equipment	7,557,706	1,319,285	285,381	8,591,610	7
Infrastructure	17,562,021	-	-	17,562,021	40
	<u>\$ 43,273,918</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,312</u>	<u>\$ 285,381</u>	<u>\$ 44,382,849</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation	Prior	Additions	Deletions	Ending A/D	Book Value
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050,855
Buildings	10,653,629	77,554	-	10,731,183	6,443,163
Equipment	4,270,970	817,704	278,580	4,810,094	3,781,516
Infrastructure	16,529,685	34,371	-	16,564,056	997,965
	<u>\$ 31,454,284</u>	<u>\$ 929,629</u>	<u>\$ 278,580</u>	<u>\$ 32,105,333</u>	<u>12,277,516</u>

Governmental Activities:

Depreciation expense was charged to the Governmental Activities functions and/or programs as follows:

General Government	\$418,333
Public Safety	130,148
Public Facilities	<u>381,148</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 929,629</u>

Enterprise Fund:

There are no capital assets.

Component Unit:

Capital assets for the Component Unit and related accumulated depreciation for the year was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Land	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000
Building	12,591,475	-	-	12,591,475
Total Assets	12,891,475	-	-	12,891,475
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	3,298,737	251,227	-	3,549,964
Total	<u>\$ 9,592,738</u>	<u>\$ (251,227)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,341,511</u>

The amount \$251,227 of depreciation is recorded for component unit. The building is vacant; and secured by the revenue bond debt of \$9,490,000. Additional information is located in Note 1 page 21. No additions or deletions were made.

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Long-term Debt

The County is obligated for notes payable to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. No bonds are outstanding at December 31, 2019.

Description	Interest Rate	Beginning Balance 1/1/2019	Debt Issuance	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Other Adjustments	Ending Balance 12/31/2019	Due in One Year	Maturity
Sharp Copier	6.10%	172	-	147	3	25	-	-	2019
Copier - DA Conf Room	6.10%	-	4,271	611	434	-	3,660	740	2024
Sharp Copier	6.10%	4,039	-	1,586	214	-	2,453	1,240	2022
Sharp Copier	6.10%	8,513	-	1,589	1,141	-	6,924	1,845	2023
Sharpe Copier - Judge	6.10%	5,929	-	1,169	811	-	4,760	1,357	2022
Sharp Copier	6.10%	8,158	-	1,533	1,458	-	6,625	1,678	2023
Sharp Copier - Comm 3	6.10%	3,207	-	746	134	-	2,461	863	2022
Sharp Copier	6.10%	5,848	-	923	1,116	-	4,925	1,120	2023
Sheriff - 2 Printers	6.10%	2,245	-	612	363	-	1,633	644	2022
Sheriff - secr copier	6.10%	1,699	-	563	100	-	1,136	553	2022
Tax Assessor - TAC	6.10%	2,508	-	513	570	-	1,995	653	2022
Copier - JP 1	6.10%	7,403	-	1,382	1,018	-	6,021	1,604	2022
Extension - Small Copier	6.10%	660	-	676	44	(16)	-	-	2019
Sheriff - Dewyville	6.10%	990	-	1,014	66	(24)	-	-	2019
Tax Assessor - Copier	6.10%	1,098	-	1,127	73	(29)	-	-	2019
Extension - Big copier	1.94%	1,102	-	1,038	78	64	-	-	2019
Motor Vehicle - Dewey	6.10%	669	-	670	50	(1)	-	-	2019
Motor Vehicle - Dewey	6.10%	-	4,115	330	371	-	3,785	641	2024
Indigent - Copier	6.10%	1,298	-	1,060	110	238	-	-	2019
Auditor Spare Copier	6.10%	2,518	-	1,168	212	2	1,348	821	2020
Color Kyocera Copier	6.10%	2,539	-	500	580	(2)	2,041	640	2022
Treasurer - Copier	6.10%	5,547	-	1,282	759	-	4,265	1,488	2022
Copier - Library Dewey	6.10%	-	6,790	544	611	-	6,246	1,058	2024
Printer - SO Jail Cap	6.10%	-	4,112	280	320	-	3,832	632	2024
Copier - Comm Pct 2	6.10%	-	4,496	643	457	-	3,853	779	2024
Copier - Extension	6.10%	-	5,920	-	-	-	5,920	1,003	2024
Copier - MV Bleakwood	6.10%	-	5,425	-	-	-	5,425	919	2024
TAC - 2 copiers	6.10%	-	7,893	-	-	-	7,893	1,337	2024
Sharp Copier - Dist Clk	6.10%	1,250	-	1,149	66	101	-	-	2019
Copier/Printer Dist Clk	6.10%	-	8,766	325	260	-	8,441	1,403	2024
Sharp Copier - Co Clk	6.10%	6,725	-	1,931	529	-	4,794	2,101	2022
Sharp Copier - History	6.10%	505	-	485	20	20	-	-	2019
Sharp Copier - History	6.10%	-	7,200	663	737	-	6,537	1,137	2024
Sharp Copier	6.10%	6,465	-	1,317	763	1	5,147	1,363	2023
Sharp Copier - JP 4	6.10%	462	-	370	270	92	-	-	2019
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Copier/Printer JP 4	6.10%	-	5,760	279	21	-	5,481	897	2024
Sharp Copier - JP 1	6.10%	640	-	604	26	36	-	-	2019
Sharp Copier - JP 3	6.10%	830	-	670	50	160	-	-	2019
Copier - JP 2	6.10%	904	-	442	278	1	461	532	2020
Copier - JP 3	6.10%	-	4,936	-	-	-	4,936	836	2024
2019 Ford F250 Comm2	4.06%	-	40,603	-	-	-	40,603	19,894	2022
2019 Peterbilt	3.95%	-	130,057	-	-	-	130,057	41,671	2024
2018 John Deer Grader	3.20%	215,200	-	68,965	8,541	-	146,235	71,687	2023
J deere Loader R&B Pct1	2.82%	44,540	-	44,373	1,334	167	-	-	2019
2019 John Deere Grader	3.61%	-	240,200	-	-	-	240,200	77,222	2024
John Deere Trac/Boom	3.61%	-	129,501	-	-	-	129,501	63,609	2024
Linlbelt Exc R&B Pct2	2.82%	30,343	-	30,229	909	114	-	-	2019
Case Backhoe	3.18%	90,218	-	44,238	3,041	-	45,980	45,815	2020
Case Backhoe	3.04%	61,185	-	30,061	1,939	-	31,124	31,051	2020
2 Cat 12M3 Graders	5.35%	447,260	-	49,243	14,659	(17)	398,034	84,682	2023
2015 Dump Tuck	3.20%	60,117	-	29,708	1,839	-	30,409	30,611	2020
Motor Grader	3.20%	140,071	-	20,662	21,396	-	119,409	26,603	2023
2019 Kenworth T880	4.18%	127,960	-	41,330	4,949	-	86,630	42,623	2021
Software - Co&Dist Clk	4.18%	-	174,770	-	-	-	174,770	55,952	2022
Motor - Grader	3.20%	109,531	-	-	-	109,531	-	-	2019
		\$ 1,410,810	\$ 784,815	\$ 389,120	\$ 72,990	\$ 110,555	\$ 1,695,950	\$ 621,304	

Debt is secured by the equipment and asset.

Debt services requirements to maturity are as follows:

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Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	621,304	88,746	710,050
2021	536,958	52,463	589,421
2022	341,954	26,689	368,643
2023	142,651	6,855	149,506
2024	53,083	1,667	54,750
	<u>\$ 1,695,950</u>	<u>\$ 176,420</u>	<u>\$ 1,872,370</u>

The Public Facilities Corporation has revenue bonds outstanding. The bonds were issued in 2002 at a range of 7% to 8% interest rate payable over 17 years. The bonds are callable after 2019; however the Corporation is in default. Prior year amounts that were not paid are shown as current.

Debt Service Requirements on the Series 2002 Bond:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 9,490,000	\$ 3,962,800	\$ 13,452,800
	<u>\$ 9,490,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,962,800</u>	<u>\$ 13,452,800</u>

Series 2002 revenue Bonds are in default.

Individual Interfund Transactions

Transfers are as follows:

Fund	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General	\$ 4,242,684	\$ 4,503,797
Indigent Defense	-	60
Enterprise Fund Correctional Facility	160,000	-
DA State Funds	-	-
Road & Bridge - General	16,220	1,446,300
Road & Bridge Pct. 1	392,507	-
Road & Bridge Pct.2	315,000	-
Road & Bridge Pct. 3	410,902	-
Road & Bridge Pct. 4	447,605	-
VAW Grant	22,000	-
Commissioners Special Pct. 1	267,544	-
Commissioners Special Pct. 2	300,310	-
Commissioners Special Pct. 3	133,300	-
Commissioners Special Pct. 4	248,767	-
CDBG Grants	-	1
Sheriff Contraband	13,469	-
Solid Waste Disposal	136,279	-
Voter Registration	57,124	-
Law Library	-	-
Library	148,050	-
Historical Operating	24,250	-
Historical Book Fund	-	2,000
Homeland Security Grant	-	2
Hazard Mitigation Grant	1,557,402	1,059,811
FEMA	1,144,824	2,595,624
TDRA Grant	789,178	928,807
Civic Center	18,500	-
CERTZ Grant	-	-
Technology Fund	-	-
Federal Forest Fund	-	16,220
Debt Service	-	293,293
	<u>\$ 10,845,915</u>	<u>\$ 10,845,915</u>

Interfund transfers are generally utilized to accomplish budgetary goals for various services and functions of the County including debt service. During 2019, transfers in excess of budget were made due to recent hurricanes and significant rainfall, primarily in South Newton County. The County received \$33,375 of insurance proceeds for damages shown in Fund 21, Road and Bridge Pct 1.

NOTE 4 - Other Information

Risk Management and Litigation

The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of fixed assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The County has obtained commercial insurance coverage for these risks and provided various employee education and prevention programs.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance from the prior year. The liabilities for claims have not changed since last year. There have been no settlements in excess of coverage in the past three years. Claims liabilities are based on estimates of the ultimate cost of reported claims (including future claim adjustment expenses) and an estimate for claims incurred but not reported based on historical experience. Claims liabilities include specific, incremental claim adjustment expenses, allocated loss adjustment expenses, and are reduced for estimated recoveries on unsettled claims such as salvage or subrogation.

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, it is the opinion of the County's counsel that resolution of these matters will not have a material effect on the financial condition of the government.

Commitments and Contingencies

The County participates in grant programs that 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 of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable 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 grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

NOTE 5 – Retirement Plan

Plan Description -

A description of the pension plan pursuant to Paragraph 40 of GASB Statement No. 68 is as follows:

- a. Newton County participates in the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS), which is a statewide, agent multiple-employer, public employee retirement system.

- b. A brief description of benefit terms:
1. All full-and part-time non-temporary employees participate in the plan, regardless of the number of hours they work in a year. Employees in a temporary position are not eligible for membership.
 2. The plan provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits.
 3. TCDRS is a savings-based plan. For the County’s plan, 7% of each employee’s pay is deposited into his or her TCDRS account. By law, employee accounts earn 7% interest on beginning of year balances annually. At retirement, the account is matched at an employer set percentage (current match is 170%) and is then converted to an annuity.
 4. There are no automatic COLAs. Each year, the county may elect an ad hoc COLA for its retirees (if any). There are two COLA types, each limited by actual inflation.
 5. Benefit terms are established under the TCDRS Act. They may be amended as of Jan. 1 each year, but must remain in conformity with the Act.
- c. Membership information is shown in the chart below.
- d. The county’s contribution rate is calculates annually on an actuarial basis, although the employer may elect to contribute at a higher rate. The newton County contribution rate is based on the TCDRS funding policy adopted by the TCDRS Board of Trustees and must conform with the TCDRS Act. The employee contributions rates are set by the county and are currently 7%. Contributions to the pension plan from the count for 2017 are shown in the Schedule of Employer Contributions.
- e. The most resent comprehensive annual financial report for TCDRS can be found at the following link, www.tdrs.org.

Membership Information

<u>Members</u>	<u>December 31, 2108</u>	<u>December 31, 2019</u>
Number of inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	111	112
Number of active employees	107	113
Average monthly salary*	\$2,295	\$2,462
Average age*	52.01	53.40
Average length of service in years*	8.02	8.90
<u>Inactive Employees (or their Beneficiaries) Receiving Benefits</u>		
Number of benefit recipients:	54	56
<u>Average monthly benefit:</u>	<u>\$795</u>	<u>\$820</u>

**Averages reported for all active employees. They differ from the prior year’s report, which included all active and inactive employees. Average service includes all proportionate service.*

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions
As of December 31, 2019, Newton County reported a net pension liability of \$108,981. The net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. Newton County’s net

pension liability was based on a projection of the county’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all employers, actuarially determined.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, Newton County recognized pension expense of \$323,494. At December 31, 2018, Newton County reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources as follows:

Deferred Outflows - \$725,465
Deferred Inflows – \$92,415

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used for GASB Calculations

All actuarial methods and assumptions used for this GASB analysis were the same as those used in the December 31, 2019 funding valuation (see Appendix C, following for details), except as noted below and throughout this report. Please see the Newton County December 31, 2019 Summary Valuation report for further details.

Following are the key assumptions and methods used in this GASB analysis.

Valuation Timing	Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated on a calendar year basis as of December 31, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the contributions are reported.
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal ⁽¹⁾
Amortization Method	
Recognition of economic/demographic Gains or losses	Straight-Line amortization over Expected Working Life
Recognition of assumptions changes Or inputs	Straight-Line amortization over Expected Working Life
Asset Valuation Method	
Smoothing period	5 years
Recognition method	Non-asymtotic
Corridor	None
Inflation	Same as funding valuation: See Appendix C
Salary Increases	Same as funding valuation: See Appendix C
Investment Rate of Return	8.10%
Cost-of-living Adjustments	Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Newton County are not considered to be substantively automatic under GASB 68. Therefore, no assumptions for future cost-of-living adjustment is included in the GASB calculations. No Assumption for future cost-of-living adjustments is included in the funding valuation.
Retirement Age	Same as funding valuation: See Appendix C
Turnover	Same as funding valuation: See Appendix C
Mortality	Same as funding valuation: See Appendix C

- (1) Individual entry age normal cost method, as required by GASB 68, used for GASB calculations. Note that a slightly different version of the entry age normal cost method is used for the funding actuarial valuation.
- (2) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used for Funding Valuation – Except where indicated in the section of GASB 68 report entitled “Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used for GASB Calculations”, the assumptions used in this analysis for the December 31, 2017 financial reporting metrics are the same as those used in the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation analysis for Newton County.

The following is a description of the assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation analysis for Newton County. This information may also be found in the Newton County December 31, 2019 Summary Valuation report.

Appendix C
Economic Assumptions

TCDRS system-wide economic assumptions:

Real rate of return	5.25%
Inflation	2.75%
Long-term investment return	8.00%

The assumed long-term investment return of 8% is net after investment and administrative expenses. It is assumed returns will equal the nominal annual rate of 8% for calculating the actuarial accrued liability and the normal cost contribution rate for the retirement plan of each participating employer.

The annual salary increase rates assumed for individual members vary by length of service and by entry-age group. The annual rates consist of a general wage inflation component of 3.25% (made up of 2.75% inflation and 0.5% productivity increase assumptions) and a merit, promotion and longevity component that on average approximates 1.6% per year for a career employee.

Employer-specific economic assumptions:

Growth in membership	0.00%
Payroll growth for funding calculations	3.25%

The payroll growth assumption is for the aggregate covered payroll of an employer.

Discount Rate

The discount rate is the single rate of return that, when applied to all projected benefit payments results in an actuarial present value of projected benefit payments equal to the total of the following:

1. The actuarial present value of benefit payments projected to be made in future periods in which (a) the amount of the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is projected to be greater than the benefit payments that are projected to be made in that period and (b) pension plan assets up to that point are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve the long-term rate of return, calculated using the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments.

2. The actuarial present value of projected benefit payments not included in (1) calculated using the municipal bond rate.

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019
Discount rate ⁽²⁾	8.10%	8.10%
Long-term expected rate of return, net of investment expense ⁽²⁾	8.10%	8.00%
Municipal bond rate ⁽³⁾	Does not apply	Does not apply

⁽²⁾ *this rate reflects the long-term rate of return funding valuation assumption of 8.00%, plus 0.10% adjustment to be gross of administrative expense as required by GASB 68.*

⁽³⁾ *the plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active, inactive, and retired members. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return, and the municipal bond rate does not apply. See page 6 of this report for further details.*

Therefore, if plan investments in a given future year are greater than projected benefit payments in that year and are invested such that they are expected to earn the long-term rate of return, the discount rate applied to projected benefits payments in that year should be the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments. If future years exist where this is not the case, then an index rate reflecting the yield on a 20 year, tax-exempt municipal bond should be used to discount the projected benefit payments for those years.

The determination of a future date when plan investments are not sufficient to pay projected benefit payments is often referred to as a depletion date projection. A depletion date projection compares projections of the pension plan's fiduciary net position to projected benefit payments and aims to determine a future date, if one exists, when the fiduciary net position is projected to be less than projected benefit payments. If an evaluation of the sufficiency of the projected fiduciary net position compared to projected benefit payments can be made with sufficient reliability without performing a depletion date projection, alternative methods to determine sufficiency may be applied.

In order to determine the discount rate to be used by the employer we have used an alternative method to determine the sufficiency of the fiduciary net position in all future years. Our alternative method reflects the funding requirements under the employer's 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 actuarial 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 COLA is required to be funded over a period of 15 years, if applicable.

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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 of the employer 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 for GASB 68 purposes. 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.

As additional documentation for auditing purposes, we have shown the projection of the Fiduciary Net Position in the following exhibit (“Projection of Fiduciary Net Position”).

Projection of Fiduciary Net Position*						
Calendar Year Ending**	Projected Beginning Fiduciary Net Position (a)	Projected Total Contributions (b)	Projected Benefit Payments (c)	Projected Administrative Expenses*** (d)	Projected Investment Earnings (e)	Projected Ending Fiduciary Net Position (a)+(b)-(c)-(d)+(e)
2019	\$ 11,045,841	\$ 446,447	\$ 783,651	\$ 11,046	\$ 880,884	\$ 11,578,475
2020	11,578,475	426,153	644,017	11,578	928,745	12,277,778
2021	12,277,778	407,208	690,435	12,278	982,765	12,965,038
2022	12,965,038	399,631	736,523	12,965	1,036,275	13,651,456
2023	13,651,457	399,547	811,760	13,651	1,088,856	14,314,449
2024	14,314,448	409,711	896,751	14,314	1,139,561	14,952,655
2025	14,952,665	395,024	964,443	14,953	1,187,960	15,556,253
2026	15,556,253	367,399	1,052,549	15,556	1,232,230	16,087,777
2027	16,087,777	361,897	1,078,364	16,088	1,274,019	16,629,241
2028	16,629,242	356,635	1,125,524	16,629	1,315,774	17,159,498
2038	20,546,771	261,689	1,588,914	20,547	1,610,766	20,809,765
2048	22,574,753	253,781	1,764,183	22,575	1,767,678	22,809,454
2058	44,564,959	416,803	943,839	44,565	3,587,063	47,580,421
2068	44,564,959	416,803	943,839	44,565	3,587,063	47,580,421
2078	92,312,947	572,880	422,008	92,313	7,479,674	99,851,180
2088	204,589,737	788,796	140,472	204,590	16,589,390	221,622,861
2098	453,758,184	1,086,088	20,529	453,758	36,778,708	491,148,693

* Projection values include no assumption for future cost-of-living adjustments. Fiduciary Net Position is projected to be positive for all future years, including those years not shown in this exhibit.

** Note that only select years have been shown for formatting purposes

*** Administrative expenses are assumed to be 0.10% of Fiduciary Net Position

Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the net pension liability of the county, calculated using the discount rate of 8.10% as well as what the Newton County net position liability 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.

	1% Increase 7.10%	Current Discount Rate 8.10%	1% Increase 9.10%
Total pension liability	\$ 14,245,315	\$ 12,682,564	\$ 11,363,982

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Fiduciary net position	12,791,545	12,791,545	12,791,545
Net pension liability/asset	\$ 1,453,770	\$ (108,981)	\$ (1,427,563)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Changes in Net Pension Liability / Asset			
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability / (Asset) (a) - (b)
Balances as of December 31, 2018	\$ 11,765,700	\$ 11,045,841	\$ 719,859
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	361,769	-	361,769
Interest on pension liability	959,003	-	959,003
Effect of plan changes (2)	-	-	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	183,368	-	183,368
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	-	-	-
Refund of Contributions	(42,567)	(42,567)	-
Benefit Payments	(544,709)	(544,709)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(9,748)	9,748
Member contributions	-	239,755	(239,755)
Net investment income	-	1,814,007	(1,814,007)
Employer contributions	-	289,784	(289,784)
Other (3)	-	(818)	818
Balances as of December 31, 2019	\$ 12,682,564	\$ 12,791,545	\$ (108,981)

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

(2) No plan changes valued.

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

NOTE 6 – Related Party Transactions

The County contracted with Ponthier, LLC to purchase computer hardware and provide IT services. The company is owned by spouse of the County’s current District Attorney. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the County paid \$46,159 for the purchase of computer hardware and IT specialist support. This related party transaction represents a possible conflict of interest within the scope of the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 171, “Conflict of Interest Statute.”

NOTE 7 – Subsequent Events

Events occurring subsequent to December 31, 2019 were evaluated by management and reviewed through September 29, 2020, the date of report issuance.

NOTE 8 – COVID-19 VIRUS

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a Public Health Disaster Order for all Texas counties limiting business and commerce to essential services only in response to COVID-19. On April 27, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Orders outlining a 4 phased plan to allow for the reopening of business and commerce in the State. The social and economic impact of this public disaster is unknown as of the date of this report.

**REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION**

NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios											
	Year ended December 31											
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Pension Liability												
Service Cost	\$ 361,769	\$ 369,897	\$ 355,450	\$ 400,458	\$ 366,497	\$ 356,677	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Interest on total pension liability	959,003	909,307	850,736	792,498	754,382	705,683	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Effect on plan changes	-	-	-	-	(45,725)	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Effect on assumption changes or inputs	-	-	64,619	-	125,075	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Effect of economic/demographic (gains) or losses	183,368	(101,536)	(49,448)	(106,848)	(323,707)	63,562	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	(587,276)	(525,939)	(499,957)	(551,531)	(471,101)	(407,319)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net change in total pension liability	916,864	651,729	721,400	534,577	402,422	718,603	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total pension liability - beginning	11,765,700	11,113,971	10,392,571	10,392,571	9,455,572	8,736,969	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 12,682,564	\$ 11,765,700	\$ 11,113,971	\$ 10,392,571	\$ 9,857,994	\$ 9,455,572	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fiduciary Net Position												
Employer Contributions	\$ 289,784	\$ 264,855	\$ 250,532	\$ 248,048	\$ 243,170	\$ 241,137	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Member Contributions	239,755	219,405	207,542	205,485	201,439	199,756	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investment income net of investment expenses	1,814,007	(211,124)	1,446,072	689,044	(8,658)	607,206	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	(587,276)	(525,939)	(499,957)	(551,531)	(471,101)	(407,319)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Administrative expenses	(9,748)	(8,872)	(7,520)	(7,493)	(6,762)	(7,053)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	(818)	(106)	(632)	7,241	(115,540)	9,979	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net change in fiduciary net pension	1,745,704	(261,781)	1,396,037	590,794	(157,451)	643,705	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fiduciary net pension - beginning	11,045,841	11,307,622	9,911,585	9,320,792	9,478,243	8,834,537	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fiduciary net pension - ending	\$ 12,791,545	\$ 11,045,841	\$ 11,307,622	\$ 9,911,585	\$ 9,320,792	\$ 9,478,243	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net pension liability/asset = (a) - (b)	\$ (108,981)	\$ 719,858	\$ (193,651)	\$ 480,986	\$ 537,202	\$ (22,671)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fiduciary net position as a % of total pension liability	100.86%	93.88%	101.74%	95.37%	94.55%	100.24%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pensionable covered payroll	\$ 3,245,068	\$ 3,134,361	\$ 2,964,890	\$ 2,935,500	\$ 2,877,707	\$ 2,853,654	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net pension liability as a % of covered payroll	-3.18%	22.97%	-6.53%	16.39%	18.67%	-0.79%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, recalculations of prior years are not required, and if prior years are not reported in accordance with the standards of GASB 67/68, they should not be shown here. Therefore, we have shown only years for which the new GASB statements have been implemented.

NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS
 SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
 DECEMBER 31, 2019

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ending December 31	Actuarially Determined Contributions (1)	Actual Employer Contributions (1)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Pensionable Covered Payroll (2)	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2007	109,746	145,497	(35,751)	2,078,523	7.00%
2008	127,409	161,863	(34,454)	2,312,322	7.00%
2009	145,122	171,597	(23,475)	2,451,383	7.00%
2010	188,596	188,596	-	2,641,403	7.10%
2011	200,252	200,252	-	2,684,362	7.50%
2012	211,586	211,286	-	2,751,126	7.70%
2013	218,306	218,306	-	2,695,144	8.10%
2014	241,137	241,137	-	2,853,654	8.50%
2015	230,217	243,170	(12,954)	2,877,707	8.50%
2016	235,721	248,048	(12,327)	2,935,500	8.40%
2017	224,739	250,532	(25,793)	2,964,890	8.40%
2018	236,017	264,855	(28,838)	3,134,361	8.50%
2019	248,660	289,784	(41,124)	3,425,068	8.50%

(1) TCDRS calculates actuarially determined contributions on a calendar year basis. GASB Statement No. 68 indicates the employer should report employer contribution amounts on a fiscal year basis. If additional assistance is needed, please contact TCDRS..

(2) Payroll is calculated based on contributions as reported to TCDRS.

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL
FUNDS

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Non-Major Governmental Funds
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	14	15	19	21	22	23	24	25	29	30	31	32
	Prison Guard Detail	Indigent Defense Grant	District Attorney State Fund	Road & Bridge Pct 1	Road & Bridge Pct 2	Road & Bridge Pct 3	Road & Bridge Pct 4	Courthouse Security	VAW Grant	Right Of Way	Commissioner Spec Pct 1	Commissioner Spec Pct 2
<u>Assets</u>												
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 20,211	\$ -	\$ 23,175	\$ 153,456	\$ 175,681	\$ 64,967	\$ 1,639	\$ 92,932	\$ 2,928	\$ 206,166	\$ 490,741	\$ 917,067
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,023	1,023
Total Assets	\$ 20,211	\$ -	\$ 23,175	\$ 153,469	\$ 175,681	\$ 64,967	\$ 1,639	\$ 92,932	\$ 2,928	\$ 206,166	\$ 491,764	\$ 918,090
<u>Liabilities</u>												
Accounts Payable	-	-	10	-	1,698	1,133	1,245	121	128	-	17,381	15,779
Accrued Vacation/Comp Time	-	-	-	3,910	9,161	3,474	10,896	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-	10	3,910	10,859	4,607	12,141	121	128	-	17,381	15,779
<u>Fund Balance</u>												
Unassigned	20,211	-	23,165	149,559	164,822	60,360	(10,502)	92,811	2,800	206,166	474,383	902,311
Total Fund Balance	20,211	-	23,165	149,559	164,822	60,360	(10,502)	92,811	2,800	206,166	474,383	902,311
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 20,211	\$ -	\$ 23,175	\$ 153,469	\$ 175,681	\$ 64,967	\$ 1,639	\$ 92,932	\$ 2,928	\$ 206,166	\$ 491,764	\$ 918,090

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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Exhibit L

	33	34	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	47
	Commissioner Spec Pct 3	Commissioner Spec Pct 4	Dedicated Road Pct 1	Dedicated Road Pct 2	Dedicated Road Pct 3	Dedicated Road Pct 4	Record Preservation	Lateral Road Pct 1	Lateral Road Pct 2	Lateral Road Pct 3	Lateral Road Pct 4	Victims Impact Panel
<u>Assets</u>												
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,982	\$ 176,641	\$ 74,842	\$ 47,681	\$ 29,105	\$ 98,895	\$ 129,848	\$ 29,090	\$ 38,058	\$ 7,846	\$ 36,473	\$ -
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	1,023	1,023	146	146	146	146	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 7,005	\$ 177,664	\$ 74,988	\$ 47,827	\$ 29,251	\$ 99,041	\$ 129,848	\$ 29,090	\$ 38,058	\$ 7,846	\$ 36,473	\$ -
<u>Liabilities</u>												
Accounts Payable	7,030	8,868	-	3,043	8,332	-	384	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Vacation/Comp Time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	7,030	8,868	-	3,043	8,332	-	384	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Fund Balance</u>												
Unassigned	(25)	168,796	74,988	44,784	20,919	99,041	129,464	29,090	38,058	7,846	36,473	-
Total Fund Balance	(25)	168,796	74,988	44,784	20,919	99,041	129,464	29,090	38,058	7,846	36,473	-
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 7,005	\$ 177,664	\$ 74,988	\$ 47,827	\$ 29,251	\$ 99,041	\$ 129,848	\$ 29,090	\$ 38,058	\$ 7,846	\$ 36,473	\$ -

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	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	58	59	60	66	67
	Sheriff Contraband	Solid Waste Disposal	Voter Registration	Law Library	Newton Co Library	Historical Operating	Historical Book Fund	Dist Attny Hot Check	Dist Attny Contraband	Powell Hotel Fund	Records Management	Pretrial Diversion
<u>Assets</u>												
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 17,495	\$ 14,309	\$ 6,553	\$ 6,521	\$ 2,273	\$ 2,241	\$ 7,667	\$ 2,836	\$ 7,114	\$ 1,998	\$ 11,671	\$ 33,877
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	-	1,910	80	-	107	1,248	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 17,495	\$ 16,219	\$ 6,633	\$ 6,521	\$ 2,380	\$ 3,489	\$ 7,667	\$ 2,836	\$ 7,114	\$ 1,998	\$ 11,671	\$ 33,877
<u>Liabilities</u>												
Accounts Payable	-	20,174	1,375	945	428	286	-	-	350	-	160	-
Accrued Vacation/Comp Time	-	-	1,262	-	750	149	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	20,174	2,637	945	1,178	435	-	-	350	-	160	-
<u>Fund Balance</u>												
Unassigned	17,495	(3,955)	3,996	5,576	1,202	3,054	7,667	2,836	6,764	1,998	11,511	33,877
Total Fund Balance	17,495	(3,955)	3,996	5,576	1,202	3,054	7,667	2,836	6,764	1,998	11,511	33,877
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 17,495	\$ 16,219	\$ 6,633	\$ 6,521	\$ 2,380	\$ 3,489	\$ 7,667	\$ 2,836	\$ 7,114	\$ 1,998	\$ 11,671	\$ 33,877

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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	80	88	92	93	97	Total
	Civic Center Operations	State Fee Account	Justice Court Technology	Federal Forest Fund	Debt Service	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,079	\$ 38,504	\$ 16,049	\$ -	\$ 40,468	\$ 3,034,079
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable		40	-	-	63,292	\$ 71,366
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,079</u>	<u>\$ 38,544</u>	<u>\$ 16,049</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 103,760</u>	<u>\$ 3,105,445</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable	50	38,544			-	127,464
Accrued Vacation/Comp Time	-	-	-	-	-	29,602
Total Liabilities	<u>50</u>	<u>38,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,066</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>						
Unassigned	1,029	-	16,049	-	103,760	2,948,379
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,760</u>	<u>2,948,379</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,079</u>	<u>\$ 38,544</u>	<u>\$ 16,049</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 103,760</u>	<u>\$ 3,105,445</u>

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	14	15	19	21	22	23	24	25	29	30
	Prison Guard Detail	Indigent Defense Grant	Dist. Attny State Fund	Road & Bridge Pct 1	Road & Bridge Pct 2	Road & Bridge Pct 3	Road & Bridge Pct 4	Courthouse Security	VAW Grant	Right of Way
Revenue										
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	27,117	-	-	-	-	6,962	-	-
Fines and Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	170	-	336	3,851	3,667	856	798	933	49	1,030
Other Revenue	-	-	2,068	33,375	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,750	-
Total Revenue	170	-	29,521	37,226	3,667	856	798	7,895	33,799	1,030
Expenditures										
Current										
General Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal	-	-	26,914	-	-	-	-	-	59,291	-
Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,714	-	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	376,357	303,599	271,437	347,008	-	-	-
Health and Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principle Payment	-	-	-	113,338	74,468	79,304	50,370	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	9,876	3,950	16,598	23,235	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	554,662	-	25,000	46,585	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	26,914	1,054,233	382,017	392,339	467,198	8,714	59,291	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	170	-	2,607	(1,017,007)	(378,350)	(391,483)	(466,400)	(819)	(25,492)	1,030
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Transfers In	-	-	-	392,507	315,000	410,902	447,605	-	22,000	-
Transfers In (Out)	-	(60)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of Debt	-	-	-	499,758	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(60)	-	892,265	315,000	410,902	447,605	-	22,000	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	170	(60)	2,607	(124,742)	(63,350)	19,419	(18,795)	(819)	(3,492)	1,030
Fund Balance beginning of year	20,041	60	20,558	274,301	208,708	40,941	8,293	93,630	6,292	205,136
Fund Balance end of year	\$ 20,211	\$ -	\$ 23,165	\$ 149,559	\$ 145,358	\$ 60,360	\$ (10,502)	\$ 92,811	\$ 2,800	\$ 206,166

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	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
	Commissioner Spec Pct 1	Commissioner Spec Pct 2	Commissioner Spec Pct 3	Commissioner Spec Pct 4	TCDP Grants	Dedicated Road Pct 1	Dedicated Road Pct 2	Dedicated Road Pct 3	Dedicated Road Pct 4	Record Preservation	Lateral Road Pct 1
Revenue											
Taxes	\$ 183,170	\$ 183,170	\$ 183,170	\$ 183,170	\$ -	\$ 28,760	\$ 28,760	\$ 28,760	\$ 28,760	\$ -	\$ 6,738
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,795	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	7,425	15,069	776	4,078	-	1,138	602	522	1,341	1,195	353
Other Revenue	19,280	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	209,875	198,239	183,946	197,248	-	29,898	29,362	29,282	30,101	42,990	7,091
Expenditures											
Current											
General Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Facilities	382,914	288,642	291,460	513,985	-	29,958	4,624	34,477	2,009	6,719	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,455
Health and Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principle Payment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,405	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	856	-
Capital Outlay	-	37,448	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,766	-
Total Expenditures	382,914	326,090	296,460	513,985	-	29,958	4,624	34,477	2,009	19,746	3,455
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(173,039)	(127,851)	(112,514)	(316,737)	-	(60)	24,738	(5,195)	28,092	23,244	3,636
Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
Transfers In	267,544	300,310	133,300	248,767	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,766	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	267,544	300,310	133,300	248,767	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	94,505	172,459	20,786	(67,970)	-	(60)	24,738	(5,195)	28,092	23,244	3,636
Fund Balance beginning of year	379,878	729,852	(20,811)	236,766	-	75,048	20,046	26,114	70,949	106,220	25,454
Fund Balance end of year	\$ 474,383	\$ 902,311	\$ (25)	\$ 168,796	\$ -	\$ 74,988	\$ 44,784	\$ 20,919	\$ 99,041	\$ 129,464	\$ 29,090

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	42	43	44	47	48	50	51	52	53	55	56
	Lateral Road Pct 2	Lateral Road Pct 3	Lateral Road Pct 4	Victims Impact Panel	Sheriff Contraband	Solid Waste Disposal	Voter Registration	Law Library	Newton Co Library	Historical Operating	Historical Book Fund
Revenue											
Taxes	\$ 6,738	\$ 6,738	\$ 6,738	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	1,288	23,616	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,455	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	464	110	460	14	263	942	588	83	812	306	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	5,037	1,164	175	-	6,959	6,191	1,260
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	16,875	-	-	11,218	-	-
Total Revenue	7,202	6,848	7,198	14	6,588	42,597	763	5,538	18,989	6,497	1,260
Expenditures											
Current											
General Administration	-	-	-	1,164	-	-	57,384	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,852	-	-	-
Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	6,551	1,444	-	7,762	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health and Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	206,921	-	-	-	-	-
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	155,463	27,760	1,808
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principle Payment	-	-	-	-	-	41,330	-	-	1,317	1,149	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	4,949	-	-	763	757	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	14,000	-	-	-	8,940	7,200	-
Total Expenditures	-	6,551	1,444	1,164	21,762	253,200	57,384	4,852	166,483	36,866	1,808
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	7,202	297	5,754	(1,150)	(15,174)	(210,603)	(56,621)	686	(147,494)	(30,369)	(548)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	13,469	136,279	57,124	-	148,050	24,250	-
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,000)
Issuance of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	(1)	13,469	136,279	57,124	-	148,050	31,450	(2,000)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	7,202	297	5,754	(1,151)	(1,705)	(74,324)	503	686	556	1,081	(2,548)
Fund Balance beginning of year	30,856	7,549	30,719	1,151	19,200	70,369	3,493	4,890	646	1,973	10,215
Fund Balance end of year	\$ 38,058	\$ 7,846	\$ 36,473	\$ -	\$ 17,495	\$ (3,955)	\$ 3,996	\$ 5,576	\$ 1,202	\$ 3,054	\$ 7,667

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	58	59	60	64	66	67	80	83	88	92	93
	Dist Attny Hot Ck Fund	Dist Attny Contraband	Powell Hotel Fund	Homeland Security Grant	Records Management	Pretrial Diversion	Civic Center Operations	CERTZ Grant	State Fee Acct.	Justice Court Technology	Federal Forest Fund
<u>Revenue</u>											
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,441
Fines and Fees	-	5,032	-	-	1,211	5,300	-	-	-	9,481	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,300	-	-	-	-
Interest	45	62	-	2	156	433	160	-	-	288	-
Other Revenue	140	-	2,620	-	-	-	3,686	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	185	5,094	2,620	2	1,367	5,733	7,146	-	-	9,769	32,441
<u>Expenditures</u>											
Current											
General Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal	638	2,290	-	-	290	-	-	-	-	2,512	-
Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health and Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,221
Culture and Recreation	-	-	2,535	-	-	-	27,419	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principle Payment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,736	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	914	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,697	-
Total Expenditures	638	2,290	2,535	-	290	-	27,419	-	-	16,859	16,221
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(453)	2,804	85	2	1,077	5,733	(20,273)	-	-	(7,090)	16,220
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>											
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,500	-	-	-	-
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16,220)
Issuance of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,697	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,500	-	-	-	(16,220)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financin Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(453)	2,804	85	-	1,077	5,733	(1,773)	-	-	(7,090)	-
Fund Balance beginning of year	3,289	3,960	1,914	-	10,434	28,144	2,802	-	-	23,139	-
Fund Balance end of year	\$ 2,836	\$ 6,764	\$ 1,999	\$ -	\$ 11,511	\$ 33,877	\$ 1,029	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,049	\$ -

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Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Non-Major Governmental Funds
for the year ended December 31, 2019

Exhibit M

	<u>97</u>	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Debt Service	
<u>Revenue</u>		
Taxes	\$ 301,451	\$ 1,176,123
Intergovernmental		91,424
Fines and Fees	-	68,274
Miscellaneous	-	3,300
Interest	2,315	51,692
Other Revenue	75	92,030
Grants	-	61,843
Total Revenue	<u>303,841</u>	<u>1,544,686</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Current		
General Administration	-	58,548
Judicial	-	-
Legal	-	96,787
Public Facilities	-	1,563,502
Public Safety	-	1,317,613
Health and Welfare	-	206,921
Conservation	-	16,221
Culture and Recreation	-	214,985
Debt Service	-	-
Principle Payment	-	367,417
Interest Expense	-	61,898
Capital Outlay	-	718,298
Total Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>4,622,190</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>303,841</u>	<u>(3,077,504)</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>		
Transfers In	-	2,935,607
Transfers In (Out)	(293,293)	(311,576)
Issuance of Debt	-	526,421
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(293,293)</u>	<u>3,150,452</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>10,548</u>	<u>72,948</u>
Fund Balance beginning of year	<u>93,212</u>	<u>2,875,431</u>
Fund Balance end of year	<u>\$ 103,760</u>	<u>\$ 2,948,379</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH
MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Honorable County Judge and
County Commissioners
County of Newton, Texas
Newton, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the County of Newton, Texas’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County of Newton, Texas’s major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2019. The County of Newton, Texas’ major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management’s Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County of Newton, Texas’ major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 *U. S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*. Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County of Newton, Texas’ compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County of Newton, Texas’ compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the County of Newton, Texas, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the County of Newton, Texas, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the County of Newton, Texas' internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County of Newton, Texas's internal control over compliance.

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

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

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

Charles E. Reed and Associates, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants
Port Arthur, Texas
September 29, 2020



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 County Judge and
County Commissioners
County of Newton, Texas
Newton, 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, the business type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Newton, Texas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County of Newton, Texas’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Charles E. Reed & Associates, P.C.

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Certified Public Accountants and Consultants
Port Arthur, Texas
September 29, 2020

Newton County Texas
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Federal CFDA Number	Grant #	Amount of Award	Amount Expended
<u>Department of Homeland Security</u>				
Governors Department of Emergency Management	97.036	DR 4332-TX	492,495	657,356
Governors Department of Emergency Management	97.036	DR 4266-TX	3,275,570	1,153,309
			<u>3,768,065</u>	<u>1,810,665</u>
Governors Department of Emergency Management	97.039	DR 1791-137	883,662	9,845
Governors Department of Emergency Management	97.039	DR 1791-136	2,064,635	87,010
Governors Department of Emergency Management	97.039	DR 1791-208	1,347,029	108,852
Governors Department of Emergency Management	97.039	DR 4223-056	2,330,872	660,508
Governors Department of Emergency Management	97.039	DR 1999-017	209,185	1,300
Governors Department of Emergency Management	97.039	DR 4266-011	5,890,189	1,723,845
General Land Office	97.039	DR 4226-002	107,251	212
			<u>12,832,823</u>	<u>2,591,572</u>
Total Department of Homeland Security			16,600,888	4,402,237
Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Pass through agency: Texas General Land Office				
CDBG Disaster Recovery	14.269	18-533-000-B277	18,035,447	574,190
CDBG Disaster Recovery	14.269	18-535000-B279	9,810,187	4,046,805
			<u>27,845,634</u>	<u>4,620,995</u>
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development			27,845,634	4,620,995
Department of Criminal Justice				
Pass through agency: Office of the Governor				
Violence against Women	16.588	WF-17-V30-25592-08	45,000	17,738
Violence against Women	16.588	WF-18-V30-25592-04	45,000	41,545
			<u>90,000</u>	<u>59,283</u>
Total Department of Criminal Justice			90,000	59,283
Institute of Museum & Library Services				
Pass through agency: Texas State Library Archives				
ARSL Scholarship	45.31		2,278	2,278
			<u>2,278</u>	<u>2,278</u>
Total Institute of Museum & Library Services			2,278	2,278
Total Federal Money Expended				<u><u>\$ 9,084,793</u></u>

Newton County Texas
 Schedule of State of Texas Expenditures
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Grant ID	Amount of Award	Amount Expended
<u>Texas Comptroller</u>			
Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense	212-18-176	18,720	60
Total of Texas Comptroller		18,720	60
Deep East Texas Council of Governments			
Ladd & Katherine Hancher Grant	19-14-03	8,940	8,940
Total Deep East Texas Council of Governments		8,940	8,940
Total State of Texas Expended			\$ 9,000

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
For the year ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 – GENERAL

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Financial Awards presents the activity of all Federal and State financial assistance programs of Newton County, Texas. All federal awards received directly from Federal agencies and State and Federal awards passed through State agencies are included on the schedule.

NOTE 2 – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The County of Newton, Texas account for federal funding using the modified accrual method of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, i.e. both measurable and available, and expenditures in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable, except for certain compensated absences, claims and judgments, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Equipment purchases for grant purposes are treated as expenses in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and typically capitalized for financial statement purposes.

Federal grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenses made under the provisions of the grant, and, accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as unearned revenues until earned. Generally, unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.

NOTE 3 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activities of Newton County, Texas on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with requirements of Title 2 U. S. Code of Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Newton County, Texas, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of Newton County, Texas. statements.

NOTE 4 – DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The County of Newton, Texas does not use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

NOTE 5 – SUBRECIPIENTS

The County of Newton, Texas does not have any subrecipients.

COUNTY OF NEWTON, TEXAS
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2019

Section I-Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

Type if auditor’s report issued: Unmodified

Internal Control over financial reporting:

Material weakness identified? ___Yes No
 · Significant deficiency that is not considered
 to be a material weakness? ___Yes No
 Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___Yes No

Federal Awards

Material weakness identified? ___Yes No
 Significant deficiency identified that is
 not considered to be a material weakness? ___Yes No

Type auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in
 accordance with section 2 CFR 500.516(a) ___Yes No

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	
97.036	Department of Homeland Security Hazard Mitigation Grant	\$1,810,665
97.039	Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Grant	2,591,572
14.269	Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG Disaster Recovery	4,620,995

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and
 Type B federal and state programs Federal - \$750,000
 State - \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes No

Section II-Financial Statements Findings

None noted

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None noted

Section IV-Status of Prior Year Findings

No prior year findings